

# FLYING SAUCERS NOT DANGEROUS

## Air Phenomena and Electronics

### U.S. AIR FORCE REPORTS

Washington, July 30.—The United States was confident that there was no danger from "flying saucers" or other mysterious aerial objects, the American air force announced to-day.

The director of air force intelligence, Major-General John Samford, told correspondents, "A six-year analysis of mysterious object sightings has revealed no pattern that shows anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States."

General Samford headed an air force group which held a news conference at the Pentagon specifically to answer

questions from the world's press arising from recent alarms over unexplained radar and other sightings.

The general said that his personal opinion was that the unexplained "blips" of light appearing on radarscopes at

appearing on radarscopes at Washington national airport were the result of temperature inversions.

Most of the "saucers" reported in the past five years had turned out to be friendly aircraft, hoaxes, meteorological phenomena and electronics.

Radar showed that the air over Washington was full of flying objects early yesterday, but an airliner directed to one of the sightings could not find a thing.

Civil Aeronautics Administration radar operators at Washington national airport reported scores of sightings from 1.30 a.m. to 5 a.m. There were as many as 12 unidentified objects on the radar screen at one time

Air force officials raised the possibility that devices dropped from planes to jam radar may have floated to Washington from the Canadian border, where air exercises are in progress

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