

The Air Force emphasized the belief that if more immediate detailed objective observational data could have been obtained on the unidentified or unexplained 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 public statements on the subject will be made as warranted.

The Air Force is charged by many private UFO groups with possession of classified information which concludes or proves that space ships from other planets exist and are visiting our atmosphere. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Air Force possesses no information, classified or unclassified, which proves this contention. Many individuals associated with these private UFO organizations are self-appointed authorities on UFO and consider themselves entitled to be confidential sources to the United States Air Force Intelligence Community. Since they are not charged under law with these responsibilities, it would be entirely inappropriate and even dangerous at times to connect the intelligence system in order to give them, or their organizations, any publicity or publicity. It is an interesting fact that most of these individuals fail to recognize the fact that there is such a thing as legitimate classified security information. For the past 24 years, these groups have repeatedly stated that their organizations possess documented evidence proving the existence of space ships from other planets. However, when asked as periodic citizens to deliver this evidence to the United States Air Force or other government agencies, they have refused to do so. The obvious conclusion is that they do not possess this information or evidence proving the existence of space ships.

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