

'Flying Saucer' Research Plane

BOSTON. — The U.S. Navy has unveiled for its first public showing an experimental "Flying Saucer" radar research aeroplane designed to bolster America's air defence perimeter by greatly improving the ability of sky sentinels to detect and warn of attack.

It has been called "the strangest shape in the sky."

The huge aircraft carries the most effective known airborne radar equipment to altitudes from which its detection devices can patrol vast distances—from the fringes of space all the way down to the earth's surface.

Built by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, the WV-2E aircraft resembles a Super Constellation airliner with a discus-shaped saucer riding piggy-back.

Within its saucer—a 37 ft. wide radome which rotates during flight—is a super-vision electronic "eye."