

“JOKES AND HYSTERIA”

U.S. Air Force On “Flying Saucers”

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28:
The United States Air Force said today that two years of investigation had convinced it that “flying saucers” were just jokes, mass hysteria or misunderstanding of natural phenomena. It has ended a special “flying saucer” project established to investigate a multitude of reports about alleged sightings of “saucers.” The project was established in January, 1948.

The final Air Force report served as a denial of a story published by the magazine “True” at the weekend, which said that the “saucers” were real and were from other planets. The Air Force announcement said that all the evidence analysed indicated that reports of unidentified “flying saucers” were a result of, first, misinterpretation of various conventional objects; secondly, mass hysteria in a mild form; and, thirdly, hoaxes.
