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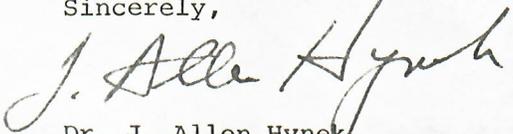
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My interest in UFO's lies solely in the interdisciplinary challenge that the phenomenon presents. I am not

as much concerned whether the UFO phenomenon represents an "inner or outer space" phenomenon as I am in seeing the scientific method applied to its investigation.

It will be a pleasure to make any contributions that I can to the work of your committee.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Hynek:

I am delighted to hear from you and pleased to know that you do want to join our Committee. I have sent a copy of your letter to Paul Kurtz and I presume he will get the membership application sent to you if you haven't already sent one in.

As I trust you understand, the Committee consists of a wide variety of viewpoints but a singular concern with scientific pursuit of the questions, wherever that might lead. Although Phil Klass was one of the founders of the Committee, a number of us on it do not fully share his convictions about normal alternative explanations for all known UFO cases. And many newer Members (including Stanton Friedman who earlier indicated his intent to join us, and I assume he has -- I can't be sure since the records are kept in Buffalo not here) are rather positive about the existence of UFOs. I hope that the membership base of the Committee will continue to spread. But ultimately, of course, it is the skeptics on the Committee that will have to be converted. But I hope we can present a forum for discussion that will truly allow rational communication to take place so that the truth about such matters will finally be ascertained where possible.

I mention this in part because I am sure that as things go on, some members of the Committee will find their work attacked by other members. For example, the first issue of THE ZETETIC will contain a very negative review of Charles Panati's collection of papers on Uri Geller. Panati is a member of the Committee. I hope that he will take future space in the journal to respond to the criticisms. Re Ufology, Jacob's book is reviewed in the same issue (with mixed comments) and I hope he will want to join the Committee as well as respond to the criticisms. The same is, I am sure, going to be the case when your books are reviewed. I can only assure you that the pages of the journal will be open to full debate of these matters. As editor, I will try to keep things onto the issues, away from ad hominem attacks, etc. We already have over 500 subscribers before the first issue is out. I hope we will develop an important readership whose opinions we might help shape. Our journal will, I hope, be important because of the kinds of mixed opinions and debates we will present. It is my view that the major problem with most literature dealing with the paranormal (including the UFO literature) is that it talks mostly to readership that already shares the biases of the editor. It is high time that



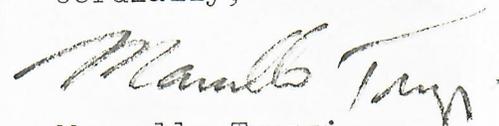
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we got the spokespersons for the various positions directly into communication with one another before the public. I can only pledge to try to keep things as friendly and civilized as possible.

I have also been asked to edit a series of books for Prometheus Press on various paranormal topics. One that would be especially valuable, I should think, would be a good pro and con volume on UFOs. In particular, I was wondering if you might be interested in getting together with an experienced "antagonist" (I would suggest Phil Klass since I know that although he disagrees with you, he holds you in high personal esteem; and I hope you might feel the same about him) and jointly putting out something along those lines. Perhaps transcribed (but edited) discussions of the issues and major cases. Possibly you have some other suggestions.

In any case, let me again welcome you to the Committee. Both Paul Kurtz and I hoped you would join us.

Cordially,



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as a layman. Gross, on the other hand, said that he does not recollect making any such agreement and that in any case he doesn't see how Erickson, as an attorney, could assist him in evaluating scientific papers.

Gross's explanation of the agreement to turn over draft reports is that he did not realize before the May meeting in Key Biscayne* that the committee's proceedings were meant to be confidential. In fact he asked an academy staff member if Erickson, who just happened to be vacationing in Key Biscayne at the time, could attend the meeting of the subcommittee which was convened there in mid-May. When he was told no, he realized for the first time that the committee's deliberations were not open to the public. He thereupon told Erickson

that he could not supply any draft reports. (Gross had already supplied before the meeting copies of his own draft and of certain committee documents.)

The memos confirm that Gross telephoned Erickson after the May meeting to say that he could not, after all, supply the draft reports because he had discovered they were confidential. Nonethe-

*The choice of Key Biscayne as a meeting place seems somewhat eclectic, insofar as two of the subcommittee's members live in Denver, Colorado, and the others in Ontario, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, and New York. Gross, the only Floridian, lives a hundred miles to the northwest, in Naples. Asked why Key Biscayne was chosen as the meeting place, a staff member of the subcommittee explained that Gross had offered to be the host: "It's nice to have a local representative to handle arrangements and Gross fulfilled that requirement by inviting us to come to Florida." Another academy official provided this explanation for the choice of the sun-drenched resort: "It was suggested that they find a quiet retreat, which they attempted to do at Denver but failed."

less, "Dr Gross felt that he could read to me the draft conclusions pertaining to the health aspects of the subcommittee's report," Erickson told his superior. From the synopsis given in the memo it appears that Gross read out the conclusions of his own report (which he says he had every right to do since it summarized his own published observations), together with the conclusions reached by another member, E. Cuyler Hammond, the American Cancer Society's statistician.

Gross, a pathologist by background, believes strongly that the presence of short asbestos fibers in drinking water does not present any hazard to human health. This is a point on which there appears to be a range of scientific opinion, with the centrist position being that one

Air Force Bestows on National

The National Archives has recently come into possession of the Air Force's files for Project Blue Book, the two-decade-long investigation conducted to determine whether unidentified flying objects were for real. The project was closed in 1969 after the government decided that none of the 12,618 cases in the file indicated the existence of extraterrestrial vehicles.

The collection has been available for perusal by scholars willing to make the trip to Maxwell Field in Alabama. Now, at the Archives, anyone will be able to walk in and see for himself the tangible residue of all the excitement that began with the "first" UFO sighting, over Mt. Rainier, in 1947—newspaper clippings, scrawled letters, technical papers, drawings, blurred photographs, and bits of junk collected from purported landing sites.

