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STATUS OF PROJECT BLUE BOOK

I. OVERALL STATUS

A total of 91 reports of unidentified flying objects were received by Project Blue Book during the period covered by this status report (June, July, August 1953). This is an increase of 2 reports over those received during the period covered by Status Report No. 11 (March, April, May 1953). An average of 6.9 reports per week has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center for the past six months.

Because of the decrease in newspaper publicity, fewer reports have been received from civilians with the result that military sightings now account for approximately 60 per cent of unidentified flying object (UFOB) reports. In spite of the dropping of the subject by the national press, it is significant to note that a steady influx of 6.9 reports per week are received by Project Blue Book from persons who sincerely believe they observed unusual airborne objects. This is one of the reasons why this project is being continued.

Every effort to improve the quality of reports has been made by Project Blue Book. Briefings to the Air Defense Command were conducted stressing the need for more complete and scientific data in order to properly evaluate the observations. A manual has been prepared recently for the purpose of instructing reporting officers on what information is desired on an unidentified flying object observation. Reporting officers have been requested to hold preliminary investigations before forwarding the report to this Center. Air Force Regulation 200-2 sets up new reporting procedures on unidentified flying objects so that reports will be more complete. The quality of the reports has increased considerably and the result has been that approximately 90 per cent of the observations are being explained. This leaves 10 per cent unexplained as compared with 20 per cent unexplained in 1952.

A complete statistical study of all reports from 1947 to 1952 is expected not later than 15 October 1953. This study will include statistical probabilities on indexes of comparisons on unidentified flying objects and a general commentary of the conclusions reached by the study. This is the first effort ever made to treat sightings mathematically.

The Air Technical Intelligence Center has set up a policy to keep the American public informed on the operations of this project. All releases of public information are handled by the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Washington 25, D. C.

Project Blue Book continued to screen and evaluate all reports as soon as possible after being received. The following represents a breakdown of the number of reports by month and percentage breakdown of evaluations.

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	CONCLUSION	NO.	PERCENTAGE
June:-	Astronomical	7	25.9
	Balloon	4	15.1
	Aircraft	3	11.1
	Insufficient Data	5	18.4
	Other	5	18.4
	Unsolved	3	11.1
	Total	27	100.0
July:-	Astronomical	9	24.4
	Balloon	13	35.1
	Aircraft	5	13.5
	Insufficient Data	4	10.8
	Other	3	8.1
	Unsolved	3	8.1
	Total	37	100.0
August:-	Astronomical	5	18.5
	Balloon	6	22.3
	Aircraft	4	14.8
	Insufficient Data	7	25.9
	Other	2	7.4
	Unsolved	3	11.1
	Total	27	100.0

II. CANADIAN "FLYING SAUCER"

Project Blue Book has received several reports from the Air Attache in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, substantiating the fact that experiments on a "flying saucer" are actually being conducted at A. V. Roe, Limited, Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Jack Frost, the designer-engineer, has been working on this particular project for the past three years at A. V. Roe, Toronto, Canada. During this period he has made several attempts to gain the interest of various agencies in his project, but without apparent success; he visited the United Kingdom and was unable to arouse any interest in his project. Approximately two or three years ago, he also visited Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio (supposedly on other business), and outlined his ideas to as yet anonymous personnel. Recently, Mr. Frost as a result of Viscount Montgomery's briefing on this project, Mr. Frost was again sent to the British Isles by A. V. Roe, Limited, supposedly to wind tunnel test his model, but in fact to present his ideas and design to prominent British authorities.

Mr. Frost is presumed to be in the United Kingdom at the present time. A recent letter received by the Defense Board of Canada from their liaison officer in the United Kingdom indicated that Mr. Frost received a cordial reception from British scientific personnel and has convinced several of his major critics that his ideas are sound. It has also been reported from another source that the United Kingdom (firm or individual

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