

# 'No evidence' of UFOs

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LONDON, Tuesday (AAP). — British Ministry of Defence scientists do not believe that flying saucers have visited Earth, The Times reported today.

The Times air correspondent, Arthur Reed, said the scientists had reached this conclusion about unidentified flying objects (UFOs) despite many sightings reported by police and public in Britain late last year.

"Neither have the reports of unidentified flying objects passed to us provided evidence that extra-terrestrial craft have vis-

ited the earth", the Ministry says in a letter.

The letter was written to Mr Angus Brooks, a retired BOAC executive, who gave a vivid account of seeing an object near his home in Dorset in October.

Three Government em-

ployees, including a scientist and an RAF psychologist visited Mr Brooks, heard his story and went to the place where he made his sighting.

In the letter one of them wrote, "Our radar cover is such that we are quite satisfied that there is no clandestine aerial activity over the United Kingdom under terrestrial control".

In his original report Mr Brooks said he saw what could have been the reflection of a craft high in the sky over Portland. This disappeared, and the craft, "descending at lightning speed", levelled out a quarter of a mile away at 200 to 300 feet and stayed for 22 minutes.

In its letter the Ministry suggests that Mr Brooks first saw an aircraft's vapour trail, and that the appearance of the craft is accounted for by a "vitreous floater", a piece of loose matter, such as a dead cell, floating in the fluid of the eyeball.