

"Flying saucers are real" they say

MELBOURNE — Flying saucers are real, says the Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee in a comprehensive report issued last week.

The report states that in more than a year's careful study the committee interviewed and closely questioned 55 witnesses.

The 10-man investigation committee which formed itself in Melbourne some 15 months ago has found that flying saucers are material objects; that they are not hallucinations or optical illusions; and that they are coming nearer to the ground as if to land.

47 Unexplained

Here is what they have to say on the 55 sightings they investigated:—

One of the saucers was a balloon, four were meteors, one was a drifting seed or Scotch thistle, and 47 cannot be explained. These 47 sightings fall into four distinct groups:—

1. Cigar shaped objects—regular symmetrical shapes seen at night, emitting a

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2. Flying saucers or discs—they rotate often, appearing in pairs at day-time. They look like discs.

3. Shooting moons. At night they appear luminous like a full moon. Travelling at great speeds they shoot across the sky and then hover in one place, mostly for about a minute.

4. Small hovering lights. They hang suspended in the sky, and then dart off at high speeds, often at right angles. Sometimes they look like small balloons, about 2ft in diameter.

The committee's report added: "We are still far from deciding what these things are, and it would be only guesswork to say that they are spaceships from another planet. But we are all fully agreed upon this—that these things are material objects."