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IS ANSWER TO INQUIRY:

The Air Force has not discontinued the study of unidentified flying objects (popularly known as "flying saucers"). It is true that this study has changed from a special project to a general function. This means that the Air Force placed the evaluation of these sightings in normal staff channels.

Every attempt is made to investigate sightings reported to the Air Force. In most cases, these sightings have proved to be weather balloons and natural phenomena. There remain, however, a number of reported sightings that cannot be thus explained, and as long as this is true, the Air Force will continue to study the problem. USAF Field Commands have been alerted to report unconventional aerial objects in an effort to obtain additional information.

The public should not interpret these continued efforts to mean that new evaluations have been made, or that new conclusions have been reached. This is not the case. Detailed reports and particularly photographs from people who have sighted unusual aerial manifestations will be welcome. Reports may be submitted to the nearest USAF installation and to be of value should contain as much detail as possible.

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