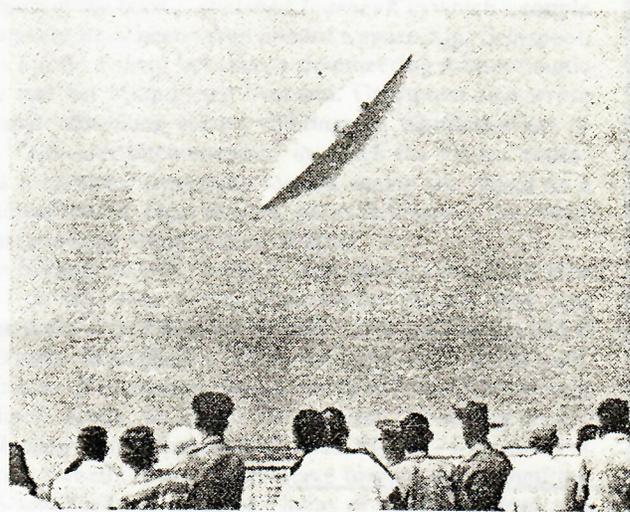
The material consists of about 42 cubic feet of written materials, photographs, a few dozen artifacts, a number of sound recordings, and 39 films. Everything but the tapes, films, and artifacts has been put on microfilm. The Air Force has blacked out all the names of the people who contributed materials; otherwise, the files have been transferred unabridged.

It is an assortment, judging from the brief sampling *Science* took, that only a hardened UFO buff could love.

The artifacts, only a few dozen in all, have all been identified by scientists as being quite earthly: some tiny filaments identified as radar chaff, a couple of small strange-shaped lumps of nylon residue, a strange large bullet-shaped mass that turned out to be a pipe cleaning anode, a piece of volcanic rock, a few grains of charred dirt, an arrowhead said by the sender to have been bent when he let fly an arrow at an extraterrestrial visitor, a mysterious cloudy little ball identified as a part from a roll-on deodorant.

Then there are hundreds of photographs, of lights in the sky, blurry objects, saucer-shaped objects, cigar-shaped objects (many of them obvious hoaxes, such as that with a black blob that had clearly been inked over the picture), the blurred outlines of what could have been a pith helmet.

There are photos showing how other photos could have been manufactured by the double exposure of a lighted shape over a dark sky, and a picture of an indentation on the ground where a purported saucer landed. Flying saucer photographs never seem to be clear. In the film collection are two network documentaries made in the mid-1960's and a slew of short 8-millimeter home movies—one, for example, shows two moving lights in a night sky, then a batch of moving lights (fireflies?), and a butterfly or bird flying by.



Courtesy of the National Archives

From the Blue Book file: this is an airplane at an air show flying through a fogbank.

The microfilmed material contains thousands of newspaper clippings, illegibly scrawled letters, drawings, and diagrams, and many filled-in copies of the "Official U.S. Air Force UFO Form," a seven-page form wherein the writer is invited to describe all the physical circumstances of the sighting. One question says, "Compare brightness with some common object," and one respondent wrote, "Darker than Mars and brighter dark orange color." Another

cannot yet tell one way or the other. Gross's view, at any rate, seems to be scientifically tenable, and he is not in a minority of one in holding it. It is also the position of the Reserve Mining Company, but Gross strongly denies that he advocated the company's or any views but his own in the subcommittee's deliberations. Other members confirm this to be true. One of them, James R. Kramer of McMaster University, Ontario, testified on the opposite side to Gross during the Reserve Mining trial in 1974. According to Kramer, Gross spoke very objectively on the subcommittee, and the arguments between him and Hammond "were probably the most objective and straightforward types of discussion that I have ever witnessed."

However objective Gross's conduct

may have been, the academy has devised an elaborate series of bias screening procedures to bring to light, and if necessary to counter, the kind of relationship that the discovered memos reveal. How well did the academy's procedures work in this case?

"This is probably a textbook example of a case in which, long before the die was cast [in the form of a final report], the trouble was detected and put right," says an academy staff member. Yet in fact the "trouble" might never have been detected through the academy's procedures which, even if adequate in theory, seem to have malfunctioned or been ignored in practice.

The academy's first safeguard against bias, say its officials, comes in the screening process by which scientists are se-

lected for service on a committee. An academy staffer told *Science* that Gross's connections with Reserve Mining "didn't come out in the screening process." Yet it is common knowledge among people in the field that Gross had testified on behalf of Reserve Mining. Although not on a regular retainer, Gross is considered by the company's attorneys as one of their consultants, and his name was included on a list of consultants which the company recently filed in court.

The apparent failure of the academy's screening process to detect such a relationship is significant because the screening is the only step that precedes the invitation to a scientist to become a member of an academy committee. A "bias statement" is sent out at the same time

Archives a Trove for Ufologists

contributor wrote that his UFO was "cigar shape with lights turning on its axle." To another question about whether the object moved behind something, a writer replied that it moved behind "where it was." Had it been seen before? "The same spot lower about a year ago."

It is easy to imagine the Air Force tearing its collective hair out trying to make some order from this sort of testimony, but no doubt there are enough nuggets to keep UFO fans pawing through the assemblage for years to come. Those who seek to uncover a new angle to the phenomenon will find the research a challenge because the material is only filed chronologically, with no cross-indexing according to the type of sighting, experiences, identity of the witnesses, timing, location, and so forth.

The records include material from 12,618 cases, 701 of which remain unexplained. The biggest year for sightings was 1952, with 1501 reports. There were more than 1000 sightings in 1957 and 1966. Only 146 were reported for 1969, the last year of the project, and only one of the objects sighted that year remains unidentified.

According to officials at the Archives the collection has drawn quite a few visitors since the files were opened on 14 July. At any given time there may be a dozen people eagerly grinding UFO data through the microfilm readers. Their number includes quite a few high school kids defying their usual reputation for intellectual torpor, and one very serious science teacher from South Carolina who is planning a book on "the morphology of UFO's."

The national preoccupation with UFO's is cyclical and currently seems to be at a low ebb. There are perhaps a half-dozen organizations around the country dedicated to investigating the phenomenon and none has a membership of more than around 5000. The number of people believing in "flying saucers" remains at about 6 percent of the adult population, according to Gallup polls.

