

U.F.O. MAN IS 'A SCEPTIC'

Mr. Peter Powell, who is investigating UFO sightings on Eyre Peninsula this week, describes himself as a sceptic.

"Nintyeight per cent of sightings can be explained, it is the other two per cent in which we are interested," he said today.

With his assistant Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Powell on Sunday investigated the "saucer nest" at Tooligie Hill.

He took photographs and soil samples and said the testing of the samples would indicate whether or not the marks resulted from natural causes.

"Whatever made the circular gougings came from the air, but it will be impossible to positively prove they were caused by a UFO," he said.

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ON Tuesday evening Mr. Powell gave an illustrated talk at Murdinga and while here has been interviewing people who have reported seeing UFO's.

A matriculation student, Mr. Powell (17) was a joint founder of the UFO

Research and Investigation group.

His interest in UFOs became scientific after he had won a competition in which contestants were asked to draw their idea of a flying saucer.

Mr. Powell described the group's work as a general enquiry into UFO sightings, an enquiry which on Eyre Peninsula was only beginning.

He predicted that it would be another year before any pattern in the sightings could be discerned. More than 500 reports had to be checked in any area before a computerised assessment of the sightings could be made.

UFO Research and Investigation has just completed a 900 manhour enquiry in the mid north where UFOs were first seen in the 1890's.

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Mr Powell said there was no typical UFO.



• UFO researchers Peter Powell left and Rodney Armstrong talk with Mrs Pam Grouse who, with her husband, recently saw an Un identified Flying Object near Farm Beach.