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WASHINGTON, FEB. 7 (UPI)--THE AIR FORCE SAID TODAY THE ONLY FLYING SAUCERS IT HAS DISCOVERED IN OUTER SPACE CAME FROM EARTHMEN'S LAUNCHING PADS.

THE AIR FORCE'S "PROJECT BLUEBOOK" TASK FORCE, ASSIGNED TO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO), SAID IN AN ANNUAL SUMMARY THAT IT STARTED 488 INVESTIGATIONS LAST YEAR AND COMPLETED 483 OF THEM.

OF THE 483 COMPLETED, THE AIR FORCE SAID 55 TURNED OUT TO BE ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES, A NEW HAZARD FOR FLYING SAUCER WATCHERS.

IT BROUGHT THE TOTAL OF INVESTIGATIONS SINCE 1947 TO 7,369, AND THE AIR FORCE SAID IT HAS YET TO COME UP WITH ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE SAUCERS EXIST OR THAT ANY UFO WERE LAUNCHED FROM OUTER SPACE.

OF THE 483 OBJECTS INVESTIGATED LAST YEAR, THE AIR FORCE HAD TO LEAVE 10 IN ITS "UNIDENTIFIED" CLASSIFICATION.

ANOTHER 99 REPORTS WERE PUT IN THE "INSUFFICIENT DATA" CATEGORY.

BUT THE SUMMARY SAID THAT "TO DATE, NO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT HAS GIVEN ANY INDICATION OF THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO OR DISCOVERED BY THE AIR FORCE THAT UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTINGS REPRESENTED TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS OR PRINCIPALS BEYOND THE RANGE OF OUR PRESENT-DAY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE."

HOWEVER, IT ASKED THAT "ANYONE WITNESSING AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHOULD REPORT IT TO THE NEAREST MILITARY BASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

OF THE 483 INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED, 175 WERE ATTRIBUTED TO ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS, ANOTHER 55 TO AIRCRAFT, 33 TO BALLOONS, AND 56 TO "BIRDS, LIGHTS, HOAXES AND SO FORTH."

THE ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES ARE A NEW PROBLEM, THE SUMMARY POINTED OUT. IT SAID THERE WERE 35 SATELLITES AND 88 PIECES OF ROCKET "JUNK" ORBITING DURING 1961 TO DISTURB SKYGAZERS.

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