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Mystery object seen in sky

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OFFICIALS of Glamorgan Airport at Rhoose and the R.A.F. station at St. Athan failed to clear up the mystery of a large silver object spotted hovering in the sky yesterday afternoon by pupils and staff at Duffryn High School, Newport.

Photographs taken by twenty-year-old ship's radio officer

Robert Sims, son of the school caretaker, failed to come out but he told the South Wales Argus, "There was definitely something in the sky over the Gaer area. I first saw it at midday, an object shaped like a disc, translucent in the middle and opaque at the edge.

"After about an hour I saw it disappear in the direction of the airport at Rhoose. I have no idea what it was but I am sure it was not a meteorological

balloon as I have seen them being launched and this was nothing like one."

The object was moving slowly, but he could not estimate how high it was. He added: "It was certainly some distance away, and reflecting the sun like shiny p.v.c."

He took a number of photographs and also staked out pegs on the ground to show its position in the sky. A number of pupils at the school reported

seeing a similar object, although some said it was spherical.

Dr. Gordon Williams, the headmaster, said: "Although I looked myself I could not see anything, but I was in a different part of the building at the time. Several people in the school office saw a silver ball in the sky."

A traffic control spokesman at St. Athan said: "It could very well have been a weather balloon."