

intelligence experts reached the following conclusions:

1. The average speed of the unknown objects was somewhere between 653 and 980 miles per hour.
2. All the objects appeared round, of the same size, and gave off a bluish-white glow of very high intensity.
3. The objects seemed to be maneuvering in a circular or elliptical pattern within the group, at very high speeds.
4. Because of these high speeds, the objects obviously could not be balloons or birds.
5. They were not any type of known aircraft.
6. The sighting could not be explained by any conventional answer.

Asked if the Times-Herald could see the final analysis report, an Air Force spokesman said that there were certain reports the Air Force could not make public for security reasons, risk of libel, and other reasons.

However, the spokesman said the film could be viewed at Wright field, Ohio.

Not Discounting Theory

The Air Force officially neither accepts nor rejects the interplanetary theory.

Brig. Gen. Sory Smith, Air Force public relations chief, put it this way:

"We do not know enough about it to deny that flying saucers exist. Conversely, we have no proof that they do exist.

"In our investigation we are not discounting the possibility that the saucers—if they exist—could be interplanetary. We are interested in anyone who might be using the air over the United States.

"However, we have no authen-

tic physical evidence ~~that they~~ are interplanetary."

Continuing, Gen. Smith stated:

"For the Air Force to admit that flying saucers exist, it would want indisputable physical evidence. For such an admission, it would want stronger evidence than it now has."

Summing up the problem, he said:

"So far, the question of whether flying saucers exist, and if so, what they are, has not been conclusively answered either way."

But one thing is certain, he added. The Air Force will continue to seek the answer.

Will Push Campaign

Meanwhile, Keyhoe plans to continue his campaign to compel the Air Force to disclose the facts he says it is concealing. He told the Times-Herald he will continue to make his claims in print and on television, and will challenge the Air Force to deny them.

"If any official, after reading the final analysis on the Utah film, says that it did not rule out birds, known aircraft or conventional objects as the cause of those objects, I will call him a liar to his face.

"I do not like to use such terms, but after all, the Air Force has, in effect, been calling me a liar and I'm getting tired of it."

Regardless of the charges and counter-charges, so long as the Air Force has unsolved sightings in its files — and until it is definitely known what the flying saucers are — the average person is bound to wonder . . .

Are the flying saucers real? If so, what are they?

The final chapter is yet to be written in this strange drama. The answer is not yet available to us.

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