

SCIENTISTS STILL CAN'T EXPLAIN 20% OF THE SIGHTINGS

15 Million Americans Have Seen UFOs

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Fifteen million Americans
can't all be wrong.

That's the number who
claim to have seen Uniden-
tified Flying Objects.

Even those who haven't
themselves seen UFOs are
curious about whether or not
they exist.

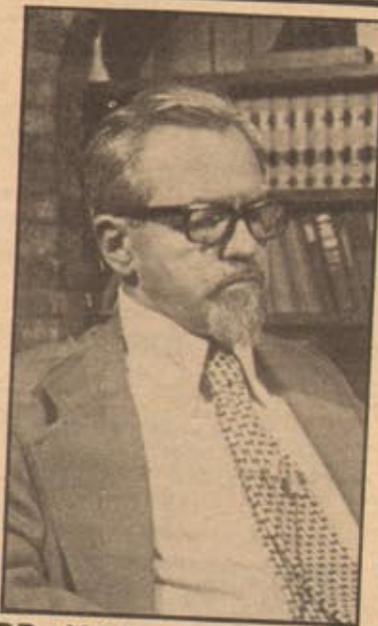
The National Investigations
Committee on Aerial
Phenomena (NICAP) received
over 300 reports of sightings of
unidentified flying objects in
one two-month period last fall.
This was three times the aver-
age annual total.

"We try to prove it is not a
UFO," said Committee presi-
dent Jack Acuff. "We try every
kind of rational explanation be-
fore we admit to anything mys-
terious, and we do solve some 80
percent of our cases that way.
But that leaves 20 percent abso-
lutely unanswered."

There have been many unof-
ficial theories about UFOs, in-
cluding: large balls of ice,
swamp gas, hallucinations and
fireworks set off by pranksters.

Harvard professor Donald
Menzel of the Smithsonian As-
trophysical Observatory has
consistently denied the exist-
ence of UFOs.

"Most of the reports refer to
reflections from material ob-
jects: distant planes, jet aircraft,
vapor trails, miscellaneous bal-
loons, newspapers, kites, birds,



DR. ALLAN HYNEK, con-
sultant on the Blue Book.

peculiar clouds, spider webs, in-
sects, feathers," he said.

But Dr. Allan Hynek, as-
tronomical consultant on the
Air Force Blue Book project on
UFOs does not agree with
Menzel.

"Reports of UFO observa-
tions remain after we delete the
pronouncements of crackpots,
visionaries, religious fanatics,"
Dr. Hynek said.

"They are made by compe-
tent, responsible, psychologi-
cally normal people — in short,
credible witnesses."

The recent deluge of new

UFO sightings led Dr. Hynek to
set up a scientific group for their
investigations. The group is
known as The Center for UFO
Studies, and is located at
Northfield, Illinois.

"We have just had the latest
Gallup poll report showing that
15,000,000 Americans have seen
UFOs," said Dr. Hynek.

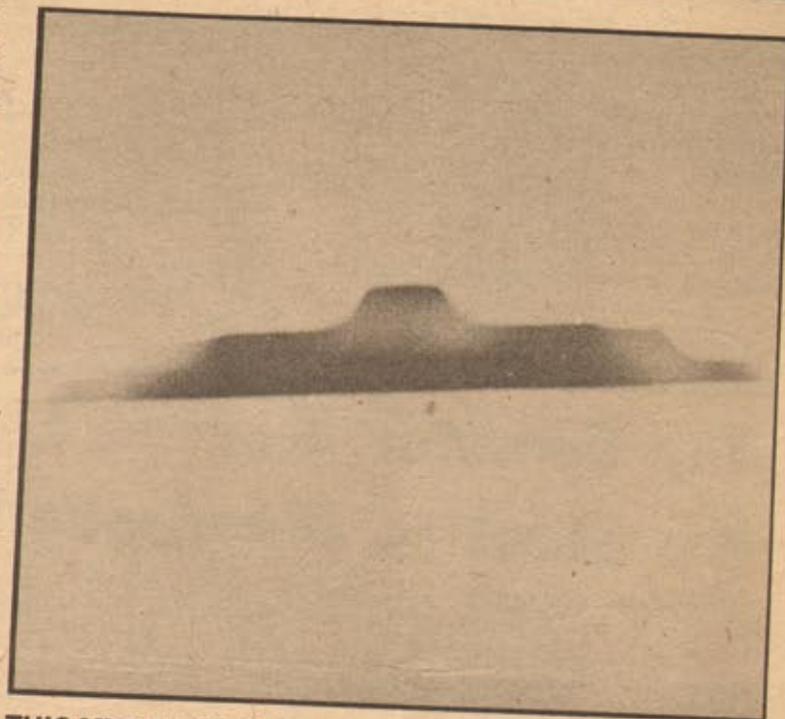
"This means, I think, that
many people are sick and tired of
government mishandling of this
question. We can now start up
our own UFO vigilante societies
and do something about it our-
selves.

"Contrary to popular opin-
ion, UFOs have never been sci-
entifically studied in a proper
manner. I hope our center can
do this."

Astronomers in Russia have
also made numerous investiga-
tions into the UFO phenomena.
When asked why the aliens do
not contact human beings, Vas-
ily Kuprevich, president of the
Academy of Sciences of White
Russia, replied:

"Their intellectual develop-
ment may have attained such a
level that they would hold us no
higher in their opinions than we
do our forebears, the cavemen."

One thing is certain, as long
as UFOs continue to be sighted
anywhere in the world, the con-
troversy over their existence
will continue to rage. And peo-
ple who see them will want
answers to their questions.



THIS MYSTERIOUS object was photographed over Long
Beach, California.



U.S. ASTRONAUT James McDivitt took this picture of an
unidentified object he sighted over Hawaii. NASA ad-
mits the 'thing' was truly an unknown.