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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Late in 1978, prominent UFO researchers approached the United Nations with the suggestion to set up some type of international clearing house whereby investigators and researchers would be able to coordinate on an international level scientific research into unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research, and evaluation of such activities. The UN General Assembly responded favorably by adopting Decision 33/426. Unfortunately, nothing was done to bring the decision to fruition and it lies dormant to this very day.

On the other hand, UFO activity is anything but dormant. Sightings continue unabated throughout the world. And as one would expect, private non-governmental UFO organizations have grown to fill the void. Some examples are: the Mutual UFO Network, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, the Australian Centre for UFO Studies, the Joint USA-CIS Aerial Anomaly Federation, the British UFO Research Association, and a host of other fine organizations. While these groups are functioning very well and are respected for their work, the UN agency is sorely missed.

The UFO problem touches the lives of so many people and engenders puzzlement, fear, and at times, harm among them. Therefore, it is of significant scientific and technological interest and carries with it many implications of the existence of intelligences other than our own.

The evidence is both intriguing and frightening. Reports of UFO activity describe incidents where the UFOs fly circles around high performance jet aircraft, shut down sophisticated electronic systems, black-out electrical power systems, stop automobiles, upset animals, damage plants, and cause medical injuries to humans. All the while the skeptics are saying that nothing is going on and try to stop free inquiry on the subject. They say it is all a case of mistaken observations, a view not shared by the victims of these encounters.

MUFON has an Advisory Board of 173 Consultants, holding doctorates in their educational fields of expertise, and 154 Research Specialists with Masters degrees in fields applicable to UFO research, that disagree with the skeptics and have evidence to prove it. Other private organizations have similar boards and are equally convinced of the importance of the evidence.

Noted scientist Dr. Jacques Vallee, writing in the MUFON 1992 Symposium Proceedings, said: "As a scientist I have come to the conclusion that a genuine UFO phenomenon exists. It is physical and it is unexplained. Therefore I continue to investigate the sightings in the field and I claim that they represent an opportunity and a challenge to science. I speculate, although I cannot prove, that a non-human form of intelligence is involved."

Retired NASA scientist Dr. Richard Haines, writing in the same publication, said: "Reports of anomalous aerial objects appearing in the atmosphere continue to be made by pilots of almost every airline and air force of the world in addition to private and experimental test pilots." Dr. Haines has a personal collection of almost 3,600 pilot sightings and that collection is growing rapidly.

In his paper for the 1992 MUFON Symposium, Russian Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich said: "The influence the UFO has on people, as well as the effects it produces, should become the items of special research. The UFO's interaction with the environment, the behavior that it motivates, and its genesis, also present interesting areas for concentrated study."

Father of the German V-2 rocket, Professor Hermann Oberth was quoted as saying: "I am most satisfied by the hypothesis that we are dealing with flying machines. So far, other plausible explanations have not been found. If we accept this as a working hypothesis we also have to assume that these flying machines are not built by human beings. We cannot produce machines that fly as UFOs do - for example, at speeds of more than 42,000 miles per hour as measured by radar."

In his continual pursuit for the application of the scientific method to the UFO problem, the world's foremost UFO expert Dr. J. Allen Hynek enabled us all to expand our scientific horizons when he said: "I have begun to feel that there is a tendency in the 20th-century science to forget that there will be a 21st-century science, and indeed, a 30th-century science, from which vantage points our knowledge of the universe may appear quite different. We suffer, perhaps, from temporal provincialism, a form of arrogance that has always irritated posterity." He made that statement in 1966 and it is as important today than it was then.

We are faced with one of the most important issues of the century, the scientific study of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Resolution of this enigma will affect the future of the majority of the inhabitants living on Planet Earth. That is why it is important for the one organization representing all the citizens of the world, the United Nations, to aggressively implement its Decision 33/426 of December 18, 1978, which called for the "Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, coordinating, and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena."

I am pleased to represent the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., headquartered in Seguin, Texas, but worldwide in scope, in urging the United Nations to take the next important step in resolving this problem by implementing the agency authorized by Decision 33/426.

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