

# AMERICANS NOT SCARED OF "FLYING SAUCERS"

**WASHINGTON :** 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

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

He concurred with Dr. D. H. Menze, of Harvard University,

who said in a recent magazine article that the weather conditions which caused optical mirages also created radar and television mirages.

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"