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No, I am not the shining stranger. I am Ray Stanford, a research psychic with the Association for the Understanding of Man. But there is an inner being, a shining stranger, within each of us, that occasionally may speak in clear and precise tones about our true spiritual nature. Since 1960, I have been able to enter a meditation-induced unconscious state from which my own unconscious nature, which I call the Source, speaks upon a variety of topics in response to the need of those who seek. There are also those who speak through me who call themselves Brothers. These shining strangers speak in a timeless and compassionate way to our deepest spiritual needs and aspirations.

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Have you heard...
the Brothers?

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Ray Stanford of the Association for the Understanding of Man (A.U.M.):

Since 1960 I have been able to enter a meditation-induced unconscious state from which information is given on diverse subjects. Much of it comes from the "Source," my unconscious mind directed by suggestion. Yet, other voices speak, calling themselves "Brothers," but also using individual names. We suggest, however, that you know them "by their fruits," as Jesus advised of all things, rather than believe the teachings because they may come from high beings. Truth must transcend claims, names, and personal identity.

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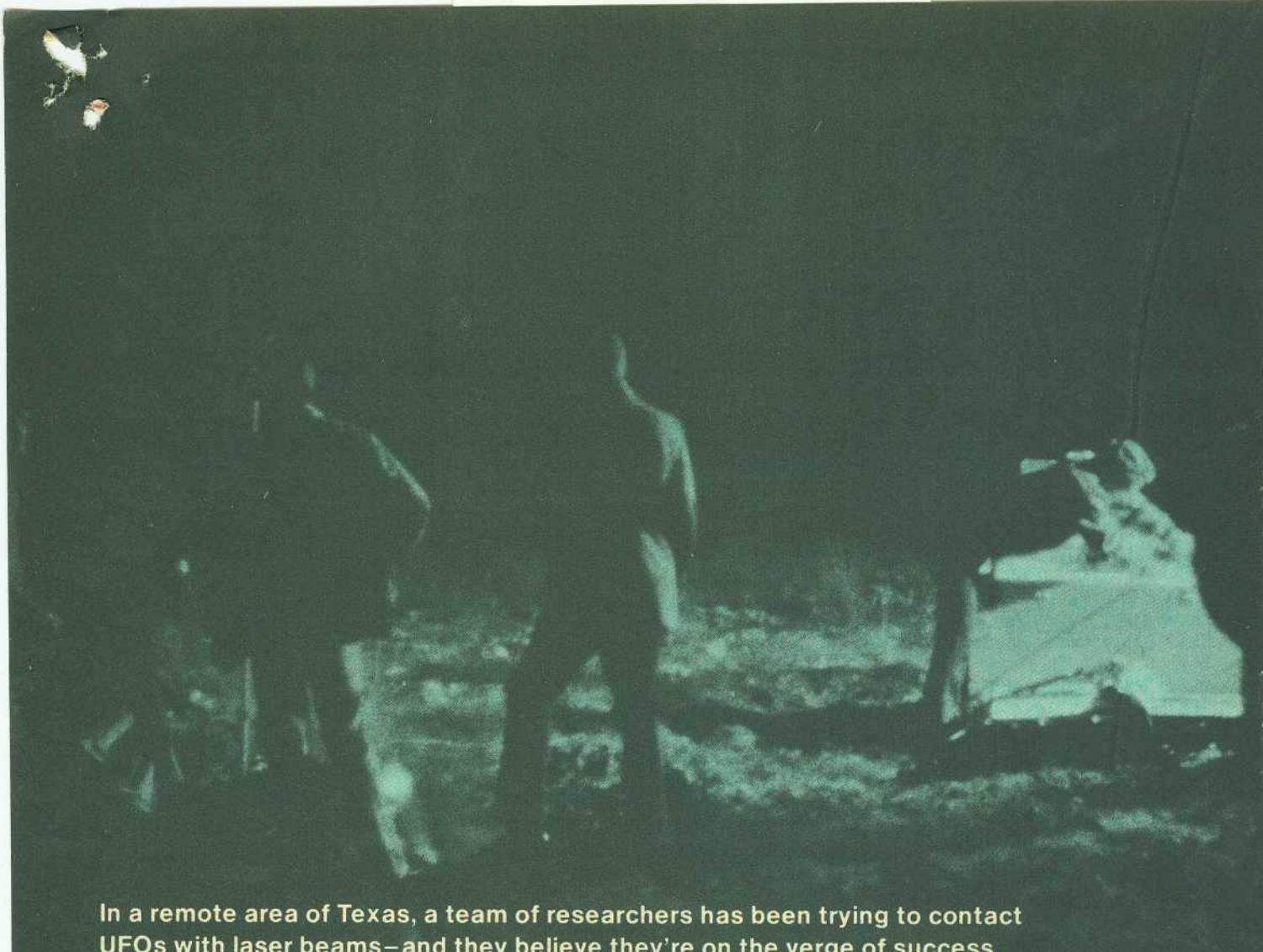
If, however, you do not care to wait to hear the 'Brothers' speak, send only \$2.95 for a 90-minute cassette, AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BROTHERS. In it, I describe encounters with 'Brothers', and share recorded excerpts from talks by 'Kuthumi' (K.H.), 'Philip', 'Hilarion', 'Namat Sagariananda', and other 'Brothers', as they discuss 'the work', meditation, details of Jesus' life, etc. These recordings often have a profound impact on those who hear them. Share this joyous, meaningful experience with your friends.

