

Attempts at interception are not made every time that unidentified targets appear briefly on an Air Force radar scope. Current Air Force interceptors are short-range, short-duration, high-speed interceptors and are optimized most effectively when it is possible to track a target by visual or radar means, so that its position in the sky at that time may be predicted with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

#### Methods of Intercepting

The first step in evaluating sightings of unusual aerial phenomena is to collect all available data and check it against known airplane objects such as balloons, aircraft, satellites, meteors, and weather phenomena. If all the unexplained reports from reliable sources, with sufficient details, are turned over to specialists in various scientific fields for further analysis.

#### Future Plans for Intercepting

As stated earlier, there has been for better reports from civilian observers using adequate equipment. The Air Force intends to implement its present study with instruments wherever possible.

The recent development of special photographic equipment by which it is possible to gather data without contamination through ordinary photographic methods. This equipment consists of a diffraction grating camera which projects light into the component parts (apertures) and registers them on film. The principle involved in this use by astronomers in studying the composition of the stars. In this manner Air Force specialists may be able to determine the characteristics of the phenomena and subsequently identify the source.

Another project involves the use of a continuously operating telescope telescope equipped with a camera. This telescope has a wide aperture lens and is capable of covering a cone of 100 degrees or more in the whole sky from horizon to horizon. This equipment will make it possible to get on a series of photographs a complete record of what happens in the sky at night.

#### ~~What happens in the sky~~

The Air Force has stated in the past, and reaffirms at the present time, that these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a group of balloons, satellites or aircraft, developed by the United States. None of the many military experiments are being either approved or disapproved in the government is conducting experiments in aerial or extraterrestrial objects which could be a basis for the proposed phenomena. As far as we know there is nothing in this that is associated with military or civilian that are directed against the United States, from another country or from other planets.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please call upon us if we may be of further service.

Sincerely yours,

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