

Only 4pc 'Saucers' Mystery

MELBOURNE, June 2. —

R.A.A.F. intelligence officers say that an accurate analysis of "flying saucer" reports cannot be made for at least two years. They want to build up a "full and accurate" file on which an analysis could be based.

An Air Force spokesman said to-day that although reports on "aerial phenomena" were most welcome many were not reliable or creditable.

It had been discovered in the United States that only 4 p.c. of "flying saucer" reports could not be explained, he said.

The spokesman said that many reports received from all parts of Australia had been checked and had been found to have a "quite logical explanation."

"Saucers" had frequently been discovered to be aircraft optical illusions or shooting stars, he said.

There were reports of a glowing "flying football" over Victoria to-night, he added.

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Air Force officials said that reports of "flying saucers" had fallen off swiftly since 1952. They believed that more scientific investigating and better public education were responsible. So far this year only 87 "sightings" had been

only 87 "sightings" had been reported. But the "flying saucer season" - this coincided with the July-August meteor showers—was just coming on. Reports of "flying saucers" increased when meteors were most common.

The Air Force said it still was unable to explain about 10 per cent. of the sightings.