SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS:

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ABSTRACT

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The content of many UFO reports suggests that the physical sciences should be studied

The approach of modern science to the investigation of phenomena is summarized in Figure 1. It is characterized in particular by a feedback path from the Decision to the original data, via a number intermediate stages. Notice at the outset that it does cause the modern scientific method a theory about how to learn about the real world. I propose that the modern, scientific method can help us learn about UFOs although the non-repeatability and unpredictability of the UFO phenomena, when combined with the "soft" nature of UFO evidence (reports of witnessed events) makes it difficult to apply the method in the conventional form. In particular, the checking of the decision against data is quite difficult and often arbitrary. In many cases "agreement" between data and theory is in the mind of the investigator, who may be

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