

# EISENHOWER ON SAUCERS

## Told they are not from outer space

WASHINGTON (A.A.P.).—President Eisenhower said yesterday that a U.S. Air Force official had told him that so-called flying saucers did not come from outer space.

MR. Eisenhower said this in response to a press conference question. He did not say whether he thought flying saucers existed.

The U.S. Air Force said recently that during the first nine months of this year 254 sightings of various objects were reported to its technical intelligence centre at Wright-Patterson Air Force base Dayton, Ohio.

That compared with 429 reports in 1953 and the peak figure of 1700 in 1952.

“It has been determined that over 80 per cent are explainable as known objects,” an air force summary said.

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experts usually find that the objects are balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies, atmospheric reflections, or even birds.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras Air Force reported that a large luminous object flew over the city yesterday morning at a height of 25,000 feet.

The air force report was promptly broadcast over the radio, and many persons rushed out to the street to see the phenomenon.

One eyewitness said the object appeared as a glowing body of considerable size which seemed to change shape slightly as it moved through space, giving the impression it was made of or surrounded by a gaseous substance.

## **Australian report**

**CANBERRA—“Flying saucers” reported by a Nowra Fleet Air Arm pilot are being investigated by**

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naval headquarters.**

**T**HE pilot, Lt. O'Farrell,  
saw two objects which  
he took to be "flying  
saucers" when flying at night

saucers" when flying at night over Goulburn (N.S.W.) on a return trip to Nowra.

He told authorities at Nowra, naval air station and base of the Fleet Air Arm, that he saw what appeared to be the lights of two aircraft when flying at about 285 miles an hour.

He said a "saucer" flew on each side of him, circled his plane and then drew rapidly away.

At his request, the Nowra radar crew fixed his position and reported back that the screen showed an echo of another object moving along his Sea Fury.

This is the first known case in which unidentified objects in the sky have been confirmed by radar.

Authorities ascertained that there were no other military aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

The Minister for the Navy (Mr. Francis) confirmed last night that a Nowra pilot had recently observed two lights on his radar "with vague shapes underneath."

Mr. Francis said "It is a fact that on a night cross-country flight from Nowra

country flight from Nowra on August 3, a pilot in his aircraft at 13,000 feet observed two lights on his radar with vague shapes

"The lights passed ahead of him at great speed.

'He was at the time flying at 220 knots. The pilot contacted Nowra and advised the station.

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**It was later ascertained that the only other aircraft in the vicinity was a T.A.A. Convair."**

Dr. S. C. B. Gascoigne, of the Commonwealth Observatory, Mt. Stromlo, commenting on Mr. Francis' statement, said it was highly unlikely and almost impossible that the objects could have been meteorites.