

Flying saucers must be probed

THANKS to Ronald Bedford for his comments (June 23) on the 20th anniversary of the incident from which the name "flying saucer" was derived.

Mr. Bedford refers to the five per cent. or so of cases which the Ministry of Defence say remain unexplained out of all those which they examine.

Ministry evaluation should be accepted with caution, especially in view of recent experiences with the U.S. Air Force unidentified flying object project, known as Blue Book.

American scientists and researchers who have now been permitted to study Blue Book records discovered a document which revealed that in 1953 the Central Intelligence Agency secretly instructed the U.S. Air Force that "flying saucers" were to be debunked.

The debunking continued until, in 1966, public disquiet at the ludicrous U.S. Air Force explanations of unidentified flying objects led to the establishment of the £100,000 University of Colorado investigation.

We have been invited to assist with the details of cases from our records. We are happy to do this, but we feel it is a pity that there is no parallel investigation in this country.

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Science Editor Ronald Bedford says: I agree that further investigation in this country into Unidentified Flying Objects is needed.