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In a remote area of Texas, a team of researchers has been trying to contact UFOs with laser beams—and they believe they're on the verge of success

"PROJECT STARLIGHT"-An

You bounce along the steep cattle and goat trail that passes for a road and wind your way through the brush until you come upon a fenced clearing. In its center red warning signs surround a small platform that supports what appears to be, at a distance, a telescope pointed toward the sky. Beyond the platform, the terrain slopes gently to a pasture. Except for the wooden box in the middle, it looks, at first glance, much like any other pasture in the rocky Texas hill country northwest of Austin. But if you look closely, you can spot the maze of electrical wires snaking their way over the uneven ground to a circle of lights 100 feet in diameter. It is only at dusk when the lights are turned on that the clearing ceases to be at all

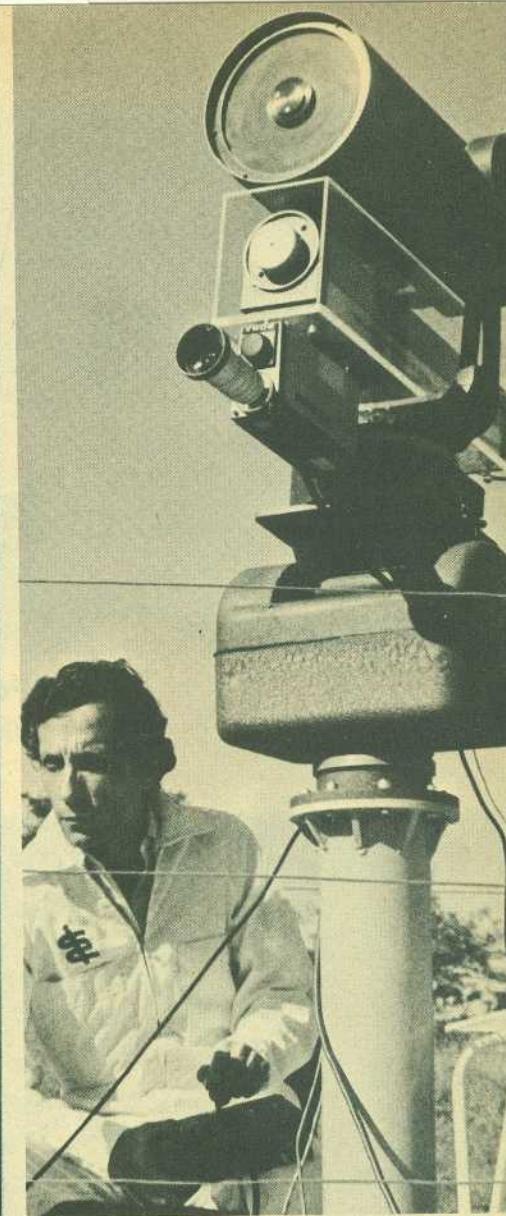
ordinary and takes on an eerie glow much like a lighted airport runway after dark. And that is exactly what makes this particular pasture so extraordinary. For if things go as planned, it might just function as a landing site—for unidentified flying objects!

