

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING  
OBJECT OBSERVED OVER  
SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY  
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SPECIAL INQUIRY

# Jet Chases Weird Object 30 Miles

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Sept. 11—Two Air Force jet pilots reported today they chased a mysterious, round flying object—traveling at a speed they estimated at 900 miles an hour—for 30 miles and couldn't catch it.

Wilbert S. Rogers, of Columbia, Pa., told Mitchel Field authorities that he and Capt. Edward Ballard, of Dover, Del., sighted the object yesterday over Sandy Hook, N. J., while they were on a routine flight in a T33 jet training plane.

"I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it sure was something I've never seen before," Lieut. Rogers, pilot of the plane, said. "We couldn't have caught it in an F-86." (The F-86 Sabre jet is the U. S. fastest jet fighter.)

Lieut. Rogers described the object as white or silver-colored and said it was about the size of a fighter plane.

## TOO FAST

Lieut. Rogers and Capt. Ballard, on a flight from Dover air base in New Jersey, said when they sighted the object they were traveling at 450 miles an hour at 20,000 feet.

"I pointed it out to Capt. Ballard," Lieut. Rogers said, "who suggested we try to follow it. But we soon found it was no use. It was going too fast."

The object moved in an arc from Sandy Hook to Redbank, N. J., and then headed out to sea at Asbury Park, N. J., Lieut. Rogers said. He estimated it traveled the 30-mile course in two minutes, or at a speed of 900 miles an hour.

The Air Force and Navy have officially said that flying saucers reported previously had been nothing more than weather balloons.

"This couldn't have been a balloon," Lieut. Rogers said, "because it was descending and no balloon does that fast."

## STORY REPORTED

He said they got as close as 8000 feet from the object which kept a constant speed and didn't appear to be running away.

Officials at Mitchel Field refused comment on the report, but admitted Lieut. Rogers had told them the story when he landed.

Mitchel pilots listened to Rogers' story with interest. One, who refused to allow his name to be used, said:

"When you hear a reliable pilot tell an honest story like that, it makes you wonder."



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