

However, 1,112 sighting reports were received by the U.S.A.F. in 1966, and 1,501 in 1952, long before any orbiting satellites. Also, by the U.S.A.F.'s own figures, of the total sightings investigated in 1957, (1006) only 8 were classified as satellites and only 18 the following year. Clearly, there is no significant relationship between UFO reports and orbiting satellites, despite the fact that after October 1957 some UFOs could be identified as such.

The U.S. Air Force did not prove that UFOs were not spaceships from other worlds. The facts are that a significant percentage of reports investigated by the U.S.A.F. (and by other official bodies) remain unidentified despite every attempt to classify them as some known natural phenomena or man-made objects. The U.S.A.F. claims between 2 and 3% remain unidentified, but several analyses of their files conducted by scientists and others disclose that in reality the correct figure should be at least 20% unidentified. It has been clearly established by several studies that the U.S.A.F. engaged in statistical juggling.

Studies of "saucer" reports show that many UFOs are in fact similar and a technique of engineering geometry known as orthographic projection has established that some are identical in all outward respects. Patterns do indeed exist. There is a great variety of shapes, sizes, etc, but objects fitting a particular description are reported by highly reliable and competent observers (including scientists) time and time again. A study of 10 cases may easily reveal 10 different types but a study of 1000 cases may still reveal 10 different types, with each repeated 100 times. The argument used that "saucers" cannot be spaceships because there is no pattern (the statement is invalid anyway) could then also be used to prove that the witnesses saw nothing at all. This is so because it has been established that in some cases, for example aircraft, were actually seen. If there is no pattern in the reports, then (using Mr. Leokum's logic) the witnesses did not see aircraft either, and so on to eliminate all other explanations.

It is granted that about 80% of sightings are explainable as "many other things". But once identified, they are no longer UFOs. The 20% remaining unidentified (or even 2-3% if you prefer) have not been identified as "many other things", hence they could be spaceships. So, as you see, the whole problem of UFOs is still an open book despite the U.S. Air Force and the Condon Committee (which Mr. Leokum failed to mention). An interesting little fact concerning the Condon Committee (which carried out a two-year scientific study under contract from the U.S. Air Force at the University of Colorado) is that approximately 38% of the cases they investigated remain unidentified after severe scientific scrutiny. This little fact is generally unknown because most people who bothered to look at the Condon Report (1000 pages) omitted the details and formed their opinions solely upon Dr. Condon's brief summary, in which he neglected to mention this fact. Misinformation again!