Although the Air Force concentrated almost exclusively on whether UFO's were an external reality, it is likely that the most promising investigations would be in the behavioral, or subjective, aspects of the UFO-sighting phenomenon.

Donald I. Warren, for example, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, has a theory that the people who report seeing flying saucers suffer from "status inconsistency"—they are marginal types socially whose lives are not set in a consistent framework and who like the idea of other and better worlds somewhere.

Lester Grinspoon, a psychiatrist at Massachusetts Mental Health Center, has tried his hand at psychoanalytic interpretations. The famous case of Barney and Betty Hill (subject of the book *Unfinished Journey*), in which a couple claimed to have been taken aboard a spaceship, Grinspoon calls a *folie à deux* between a domineering saucer-fanatic wife and her Milquetoast husband. Grinspoon also wrote a paper advancing saucer sightings as manifestations of the "Isakower phenomenon" in which the viewer undergoes a complex regression toward seeing the object as a maternal breast. Most objects, notes Grinspoon, are either cigar (penis) or round (breast) shaped.

In fairness to UFO buffs, it is probably safe to say that most do not cling to the flying saucer theory—they just think there's "something out there" that science has failed to explain. In an effort to bring more rationality to the topic a number of interested people—ranging from UFO skeptic Philip J. Klass, an editor for *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, to astronomer J. Allen Hynek, who believes there's something out there—have formed the Committee to Scientifically Investigate Claims of the Paranormal and Other Phenomena. They plan a "Kiplinger-type" newsletter, says Hynek, called the International UFO Reporter, which is to be a nonbiased source of information to balance off the hot-headed reports from UFO organizations and publications such as the *National Enquirer*. Hynek is also preparing a book on the Blue Book files, mainly on those 701 cases that remain unexplained.

Even if science gets around to clearing up all the mysteries, it looks as though UFO's will always be with us—however well scientists can tack down the corners of reality, they cannot tack down the roving of the human mind.—C.H.

Ms. Holden told me that she misconstrued Hynek's statement about plans for his own UFO newsletter.

* Correct Title: "Interrupted Journey"

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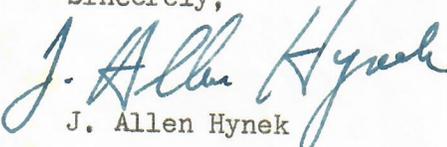
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Dear Dr. Truzzi:

This is in reply to your letter of November 13. I fully understand your dilemma and, of course, agree with the Executive Committee's action.

I am sorry, however, in that I truly feel that your committee will need responsible input about the UFO phenomenon. Accordingly, I propose an exchange of our two publications. I am taking the liberty of enclosing our first issue of the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER. I would appreciate it if we can work out this exchange basis. I feel that it would be mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,


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Dear Marcello:

I have been most remiss in not answering your letter of August 15 but the only extenuating circumstances that I can come up with is that I have done a hell of a lot of traveling during the summer. But now that I am back at work, but not teaching classes since I am retired, I should have adequate time to take care of my correspondence.

I think that the review symposium on Paul McCarthy's dissertation is an excellent idea. I do have a copy. I hope, too, that by now you have found some additional non-pro- UFO person to take part in the symposium. There is a possibility that Owen Gingerich at Harvard and Smithsonian might be a good candidate if he would accept the task. He is certainly a very good historian of science and a good friend of mine.

I understand that you have been in correspondence with Dr. Hendry and concerning her editorship of THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES, to which I am sort of a godfather. I understand that you have responded favorably to the whole idea and will also hopefully be a contributor in the future. Certainly there is a need for a serious, refereed journal for the UFO subject. Any subject which claims the attention of 57% of the American public and God knows how many percentage around the world is deserving of a serious journal. Meanwhile, the International UFO Reporter, I feel, is doing an excellent job at an intermediate level.

Now that I am retired and have no more classes to teach, I am sincerely hoping that I will have time to devote much more attention to the serious side of UFO scholarship. I hope also that this will give me time to really contribute to THE ZETETIC SCHOLAR.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek

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P.S. - Have you been following the Klass-Zechel polemics? I can not help but feel that Phil Klass is doing himself harm by this sort of emotionalism. Is this scholarship? I fear that Phil would make a very good politician in a smear campaign to best his opponent. Well, it will all come out in the wash.



BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON

from the HYNEK'S

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There's some sort of
symbolism here, I guess!

Allen Hynek

P.S. Keep in touch!

WHAT'S THAT?
THEY GOT
HYNEK INSTEAD?

GOOD...GOOD,
THE HEAT'S OFF.



THOSE MYSTERIOUS "MEN-IN-BLACK"
HAVE A MESSAGE FOR DR. HYNEK...



"MERRY CHRISTMAS, BUDDY!"

SEASON'S GREETINGS
from the
HYNEK FAMILY

*Watch out! They're
still at it.
- Allen*

THOSE M.I.B.s HAD ANTENNAE...?



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Dear Marcello:

I thoroughly enjoyed your letter to Jim Oberg. Whenever I have brought up to either Bob Schaeffer or Phil Klass that Klass's two books were mutually contradictory, the argument was just airily waved aside. Phil will undoubtedly get a copy of this letter and will sooner or later have to come out in the open and give his opinion about his first book. I think that he is just wishing that people would forget it and that it would just go away. Fraud, misconceptions and ulterior motives seem to be his stock in trade today as UFO explanations.

My own feeling is that Phil, very much like the late Menzel, sometimes wishes he were championing the positive approach to UFOs but unfortunately, those quantum numbers are filled and he can't go against the Pauli Exclusion Principle. There are still available orbits for the militant skeptics and that is where he has settled. I have often felt that had Menzel not come on so strongly in the early days in his LOOK article etc., showing pictures of him pouring benzene into something else and showing how the swirls got into the interesting shapes which he then blithely extrapolated into the universe of UFOs, he might have taken more scientific interest in the subject. Menzel was clearly a case of "that's my story and I'm stuck with it". I knew Donald very well and knew how emotionally impossible it was for him to change signs once he had expressed a firm opinion on anything.

