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High-Flying Bomber Caused New Disc Tale

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READING, Pa., Aug. 28.—Air National Guard officers and control tower operators of the Civil Aeronautics Administration today "cleared up" the latest flying saucer mystery, as evolved in the skies over Berks county last Monday.

The saucers, seen by a large number of persons at that time, a spokesman said, were vapor trails of a B-36 inter-continental bomber and a jet plane, which CAA tower-men said were flying at an altitude of 40,000 to 45,000 feet.

The jet left a bigzag trail as it dived in on the big bomber in a mock interception attack. The spokesman said such air shows were frequent when atmospheric conditions were right for the hot exhausts from engines to freeze at high altitude.

The big bombers, the spokesman explained, often fly far out over the ocean, and when they approach the coastline on their return journeys they are observed on radar screens and jets are sent up to intercept them. Such tests, he added, are fre-

quent, to keep interceptor teams on the alert.

The aerial display on Monday was witnessed by hundreds of Guardsmen of the 112th Fighter Wing, Pennsylvania-Maryland Air National Guard, as well as officers who watched the maneuvers through binoculars.

Air National Guard officers said the report submitted by Harry Feinauer, 43, of Birdsboro, who said he thought he saw a plane release a flying saucer in the air Monday morning, probably had to do with the jet which he saw diving on the bomber.

Nor did the Guard's explanation dovetail very closely with the account given by Herbert Long, 29, Kutztown insurance salesman, who told of seeing a flying saucer 30 feet in front of his automobile Monday night, off the Allentown pike near Maxatawny. Long said he saw the object so clearly that he was able to make a detailed drawing of its appearance.

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