

be exposed quite readily, but even those photos which pass the test of microscopic analysis and/or computer enhancement often show no more than an object of unknown nature, usually at some distance from the camera and frequently out of focus. For proper analysis of a photo it is necessary that the original negative be available and the photographer, witnesses and circumstances be known. For many, the picture is of such poor quality, or the photographer unknown, so that no conclusion can be reached.

THE RESEARCH

The persistence of the UFO phenomenon, and its worldwide occurrence, have led a growing number of scientists to involve themselves in UFO research. The first organized study was conducted for the U. S. Air Force by Battelle Memorial Institute in 1953. Its conclusion that there seemed to be a basis, in fact, for many of the reports was buried in ambiguous press releases by the Air Force (see THE HYNK REPORT ON UFOs, Dell Books, 1977).

Another attempt at a scientific study was made by University of Colorado's "Condon Committee" in 1966-67. The conclusion of several involved scientists that the UFO phenomenon was worthy of further study was ignored by the director, Dr. Condon. Perceiving this, a number of other scientists urged more study also.

Presently, cautiously, a number of scientific journals are opening their pages to serious papers on UFOs. The first conference featuring work of this quality was held in May, 1976, by the Center for UFO Studies. Its Proceedings are available through the CENTER.

THE CENTER

The Center for UFO Studies was formed in 1973 to provide a place where people might report UFO sightings without fear of ridicule or unwanted publicity. It maintains files of sighting reports and a computer data bank (UFOCAT).

HOW TO REPORT A UFO

If you should see a UFO, try to get another witness immediately, and, if possible, a photograph. Then take note of its appearance, its motion, the time and duration of the sighting and the direction involved. To report your sighting, you can call the CENTER directly (312-491-1870), or, if your local police department has the "800" number of the Police UFO hot line, report it to them and ask that it be called in to the CENTER. An investigator will respond to your call promptly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write to the CENTER, enclosing \$1 for a catalog listing CENTER reports and Conference Proceedings, reproductions of documents from government and other sources, books about UFOs and recent UFO history, a manual, a record and other items of interest.

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