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# Most UFO's Explainable, Says Scientist

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CORNING — Unidentified flying objects "are not the business of the Air Force," the man directing a government - sponsored study of the phenomena, Dr. Edward U. Condon, said here Wednesday night.

In an hour - long rundown on the government's interest in the field and the recollection of some baffling and spectacular claims by UFO "observers," Dr. Condon left no doubt as to his personal sentiments on the matter:

"It is my inclination right now to recommend that the government get out of this business. My attitude right now is that there's nothing to it."

With a smile he added, "but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year."

The University of Colorado professor of physics and astral physics spoke to a full house of members of two local science societies — the Corning Section of the American Chemical Society and the Corning Glass Works Chapter of Sigma XI, a research fraternity — at the East High School auditorium.

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He was named by the Air Force to head the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, now in its third month—and with a total cost, according to Dr. Condon, of $313,000. The study will continue until next February.

After pooh-poohing what he termed unreasonable claims that the Air Force refuses to release information on space phenomena, Condon drew laughter when he reflected, "but there must be something to it or else the government would not have set up a committee to investigate it."

He continued, "What we're always reduced to is interviewing persons who claim they've had some kind of experience. . . I don't know of any cases where the phenomenon was still there after the person reports it . . . and it always seem to wait until they get home before they report what they saw."

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Condon said his study group has less than 100 reported UFO sightings which remain inexplicable. Many, he said, are traced to rockets, satellites, or aircraft.

On photographs reputed to be of UFOs, Condon said that many are obvious fakes, but admitted that "some are very puzzling; they seem to be something, but we just don't know what they are."

Dr. Condon added that his study group and the Air Force are studying several sets of photographs which have proven to be mysterious. Among them, he said, are two sets of Polaroid photographs.