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**DIGEST ARTICLE.**

**ARE THE  
FLYING  
SAUCERS REAL?**

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Since June 24, 1947, when an airman over the state of Washington saw nine "saucerlike things" flying in a diagonal chainlike line, the flying saucers have provided for the public one of the biggest riddles of history.

Within a month after the Washington phenomenon, flying discs were supposedly seen in 40 states, and ever since then strange objects in the skies have been reported by plane pilots and civilian observers all over North America and elsewhere.

**"Sobering Cases"**

Rounding up the data in an August Readers' Digest article condensed from Life, H. B. Darrach, Jnr and Robert Ginna cite "some sobering cases," buried in a heap of hysterical reports. The U.S. Air Force takes the flying saucers seriously, the Digest authors state. U.S. Air Force Intelligence maintains constant investigation and study of unidentified aerial objects; military aircraft are alerted to attempt

aircraft are alerted to attempt interception; radar and photographic equipment are used in an effort to obtain factual data. Since 1947, dozens of incident-defying simple explanation have occurred.

### **What They Are Not**

Five are cited in the Digest article. "They are not psychological phenomena," the authors say. "They are not products of U.S. research. American science has no source of power that could put a flying machine through such paces as the saucers perform. Neither are they distortions of atmosphere resulting from atomic activity. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and every other government agency deny responsibility for them."

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