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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS  
OVER PANAMA CANAL ZONE

## Sky Objects Mystify Canal Zone

By Drew Pearson

IT DIDN'T get into the papers, but the Panama Canal Zone was completely mystified by two "flying saucers" which flew over the area for five hours and 36 minutes on November 23.

The Air Force actually sent up two B-28s, one B-17, and one Navy patrol bomber to try to intercept the objects, but failed.

An official cable to Washington from the Panama Canal Zone states "two unidentified objects" were sighted over the Canal Zone November 23 from 6:06 p. m. to 11:42 p. m.

The sighting was made by radar attached to anti-aircraft guns. The two objects, whatever they were, remained over the Canal Zone for 5½ hours, traveling at an estimated speed of 275 miles per hour and maneuvering from 1000 feet to 28,000 feet in altitude.

As no United States aircraft were supposed to be flying in the vicinity at that time, the air defense commander was sufficiently stirred up over the mysterious sighting to send up three Air Force bombers and one Navy patrol bomber to intercept the strangers. However, they were unable to catch the elusive objects, which made absolutely no sound.

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TO : CSUSA WASH DC FOR G2  
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FROM: CINCARIB QUARRY HEIGHT CZ FROM J2  
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Mymsg CINC 63025D DTG Nov. Miami Herald  
Drew Pearson column 20 Dec carried detailed rept of 2 flying  
saucers over CZ. This rept was picked up and published in  
Panamanian papers; No rpt no press release was made  
locally and J2 intentionally used term "unidentified  
object" rather than saucer in confidential dispatch.  
DirIntel CAIRC states first rept to Dept AF was made in  
clear 20 Nov via TWX. Pearson art indicates no rpt no  
official release of news hence possible leak. Investigation  
and time delay indicate leakage not rpt not local. J2  
forwarding copies of local news art via mail.

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