

'DEBUNKING' CHARGED ON UFO STORIES

Researcher Says CIA Is Putting Pressure On Air Force

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 7 (AP)—The United States Central Intelligence Agency has ordered the Air Force to "debunk" stories on unidentified flying objects, a University of Arizona physicist charged yesterday.

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the university's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said the hush-hush policy has throttled any scientific investigation of the objects.

And he said there is reason to believe some of the objects may carry persons from outer space on reconnaissance missions over the earth.

He made his comments in a talk to scientists in the department of meteorology yesterday.

However, just today the Air Force announced that the University of Colorado has been award-

ed a research grant of about \$300,000 to undertake independent investigations of reports on unidentified flying objects.

McDonald, also an adviser of the Navy's Storm Fury panel, said he reached the extraterrestrial theory reluctant after years of research on the UFO problem.

Discovered CIA Order

While doing research at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where the Air Force filed its flying saucer reports, McDonald said he discovered the CIA order—with the notation that its role not be disclosed.

McDonald said the order was attached to a book of UFO investigations compiled by scientists and called the "Robertson Report." Completed in 1953, some of the report was declassified a short time later.

But McDonald noted that only three of its four sections were declassified and when he tried to follow up his original research by seeking photostatic copies, it was suddenly reclassified.

At Wright-Patterson, however, the head of the Air Force Blue Book Project, which investigates UFO reports, discounted McDonald's remarks and accused him of using "bad verbage."

Maj. Hector Quintanilla said the "major portion" of the 1953 report had long since been declassified. He said its purpose was not to discourage scientific investigations but to remove the aura of danger from UFO sightings.

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