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itself in such a way as not to prejudice the safety of our planet. If, for instance, a State sent out a spaceship on an exploration voyage into outer space, it should be ensured that such a spaceship must not conduct itself in a hostile manner should it by any chance encounter other spacecraft or objects from unidentified origins. It is not enough to leave this to the good sense of the exploring State. The matter is far too important and fundamental. This responsibility to our planet must be appropriately spelled out in a liability convention such as this one before us.

The liability of one space object causing damage on another State on earth is almost nothing compared with the liability a State has to our whole earth in attracting hostile reactions from unknown, unexplained origins, but real all the same.

I know that the problem of whether or not there can be other space travelers has involved great controversy over a long period of time. The official position of all the States involved in exploring outer space seems to be that there is no intelligent life compatible with our own in the universe; that, therefore, there are no chances that space explorers from earth would encounter others from other worlds.

These Governments have consistently discredited any suggestion that the unidentified flying objects which have been repeatedly observed at different times in different parts of the world could not possibly be interplanetary spacecrafts. They have concluded that all the alleged sightings of UFOs and flying saucers in our skies are balloons, comets, planets or things of that kind. It is true that a lot of these things could not raise serious thought that they were in fact interplanetary spacecrafts. But there is ample evidence to raise a reasonable doubt that some of them just might conceivably be. There are in the United States, in the Soviet Union, and in the United Kingdom, in addition to other countries, serious scientists who believe that some of these unidentified flying objects are interplanetary or intergalactic spacecrafts. Let me quote some of them.

Mr. Herman Oberth, a distinguished space scientist reputedly one of the people who developed the V-2, one of the founders of modern rocketry, and author of the book By Rocket to Interplanetary Space, was quoted by the Times newspaper in Alabama, 1 February 1961, to have said as follows:

"According to information available to me there exist more than 70,000 eyewitness reports of UFOs. Eleven per cent of these reports

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cannot be easily explained. They should not be like or known because they involve responsible senior air force officers or naval vessels or photographs from responsible sources. Their speed can be enormous. Radar measurements have shown up to 11.8 miles per second."

and continuing his comments on the UFOs, the distinguished scientist stated:

"(a) They are not built by human beings ... today we cannot produce machines that fly as UFOs do.

"(b) They are flying by means of artificial fields of gravity. This would explain the sudden changes in direction ... This hypothesis also would explain the piling up of these discs into a cylindrical or cigar-shaped mother ship upon leaving the earth, because in this fashion only one field of gravity would be required for all discs.

"(c) They produce high-tension electric charges in order to push the air out of their path... and strong magnetic fields to influence the ionized air at higher altitudes ... This would explain their 'invisibility'..."

Another distinguished scientist, Mr. James Macdonald, Professor of Meteorology and Senior Physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, in October 1966, stated that there was a real likelihood that UFOs are extra-terrestrial probes.

Now, it was stated again in August 1965 by Professor Claudio Juncos of the Cerro Calan Observatory in Chile:

"There is scientific evidence that strange objects visit our planet... It is inevitable that Governments have drawn a veil of secrecy over all this."

I do not want to indulge at length in instances of this nature. These people are not charlatans. These people are not abnormal people. They are responsible people who have got enquiring and serious minds. Not all Governments have been very silent about this matter. I would like to quote the Argentinean Secretary of the Navy who issued a press release on the sighting of a UFO on 7 July 1965:

"The Naval Garrison in the Argentine Antarctic, Decaplan Island, observed on 3 July at 1940 hours local time, a giant, lens-shaped flying