

In the second, two Northwest Airlines pilots en route from Seattle to Anchorage reported a strange object with several port-holes which exuded a "blueish light" flew alongside their ship most of the journey, disappearing as they were about to land in Anchorage.

The pilots tried several times to close the gap between their ship and the strange object, but could not. They said the object was "definitely under someone's control."

They were questioned for two days in Alaska before going on to Tokyo.

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Jr., MATS intelligence officer, is in charge of the project. Captain Baruch's headquarters are in New York, but MATS intelligence also maintains a large staff at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., near Washington.

One well-informed source said that until recently the largest number of sightings were from the Southwest Pacific. Saucer sightings have been particularly numerous around Australia, where the British maintain a guided-missile range.

### In North Atlantic

Recently, however, there has been an increase in saucer sightings in the North Atlantic, this source said.

Simultaneously, the number of oil slicks and submarine sightings in this area has increased. However, some associate these sightings with the establishment of an Air Force B-36 base at Thule, Greenland.

The same source said flying saucer sightings are "fairly common" throughout the non-Communist world. They invariably are made at night. Frequently, several independent sightings of the same "saucer" are reported from different spots along a plane's route.

Two reports made this week by commercial airline pilots were cited as typical.

### Came and Went

In the first, a Colonial Airlines pilot, en route to Washington from Richmond, said he saw a saucer descend from the stratosphere, approach his ship, hesitate for a moment and then reverse its course. He said it appeared to re-enter the stratosphere.

The pilot was described as a "man of mature judgment, a college graduate and an attorney as well as a pilot."

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### U. S. Steps Up Sky Chase

# Airline Pilots Sighting 5-10 'Saucers' Nightly

## Commercial Fliers Being Asked to Flash Immediate Reports, Speed Up Interceptors

By JIM G. LUCAS, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—Commercial airline pilots report between five and 10 flying saucer sightings each night, it was learned today.

Representatives of major airlines will meet Wednesday in Los Angeles with Military Air Transport Service (MATS) intelligence officers to discuss speeding up saucer-reporting procedures.

The idea will be to "get the reports in the quickest possible way" so that the Air Force can send fast jet fighters to investigate.

Heretofore, commercial pilots have landed and then reported to MATS through their companies. By that time, the trail usually is cold. Now, pilots are instructed to flash reports direct from the air to MATS intelligence in

Washington or to the nearest Air Force base.

However, several "bugs" have been found in this plan. Some pilots, for example, don't know how to contact MATS intelligence. Others don't think it important enough. That's one angle to be discussed at the Los Angeles meeting.

Airline pilots are asked not to discuss their sightings publicly or give them to newspapers.

Navy Capt. Bernard Baruch (Continued on Page 3, Column 1)