

# Saucers not a danger

**WASHINGTON. July 30.—The United States was confident that there was no danger from flying saucers or other mystery aerial objects, the American Air Force announced yesterday.**

Major General John Samford, director of air force intelligence, told correspondents a six year analysis of mysterious object sightings had revealed no pattern that showed anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States.

## **2000 reports**

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2000 reports had been studied by air force investigators and less than 20 per cent of the reported aerial objects remained unidentified.

This percentage, he said, was caused mainly from lack of information by the "saucer" spotters.

The General said his personal opinion was that the unexplained "blips" of light appearing on radarscopes at Washington national airport were the result of temperature inversions.

He and another spokesman explained that radar disturbances could be caused by sudden changes in temperature.

General Samford told reporters during the 90-minute conference that most of the saucers reported seen in the past five years turned out to be friendly aircraft, hoaxes, meteorological phenomena, and electronics.