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A total of 173 sightings of unidentified flying objects or aerial

phenomena were reported to the USAF during the period 1 January to 30 June 1960. Of these 173 cases 170 have been analyzed and 34 are pending.

Of the 170 cases analyzed 45 were designated "Insufficient Evidence". Of these 45 cases 31 were so categorized because there were no additional witnesses. It is the Air Force policy to attempt to determine the probable cause of these sightings. However in adhering with good scientific practices they are categorized for statistical purposes as "Insufficient Evidence." To give full credit to these particular sightings would be comparable to accepting as fact the results of an experiment which was conducted only once.

During this same period for 1959 the number of sightings reported to the Air Force was 175. Due to the fact that several reports usually reach the Air Force after the end of a period, it is safe to assume that the 1 Jan - 30 June period of 1960 will slightly exceed that of 1959. However, the 173 cases for the first half of 1960 represents a slight decrease from the 190 cases reported to the Air Force for the period 1 July through 31 December 1959.

During the period of this report there were 41 cases reported from foreign countries. The majority of these sightings took place in the Pacific and Far East areas.

It is apparent that the public is taking the reporting of unidentified aerial phenomena more seriously. During this reporting period there was only one instance of an actual hoax.

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