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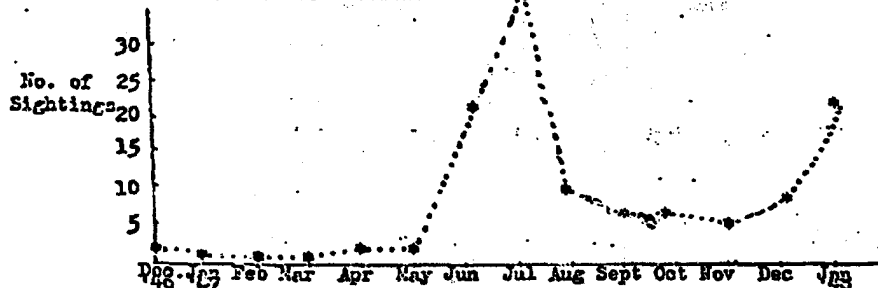
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FROM : Dr. Stone, OSI (Am)  
SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

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1. A rapid perusal of your documents leaves one confused and inclined to supineness.
2. The following considerations seem not to have been included in the survey:
  - a. No suggestion is noted that there is a possibility that many of the objects may be "free" meteorological sounding balloons.
  - b. If a true "flying saucer" is to be involved, it is extremely unlikely that they be found over the U. S. because:
    - (1) U.S. developments would be closely coordinated with USAF or commercial designers.
    - (2) Foreign aircraft development would hardly be tested at such a range from home areas, even if fuel could be supplied
    - (3) Guided aircraft at a range of several thousand miles are beyond any known capabilities, including ours.
  - c. What is the psychological probability that any object seen briefly against "zero" background will be circular, or oval, in appearance?
  - d. Has any one commented on the curious time distribution of the observations? Note chart below:



Is there any midsummer madness involved? Are asteroids prominent in that season? Etc., etc.

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