Again, thanks for your letter, and I hope to hear from you again soon.

By the way, now that I have your ear and eye, let me try this out on you. Jacques Vallee has pointed out a number of times that there is a growing credibility and a growing corps of people who are left stranded -- i.e. they find it difficult if not impossible to discuss their UFO experience with their friends, with the police, scientists, or with the Air Force. They merely get laughed at. I have thought about an appropriate name for

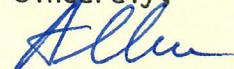
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these people and I have come up with "the legion of the bewildered silent". Certainly they are bewildered and they are forced to be silent for fear of ridicule, and although it is impossible to estimate their numbers, since they are silent, both Jacques and I believe that they are literally legion. As a matter of fact, that might make a good title for an article or a book? But this legion needs a forum. We do get many letters and phone calls at the Center asking whether there is anybody in their locality to whom they can talk or discuss their sightings with. The perceiver of a Close Encounter case, whether it be real or not, is still a lonely child, and needs our help.

Perhaps as a sociologist you can help me out on this one: someone told me that an I.W. Thomas, who he asserted was one of the founders of modern sociology, had once said (quoting as best I can), "if a thing is perceived as real, its effects are real". That certainly applies to Saul of Tarsus and perhaps to Betty Hill. Sociologically, I suppose, that it doesn't really matter whether a perceived phenomenon is real, as long as it is believed to be real, since people will fashion their reactions according to their beliefs. At any rate, it is an interesting point and do you know who this I.W. Thomas was? I ask it out of my ignorance as an astronomer.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



J. Allen Hynek



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Jan. 5, 1978

Professor J. A. Hynek
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Dear Professor Hynek:

The enclosed letter is probably self-explanatory, but I thought I should add a few special words.

Having left the Committee, and the time-consuming tasks of editing THE ZETETIC, I have been going on a "crash" reading course re UFOs. This has led me to a reconsideration of my own only half-formed previous beliefs in this area. Since I considered myself inexpert in this area, I have never taken a public position on the UFO issue, but I had been--I must admit -- inclined to take at face value a number of the alternative (naturalistic) explanations offered by your critics (Menzel and Klass in particular). I still believe Klass is arguing his case "in good faith," but I find many of his points inadequate as explanations. At the same time, I should, add, I do not find myself in full agreement with some of your own public statements. However, I am convinced that true anomalies exist in the UFO area and very much need to be studied seriously and objectively. As to the character and source of these anomalies, it would be premature to do much more than conjecture. My only differences with you are in relation to how far one should publicly conjecture on these matters and thereby "legitimate" some of the extreme elements (contactees, etc.) that tarnish the credibility of the basic merits of investigation itself. Just as association of parapsychology with a fraud like Uri Geller tarnishes serious efforts in that domain, I feel association of Ufology with contactees tarnishes its image. This is not to say the Ufologists should not be interested in and investigate those like Betty Hill; but the stance taken publicly towards such cases should be friendly -skeptical rather than non-committal. Thus, when the public sees you on TV with Mrs. Hill but making no cautionary statements, they presume you believe her tale fully (which you may; I find your comments somewhat ambiguous in this area).

I realize that your time is limited, and I hope not to impose much on it with my proposed venture; but I do hope you will be able to join with me in it. You might be interested to know that I have also asked D. M. Jacobs to be a Consulting Editor also. Since I know you wrote an introduction to one of his books, you might also be interested in knowing that I have asked Michel

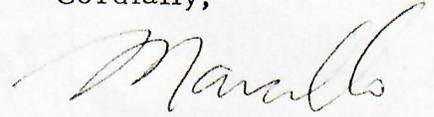


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Gauquelin to do the same. The only other person of relevance to you that I have invited thus far is Carl Sagan. I should hastily emphasize that I have as yet heard no acceptances from anyone; but I am optimistic about getting them all to join with me. I have not yet asked Phil Klass and frankly do not at this time know if I will do so. But I possibly should mention to you that I may ask him to join also. (My hesitation is due to somewhat strained relations between us over my having left the Committee, an act of which he disapproved.)

I very much hope you will join my venture. In any case, your suggestions would be much appreciated.

Cordially,



Marcello Truzzi
Professor & Dept. Head

P.S. I regret that your time in this area was so limited when we briefly met at Washtenaw Community College. I hope to get an opportunity to speak with you at much greater length sometime in the near future, particularly if I can get over to Northwestern for a visit.

Zetetic scholar

An Independent Scientific Review of Claims of Anomalies and the Paranormal

Marcello Truzzi, *Editor*

Sept. 10, 1982

Dear Allen,

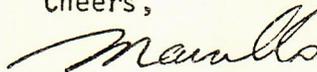
You originally indicated you would reply to Michael Martin's "Defining UFO" in ZS#9. Do you still intend to do so? If so, I would very much like to be include it in issue #10 which is now getting prepared.

Phil Klass sent me the enclosed old memo of David Schroth. You may have already responded to it somewhere. If so, perhaps you could send me a copy or a citation to get it. If not, I would appreciate receiving your comments on the allegations in Schroth's memo.

Hope all goes well with you and CUFOS. I have been extremely busy lately and just returned from the Cambridge University meetings of the Parapsychological Association. An interesting component of the meetings was the presentation by the Chinese psi researchers (now part of the Chinese space program) which claimed not only quite extraordinary results (psi) but also quite extraordinary controls for error/fraud. I remain skeptical, but the claims are very worth further investigation.

Ron Westrum should be returning from Washington state where he has been field interviewing people on an Indian reservation about many UFO reports. I look foward to learning what he has discovered.

Cheers,



Marcello Truzzi



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SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Mar. 27, 1983

Handwritten notes:
→ Korea
Argentina
Chile
France
Sweden

Dear Marcello...

Time, pressures, duties..all these have prevented me from treating you fairly. I still want to do something about the NSA proposal, although I fear it is full of pitfalls. But this is not the moment to discuss this in any detail....not if I want to get the enclosure here to the mails today.

But I am NOT ignoring you!!!!

