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UFOs Seen As Global Problem

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are a global problem with similar patterns observed on each side of the earth, University of Arizona physicist Dr. James E. McDonald said today after returning from a two-week trip to Australia.

McDonald talked there with 80 persons who had seen UFOs and found the majority of those he interviewed "no-nonsense" types with impressive stories to tell.

"There is perhaps even a

higher per capita frequency of observations in Australia than here," McDonald said.

"There is the same observation of disc-shaped and cigar shaped objects," he said.

"Frequently, the UFOs are seen to hover at low altitude and they often follow cars closely there as here.

"There was one case near Adelaide where a UFO stopped three cars together. This type of incident is one reason why

the UFO phenomena can't be waved off as psychological."

After more than a year of concentrated study of many dozens of UFO episodes, McDonald has come to the conclusion that the most probable hypothesis to explain them is that they are probes of some sort from outer space.

The witnesses in Australia had been lined up for him by

UFO investigative groups there.

In Australia, as in the United States, the problem is not investigated by scientifically trained personnel, and the Royal Australian Air Force scoffs at the evidence, giving frequently atmospheric-optical explanations that don't fit, said McDonald, who is senior physicist in the UA Institute of Atmospheric Physics.

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