

REPORT 60 FLYING SAUCERS WITHIN TWO WEEKS

DAYTON (Ohio).—A United States Air Force spokesman said yesterday that about 60 reports of flying saucers had been received during the past two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Captain E. J. Ruppelt, of the Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson Air Base, said that the reports were pouring into his office at an unprecedented rate.

Captain Ruppelt, project officer for "Operation Bluebook", the air force group that investigates unidentified aerial objects, said his office was requesting more information from two pilots who reported seeing "eight glowing red-orange discs" flying near Norfolk, Virginia, earlier this week.

The pilots had said the objects were travelling at 1000 miles per hour.

"We are assuming that the pilots are describing accurately what they saw, and we have no reason to doubt them," Captain Ruppelt said. "However, objects like those

However, objects like those they saw have been previously reported and we need more information."

The intelligence centre said it was making a thorough check of a report of an amateur astronomer, who said he had seen an object shaped like an "ice cream cone"

fly through the sky last Sunday.

"I thought at first it was a meteor or a comet, but it was not going as fast as any celestial body," he said. "It was shaped like an ice cream cone, with an elliptical dark object in the centre surrounded by brilliant glowing white lights."

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard M'Gee, Civil Defence Director of Dayton, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting.

"There is something flying around our skies," Colonel M'Gee said, "and I wish we knew what it is."

