

# RAAF DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S UP—BUT IT'S ALL EARS

MELBOURNE, Fri: The Royal Australian Air Force is taking flying saucer reports in Australia seriously.

In a statement today—the first ever made officially on saucers by the RAAF—a high-ranking officer said that the RAAF had been investigating flying saucer reports since 1947.

"We are anxious to get to the bottom of the reports," he said. "We have received hundreds of

them, each treated confidentially.

"We have an open mind but who are to say that the public is just seeing things?

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

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

"In addition, many of the people making the reports should know what they are talking about, specially pilots."

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

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The RAAF then investigates the report itself. A check was made with the Department of Civil Aviation and meteorological and astronomical experts. Details of anything else in the area at the same time were then added to the form, which was put in a confidential file.

## Conclusions

These conclusions, gained from the file, would make any reasonable person think twice before discarding every report:

◆ Seventy-five per cent of the reports in Australia 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 or aircraft landing lights, and weather balloons.

◆ Many of the reports were made by pilots or ex-RAAF men.

◆ Too many reports were similar for it to be people just seeing things.