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Up to that time I had never heard of a flying saucer--so I researched the library and found a few books, but there was enough to pique my curiosity so I continued the study, as a personal project until 1956 when I was asked by Maj. Donald Keyhoe to join the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP).

Nine (9) years later after I had returned to live in Chicago, a local NICAP Affiliate was organized in Chicago and shortly thereafter a Sub-Committee of investigators was formed.

The primary objective of the Affiliate, which I directed, was the gathering, reproducing, and distributing to the public, copies of UFO documents of the government, industry and the scientific community.

The NICAP affiliate held monthly meetings at the Chicago Adler Planetarium for over seven years.

We delivered lectures, were heard on radio and frequently appeared on TV and we conducted a 10 week course for adults, titled "UFOs - Fact or Fiction." This was done twice a year for five (5) years.

In 1971 it became obvious to us in Chicago, that the reorganization of the NICAP national headquarters would bring radical changes to the local field offices as well. It later became evident that we were correct. This was evidenced when NICAP closed all of its local Affiliates and Sub-Committee groups throughout the country, and at the same time suffered the resignation of many of its prime investigators. To assure that all of the material we had gathered over the years would not be lost to those who were seriously interested, we in Chicago decided to form our own organization.

And so, the Public Education Group (PEG) was organized as a "not-for-profit" Illinois corporation, and we secured a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code from the Internal Revenue Service.

One evening while discussing the UFO phenomenon with Dr. Hynek, as we had frequently done over the previous ten (10) years, the Dr. was deploring the fact that despite the existence of several UFO organizations, the various USAF Projects, Sign, Grudge and Blue Book, two (2) Congressional hearings and several studies such as Battelle and Condon, no truly scientific work had been forthcoming.

It was at this meeting that Dr. Hynek decided to avail himself of the existing PEG organization to serve the administrative needs of his scientific group -- the "Invisible College." To accomplish this Dr. Hynek accepted a position as one of its Directors.

The only additional action required to complete the details was the legal changing of the name from Public Education Group to The Center for UFO Studies. This was promptly attended to through the appropriate State and Federal Agencies.

Our first official action was to notify the three (3) civilian United States UFO organizations -- Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, (APRO), Mutual UFO Network, (MUFON), and the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon, (NICAP), of the formation of the Center and to solicit their aid and cooperation, especially in the area of field investigators.