I am working on the defining the UFO problem. In fact, I shall probably have an editorial on that very thing soon ..but I will send you a fuller treatment for ZS. I haven't forgotten. I don't know how you manage to do all the writing and editing you do... IUR keeps me busy plus 101 other things. You must be better organized...and then you aren't 73 years old either.

The enclosed copy of a letter to Kendrick I expect should suffice to set the record straight... as I said, I wish the whole damned thing had never come up which it wouldn't have had I not written the editorial! Or, at least, had written oit differently!!

If you get the chance, you might tell me what you and Ron think of my reply. Ron has promised a brief account of Yakima for the REPORTER.

Cheers,

Allen

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March 26, 1983

Mr. Kendrick Frazier
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Dear Mr. Frazier:

At long last I am getting down to answering some of the correspondence I have had regarding the NOVA program on UFOs and, in particular, my editorial in the International UFO Reporter.

But first, I should like to deal with a broader topic: As you might gather from this letterhead, I have frequent occasion to be in New Mexico. Since I often pass through Albuquerque I would like to have the opportunity in the near future to visit with you and, hopefully, to clear up a misunderstanding which I feel very much needs clearing up... ..not only regarding the unfortunate NOVA matter but a general misunderstanding of my attitude toward CSICOP. The NOVA matter is a one-time thing but the latter could be a source of continuing, and unnecessary friction.

It ought to be clear, I feel, that as a professional scientist and a teacher of science, and especially as one who taught "Nat Sci 7" and "Nat Sci 9" to many hundreds of Harvard men and Radcliffe women and who, for years, taught a course called "The Nature and Development of Science" at Ohio State, I would certainly abhor pseudo-science in its many forms. And so I do.

Clearly, then, it follows that I do not hold ~~that~~ all of "Ufology" to be pseudo-science, even though I admit that the field is wide open to pseudo-religious fanatics, wishful thinkers, and charlatans. I hold no brief for von Daniken, Adamski, the Bermuda Triangle, the National Enquirer etc, but I do perceive that there is a thing we can properly call "the UFO Phenomenon", which is simply the continued flow of strange stories, often from highly responsible people from all over the world, and sometimes from persons having a considerable degree of technical training.

What I inveigh against is the substitution of a particular interpretation of the phenomenon for the phenomenon itself; viz, that UFOs are, and can be nothing else than, synonymous with "little green men from outer space".

I created the Center for UFO Studies for the purpose of examining the properties of that phenomenon; its demographics, the patterns of reports, the types and nature of the reporters...in short, to monitor the phenomenon to prevent material of possible potential scientific value from going down the drain. Obviously I would not have done this without good reason. I had been forced, so to speak, to become conversant with the phenomenon by virtue of having been asked by the Air Force to be a part of their Project Blue Book. You know, "one is apt to be down on what one is not up on" and had I not been required to become "up on" I might well today hold the same views my late colleague Don Menzel did.

I was, as you probably know, an anathema to "flying saucer" groups and it was I who proposed "swamp gas" as a possible explanation for the 1966 UFO event in Michigan. Thus I can hardly be accused of being a gullible believer in little green men etc. But I have had over thirty years' experience in face-to-face interviews with people who, by all commonly accepted standards, seemed to be responsible and in full possession of their faculties. That experience has convinced me, as no amount of reading alone could have done, that whatever it is we are dealing with, whether real in objective space or real in "psychological space", we are dealing with a most interesting phenomenon and one that deserves study, wherever that study might lead. "Hypotheses non fingo"; I don't have any answers, but I am intrigued as hell by some of the accounts given to me by responsible and technically trained persons.

So, I would like to sit down with you for a friendly chat about this and about the aims of CSICOP. If I am wrong about CSICOP tending to maintain a position rather than being dedicated to "truth", well, I am eminently teachable. I was disappointed in the attitude displayed in the STARBABY episode which I felt demonstrated too strong a defense of CSICOP position, too much of the "It can't be, therefore it isn't" attitude.

Coming now to the most unfortunate NOVA affair: I was most remiss in not checking Andrus' statement with you before writing my editorial. I now have your word that you were innocent of any backstairs arranging of the NOVA format, and I fully accept it. I had assumed that Walt Andrus' interpretation of the situation was correct, and that perhaps Cindy Jessen had altered her story when confronted (as would be a perfectly normal human reaction on the part of a person at the "clerk level" who felt that her job might be in jeopardy.) I of course took Andrus at his word and thus I find myself between the clichéd rock and a hard place, finding it difficult to regard either Andrus or you as a prevaricator. I must ascribe the whole thing to a most unfortunate misunderstanding, the relevant facts having suffered much in translation.

I do, therefore, apologize for the editorial insofar as it refers to you and shall print a retractment in the next issue of the REPORTER. It was unthinking bad judgment on my part. Further, I want to assure you and CSICOP members that I am in full accord with the AIMS of CSICOP; it was its assumptions I felt I had some reason to question.

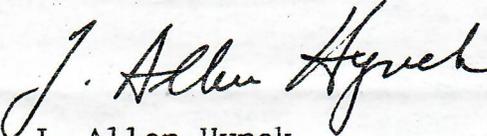
I do hope that we can meet in Albuquerque. I shall be down again in the relatively near future. Incidentally, you might just be interested in how I came to be in possession of an observatory in New Mexico: When I was with Smithsonian, NASA gave us a grant and an observatory in order to patrol the lunar surface for features which might be of particular interest to the astronauts. When I came to Northwestern, I brought the contract with me and Northwestern gained title to the New Mexico land and equipment (a 24-inch Cassegrain telescope). When the Apollo program terminated and almost simultaneously the crunch in government support of science, Northwestern, already in possession of a 40-inch telescope on campus, was reluctant to fund the New Mexico venture, despite the fact under NASA the observatory had done well in its mission and, under NSF had conducted a successful search for supernovae in real time.

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So it came to pass that Northwestern deeded the New Mexico establishment to the Corralitos Astronomical Research Association, a not-for-profit corporation I created for the purpose. No, the observatory is not dedicated to the observation of UFOs!...but it is available to those who need observing time for serious astronomical work.

I hope I may hear from you at your convenience. Please extend my regards to your associates.

