

Unidentified sightings had been 9 percent in 1953 and 1954 and in previous years unidentified sightings had run as high as 20 percent. Project Blue Book Special Report #8, covered "Firing Manner" investigations from June 1947 to May 1955. Since that time, Air Force statistics show the percentage of unidentified sightings has been reduced to approximately 2 percent.

Air Force conclusions for the thirteen years of UFO sightings involving over 6,000 reports are: First, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were unusual or having second, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings were interplanetary space ships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represented technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge; fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of the country; and finally, no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment of a so-called "firing motor" has ever been found.

The Air Force emphasized the belief that if more immediate detailed objective observational data could have been obtained on the unidentified sightings, these, too, would have been explained satisfactorily.

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defense of the United States, will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial objects over the U. S. including objects that may become labeled unidentified flying objects. The services of qualified scientists and technicians will continue to be utilized to investigate and analyze these reports, and periodic press releases on the subject will be made as warranted.