

McDonald, Russ Agree On UFOs

For Study To Solve Mystery

A University of Arizona professor agrees with a Soviet astronomer that there should be a cooperative effort to unravel the mystery of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Dr. James E. McDonald, a UA authority on atmospheric physics, has endorsed a plea for international scientific study of flying saucers made over the weekend by Prof. Feliks Y. Zigel, an astronomer with the Moscow Aviation Institute.

The Soviet astronomer called for a "joint effort of all the scientists of the world" to determine the nature of UFOs.

"It is unwise, possibly even unsafe, to delay any longer in getting some really high-caliber investigations of UFOs under way," McDonald said.

He added that it "would be amusing if it should turn out that Russian scientists are the ones who finally convince the world that 20 years of assurances by the U.S. Air Force were completely unjustified."

The Air Force, in its "Project Bluebook," states that thousands of sightings from credible witnesses, are virtually everything but UFOs. Consultants in the bluebook attribute the sightings to such phenomena as swamp gas, fireballs, lightning and secret test devices.