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The possibility that some of the incidents may represent technical developments far in advance of knowledge available to scientists and engineers of this country has been considered. No facts are available to personnel at this Command that will permit an objective assessment of this possibility. All information as far presented on the possible existence of space ships from another planet or of aircraft propelled by an advanced type of atomic beam or other power plant research in this country, the existence on Earth of such vehicles of small enough size and weight to have powered the objects described is highly improbable.

Reports of unidentified flying objects are not peculiar to the present time. In "The Book of Charles Fort" by H. Frank Taylor, published in 1941 by Henry Holt & Co., New York, similar phenomena are described as having been sighted during past centuries. In the last war, numerous sightings of "balls of fire" in the sky were reported by bomber crews.

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