

'A COVER UP' SAYS THE UFO MAN

The Defence Ministry is "deliberately suppressing information" on Unidentified Flying Objects, claims Mr. Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on aerial phenomena.

He said: "I am convinced that the Ministry knows much more about UFOs than it makes out. Explanations such as aircraft, satellites, meteorological balloons and the like do not hold water in many cases.

"I believe that Governments the world over know the true identity of UFOs but are not telling the public for fear of widespread panic."

Mr. Fowler says in the group's current newsletter: "The Ministry soon puts everyone's mind at rest with the startling information that there have been numerous sightings recently of the planet Venus, aircraft and satellites. In other words UFOs do not exist.

'Ridiculous'

"It is with interest that we await the Ministry's comments on the recent Russian statement that a scientific mission will investigate all Russian UFO reports, as they have been tracing them on their radar sets for the past 20 years. Maybe the Russians haven't heard of Venus yet."

The Ministry said: "There's no question at all of a cover-up. The suggestion that we are being watched by alien beings is ridiculous. We do investigate reports but only from a defence point of view and not a scientific one.

"Almost all of the sightings can be attributed to something quite ordinary. The remainder? We can't say, owing to lack of information."

Nineteen UFO sightings have been reported to the Surrey Group during the past six weeks. These are being investigated