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In 1977, President Carter asked the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to look into the possibility of resuming UFO investigations. After studying all the facts available, NASA decided that nothing would be gained by further investigation. The Air Force agrees with that decision. If, however, firm evidence is found justifying further investigation, an appropriate agency will be directed to undertake the effort.

UFO SIGHTINGS BY YEAR		
YEAR	TOTAL	UNIDENTIFIED
1947	112	12
1948	156	7
1949	186	22
1950	210	27
1951	169	22
1952	1501	303
1953	509	42
1954	487	46
1955	545	24
1956	670	14
1957	1006	14
1958	627	10
1959	390	12
1960	557	14
1961	591	13
1962	474	15
1963	399	14
1964	562	19
1965	887	16
1966	1112	32
1967	937	19
1968	375	3
1969	146	1
TOTAL:	12,618	701

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. In addition, a list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations. Such timely review of the situation by private groups insures that sound evidence will not be overlooked by the scientific community.

For further reference material, two documents are available from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY ORGANIZATIONS

SOCIETY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE UNEXPLAINED

Box 265 Phone: (201)842-5299
Little Silver, NJ 07739

Organized "for the acquisition, investigation and dissemination of information on reports of all tangible items in the fields of chemistry, astronomy, geology, biology and anthropology, that are not readily explained." Encourages field work and on-the-spot investigation by offering advice and arranging contacts for members who are planning field trips and expeditions. Field work and research are reviewed by a panel of 15 scientists. Disseminates information on findings through its quarterly journal. Society members have currently investigated Lee Moss-type creatures in North America, UFO's, Bigfoot, Bermuda Triangle, cattle mutilations, ghost and poltergeist manifestations. The Society maintains information files of original material, a map collection and a specialized library.

PROJECT STARLIGHT INTERNATIONAL

P.O. Box 5310 Phone: (512)454-2031
Austin, TX 78763

To gather and disseminate a broad range of instrumented UFO hard data to the scientific community. Utilizes magnetometers, a gravimeter, spectrometer, radar, laser-telescope-video system and other electronic and optical systems for recording physical effects, optical images and location of UFOs. Upon a UFO sighting, the ARGUS system (Automated Ring-up on Co-located UFO Sightings), now under development, will begin "UFO-event sharing," an automated telephoning of all volunteers (laymen, engineers, scientists), using several lines simultaneously, so they may locate the UFO, acquire photos, notes and data. Maintains a specially equipped mobile laboratory unit.

AMALGAMATED FLYING SAUCER CLUBS OF AMERICA

P.O. Box 39 Phone: (714)365-1141
Yuca Valley, CA 92284

"Worldwide research organization with members in all 50 states and in 23 foreign countries to inform the general public about the reality of flying saucers (extraterrestrial spacecraft piloted by advanced men and women from other planets and star systems) and of their plan for imparting their advanced knowledge to the people of the Earth in order to resolve present world problems." AFSCA serves as a source of "contactee-oriented" flying saucer information, including books, photographs, "contactee" reports, and space tapes ("tape recorded messages from space people").

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

7970 Woodman Ave., Suite 207 Phone: (213)781-7704
Van Nuys, CA 91402

Individuals interested in investigating "the truth concerning UFOs and associated phenomena." Probes UFO reports and relates findings to governmental agencies and the general public via the press, radio, television and newsletters. Holds seminars; produces and distributes books and cassettes. Bestows awards. Maintains library of 1700 volumes.

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SPACE AND UNEXPLAINED CELESTIAL EVENTS RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. Box 2229 Phone: (304)269-2719
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Persons interested in UFOs (unidentified flying objects, popularly called flying saucers). Sponsors monthly lectures in New York City and speeches to colleges and other institutions throughout the United States. Conducts research. Maintains library of several thousand UFO books and periodicals.

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

One Bank St., Suite 307 Phone: (301)258-9066
Gaithersburg, MD 20760

Persons interested in aerial phenomena, particularly identified flying objects (UFOs); panel of advisors includes scientists, engineers, aviation experts, clergymen, retired military officers, and professors. To gather, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate reliable information on aerial phenomena. Promotes scientific investigation. Provides bibliographic and source materials to students, exchange data to scientific societies and individual scientists, and semi-technical reports to scientists, Congress and the press. Maintains large library on aerial phenomena, aviation, astronomy, and collection of magazine articles, newspaper clippings, letters and other documents.

GROUND SAUCER WATCH

13238 N. Seventh Dr. Phone: (602)942-7216
Phoenix, AZ 85029

Scientists, engineers, professionals and educated laymen interested in taking scientific action to resolve the controversial elements in UFO reports. Objectives are: to provide an accessible outlet for all interested persons who wish to report any aerial phenomenon experiences without fear of ridicule or undue publicity; to "edify a confused media" with factual press releases, lectures, conferences and interviews; to research and evaluate all UFO cases to which scientific criteria can be applied and analyzed with the use of specialized talents and instrumentation; to continue to pursue legal action against the federal government with lawsuits and Freedom of Information Act requests for release of UFO materials; to bring forth the verifiable hypotheses and theories of UFO origin and the reasons for their continuing surveillance.

AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

3910 E. Kleindale Rd. Phone: (602)323-1825
Tucson, AZ 85712

Conducts investigations and research into the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and to find a scientifically acceptable solution to this phenomenon. Has special representatives in over 50 countries. Uses services of over 48 staff consultants in fields ranging from biochemistry to astronomy. Maintains computer-accessed library of monographs and publications from all over the world. Jointly produces public UFO exhibit located in the IDS Center, Minneapolis, MN.

INTERNATIONAL POSTERS ORGANIZATION

7317 Baltimore Ave. Phone: (301)779-1873
College Park, MD 20740

Scientists, scholars and laymen concerned with new and unusual scientific discoveries, philosophic problems pertaining to the criteria of scientific validity and theories of knowledge. Maintains library of 5000 volumes in the physical, biological and psychological sciences. Named after Charles Boy Fort (1874-1932), an American journalist who was interested in researching and documenting unusual and unexplained natural phenomena.

VESTICIA

56 Brookwood Road Phone: (201)347-3836
Stanhope, NJ 07874

Scientists, engineers, technicians, and interested individuals. Established to investigate and conduct research into unexplained scientific phenomena. Trains members in investigative techniques; supplies speakers to universities and organizations. The group's name is the Latin word for "investigate," which, in itself, means "forensic." Sponsors charitable program. Maintains library and biographical archives; compiles statistics.

UFO INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER

9652 N. 31st Ave., G7 Phone: (602)997-1523
Phoenix, AZ 85021

To collect, analyze, publish and disseminate information on reports of unidentified flying objects. Compiles statistics; conducts research programs; maintains library, children's and students' services and speakers bureau.