

5. Skyquakes: Unexplained aerial explosions usually attributed to supersonic aircraft. Many undoubtedly can be explained in this way, but some remain a mystery. Some reports preceded invention of airplane. Possible UFO connection. NICAP is gathering evidence.
6. Ice-falls: Unexplained falls of large chunks of ice, frequently attributed to aircraft icing. Many too large for aircraft icing or hailstones have fallen when icing conditions were not present in the atmosphere. Some reports preceded the invention of the airplane. Possible connection with UFO activity. New theory--possibly ice meteorites, or parts of huge space icebergs falling to earth.
7. Falls: Other materials, usually metallic or stony, which have fallen to earth. Some of unusual composition or structure, apparently not meteorites. Possible UFO connection in some instances. NICAP analyzes these materials whenever possible.
8. Contactees: People who claim contact and communication with space men, usually involving rides in a space ship and receipt of philosophical or religious messages. Many fakers and opportunists involved, but each claim is treated as a separate case and investigated by NICAP. If anything solid or factual is learned, it will be reported in NICAP publications. Polemics about contactee claims is avoided. Priority is given to serious, factual information in general.
9. Landings: Reports of UFO landings or near-landings, sometimes involving sightings of occupants. Some reports, though lacking in proof, are not inherently impossible or self-contradictory. NICAP considers it a reasonable theory that some UFOs are space ships, so it investigates landing reports made by reputable persons.
10. Air Force: NICAP believes that AF policy, possibly at the direction of a higher agency, is based on one or more of the following considerations--fear of panic if the facts were made public, lack of control over the UFO situation, lack of knowledge about the forces behind UFO activity. NICAP regrets that its fight for release of UFO information has to be directed at the AF, but it is the government agency officially responsible for UFO investigation. Many AF officers and enlisted men, who also disagree with the official policy, have given NICAP information without violating security regulations.
11. Official regulations: AF Regulation 200-2 "Intelligence--Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" orders AF personnel not to reveal unsolved UFO reports. JANAP 146, a Joint Chiefs of Staff order, provides for rapid secret transmission of reports on UFOs by aircraft in CIRVIS reports. (CIRVIS--Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.) Anyone revealing contents or existence of CIRVIS report is punishable under Espionage Laws.
12. Secrecy: In addition to the secrecy orders cited above, UFO reports are withheld from the public by labeling them "Official Use Only." In 1948 the Air Technical Intelligence Center concluded, in a Top Secret Estimate of the Situation, that the flying saucers were interplanetary vehicles. This was publicly disclosed by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of the AF UFO project. High AF officials now deny the document exists, but NICAP has proof it was drawn up and classed Top Secret by ATIC. As revealed by NICAP in a press release (Feb. 27, 1960) an AF Inspector General Brief issued Dec. 24, 1959, stated "UFOs Are Serious Business," and instructed investigating officers to be equipped with geiger counters. The private admonition was in sharp contrast to the public "fact sheets" issued every six months debunking UFOs. NICAP also has proof of specific instances of AF secrecy.

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