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sely to indicate the possible astronomical content of the reports at hand. In the primary analysis all evidence was accepted at face value, with no attempt to evaluate psychological factors. Frequently, however, when fairly liberal limits of tolerance were allowed, the report made sense physically, whereas the literal statement did not. (However allowance was made for possible errors arising from subjective reporting; the fact was noted.) Furthermore, while some of the reports were on the ludicrous, the attitude deliberately adopted was to assume honesty and sincerity on the part of the reporter. Among the general public, two attitudes toward "flying saucers" seem to be prevalent: one, that all are obviously illusions, hallucinations, or hoaxes; the other, that "there must be something to it." From the outset, this investigator has attempted to report each report, insofar as is logically possible, as an honest statement by the observer, and to adhere to neither of the two schools of thought.

One further comment should be made: almost all of the data dealt with in this investigation are extremely tenuous. Many of the observers' reports are contradictory and inconsistent, and some are distinctly contradictory. Therefore, it has obviously been impossible to reach definite, scientific conclusions. Most explanations are offered in terms of probability, the degree of which is discussed in the individual reports, but can be indicated only generally in the statistics which follow.

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