Now, before you conjure up visions of extraterrestrial beings running rampant over the Texas countryside, perhaps an explanation is in order. The signal lights are a phase of Project Starlight International (P.S.I.), a research division of the Association for the Understanding of Man, a nonprofit organization which seeks to study the nature of Mankind in its entirety. P.S.I. is designed to gain the cooperation of people all over the

world in setting up similar networks of lights to attract UFOs.

"We've found that UFOs are drawn to new construction, runway lights, and electrical works," explains 37-year-old Ray Stanford, a research consultant with the "Association" and the director of Project Starlight International. "This symbol," he continues, "is made to be attractive and look unlike anything else from the air."

The circular symbol (100 feet in diameter) is comprised of 91 separate lights arranged in spectral sequence around a central white light capable of flashing various codes. The code light represents the nucleus of a hydrogen atom with the outer ring of lights making



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Invitation To UFOs

up its electrons. The code is the universal symbol for "pi" which, as you remember from high school geometry, is the ratio of the diameter to the circumference of a circle.

"If the occupants of UFOs think as we do, they should be able to understand the symbol," claims Stanford, its designer.

As you listen to the personable Stanford talk, you quickly get the idea there is no doubt in his mind about the existence of unidentified flying objects. This man who has studied UFOs for 22 years ("They were flying saucers back then," he grins), will tell you emphatically, "People who don't believe in UFOs just haven't gotten into it enough. We have evidence of applications of physi-

cal laws we haven't even discovered yet. I feel I can state affirmatively there are UFOs controlled by intelligent beings that are not of this Earth," he says convincingly.

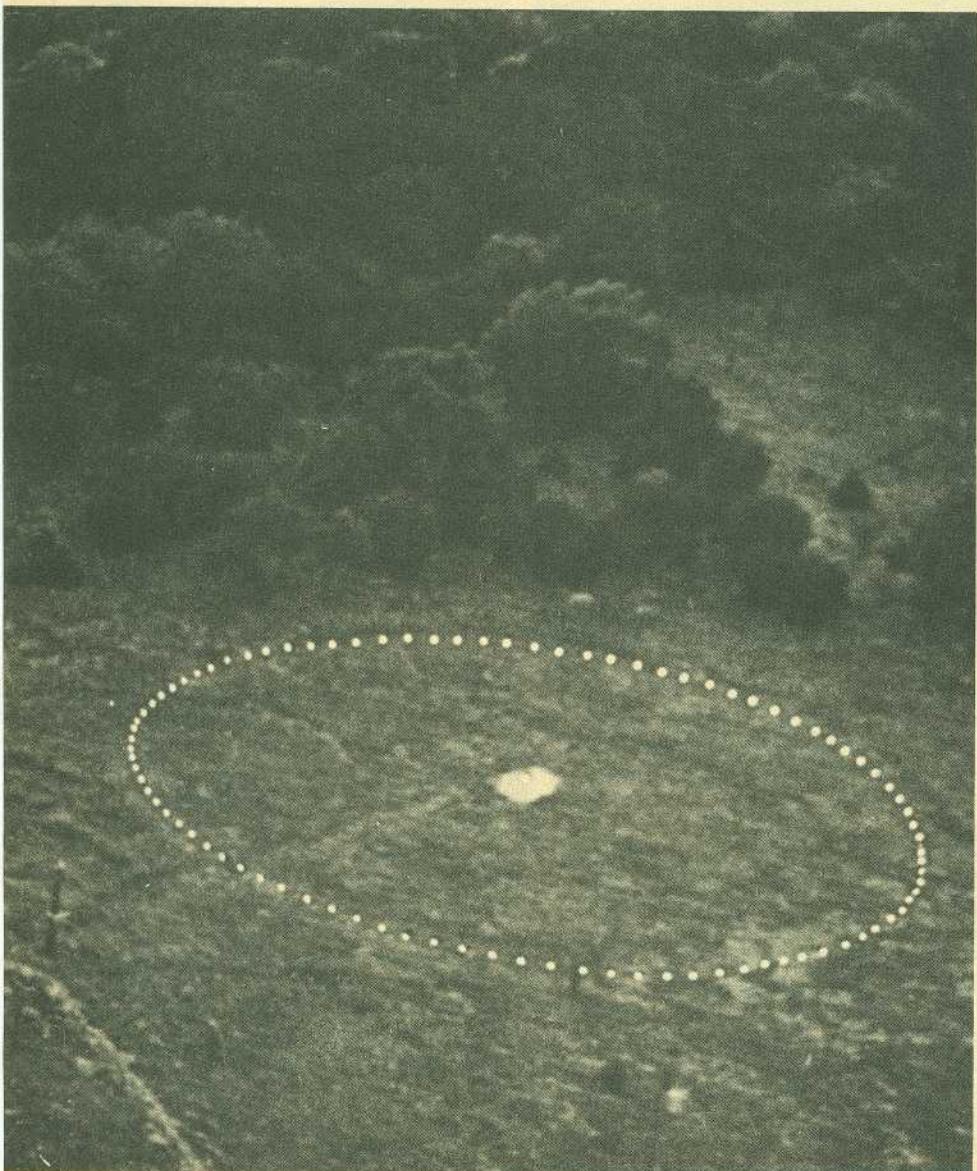
But Ray Stanford isn't one to sit around and speculate about UFO sightings. It is hard evidence he's seeking for he'll be the first to admit candidly, "Most UFO people would rather collect reports than scientific data."