Sincerely yours,


J. Allen Hynek



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April 5, 1983

Dear Allen:

I was delighted to finally hear from you. I appreciate that you have been unusually busy both travelling around the world and with the Corralitos Observatory.

I look forward to your "defining the UFO problem" response to Martin for ZS when you find the time to write it up. Glad you still plan to answer him for ZS.

You say "I still want to do something about the NSA proposal, although I fear it is full of pitfalls." I am glad to hear that and look forward to your full reactions in a future letter when you have the time.

I was very glad to see your excellent letter of apology to Ken Frazier. I think it pretty clearly explains what happened and why. I was particularly pleased to see the generally positive tone of your letter, too. Ken and I have had our differences (mainly over the Mars Effect), but I consider him basically well meaning and one of the best among the CSICOP councilors. I am also pleased that you plan to set the record straight on this matter by printing a retraction in the REPORTER. I should also mention I checked this matter out with John Groom and Cindy Jessen myself, and it is quite clear that Walt Andrus was wrong about the matter. I don't understand how he got things twisted, but I presume it was an honest even if dumb mistake. Hopefully, he, too, will set the record straight. I urge you to get him to similarly correct matters in his MUFON journal. If we want people like those at CSICOP to admit when they have been wrong, it is essential that we all do the same when we make mistakes.

Since Phil Klass has probably also been wondering about your silence on the NSA and Frazier matters, I am sending him a copy of this letter to bring him up to date (I trust Ken has sent Phil a copy of your letter to Ken).

I will remind Ron Westrum about his promised report on Yakima for you.

I trust that you got the message from Jerry Clark that David Stupple died two weeks ago.

So, let me hear further from you on the NSA proposal when you have your thoughts together. I think--over all-- Phil Klass has put forward a reasonable proposal, especially as finally put together in our correspondence. Do give it serious thought.

cc: Phil Klass

Cordially,

Marcello Truzzi

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P.S. Have any of your astronomer friends noticed that the recent Mars rocks found in the arctic are easily explained by Velikovsky's scenario? Velikovsky's friends seem to have missed this connection so far.



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March 19, 1983

Dear Allen:

Tried to call you but your CUFOS machine was operating whacky (repeating the message instead of taking messages).

- 1) Mainly write to tell you that David Stupple died last week. Complications with pneumonia and staff infection while in hospital being treated for chronic problems.
- 2) I can understand that you might wish to have nothing to do with Phil Klass but I am amazed and greatly disappointed that you have never answered a single one of my letters regarding his NSA proposal. I do not understand why you have ignored me on this.
- 3) Last word from you indicated that you still intended to reply to Martin's "Defining UFOs" piece in ZS (of which I sent you another copy as requested by you). Do you or don't you intend to comment on this?
- 4) It appears that Ken Frazier was given a bum-rap by Andrus and yourself based upon my own check into the UFO Nova show. Is some sort of retraction or apology planned? You know I am not a supporter of CSICOP, but fair play is fair play.

I hope to hear from you on 2,3,& 4 above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcello".

Marcello Truzzi

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J. ALLEN HYNEK

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Apr. 12, 1983

Dear Marcello -

At last!

Hope you like it -

I'm off to Brazil -

more UFOs!

Cheer,
Allen

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January 11, 1984

Dear Marcello:

I admire your flow of adrenalin, but wonder at your willingness to squander it on letters to Phil Klass. I long ago decided that I must use my adrenalin...and my time...elsewhere, such as on the subject of the present enclosures!

I think this AAAS session will create some interest, particularly among the media...which, as you know, has both its positive and negative aspects. But we can always hope for the best.

It would be fine if you could be present at these meetings...perhaps you will be.

What do you think of Vol. 3 of The Journal of UFO Studies? It is finally out. I think Mimi did a fine job. Question now is whether we should discontinue it and direct worthwhile papers to Sturrock..or elsewhere?

Your advice and comments are always welcome (if not always followed!)

Cheers,



Allen



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Jan. 22, 1984

Dear Allen,

Thanks for your letter of Jan. 11.

At this point it looks doubtful that I will get to the AAAS meetings, but there is an outside chance. I will certainly try to get the tape recordings of the session, however, in any case.

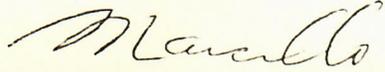
I can not blame you for ignoring Klass. As I have repeatedly said to him, each of us must set our own priorities. Alas, he is now trying to use the fact that I think he made a reasonable proposal against all of us. He says he plans to write up some sort of piece on all of this. Perhaps I should have known better than to try to act as middle-man between you, but I do think his proposal --as amended after we wrote back and forth about it-- was reasonable, and I do rather wish you had called him on it. I rather think he would have backed down (as I think he now is doing anyway) if you had actually accepted. But in any case, you had every right to reject or ignore his offer. Even if I felt more positively about his offer than I did, you would have retained that right.

I was under the impression that we were exchanging the CUFOS newsletter and journal for ZETETIC SCHOLAR. Apparently, we were for some time and your question about what I thought of the new J. OF UFO STUDIES indicates that you may think that remains the case. In fact, I have not received a newsletter for a long time and did not get the most recent journal. I hope you might be able to do something about this to reinstate our exchange arrangement that was in operation. I have been sending you ZS on the assumption of an exchange in operation.

If I can be of any help to you regarding your coming exchange with Oberg, I hope you will call on me. I think it imperative that you be the one arguing for agnosticism and emphasizing that we are talking about unidentified puzzle phenomena. Klass and Company keep trying to make it appear that you have identified the UFOs as extraterrestrial, intelligently controlled, and/or from some other psychic dimension. It is imperative that these latter be seen as hypotheses and conjectures on your part rather than your "solutions." Frankly, Allen, some of your published statements are a bit ambiguous about this; and they will try to use that against you, I suspect. It is important, I think, that your position be presented as the open-minded but conservative position while those like Klass who posit extraordinary explanations like plasmas,* mass hysteria, fraud by persons with no past history of dishonesty, etc., are actually the radicals. Agnosticism like ours (I think you would agree with me here) merely acknowledges the existence of a puzzle that seems to have great importance. By presenting mundande solutions that fail to adequately fit the facts in such cases, as do some critics all of the time and all critics some of the time, they are (a) performing pseudoscience or pseudo-explanations, and (b) showing greater interest in explaining away rather than explaining the phenomena.

