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# Flying saucer idea on blackout

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DR. JAMES McDONALD, an American Professor of Meteorology, last night added an aura of "extra-terrestrial" mystery to the New York blackout of November, 1965.

Dr. McDonald, of the Meteorology Department at the University of Arizona and Senior Physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, was speaking at Brisbane airport before flying back to Sydney.

Dr. McDonald is a man who takes flying saucers seriously.

One of the reasons appears to be the "power outage" problem.

## 'Sighting'

"When one considers the great New York blackout, power failures in South America and the high instance of unidentified objects sightings occurring simultaneously — then one concludes there is something in this U.F.O. business," Professor McDonald said last night.

Although he has never seen a flying saucer, he became interested in the subject with "the swamp gas theory the authorities

were trying to use to blanket the 1966 Michigan findings."

"Until then I was very cool about the whole thing," he said.

Professor McDonald was unable to say what value his Australian interviews have had in supporting his theories.

"All I can say is that these U.F.O.'s. may be extra-terrestrial, and may be engaged in some sort of reconnaissance work.

"These objects are doing things that can be explained physically, psychologically or technologically," he said.

"Predominantly they are sphere-shaped, but they are inexplicably varied in nature."

He said other dangers that could be associated with U.F.O.'s. were their affinity with cars.

"The terror engendered when these things follow cars at great speeds could cause great danger by the very nature of the fear caused."



DR. McDONALD