

Report New Red Planes Resemble 'Flying Saucers'

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LOS ANGELES, July 7.—Federal agents today investigated a letter to The Examiner describing Russian supersonic atom-powered planes resembling the "flying saucers."

A top-flight atomic scientist to whom The Examiner referred the letter said it was "not all nonsense," and suggested the matter be turned over to the

FBI.

The letter writer said he got the information from an officer aboard a Russian tanker recently in Los Angeles harbor.

The Russian, he said, also described experiments with controlled radioactive clouds in the Arctic, where birds, animals and even worms were killed.

18 INCHES THICK.

The planes, as described by the Russian to the writer, are only 18 inches thick, with a kidney-shaped outline and no propellers.

The pilot lies on his stomach and is artificially cooled against the heat developed by air friction.

"The outer surface is highly polished," the Russian said. "Both upper and lower surfaces are convex, like a giant lens. The lifting force is an entirely different principle found about 10 years ago among unpublished papers of a Russian chemist.

"Energy is required only for climbing, but no energy is needed for support when the airplane goes along the earth's gravitational contour lines."

The writer of the strange letter

said he met the Russian officer in Wilmington and, because he wanted to hear about Russia, invited him to be his guest at dinner.

DESTROYS ALL LIFE.

The Russian first asked where he could sell 18 Polar bear pelts which he received "for very dangerous work."

He said he had been assigned to go over the route of the radioactive cloud near Lake Bakal (or Baykal) and pick up dead animals.

"They loaded a few small ships with all kinds of animals and directed the cloud over them," the writer said.

"During this experiment, a violent storm blew the cloud far north into the tundra, but before it dissipated it destroyed all life on its way.

"The cloud may be controlled from land, from a plane or from a robot-piloted 'leader.' As I understand it, the control is based on electro-magnetic waves and the cloud has two components: The carrier and the killer.

HAVE ATOMIC ENERGY.

"I asked him if the Russians have an atomic bomb. He said he doubted it, because the atomic bomb cannot be used without killing innocent people, such as children and women. But they have atomic energy which they use for propelling supersonic airplanes."

The writer said he asked the Russian officer to another dinner, but when he came the second time his father was leaving unexpectedly and he could only say good-bye.

The nuclear physicist consulted by The Examiner said it was difficult to appraise the value of the letter because of the writer's "technical ignorance."

"The remark implying that the Russians wouldn't use the atom bomb if they had it is nonsense. The Russians would like very much to have the bomb," the physicist said.

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