

"Flying Saucers" Just Jokes on Mass Hysteria

WASHINGTON: "Flying saucers," were just jokes, mass hysteria or misunderstanding of natural phenomena, the United States Air Force said yesterday after two years investigation.

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

The announcement of its final report served as a denial of the story published by the "True" magazine at the week-end, which said the saucers were real and were from other planets.

The Air Force announcement said: "All evidence indicates that reports of unidentified flying saucers are the result of, firstly, misrepresentation of various conventional objects; secondly, a mild form of mass hysteria; and, thirdly, hoaxes."