

'Flying Submarine' Reported By Pilot Near Mount Vernon

National Airport officials discussed yesterday a report of a new kind of flying saucer—a flying "submarine with lights."

An American Airlines pilot, Capt. William T. Sperry of Tulsa, Okla., called the airport control tower by radio at 10:45 p. m. Monday to say that the "submarine" had circled his WC-6 twice in the vicinity of Mount Vernon.

Harry Barnes, the air traffic controller on duty, said Sperry told him the object was brightly

silhouetted between the moon and the plane.

Sperry asked Barnes to pick it up on radar, which the controller said he was unable to do.

The pilot, who was bound for Nashville, reported the "cigar-shaped" craft was sighted about seven miles west of Mount Vernon, where he was climbing above 7000 feet in the DC-6.

Sperry had left National Airport 7 minutes before, an American Airlines official said.