

Smithsonian Institute, in the instance of suspected meteorite impacts. In other cases it should only be necessary for the field unit to collect the data and forward it to some interested agency for analysis, e. g., radar scope films to RADC.

5. Before the UFO program could be discontinued as a special project, the public would have to be educated to accept this new philosophy. The following information would have to be brought to their attention:

a. The USAF's primary interest in UFO's is to determine their threat potential and/or military value.

b. Positive determination of the causes for all sightings is desirable, but to accomplish this would require extensive investigation and study of all sightings, in most cases placing an unnecessary strain on the Air Force's budget.

c. Probable causes for sightings based on limited information should be accepted.

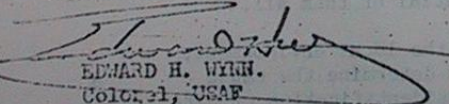
d. The Air Force should not be required to disprove the claims of independent UFO organizations or investigators that sightings are due to inter-planetary space vehicles.

6. If, contrary to our suggestion, the UFO program is continued as a special project, the following is offered as an alternate solution:

a. The UFO project office be divorced from any connections with intelligence and assigned to some organization within the Air Force's scientific structure.

b. The project office be staffed with personnel who have the proper backgrounds to analyze the sightings, conduct the investigations of significant incidents, and to conduct an effective public-relations program.

c. A public education program designed to allow discontinuance of the program as a special project after a specified time period, be a part of the mission of the project office.

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