

Scientists Studying UFO Reports

NEW YORK (AP) — A new UFO Study Center in Evanston, Ill., is gathering nationwide reports on unidentified flying objects, Dr. J. Allen Hynek said today.

Dr. Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, and long interested in UFOs, said police departments across the country had been invited to telephone in reports of any "sightings," using a toll-free switchboard manned around the clock.

"The UFO Study Center came into existence because a growing number of qualified scientists, engineers and other professionals have long believed the UFO phenomenon to be worthy of investigation and decided that positive action should be taken to end a quarter-century of misunderstanding and misrepresentation," he said.

"More than 15 million Americans believe that they have sighted UFO phenomena, and these essentially similar reports persist year after year.

"With the cooperation of the police, the FBI and the Civil Defence Agency, the center now provides the organization and personnel to study the problem" of so-called "flying saucers."