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Best,,


Marcello Truzzi

* Since Oberg once wrote me that he did not go along with Klass re the plasma theory of Klass, you might even be able to get Oberg to publicly dissociate himself from Klass's position.

*American Association
for the Advancement of Science*

ROLF M. SINCLAIR, Secretary
Section on Physics—B

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December 22, 1983

Prof. J. Allen Hynek
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Dear Professor Hynek:

This is to confirm our invitation for you to take part in the next Annual Meeting of the AAAS in New York City, May 24-29, 1984. I enclose a preliminary program of the session "The Edges of Science." This session will be held on Tuesday, May 29, from 9:00 A.M. to noon, in the Trianon Ballroom of the New York Hilton in mid-town New York. Please study your entry carefully and let me know of any corrections, particularly to your identification--I would rather get it right in all details. I composed the titles of the talks, so feel free to modify them. I must have changes back to me by January 6, 1984.

I hope you can prepare a short abstract of your talk and type it on the enclosed blue-line form following the example and the instructions. This will then be included in a volume of abstracts made available at the meeting. Again, I must have this by January 6.

On a longer time scale, I would like to know your equipment requirements. The room will be equipped with a neck microphone, a light pointer, a 35 mm carousel slide projector, an overhead projector for transparencies, and one screen. We can furnish any other equipment you will need: for example, a movie projector and/or a second slide projector, a second screen, a blackboard, tables for exhibits, electrical connections for demonstration apparatus, or whatever. Simply let me know when you write me in early January, if you can anticipate your needs now, or by March 10, 1984, at the latest.

As I discussed with each of you separately, the intent is not to have a debate, but rather to explore the different opinions and conclusions at the edges of the natural sciences.

I will send further information on the meeting as it becomes available. And I look forward to meeting you in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Rolf M. Sinclair
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Rolf M. Sinclair
Secretary, AAAS Section B

The Edges of Science

Rolf M. Sinclair

The Properties of the UFO Phenomenon J. ALLEN HYNEK (Northwestern University)

The UFO Phenomenon can be operationally defined as the recorded flow of reports (particularly over the past three decades) of UFOs, from virtually every country in the world, and by the contents of those reports. The Databank at the Center for UFO Studies contains over 80,000 reports, from 140 countries, some indeed from exceptionally well educated and technically trained persons. The existence of the UFO Phenomenon, so defined, is incontestable. The contents of UFO reports (excluding the IFOs, or "Identified Flying Objects", the "noise" in the data, which are generally obvious to the experienced analyst) are characterized by certain inherent, and unique, patterns. Some 125 repeatedly reported properties have been isolated; of these some 25 have been so consistently and widely reported over the years, by responsible percipients, that they constitute a provocative multidisciplinary challenge. They have been found not to belong to the population of characteristics often used in the attempt to explain the UFO Phenomenon. That some of these major properties do not appear to be consistent with the present scientific paradigm is particularly challenging, but because of that very fact the scientific community at large has summarily dismissed the entire phenomenon. In the light of the history of science, this may not be an entirely wise step.

Preliminary Program

THE EDGES OF SCIENCE

AAAS Annual Meeting
New York City
Tuesday, May 29, 1984
9 A.M. - Noon

Introduction: What Are the "Edges of Science"?

Isaac Asimov, Professor of Biochemistry, Boston Univ.; Author and Lecturer, New York City

Parapsychology - A Field to Investigate

Stanley Krippner, Professor of Psychology and Director, The Center for Consciousness Studies, The Saybrook Institute, San Francisco

Parapsychology - A Doubtful Premise

James Randi, Author, Lecturer, and Magician, Rumson, N.J.

Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence!

Frank Drake, Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy, Cornell Univ.

Where Are They?

Eric Jones, Los Alamos National Laboratory

The Properties of the UFO Phenomenon

J. Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy Emeritus, Northwestern Univ.; Director, Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill.

The Absence of a UFO Phenomenon

James E. Oberg, McDonnell-Douglas Corp., Houston, Texas

The rest of the AAAS meeting will deal with what is unquestionably science. Here we will look at the edges of science, where there is clear disagreement about (1) whether there are phenomena to be investigated, and (2) whether the tools of science can yield anything. We exclude topics that are beyond the edge, and by scientific standards are not even wrong (phrenology, "creation science," classical astrology, the theses of Velikovsky, and so forth), and similarly exclude technical arguments within science (such as the existence of black holes). We will focus on three topics that are sharply debated at the edges of science: the existence of "paranormal" phenomena involving the human mind in yet-unexplained modes; the value of searches for extraterrestrial intelligence; and the existence of "UFO's." But careful! The edges of science move with time, and yesterday's fringe is occasionally today's science, as science comes to grips with it and asks the right questions.

An Editorial Apology

In the November/December issue of this publication, the editorial, "NOVA AND UFOS," I inveighed against the biased ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and uninformed treatment the UFO subject was given on the NOVA program of October 12, 1982. Everything I said about the NOVA program still stands, and in full force; however, in the editorial I apparently incorrectly stated, based on information from Walt Andrus, Director of MUFON, that Kendrick Frazier, editor of "THE SKEPTICAL INQUIRER", had had a major hand in the selection of the participants on that program.

Mr. ~~Kendrick~~^{Frazier} has informed me that he had had but little to do with the NOVA program. He had been asked by Mr. Groom, the producer of the program, to suggest persons who might contribute to the program. Mr. ~~Kendrick~~^{Frazier} has stated in a letter that he gave him the names of five persons (obviously mine was not one of them!) and that two of his suggestions ended up being in the program.

Apparently much has suffered in translation, so to speak, and in transmission. Walt Andrus tells me that in his phone conversation with a staff member of the NOVA program he ~~was told~~^{had been led to believe} that Mr. Frazier had been the key figure in the selection of participants.

I have ~~no~~ reason to doubt ~~XXXXXX~~ the word of either Mr. Frazier or of Mr. Andrus, but it is evident that somehow a major misunderstanding arose from a small kernel of truth: Mr. Frazier had been consulted.

