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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

What, in particular, was deduced from the evidence concerning the astronomical character of the objects observed?

Of the 216 incidents submitted, 7 are excluded from all statistical reckoning; 1 is identified (in the subject report) as a hoax, 2 are duplicates, and 2 contain no information. In summarizing the findings in the concluding EBT, two options of classification are possible:

First, all incidents may be placed in one of the following

- 1) those which under no version of the hypothesis can be regarded as astronomical or extra-terrestrial (~~extra-terrestrial~~) throughout this investigation refers solely to subject objects not originating on earth; it does not include "space ships from other planets"), and
- 2) those which either are definitely astronomical or can by suitable manipulation of the evidence be regarded as such. The object here is to segregate all cases in which any vestige of astronomical origin is indicated. When this division is made, 112, or 51%, fall into the definitely non-astronomical category or, conversely stated, 105, or 49%, might conceivably be considered (although the likelihood of their being as high as very small) as extra-terrestrial or astronomical in origin. The most pertinent is not important. The significant thing is that over 50% of the incidents might possibly be explained astronomically, if wide enough tolerances were allowed.

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