

# "PEOPLE NOT SEEING THINGS": RAAF SAUCER VIEW

MELBOURNE, Friday: The RAAF had been investigating flying saucer reports since 1947, a high-ranking officer revealed today.

He was making the first official statement by the RAAF on saucers.

The officer said the RAAF had received hundreds of reports, each treated confidentially.

He said, "We don't know if we are the only planet with life or if there are better brains in the universe than ours.

"We are anxious to get to the bottom of the reports. We have an open mind, but who are we to say that the public is just seeing things?

"We should be flying into space ourselves within 100 years.

## 'Not seeing things'

"Our investigations show that 10 per cent. of the people reporting to us have definitely seen something—and many of the reports correspond

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"And many of the people making the reports should know what they are talking about — specially pilots."

Each report was investigated by a RAAF intelligence officer, and 24 questions were put to the person making the report.

A check was made with the Civil Aviation Department and meteorological and astronomical experts.

The officer said 75 per cent. of the reports in Australia have come from the country.

This wiped out any theory that people had seen concentrations of aircraft landing or taking off, reflections in the clouds from city lights, aircraft landing lights, or weather balloons.

## "Correspond"

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Too many reports were

similar for people to be just seeing things.

The officer said: "But we can't accept these reports until we have some concrete information.

"We want all people who firmly believe they have seen an unidentifiable object in the sky to report to us. Investigations take time and cost money, so we don't want reports from people who have only thought they have seen something."