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The United States Air Force, in discharging its responsibility for the aerospace defense

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of the nation, is called upon to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects.

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Two Air Force officers have over the years been very closely associated with this activity.

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The Colonel Lawrence Stacker was formerly the chief spokesman for the Air Force on the

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matter, and Major Tector Quintanilla is now the chief of Project Blue Book.

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Major Quintanilla, what are the objectives of Project Blue Book?

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The objectives of the program are two-fold. They're the same as the happens in 1953 when the

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regulation was written. First of all, to try to determine if the UFO phenomena presents a

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threat to the security of the United States. And secondly, to determine if the UFO phenomena

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exhibits any technological advances which could be channeled to research and development.

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What's the record so far?

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Today we have over 10,000 cases of flight-patterson Air Force base, of which 646 of these remain

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unidentified. That's not to say that we could not have identified more cases if we had gotten to

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the observer quicker and checked the local activity.

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The Air Force has been accused from time to time of hiding information about the UFO.

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What are you going to have to say to that Colonel Patrick?

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These charges are absolutely untrue. Actually, the United States Air Force releases statistics

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on the UFO phenomena through the Department of Defense's press desk periodically, and

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we've always honored accredited media when they wanted to investigate a given specific

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sighting.

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There's nothing to hide.

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There's nothing to hide at all.

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Is there anything in the files, either classified or unclassified, that would indicate that

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there may be extra-terrestrial visitors overhead?

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First of all, the project is completely unclassified. And there's nothing in the records which would

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indicate that we have been visited by any advanced civilization.

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How does the Air Force look upon people who make reports of UFO?

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Do they look on them as qualified observers?

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Yes, they do look on them as qualified observers.

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Actually, most people who report a UFO sighting are patriotic citizens who have been mystified

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by something that they've seen, and through a patriotic sense reported to the local law

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enforcement officials or to the United States Air Force base near them.

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What would you consider as a person qualified to interpret what he sees?

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Well, I consider astronomers a genuinely expert in their field.

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First of all, they have a tremendous advantage over the other physical scientists, and that

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is that they have powerful telescopes and photographic equipment to confirm their interpretation.

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Do astronomical laboratories make any contribution to the UFO program?

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In a negative way they do, because I've never received a UFO report from an observatory.

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Not a one.

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Not a single one.

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Well, how about the tracking and detection facilities that the Air Force itself has?

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How does this fit with the program?

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Well, actually, to begin with, the United States Air Force is charged by an act of Congress

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with the Air Defense of the United States, and the North American Air Defense Command

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and the Air Defense Command have space tracking facilities which are constantly on the alert

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24 hours a day.

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We're interested in anything that flies in our atmosphere.

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Well, how about UFO reports in other countries?

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How are they handled?

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Well, UFOs actually occur worldwide.

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However, the United States is the only country in the world that places as much emphasis

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on the phenomenon.

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Other countries place a burden of proof on the observer and not on their Air Force.

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That would make your job a lot easier if they did that here.

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This would work.

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Thank you, Colonel Parker.

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Major Quentinella.

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I would like to close by reading a very brief excerpt from the report of the Air Force's

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Scientific Advisory Board, which they made recently upon completing a detailed review

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of the subject of UFO.

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This is a statement.

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The committee concluded that in the 19 years since the first UFO was sighted, there has

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been no evidence that unidentified flying objects are a threat to our national security.