

U.S. AIR FORCE INSTALLS CAMERAS TO DETECT FLYING SAUCERS

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WASHINGTON, Wed. — The United States Air Force has installed "flying saucer cameras." They will help in seeking an explanation of mysterious, radar-confirmed objects reported streaking through the skies.

The cameras are set up at air force bases in 33 States.

They will analyse moving lights to see whether they are merely insubstantial glows or come from identifiable material objects.

Announcement of the cameras by the U.S. Air Force reflects the Air Force's official concern about a number of unexplained reports of flying saucers which it has not been able to write off either as man-made objects or known phenomena.

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About 75 cameras, called "diffraction grating" devices, have been installed.

They separate light into its component parts and register them on film.

Astronomers use similar equipment to determine composition of stars.

"Flying saucers" have been reported sporadically since 1947.

The Air Force repeated today that most of the reported sightings were aircraft, balloons, or similar objects, or meteors.

It emphasised that the "unexplained aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile, or aircraft developed by the United States."

It also said: "No authentic physical evidence has been received to establish the existence of space ships from other planets."

Unexplained sightings had dropped from 20 p.c. of 1,700 reports received in the bumper year of 1952, to 10 p.c. of the 250 reports received in the first half of this year.