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Little progress has been made in twenty-one years of official investigations of the UFO phenomena. Despite the fact that most scientists shy away from the subject, there are some prominent ones who insist the problem is vital and urgent and requires thorough study on a wide-spread scale. These few are supported by many thousands of private researchers who give of their own time and money in an effort to find the truth of the matter.

There can be no doubt of the existence of UFOs. The question is -- what are they? And this question leads to the next -- why are they here, or what are they doing?

Man-made objects and known natural phenomena do not explain the truly unidentified objects. This unknown percentage comprises the objects with which I am concerned. The hypothesis which is most suitable at the present time is that at least some UFOs are intelligently-controlled interplanetary space vehicles and the observational evidence supports this. The fact that such a hypothesis may seem unlikely to some does not invalidate it, despite what many scientists say.

Although various scientific investigations have been conducted into this matter over a period of two decades, none of them have succeeded in solving the problem. If UFOs are merely unknown natural phenomena, why has science not been able to discover what these phenomena are? Whether visiting space ships from other worlds, or terrestrial natural phenomena, the mystery remains unsolved. This is so primarily due to the limitations of the investigations conducted, and of the scientists themselves. The orthodox barrier

in a manner which readily ruled out such simple explanations does he go further in his hypotheses. The space ship hypothesis is usually his last. This tendency to take a simple guess first, and then upgrade it when the simple ones are ruled out is characteristic of witnesses and is what Dr. Hynek refers to as "escalation of hypotheses". Witnesses do in fact use the scientific method (instinctively, if you like) in arriving at their space ship hypothesis. It is only when they have ruled out, in their own minds, conventional explanations, that they turn to the space ship explanation.

30. Professor Frank B. Salisbury, professor of exobiology at Colorado State University published an article in Science in which he stated that we must concern ourselves with the possibility of technological civilization on Mars. Certain peculiarities of Mars and its moons, Phobos and Deimos, he wrote, "are most easily understood on the assumption that they are the product of intelligent beings." Professor Salisbury's views are shared by Dr. Carl Sagan of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.¹⁷ Similarly, attributes of UFOs are most easily understood on the assumption that they also are products of intelligent beings.

31. The recognition and acceptance of the hypothesis I have been discussing, as a valid one, is the first giant step towards the ultimate solution of this mystery. Indeed, more than one hypothesis can be used at the same time, but as long as this one is ignored, no progress is made. Twenty-one years of official investigations support this statement.

PAST & PRESENT INVESTIGATIONS AND THEIR LIMITATIONS

32. In the U.S.A., the U.S. Air Force has been the official investigating body since December 30, 1947. Their program is currently labelled "PROJECT BLUEBOOK", and was formerly identified as PROJECT SIGN and PROJECT GRUDGE.