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## U.S. AIR FORCE REJECTS IDEA OF FLYING SAUCERS

### Finding Follows Investigation Of 5700 Reports Over 10 Years

Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States Air Force said last night that it had found no evidence of flying saucers of any type in the past 10 years, although it had investigated 5700 reported sightings.

Point by point the air force rejected any idea that there were flying saucers.

It said:—

\* There was no physical or material evidence, "not even a minute fragment", that a so-called flying saucer had ever been found.

\* There was no evidence that these unknown objects were inter-planetary space ships.

\* There was no evidence that they represented technological developments outside the range of everyday scientific knowledge.

\* There was no evidence of unknown hostile objects or of any threat to the security of the United States because of them.

The Defence Department issued the new report as a result of a new flood of reports of unknown objects, including stories of strange lights, which were said to have stopped car and truck engines and dimmed the lights of cars.

At Colorado Springs (Colorado) yesterday the North American Air Defence Commission said that it received 46 reports of unidentified objects from throughout the United States on Tuesday night.

#### Further Study

But only three, including one from the town of Kearney (Nebraska), deserved further study.

Captain Andy Beasley Norad, public information officer, said two air force investigators were sent to Kearney after a Californian, R. O. Schmidt told of sighting a cigar shaped object on a Nebraskan prairie and chatting in it with four men and two women who spoke English and German.

Officers investigating the Schmidt report said they found impressions corresponding to the four post landing gear described by Schmidt, footprints and a fluid similar to castor oil on the ground.

A somewhat similar sighting was reported by a 12-year-old boy at Knoxville (Tennessee) this morning.

The apparently terrified youngster, Everett Clark, said he was alone in his home when a "long and round spaceship" landed in a cow pasture across the road.

A reporter, Carson Brewer, and a photographer, Bill Dye, of the Knoxville "News Sentinel", accompanied the boy to the pasture after he told his story to them, the sheriff and school authorities.

"I saw something which nearly made me jump" Brewer said. "About 10 feet from where Everett was standing I saw a peculiar imprint in the thick grass.

"Everet did not point it out. Dye and I saw it first.

"It was in the shape of a fat cigar or a slender egg.

"I stepped off the length of the thing as about 24 ft. It was probably about 5 ft. wide at the thickest portion."

Everett's father, Frank Clarke, said the boy was not a storyteller and was hysterical when he reached home this morning.—A A P.