

R.A.A.F. Appeal To Saucer Viewers

MELBOURNE.—“We want all people who firmly believe they have seen an un-identifiable object in the sky to report to us,” an R.A.A.F. spokesman said yesterday.

“INVESTIGATIONS take time and money, so we don't want reports from people who have only thought they have seen something,” he said.

The officer said yesterday that the Air Force was taking “flying saucer” reports in Australia seriously.

“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?” he asked.

Yesterday's statement was the first ever made officially by the R.A.A.F. that it is investigating flying saucer reports. The investigations have been going on since 1947.

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The officer said: "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. We should be flying into space ourselves within 50 years.

"Our investigations

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

"Many of the people making the reports should know what they are talking about, especially pilots," he added.

The R.A.A.F. does not publish the reports to prevent people from making faked sightings and so that a true and accurate check can be made on similar observations.