

There are other drawings through the years however, these drawings are not as reliable as the ones listed above.

Because of the number of man-made objects in orbit (January 30, 1960 -- 35 satellites, 86 pieces of associated "junk") the separate category of satellites was established. Reporting tracks of man-made objects in orbit about the earth is the job of the Space Detection and Tracking System (SDTSS). This sophisticated electronic system takes in complex space traffic data instantaneously from tracking stations within the far-flung air defense lines and supplies information on a rapid basis into the aerospace warning system. Inputs to this system are instantaneously fed from the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) sites, airborne and other radar installations which maintain a constant surveillance of space activity. Additionally, other space surveillance activities include the use of ballistic tracking and other large telescopic cameras.

The category labeled "Other" includes refractions, searchlights, birds, stars, blimps, clouds (particularly lensular formations), sun and moon haze, auroral radar indications, comets, firework displays, flares, ice crystals, and other meteorological phenomena.

The "Unidentified" category includes all sightings where essential details of information are lacking thereby precluding a valid conclusion. There will sometimes include lack of corroborating information from an additional witness or witnesses. For instance, a sighting in the city of New York reported by just one person with no other corroboration. Other missing details which are necessary in order to reach a conclusion include description of size, shape or color of an object; direction and elevation; exact time and location, etc.

A sighting is considered "unidentified" when a report apparently contains all the pertinent data necessary to normally suggest at least one valid hypothesis on the cause or explanation of the sighting, but the description of the object and its motion cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomenon.

The Air Force does not deny that animal life exists on other planets in the universe; however, there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that proves or tends to prove such a contention. The Air Force continues to extend an open invitation to any individual or group which feels they possess evidence that would prove or tend to prove the existence of extraterrestrial vehicles operating within the earth's atmosphere, to submit their evidence for analysis. Initial contact for this purpose may be through the address given below.

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Anyone witnessing an unidentified flying object sighting should report it to the nearest military base as soon as possible. 80