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309 Total Reports for December 1952, January 1953, and February 1953.

Unknown	17,000
Inadequate Data	26,000
Aircraft	13,000
Balloons	17,000
Astronomical	20,000
Other	7,000
	100,000

15% of the total involved radar detection.

Source:

Military	62%
Civilian	38%

11. SIGHTINGS OVER WESTERN JAPAN

At the last month there has been a definite increase in the number of reports received from FIMF by ATIC. They have been accompanied by some publicity in the national press. Included in the reports have been a certain number of observations from northern Japan near Kamakura territory and for this reason they have been given a good deal of attention by Project Blue Book.

The two most publicized sightings occurred on 30 December 1952 and 9 February 1953; the first was seen by a Colonel in an F-84 near Sakaido Island, the second by a pilot and a radar observer in an F-84 aircraft also over northern Japan. Reports of both sightings have been received and checked by ATIC. The F-84 sighting was analyzed as a probable star above it seemed to result on the same azimuth (270°) and elevation throughout the period of sighting. The F-84 report involves a radar contact by the radar observer with a simultaneous visual sighting of the object and cannot be explained at the present time.

Since July 1952, 16 reports of unidentified flying objects being sighted over Japan have been received from FIMF. Incidentally, there were numerous other observations reported to FIMF intelligence personnel which were evaluated and eliminated as human phenomena on the spot. Seventy-five percent of these sightings have been confined to the satisfaction of Project Blue Book. Of the total number of sightings from Japan, 18.75 percent involved some type of radar equipment.

112. CONTINUATION OF RADAR CASES

In the summer of 1952 it was reported to Project Blue Book that in the past several years there have been some instances where there existed a supposed correlation between the visual sighting of unidentified object and a rapid rise in radiation count on radiation detecting devices in areas close to the Ft. Palmer Observatory, California, and later at the Alamos, New Mexico. In early fall of 1952 Project Blue Book began to take systematic night time observations. It was found that in October 1952 such an incident had occurred at the Ft. Palmer

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