

GETS HUNDREDS OF REPORTS RAAF KEEPS CHECK ON ALL SAUCERS

MELBOURNE (by teleprinter) —
The RAAF yesterday revealed it had been investigating flying saucer reports since 1947.

A spokesman said that in the last few years hundreds of reports had been received. All were treated confidentially.

He added: "We are anxious to get to the bottom of the reports. We have an open mind.

"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 100 years.

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

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

Each report is investigated by an Air Force in-

vestigated by an Air Force intelligence officer, and 24 questions put to the person making the report are tabulated in a two-page "Report of Aerial Object Observed" form.

The RAAF then investigates the report. A check is made with the department of civil aviation and meteorological and astronomical experts.

Two more

Details of any plane or object definitely established to be in the area at the same time are then added to the form.

The form is then placed in a confidential file.

The reports are not published to prevent people from making faked sightings and so that a true

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ings, and so that a true
and accurate check can be
made on similar observa-
tions.

Meanwhile, Melbourne's
spate of flying saucer re-
ports continued yesterday
when two more were re-
ported.

A woman reported a
"saucer" over North Kew at
3 am and another was re-
ported by a man at Mal-
vern at 1.8 pm.

Saw object

MURWILLUMBAH (by
teleprinter)—Two young sons
of a former Civil Aviation
Department employee were
reported last night to have
seen a large circular object
flying over the Numinbah
Valley.

The boys, aged seven and
five, told their father, Mr.
Alfred Arena, of Numinbah,
that the object travelled at
a height of about 1000 feet.