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We advised each that we were not open to general membership and in no way constituted competition to the existing UFO organizations. Our staff, aside from the few of us involved in the administration of the Center's work, are scientists, many of whom have laboratory facilities available for analysis work.

Further, our funding would be derived from individual tax deductible donations, as well as corporations and foundation grants.

And finally, our bi-monthly publication would differ from other UFO organizational bulletins in that it would report activities of the Center and developments in the UFO field and not simply furnish listings and details of UFO reports.

Walt Andrus, Director of MUFON, had the imagination and vision to see the potential from such cooperation and immediately responded with word of his desire to work with the Center.

He made available to the Center a list of MUFON's State and State Sectional Directors. This avails the Center of alternate field investigators to make local investigations where a case warrants it. This question of investigators was originally one of our prime problems. We felt that it would take a great deal of time to develop a list of qualified field investigators. But we just as quickly found that this was not to be the case. We were literally swamped with requests from all across the country by technicians and professional photographers, analysts and research people offering their services as field investigators. In cooperation with MUFON we now have over 400 qualified field investigators available. About this time we were approached by a Mr. Don Logay, owner of the Executive Locator, a service for businessmen and professional people. He offered us the use of one of his 800 toll free telephone numbers, at a fee, to serve as a 24 hour clearing house to receive calls from local investigators. This was a most generous arrangement for the Center and was quickly accepted.

At this particular moment we were already negotiating for the distribution of a letter and reporting procedure to be sent to law enforcement agencies nationally. Mr. James Slavin, Director of Northwestern University Traffic Institute, at which many local police chiefs have received their training, offered his assistance in distributing over 4000 letters to city, county and state police agencies.

The letter advised of our 800 toll free number and brought immediate response. Our toll free number, which we call "UFO Central," began receiving calls directly from police officers -- many of whom had witnessed the sighting they were reporting.

Details of these reports statistics are available in our report "Police and the UFO Experience."

Announcement of the formation of the Center was carried in the prestigious international English magazine NATURE, as well as ASTRONOMY, SCIENCE TEACHER AND FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, to mention a few. Among the many newspapers which carried lengthy articles were the Christian Science Monitor and the Washington Post.