

investigating the phenomena is urgently needed, that I submit this brief.

THE REALITY OF UFOs

11. The question which is probably the most frequently asked is -- do UFOs really exist? Certainly they exist. A steadily increasing number of thinking people are becoming aware of the fact that there is much more to the UFO mystery than we are led to believe by those who are in a position to influence public opinion, which includes not only scientists, but the press, and governments as well. There are too many people in these groups who will go along with a UFO story as long as the bounds of imagination are not stretched beyond what they consider to be a tolerable limit. In the case of scientists, the tolerable limit is usually the present laws of physics. In the case of governments, they accept what Science says is so, or is not so. A tendency of the press is to embellish UFO stories with amusing headlines and personal comments of the reporter in an attempt to cast an aura of illusion on the whole business. Thousands of responsible citizens know UFOs exist as they saw them and no amount of whitewash and ridicule can change this. It merely shuts them up. A 1966 Gallup Poll revealed that 5,000,000 American adults have seen UFOs. Of those, over 99.5% failed to report the phenomena to the U.S. Air Force.

12. It is sometimes stated how strange it is that scientists never see UFOs. Let me assure you that some have.⁸ Those who do witness unusual phenomena frequently display a consciousness of colleague criticism that dampens any spirit of inquiry. A UFO researcher in the U.S.A. once sent a questionnaire to one hundred astronomers, in which he asked if they had ever seen a UFO through an astronomical telescope. All replied in the negative. Strangely enough, the same astronomers replied also to a further question that they had never seen an airliner through a telescope either.

13. A recent case in Canada (in October, 1967) occurred off the Coast of Nova Scotia, when a UFO was seen to settle down from the sky and disappear into the sea. This object was real enough for the Navy to conduct an underwater search for several days. The failure to locate it does not mean the object never existed. This sort of thing simply proves the objects are elusive, not illusions.

14. A majority of recorded sightings are made by reliable, stable and educated citizens and the most articulate reports come from obviously intelligent observers.⁹ These include airline and military pilots, air traffic controllers, radar operators, police and many others. These are people whose jobs depend upon what they see. There are, indeed, photographs verified by top photo laboratories as being authentic, which prove the existence of physical objects. Radar has confirmed visual sightings; Electromagnetic effects have occurred at the time of sightings and in the immediate vicinity; various physiological effects have often been registered, and ground effects of varying nature such as burns, holes in the ground, flattened grass, etc. have occurred. The intensity of radiation measurements has often been found to be much higher after the departure of a UFO, and various effects on foliage have resulted. Several patterns in their behaviour have been recognized.

15. All these forms of evidence testify to the simple fact that UFOs do exist. There is no longer any question about this. One substantial sighting alone, properly verified, proves that UFOs exist. Ten thousand sightings don't prove it any further. As William James wisely said, it takes only one white crow to prove that all crows are not black. It is not necessary to possess a UFO and examine it in a scientific laboratory to prove its existence. We all know the sun exists, but man has never touched it, and never will. We measure its effects, visually and in many other ways. Science is