

Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado and Missouri. In 1300 hours observing to date, no unexplained flying objects have been detected. In fact, in the cases of both the Harvard Meteor Project and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Prairie Network, no bright moving objects other than meteors and occasional aircraft were detected. An even more extensive meteor survey, worldwide in scope, was performed during the I.G.Y. under the direction of Dr. Peter Millman of the National Research Council of Canada. Unfortunately, much of this data is still unrecovered.

These sky surveys are much more extensive in area and time than such previous stellar astronomical surveys as the Falconer Sky Atlas, which also showed no unusual objects. Especially considering the experience of the observers in the foregoing observations, it seems likely that the frequent reports of unidentified flying objects observed at night by individuals relatively unfamiliar with the skies are due to misinterpretations of common astronomical objects.