

Letters to the Editor

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Flying Saucers

Sir: Up until August of 1952 reports of UFO's, or "flying saucers," were frequently in newspapers all over the country, and many reports reached the front pages. But on August 13 of that year, 68 glowing UFO's appeared over Washington, D.C., all at the same time. The incident was suppressed so well that none of the nation's news services even mentioned the event. But as fantastic as it sounds, it actually happened. The full story was compiled in a document published by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, entitled "A Preliminary Study of Unidentified Targets Observed on Air Traffic Control Radar." This document not only shows the flight patterns of the UFO's but it also specifies which commercial airliners the objects followed. Now if, as the Air Force is telling us, UFO's don't exist, how can the CAA describe their flight patterns?

Ever since the Washington incident, almost all UFO sighting reports have been censored. A strict Air Force order entitled AFR 200-2 forbids Air Force personnel from talking in public about UFO sightings. It also states that information about UFO's is to be withheld from the press unless the object seen "has been positively identified as a familiar or known object."

It is my belief that everyone should be entitled to know the facts about UFO's, but it appears that the true nature of the UFO's is so startling, and perhaps frightening, that our Government is withholding the facts from its own citizens. As long as the majority of the public continues its "don't care" or "the whole idea is ridiculous" attitude toward UFO's, the Government may never let the truth get out in the open. Only when the public shows some interest and applies some pressure on the Air Force, might we be told the entire, true story.

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