

COVER-UP ALLEGED

CIA papers tell of UFOs near N-stations

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AAP-a(AAP-AP). — Unidentified flying objects near several defence installations in recent years are reported in nearly 1,000 pages of documents recently issued by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The documents were obtained under a freedom-of-information suit by the Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) an organisation based in Phoenix, Arizona, which monitors reports of unidentified flying objects. Further documents and film have been requested.

Mr William Spaulding, of GSW, said the documents indicated that UFOs were reported over nuclear installations of the strategic air command in November, 1975, with one described as a 30-metre-diameter sphere with craters around the outside.

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Another base reported it had been buzzed by a bright object the size of a car at an altitude of 300 to 600 metres.

Mr Spaulding accused the government of a cover-up, alleging, "We have information to categorically prove the Govern-

ment is lying and that significant findings have been suppressed. We have five ex-intelligence officers who will testify to this cover-up".

The Washington Post reported yesterday that two F-4 Phantom jets scrambled in a 1976 incident over Iran, according to an Air Force report.

One Iranian pilot reported his aircraft's electronic equipment had stopped working when the object was approached but resumed working when the aircraft veered away. The unidentified

veered away. The unidentified object was said to have been as large as a jetliner.

Mr Spaulding said one of the CIA documents states that a MIG jet fighter had been destroyed over Cuba while chasing a UFO.

The documents disclose sightings of unexplained objects over Malstrom Air Force base in Montana, Loring Air Force base in Maine and Wurtsmith Air Force base in Michigan.

In reports from those bases and missile launching sites in other States, the UFOs are said to have hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas, sometimes as low as three metres off the ground.
