

Saucer could be balloon

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LONDON, Thur. — An Air Ministry spokesman said today that an object resembling popular notions of a flying saucer could have been a meteorological balloon.

A Kent Army radar unit reported an unidentified "strange object" flying high on November 3.

The British War Office said yesterday that the mysterious object was tracked for 10 minutes on the Army's radar screen.

The Air Ministry said today that a meteorological station had released a balloon in the same area on November 3 and had followed its course by radar.

The balloon rose to 57,000 ft., crossed the coast and burst over the English Channel.

"This could have been the object seen on the Army radar screen," the spokesman added.

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CANBERRA, Today. — Flying saucers were still a problem more for psychologists than the defence authorities, the Minister for Navy and Air, Mr McMahon, told the House of Representatives today.

Mr Downer (Lib., SA) had asked whether the RAAF proposed to investigate "these mysterious objects."

Mr McMahon said the RAAF had received many reports about flying saucers, but it had not yet been able to identify any.

It was remarkable that before these phenomena had been sighted a meteorite had flashed across the sky.

The RAAF had stated that, so far, the aerodynamic features relating to flying saucers had not been solved.