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HOW THE PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED

The program is conducted in three phases. The first phase includes receipt of UFO reports and initial investigation of the reports. The Air Force then adjust the location of a reported sighting is charged with the responsibility of investigating the sighting and forwarding the information to the Project Blue Book Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

If the initial investigation does not reveal a positive identification or explanation, a second phase of more intensive analysis is conducted by the Project Blue Book Office. Each case is objectively and scientifically judged, and, if necessary, all the scientific facilities available to the Air Force can be used to assist in arriving at an identification or explanation. All personnel associated with the investigation, analysis, and evaluation efforts of the project view each report with a scientific approach and an open mind.

The third phase of the program is dissemination of information concerning UFO sightings, evaluations, and statistics. This is accomplished by the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information.

The Air Force defines an unidentified flying object as any aerial object or phenomenon which the observer is unable to identify.

Reports of unidentified objects in the sky are submitted to the Air Force from many sources. These sources include military and civilian pilots, weather observers, amateur astronomers, business and professional men and women, housewives, etc.

Properly, such objects as missiles, balloons, birds, kites, aerial flares, aerial navigation and surveillance beacons, jet engine exhaust, communication flares, aeromedical balloons, and meteorological phenomena are particularly reported as unidentified flying objects. (UFOs).

The Air Force groups its evaluations of UFO reports under three general headings: (1) IDENTIFIED, (2) INSUFFICIENT DATA, and (3) UNIDENTIFIED.

IDENTIFIED reports are those for which sufficient scientific information has been accumulated and evaluated to permit a positive identification or explanation of the object.

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