

"Flood" Of Flying Saucer Reports

DAYTON (Ohio), July 17. A.A.P.—A United States Air Force spokesman said today that about 60 reports of flying saucers had been received in 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 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, Mr. W. B. Nash and Mr. W. H. Fortenberry, had said the objects were travelling at 1000 miles an hour.

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

like they saw have been previously reported. We need more information'

The intelligence centre said it was making a thorough check of a report of an amateur astronomer, Mr. Roy Ellis, of Dayton, 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," Mr. Ellis 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 McGee, Civil Defence Director of Dayton, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting.

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