The Project Starlight International signal site was set up in the fall of 1973, just in time to monitor a period of intense UFO activity in Texas. The project had been a well kept secret until news leaked out over a national wire service that there was someone in the Texas

hill country trying to communicate with UFOs. Understandably, the project has not lacked for media attention since then. Interestingly enough, despite the initial secrecy, it was the media's interest which gave the project its impetus. The equipment had been moved from another location and was disassembled when Stanford received a call from Brazil from Jun-Ichi-Yaoi, a producer for the Nippon Television Network in Japan. Nippon hoped to include a segment on the sequencer in a UFO special they were preparing. As it turned out, Stanford wasn't able to get the equipment set up in time for the program but the incentive they provided allowed him enough time to have all systems in place and checked out when



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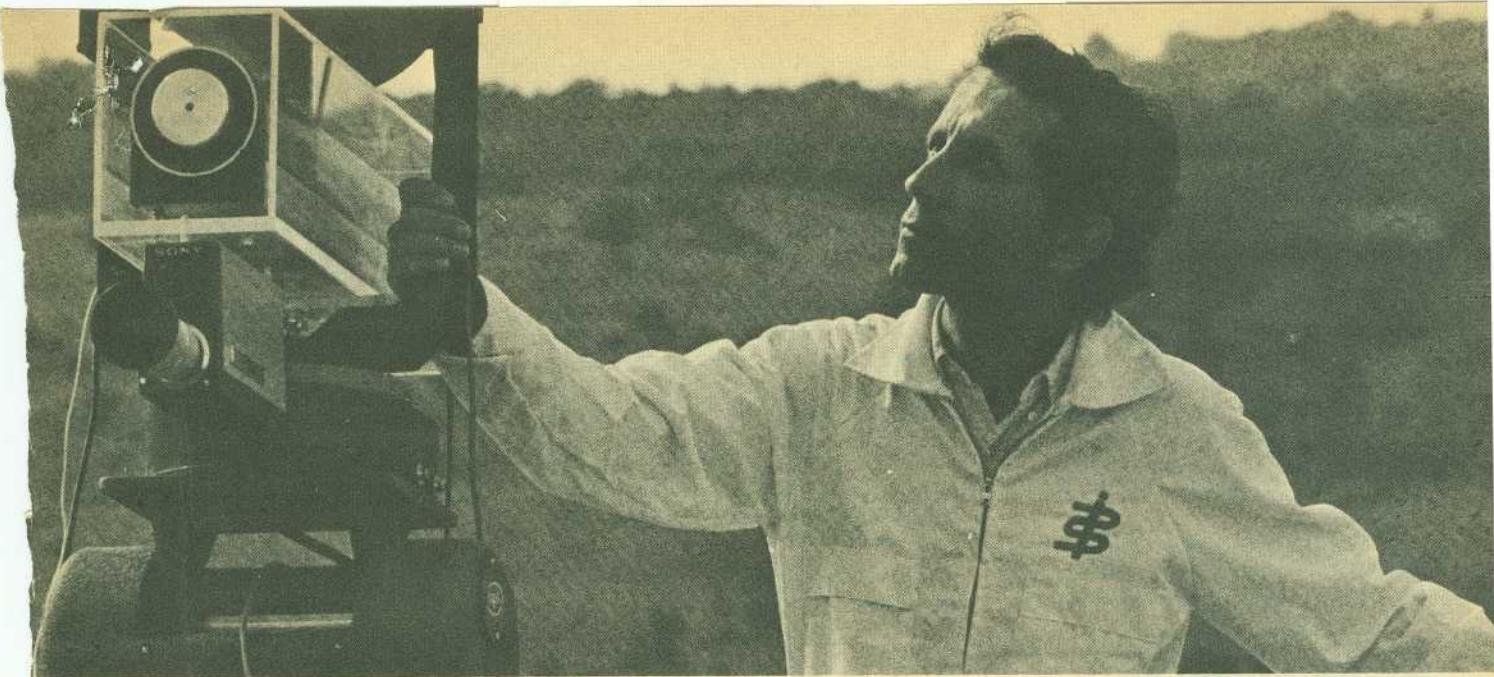
the rash of 1973 sightings began.

At that time Stanford was hard pressed to explain the dramatically increasing number of UFO reports in Texas. "Some say they correspond to the nearness of the planet Mars," he offered then in response to queries, but could give no clear-cut explanation. Whatever the reason, the reports persisted as they do today all across the U.S. And even the normally conservative Russians are hearing things from outer space. The Tass News Agency recently reported that scientists were hearing unusual, never heard before radio signals coming in pulses after definite lapses of time and being repeated several times a day. It is possible they are from a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization, the Russian news report said.

