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Dear Eric!

Many of you have asked why we decided to cease publication of Ancient Skies on February 28, 1999. It was a difficult move for us to make after having dedicated almost a quarter-century to this "labor of love". We do feel that you are entitled to know the reasons for our decision:

- We are both in excellent health, but having reached our seventies, we feel that the time remaining for us on this planet should be spent in pursuing other endeavors which we had placed "on hold" for so many years. Publication of Ancient Skies and the Society's other activities have been extremely time consuming, so we feel that we must "move on" while there is still time.
- The virtual explosion of technological advancements in the fields of publication, communication, transmission and diffusion of knowledge and ideas has rendered our methods obsolete and for us to change would involve too much time, effort and expense.
- We have decided that it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the quality and purity of our editorial policies if we delegated the production of Ancient Skies to someone else. Even if we could find such a person, it would still require much time on our part for overseeing the operation.
- The competition in our field and in sensational related subject matter has grown tremendously and has made it difficult to attract new members to our narrow field of interest. Even the Internet has become a competitor because many people prefer to obtain their information by poring into an illuminated screen and to exchange ideas via E-Mail. The number of annual conferences in related fields has grown exponentially and we are all competing for the same audience.
- There is really almost no new information being produced in our field, which makes it very difficult to continue to publish Ancient Skies with original material every two months, and even if we changed to a quarterly journal, the work would be about the same.
- Besides the work of producing and distributing Ancient Skies the clerical work involved in maintaining the Society Memberships is a great burden on both of us. We have done this without any financial compensation and with no employees. To move into the computer world with a paid staff would require a much larger budget than the Society operates on now.

Warmest regards,

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