

All investigations of reported unusual aerial objects are conducted by the U.S. Air Force Air Defense Command personnel. These reports are reviewed by a select scientific advisory group at the Air Technical Intelligence Center which analyzes and evaluates, by scientific means, all information assembled by investigative teams.

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His services and those of other suitably qualified civilian scientists are utilized if deemed necessary by the Air Force to further its investigation of individual cases or to perform detailed studies of the general subject. As an example, a panel of scientific consultants was called upon by the Air Force in 1955 to make an over-all examination of investigative procedures and findings on specific reports.

The panel said that the time "the evidence presented on UFOs showed no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct threat to national security." Further there was no "residue of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign scientific capabilities of hostile arms." The panel concluded that "national security agencies should take immediate steps to strip the unidentified flying objects of the special status they have been given, and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired."

In line with this recommendation, the Air Force periodically has made available, through the national press and radio-television agencies, information on investigations and findings pertaining to cases which have received national attention. Only in a few instances were sighting reports classified to keep them from compromising some element in our Air Defense System, and no reports of sightings have been classified because they contain some scientific proof or even reasonable inferences that UFOs were real. Moreover, there are no Air Force documents which prove the existence of flying saucers.

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