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After thirteen years of investigation and evaluating unidentified flying object sightings, the United States Air Force has found no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly termed "flying saucers" as interplanetary or interstellar space ships. Total numbers of sightings reported to the Air Force over the thirteen year period are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Unidentified sightings and reported</u>
1947	79
1948	143
1949	106
1950	159
1951	182
1952	129
1953	420
1954	429
1955	404
1956	718
1957	1170
1958	573
1959	300

632

It appears that some specific incidents in usually responsible for sparking off a rash of reported sightings and this is particularly true of the two high report years of 1958 and 1957.

✓ In 1958 the Washington, D. C. sightings with extensive national press coverage resulted in 1951 sightings reported that year.

In 1957, the Russian Satellite Sputnik I was launched in October and particularly significant in the fact that 761 of the total of 1170 sightings reported were made in the last three months of that year.

During the period 1 July 1959 through 31 December 1959, there were 125 cases of unidentified aerial phenomena reported to the Air Force as compared to 310 cases for the same period in 1958.