

☐ US drone 'went astray'

LONDON: The US Air Force was left red-faced last year when a drone flew uninvited into British skies and had to be granted so-called "purple airspace" usually reserved for Britain's royal family. "We had no idea what this thing was, had to hurriedly identify it and then give it 'purple airspace'," said a civil servant quoted in London's *Observer* newspaper yesterday. "It was a major embarrassment that has been hushed up," the source said. The Global Hawk vehicle was on trial in Germany when it went astray.

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