

'Keep an Open Mind' on UFOs, Restricted Textbook

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Col. (UPI)—Cadets at the Air Force Academy, are being advised to keep an open mind on the subject of unidentified flying objects.

The suggestion comes in a 500-page notebook that is restricted to "Academy use only." The section on UFOs is a 14-page chapter written by Maj. Donald G. Carpenter.

Academy officials denied a report that the Air Force had been keeping the textbook secret. They said the book was in short supply because only 200 copies had been printed.

The chapter on UFOs noted that such objects had been reported for almost 50,000 years and says, "The entire phenomenon could be psychological, but this is quite doubtful" because of

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some of the reliable witnesses who have spotted them.

"It could also be due to known and unknown phenomena *** but this is also questionable," the book says.

"This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors or at least alien-controlled UFOs. However, the data is not well correlated and suggests at least three and maybe four

groups of aliens, possibly at different stages of development.

"This, too, is difficult to accept: It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of planets in our solar system or a

surprisingly strong interest in earth by members of other solar systems."

The textbook says, "The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind."