

Saucer-Sighting Increasing

DAYTON (Ohio), July 17. —
A United States Air Force spokesman said today that about 60 reports of flying saucers had been received during the last two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Captain E. J. Ruppelt, of the air technical intelligence centre at the Wright-Patterson air base, said that the reports were pouring into his office at an unprecedented rate.

Captain Ruppelt, who is 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.

"We are assuming the pilots are describing accurately what they saw and we have no reason to doubt them," Captain Ruppelt said. "However, objects like they saw have been previously reported and we need more information."

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Lieut.Colonel Richard McGee, Civil Defence Director, of Dayton, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting

"There is something flying around our skies," he said, "and I wish we knew what it is."
