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 objecttraveling 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 feet from the object which kept a that he and Capt. Edward Ballard, constant speed and didn't appear to of Dover, Del sighted the object be running away. yesterday over Sandy Hook, N. J. Officials at Mitchel Field refuse while they were on a routine fly in a T33 jet training plane.

"I don't know it it was a fly faucer, but it sure was somethe live never seen before, Lieut Ri ers, pilot. of the plane, said we've couldn't have caught it in an F-88.7 tell an honest story like that it (The F-86 Sabre jet is the U.S. fast makes you wonder." est jet fighter.).

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

TOO FAST

Lieut Rogers and Capt Ballard, on a flight from Dover all 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 nd it was no use. It was going tol fast."

he object moved in an arc from dy Hook to Redbank N. J. and then headed out to sea at Asour Parks 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

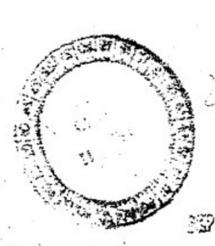
He said they got as close as 8000

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 fused to allow his name to be use

"When you hear a reliable pilot

IFIED FLYENG HOOK, NEW JEPSE SPECIAL INQUIRY



TUP