

It may be the flying saucer

ADELAIDE: A strange, all-white, fast flying jet nightfighter, one of the Royal Air Force's top-performance weapons in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation defence ring in Western Europe, is stationed in South Australia.

The plane is believed to be the cause of many "flying saucer" reports.

The machine has bewildered hundreds of city and Barossa Valley residents in recent weeks with its high speed and great operational height.

It is an Armstrong-Whitworth NF-11 Meteor, stationed at Mallala R.A.A.F. Station, and is making experimental night flights connected with work at Woomera Rocket range.

It is on loan to the Australian Department of Supply and is being flown by R.A.A.F. crews.

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The NF-II is the backbone of night-operating Squadrons of the R.A.F. It has a wingspan of 43-feet and a fuselage length of 48 ft. 6 ins.

Not unlike a mosquito in appearance, the machine has a higher performance and a greater load of night interception gear than any other aircraft of its type.