

U.S. UNAFRAID OF "SAUCERS"

WASHINGTON, July 30 (A.A.P.).—
The United States is confident that there is 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-old analysis of mysterious object sightings has revealed no pattern that shows anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States."

At a Press conference, he said that between 1,000 and 2,000 reports had been studied by Air Force investigators, and less than 20 per cent. of the reported aerial objects remained unidentified, mainly because of lack of information by the spotters.

"The Air Force will continue to give reports of unidentified flying objects adequate attention, but not frantic attention," he said.

Asked about reports that the Air Force had called in prominent scientists to help solve the "saucer mystery," the General said it made use

of scientific knowledge when necessary, but the scientists usually could not track down enough information to produce an answer.

In Jersey City, New Jersey, yesterday a volunteer air defence observer handed to the police what he claimed to be a photograph of a flying saucer over New York.

The photograph, which was printed in some New York papers to-day, showed a bright, nearly cylindrical object moving across the night sky.

Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia, said jet pilots saw "mysterious objects" over the capital because of the extremely hot weather.

He concurred with Dr. D. H. Menzel, of Harvard University, who said in a recent magazine article that the weather conditions which caused optical mirages also created radar and television mirages.

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"DON'T SHOOT"

Mr. Robert Farnsworth, president of the U.S. Rocket Society, yesterday appealed to American armed forces to

hold their fire when they saw mysterious aerial objects.

In telegrams to President Truman, the Secretary of Defence and the Secretary of the Army, he said:

"I respectfully suggest that no offensive action be taken against the objects reported as unidentified which have been sighted over our nation.

"Should they be extra-terrestrial, such action might result in the gravest consequences, as well as possibly alienating us from beings of far superior powers."

A man who wrote to Professor Albert Einstein to ask his opinion on flying saucers received this reply yesterday:

"These people have seen something (underlined). What it is I do not know and I am not curious to know."