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Introduction

The unexplained content of many UFO reports from credible witnesses in many parts of the world defines a problem and presents a significant mystery. Any phenomenon which has occupied the thought of so many people for so many years is surely a subject worthy of serious scientific study.

The UFO phenomenon has not been given serious attention in the past, yet it is an incontrovertible fact that a great many unsolved UFO reports exist. The phenomenon, on the contrary, has been the subject of misconceptions, misinformation, and an unscientific approach.

The UFO CENTER has been established for those who wish to see positive scientific action taken to end a quarter century of misrepresentation and buffoonery. The evidence is strong that the UFO phenomenon represents new empirical observations of great potential value to mankind. The work of the CENTER is directed toward the discovery of the essential nature of the UFO phenomenon.

A Definition

The CENTER defines a UFO as "the reported perception of an object or light seen in the sky or upon the land, the appearance, trajectory and general dynamic and luminescent behavior of which do not suggest a logical, conventional explanation, and which is not only mystifying to the original percipient but remains unidentified after close scrutiny of all available evidence by persons who are technically capable of making a common sense identification, if one is possible."

J. Allen Hynek, The UFO Experience

Origin of the CENTER

There exists a growing number of scientists, engineers and other professionals, generally associated with universities, laboratories and industry, who have contemplated the possible significance of the UFO phenomenon. They noted that such significance to science and society was being totally obscured by the popular confusion and gross misconceptions regarding the UFO phenomenon.

The UFO CENTER provides an avenue whereby the interests and talents of these scientists and other professionals can be focused and brought to bear on this challenging problem. A significant number of them have become actively associated with the CENTER and have volunteered their talents and facilities.

Objectives of the UFO CENTER

The CENTER has four principal objectives: 1) to pursue a rigorous study and analysis of the UFO phenomenon, calling upon the talents and services of CENTER Associates and employing the existing facilities (computers, physical and biological laboratories, etc.) at universities and in industry wherever possible. While the ultimate objective is the solution of the UFO enigma or, should this not lie within our present scientific rubric, then at least to organize and document as thoroughly as possible for the future this phenomenon which has