

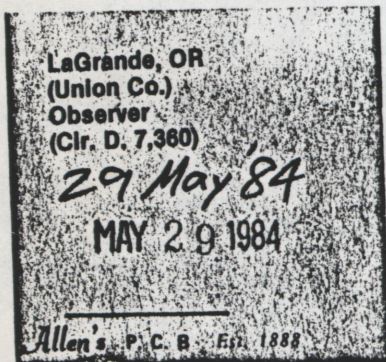
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tion."

He said whatever the explanation, the phenomenon of UFO's warrants further study.

Hynek said the UFO center was founded in 1973 and has since collected 80,000 UFO reports from 140 countries. Not all the reports are worthy of study, he said.

"There remains, however, an impressive residue of truly baffling detailed reports...." he said.



Specialist claims UFOs exist, do not resemble

NEW YORK (UPI) — UFO's exist — and the evidence is that they do not resemble any known objects, like meteors or weather balloons, a UFO specialist said today.

J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University, said a computer analysis of 400 well-substantiated cases has demonstrated that the reported properties of UFOs are "totally inconsistent with those of

everyday objects and phenomena."

In all the chosen cases, the observers were credible and unaware of each others' reports, he said.

"For example, some of the best-investigated and well documented UFO reports describe objects or luminous phenomena that can hover noiselessly close to the ground and then almost instantaneously take off with tremendous speed," he said.

"Known objects which hover are not silent, and those which take off

with tremendous speed are not silent," he told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Some other findings:

— Of the 158 UFOs reported to be silent and the 69 with unusual powers of acceleration, 23 exhibited both abilities, "a paradoxical situation."

— One hundred of the cases occurred in broad daylight. Of those, 37 were silent, 41 were disc-shaped, 27

hovered, 21 accelerated unusually quickly, 11 landed, 35 were metallic, and 30 were witnessed independently.

Hynek said psychologists and psychiatrists would be hard put to explain how witnesses separated geographically and unaware of the others' observations could be so misled "as to imagine simultaneously, for example, that a meteor could stop, hover, and then reverse direc-