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## CE: Trace Case Center

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 Subject: CE: Trace Case Center

Hello List Members,

I ask that you post this temporary link everywhere you can:  
<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/icptr.htm> Text of link as follows:

Ted Phillips is THE foremost authority on trace cases and has established the International Center for Physical Trace Research. He will soon have his own web page linked to and from the NICAP site.

Thanks,

Fran

### International Center for Physical Trace Research

An International Center for Physical Trace Research is being established by veteran researcher Ted Phillips to provide a central repository for the receipt, study, and distribution of UFO landing events involving physical residue. Phillips, generally recognized as the top ground traces researcher in the world, has worked on hundreds of such cases with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the Center for UFO Studies, as well as with MUFON. Phillips had "retired" from active work with ground trace cases, but had promised Dr. Hynek that he would revisit the famous Delphos, KS, case. Recently he began work on updating that case, and quickly became aware that little is being done by UFO researchers in this important area of ground traces.

"There is a real need here," says Phillips. "There is a need for responding quickly to the better cases, for utilizing the best equipment and methods, for bringing data together, and for analyzing the reports." He decided to come out of "retirement."

MUFON is cooperating with this new project, and MUFON field investigators are asked to cooperate fully in getting appropriate reports to Phillips quickly. All data will be

entered into a computer database and made available at a web site linked to CUFOS, MUFON, and NICAP. The data will be updated as material is converted to web site format. Data will be displayed as a basic case listing consisting of one to two line summaries. Links will be provided for each case which can then be displayed in full report form with sketches and photographs. Statistical studies will be posted as data is compiled.

"Analysis of landing residue will be aggressively pursued on a priority basis when gathered or received. All data will be made available including case reports, follow-up, and analysis results."

The Center expects to take advantage of today's technology.

"Unlike the 1960's and 70's we now have the ability to communicate at incredible speed. Using email as a link the Center would be in a position to receive new cases almost as they happen. In the high strangeness events, full on site investigation will be done. We are attempting to acquire resources for on site work at this time. In turn, we would be in a position to communicate with people at a new site immediately to preserve any traces existing there and suggest the proper documentation of the site early on. This is extremely important as some types of traces seem to be of short duration."

Phillips adds, "This is a project that we can all participate in and learn from. It is a project that can yield results as physical traces remain after the observation, they can be documented, studied and subjected to scientific analysis. After 30 years of trace research I can assure you that this will take time and a lot of work. With the help of many we can move ahead and at the very least preserve the data for that point in the future when it will be seriously considered."

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