

Air Force Still Doubts Saucers

WASHINGTON, March 18 (U.P.)—The Air Force said today that despite recent reports to the contrary, it still believes there is no such thing as a "flying saucer."

A spokesman said that Air Force intelligence and technical officers had not been impressed by any of the latest accounts of flying discs.

The spokesman also categorically denied the Air Force was denying the existence of flying saucers to cover up some of its own experiments in space ships and similar air machines.

The Air Force position, he said, still is that reports of unidentified flying objects results from "misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes."

The Air Force reached this conclusion last December after a special group of civilian scientists and Air Force technical officers had investigated 375 "flying saucer" incidents over a two-year period.

Since then, preliminary investigation of such reports has been left to Air Force technical and intelligence officers at field bases. But if they should decide further investigation is warranted, Air Force headquarters here will be advised.

So far, no report has had enough credibility to be forwarded here. Air Force officials are confident no future report will have either.

(For a report on an officer who believes the "saucers" are space ships, see Page 11 of This World.)