

RADAR MYSTERY MAY BE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Wed.

The United States is confident there is no danger from "flying saucers" or other mystery aerial objects.

Major-General John Sanford, Director of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, said to-day that six years' analysis of mysterious object sightings have revealed no pattern that shows anything remotely consistent with any menace to the U.S.

General Sanford headed an air force group who held a news conference at the Pentagon specifically to answer questions from the world press arising from recent alarms over unexplained radar and other warnings.

General Sanford said that less than 20 per cent of between 1,000 and 2,000 reported sightings remain unidentified, and this percentage was caused mainly from lack of information by the "saucer" spotters.

He said that his personal opinion was that the unexplained "bias" of light on radar screens at the Washington national airport were the result of temperature inversions.

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ed seen in the past five years, he added, had turned out to be friendly aircraft, hoaxes, meteorological phenomena and electronics.

"The air force will continue to give reports of unidentified flying objects adequate atten-

tion, but not frantic attention," he said.

An airliner directed to one of the sightings could not find a thing.

Air Force officials raise the possibility that devices dropped from planes to jam radar may have floated from the Canadian border where air exercises are in progress.

Simultaneously, Philadelphia scientist, Dr. I. M. Levitt, has given support to the recent statement of Dr. D. H. Menzel, of Harvard, that weather conditions that cause optical mirages also cause radar and television mirages.

He is positive that as soon as the present extremely hot weather changes, the objects will disappear.