Regardless of how the misunderstanding ~~XXXXXX~~ came about and was compounded, I hereby tender my sincere apologies to Mr. Frazier, and also to the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), ^{who publish "THE SKEPTICAL INQUIRER"} Based on the misinformation about Mr. Frazier, I had interpreted the latter as an indication that CSICOP was more dedicated

Apology.....2

to the defense of a position than to the seeking of truth. I retract with apologies those specific remarks concerning Mr. Frazier and CSICOP. The fault is mine in not having carefully checked my sources.

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April 17, 1984

Prof. J. Allen Hynek
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Dear Allen,

I recently was sent a letter from Dr. Gary Posner in which he, I think, mischaracterizes your position. As you know, Dr. Posner is closely associated with Phil Klass as far as UFO ideology is concerned. I think it might be useful to set Dr. Posner straight on your position if that can easily be done.

Posner made two key statements in his letter:

- (1) "I feel distinctly uncomfortable with 'unfalsifiable' claims (e.g., Hynek: No matter how many cases Klass et al. may think they have solved, it has been established that UFOs represent phenomena unexplainable in terms of our present science and technology...).

It is my understanding that you do not claim such an unfalsifiable position. The mere fact that Klass et al. may think they have solved the major cases is misinterpreted by Posner to mean that they have indeed validly solved these problem cases beyond reasonable doubt. I presume that you--like many of us-- simply do not find the offered explanations of Klass and Company to be as sufficient as they think they are.

- (2) "It would be quite another matter if Hynek were to instead say: 'Although the evidence may ultimately not stand up to critical scrutiny, I nevertheless choose to embark upon a 'research programme' into the possibility that UFOs may represent phenomena unexplainable in terms of our present science and technology.' I would support a scientific research program of this nature. But this is not what Hynek says."

It seems to me that this is exactly what you are and have been saying. So far as I can see, you have always stated that "the evidence may ultimately not stand up to critical scrutiny." It is just that the critical scrutiny thus far (by Klass et al.) has not, in your view, shown that the evidence for mundane explanations "stands up."

If I am correct in my interpretation of your views regarding these two attributions to you by Posner, I hope you might drop me a line (or jot a note on this letter) saying that I am correct. For, if I am correct, I will so inform Posner and --if he is consistent and meant what he said-- we should expect Posner to support rather than deride your position.

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I hope to hear from you soon. Best,

Marcello
Marcello Truzzi



Marcello - An interesting development!

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INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH FACILITY IN PHOENIX

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, founder and Director of the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES, (CUFOS), will announce plans to establish an International Research Facility in Phoenix. The internationally known Astronomer will explain his project at 9:30 a.m., August 22 (Wednesday), at the Phoenix Press Club, 201 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Hynek is well known in the UFO field for his 20-year tenure as Astronomical Consultant to the Air Force in their projects SIGN and BLUE BOOK, which investigated UFO reports coming mainly from Air Force Bases and made by military, as well as civilian personnel. More recently, Dr. Hynek was closely associated with Steven Spielberg, having been the Technical Advisor for the Spielberg film, "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND," the title of which was taken from Dr. Hynek's book, The UFO Experience. Much of the substance of the Spielberg film was drawn from actual UFO cases in Dr. Hynek's book.

Considered by many as the world's leading authority on the UFO phenomenon, Dr. Hynek has authored two books on the UFO phenomenon, and is presently researching a third. He currently edits the International UFO Reporter, a bi-monthly magazine which presents the results of the investigative work of the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES. He and his scientific colleagues consider that UFOs represent one of the most important research areas in the world today, pursuit of which offers great promise for practical, as well as theoretical results. This is the primary reason for the establishment of the new Research Facility.

Most of Dr. Hynek's distinguished scientific career has been in Astronomy, in which he has written widely. Most recently, he has become also known through his monthly Astronomy column in Science Digest magazine. His teaching career began at Ohio Wesleyan University and continued at the Ohio State University, and at Harvard before he became Chairman of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University. For many years he was

the Secretary of the American Astronomical Society.

During World War II, Dr. Hynek was Supervisor of Technical Reports at Applied Physics Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University. From 1956-1960, he was Associate Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, during which time he headed the NASA-sponsored Optical Satellite Tracking Station Program. He was also Project Director of the electro-optical Lunar Surveillance Project, a part of the Apollo program. In his career, Dr. Hynek has been Director of the McMillin Observatory at Ohio State, the Dearborn Observatory and the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University, and presently is a Director of the Corralitos Astronomical Reserach Association in New Mexico. During his active Astronomical career, he has maintained strong interest in the UFO phenomenon and recently helped found, and became the Chairman of, the World Ufological Association.

Dr. Hynek has addressed the Smithsonian Associates and the American Association for the Advancement of Science on UFO events and has lectured extensively in the United States and around the world. He has made numerous appearances on Major U.S. and international TV networks. He created CUFOS to collect and preserve scientific data that might otherwise be lost, and to conduct serious research into the subject, as well as to provide information on the subject to serious investigators and to the academic and scientific communities.

On August 22, at 9:30 a.m. at the Phoenix Press Club, Dr. Hynek will discuss the creation of the new Research Facility and answer questions at the news conference on how he plans to expand and revolutionize the study of UFOs at the Phoenix Facility. Also, Dr. Hynek will discuss the implications of the most recent UFO sighting to date. CUFOS computers will play a vital role in this endeavor, as they have to date logged a staggering 80,000 UFO sightings in 150 countries.

In order to properly present the UFO subject to the public, Dr. Hynek and his associates are exploring the possibilities of creating a dynamic TV series to emphasize the scope, importance and excitement of the UFO experience. "This is a world wide phenomenon that needs an international focus for serious scientific research and study," he says.

This unsolved problem has spanned decades, and is global in extent. "When the solution to the UFO puzzle comes, I think it will prove not to be just a step in the march of science, but a mighty and unexpected quantum jump."

And.....with his unique approach, the answer may not be light years away. For further information, call the above Phoenix phone number, or write to: CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES, P.O. Box 44990, Phoenix, Arizona 85064.