

U.S. AIR FORCE CONVINCED FLYING SAUCERS "MASS HYSTERIA"

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WASHINGTON, Wed.—The United States Air Force said today that two years' investigation had convinced it that flying saucers were just jokes, mass hysteria, or misunderstanding of natural phenomena.

THE Air Force has ended the special "flying saucer" project established to investigate the multitude of reports about alleged sightings of saucers. The project was set up in January, 1948.

Announcement of its final report served as a denial of a story published by "True" magazine at the weekend which said saucers were real and were from other planets.

The Air Force announcement said all evidence and analyses in-

dicated that reports of unidentified flying saucers were the result of misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, and hoaxes.

ADELAIDE, Wed. — Prof. Sir Kerr Grant said today that the general idea of scientists about the existence of "living intelligent observers" on another planet was one of extreme scepticism.

Sir Kerr added that most probably flying saucers in the major-

ity of instances were purely optical illusions.

In some cases there may have been something floating in the air, such as balloons sent up for meteorological observations in the upper air.

Sir Kerr gave no support to the American claim that flying saucers were space vehicles from another planet whose inhabitants were said to have been observing the earth for 175 years.