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Further to Ed Stewart's comments, the UFOCAT contains the whole Project Blue Book files introducing IFOs in great number.

My experience using 1900-1947 print out is that there are significant non-UFO items present. "Dark Days", "Aerial explosions or sounds", most of Wilkins' silly not UFO events.

In 1947 the entry for Arnold's sighting appears many times. However, it was also encoded for June 1947, Summer 1947 and 1947 in several entries. These duplications/incomplete designations also skew the results somewhat.

Correct me if I am wrong, but I think Dr. Johnson told me that at different times there were different priorities concerning cases which were added to the UFOCAT. At one time only CE cases added recorded. So there are internal selection effects, besides all the regular problems posed by UFO data.

The portion I have used is still of great value and has helped locate further information on known sightings and in finding new incidents.

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