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AIR FORCE TO CONTRACT WITH SCIENTISTS  
FOR UFO INVESTIGATIONS

The Air Force is taking steps to strengthen scientific investigations of reports it receives on unidentified flying objects (UFO).

The help of more individuals within the scientific community will be sought through contracts calling for prompt, in depth investigation of selected UFO reports. Air Force officials are now discussing the project informally with university and other scientific leaders to determine their interest.

The decision to award the contracts was based on a recommendation by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board which reviewed the resources, methods and findings of Project Blue Book - the Air Force program to investigate and evaluate UFO reports.

In its report, which was submitted to the Air Force in March, the investigating committee recommended expanding the program to include investigation of selected sightings by independent scientists. The committee also concluded that there has been no evidence that unidentified flying objects are a threat to national security, and complimented the Air Force on the organization of Project Blue Book.

The Air Force is preparing work statements for the new contracts now. Funds for them will be requested from FY 67 and FY 68 budgets.

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