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Astronomer II has made no sighting personally, but informed the writer that he would talk to a reputable committee of scientists if he did see anything.

Astronomer II has made no sightings himself although he has been in a very good position to do so. He was reluctant to discuss the matter to any extent.

Astronomer II, with a top professional rating, has seen nothing personally, nor does he know of any of his associates who have. Interested in the problem, he feels that a scientific panel could provide the answer.

Astronomer II has never seen any unexplainable objects. He has seen a phenomenon which most people would have said was a "flying saucer". This turned out to be a beacon light describing a cone of light, part of which intercepted a high cirrus cloud. This led to a series of elliptical lights moving in two directions and never coming back.

Astronomer II has seen none himself, but recently received a report from a ranger who said he was an amateur astronomer; he reported a bright light but said that it was not a meteor. Astronomer II said his recitation of the incident was very dramatic. Astronomer II suggested sending up a control "flying saucer" to see how many reports come back. Apparently he had in mind an extremely bright rocket or perhaps a spectacular balloon. (See footnote.)

Footnote: Again, I do not think much of this astronomer's suggestion. It would serve to tell us how many people will report an unusual incident, which number can be compared with the number of people who report a typical sighting if the number were then this would be some proof that an actual object had been sighted in the latter cases. The conclusion that would be reached by this maneuver is hardly worth the while. Recently, the balloon sighting over Columbia gives us, in effect, the same results that Astronomer II suggested. Certainly in this case hundreds, if not thousands of more people saw the balloons which, incidentally, were not spectacularly (Footnote continued on page 14.)

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