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UFOs are real, Air Force tells cadets

AN AIR FORCE manual issued to every cadet admits that UFOs are real — although the military still officially denies their existence.

The book — Introductory Space Science — is not available to outsiders and in public the USAF still claims UFOs are hallucinations or freak weather conditions.

Yet the manual's chapter on UFOs says: "On July 24, 1957, Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kouril Islands (near Japan) opened fire on UFOs. They were luminous and moved very fast and no hits were made.

"We too have fired on UFOs.

"The most stimulating theory for us is that UFOs are material objects, either manned or remotely controlled by beings alien to this planet.

"There is some evidence sup-

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porting this viewpoint."

The manual was issued by the Department of Physics at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

About UFO occupants, it says: "The most commonly described alien is about three-and-a-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees and wears a silvery space suit or coveralls.

"Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as earth men, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with thin lips."

The manual suggests we have

not been contacted by aliens because we are the subject of an intensive sociological study on their part.

"In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment," it says.

"Secondly, you do not contact a colony of ants — and we may seem that way to aliens.

"Thirdly, such contact may have taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communication on such a plane."

The manual concludes that the UFO phenomenon has existed for 50,000 years.

"The majority of witnesses have been reliable people," it

says. "This leads to the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors or alien-controlled UFOs.

"The data suggests three or four different groups of aliens — possibly at different stages of development.

"It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in earth by members of other solar systems.

"A solution to the UFO problem may be obtained by the long and diligent effort of a large group of well financed and competent scientists."

In 1947, 20 years before the manual was published, Lt. General N.F. Twining gave the Air Institute of Technology's view on UFOs in a letter to the Commanding General of the Army-Air Forces, which was included in the U.S. Government Scientific Study Of Unidentified Flying Objects.

"The phenomenon is something real and not visionary or fictitious," he said.

"There are objects approximating the shape of a disc which appear to be as large as an aircraft.

"The reported operating characteristics — such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability and evasive action when sighted by friendly aircraft and radar — lend belief to the possibility that they are controlled manually, automatically or remotely.

"Several reports of well-kept formation flights mention three to nine objects."

Twining described the objects as circular, metallic, leaving no trail and in normal conditions no sound.

"It is recommended that Headquarters, Army-Air Force, assign a priority security classification and code name for a detailed study of this matter," he said.