Soon after the signal lights were assembled in 1973, P.S.I. observers reported what they described as a bona fide sighting over their location on October 22nd. They say the object, flying at an extremely high rate of speed, traversed the Texas sky from the south toward the east. Observers at the signal site that night described the UFO as a "soundless, bright white oval, blinking at a rate of five times a second."

"Everyone had a feeling of tremendous, pulsating energy," confirms Ray's wife, Mary Kathryn. Within minutes of the sighting the group claims two Phantom jets, presumably from nearby Bergstrom Air Force Base, passed over their position, followed by a prop plane.

Since that initial report, Project Starlight International attests to nine other sightings and now claim to have in their possession photos and movies taken



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Ray Stanford,
Project Director

last year of two objects that completed high speed, right angle turns over the signal site.

While the purpose of the project has always been to collect scientific data in the form of photos, magnetic profiles, etc., the recent acquisition of expensive, sophisticated equipment has allowed P.S.I. research to advance to a new phase. Persistent reports collected worldwide have described UFOs emitting coherent, laser-type light beams. With this in mind, Project Starlight International was able to obtain at a cost of \$20,000 laser transmitting and receiving video equipment.

Scientists also believe electrostatic and magnetic disturbances surround UFOs. There have been many reported cases of electrical failure and burned out generators in areas where UFOs have been sighted. It is believed these disturbances could prevent normal television signals from reaching alien craft but that laser signals could overcome this obstacle.

With the new equipment, P.S.I. hopes to visually communicate with unidentified flying objects that may be attracted to their signal site. As to what researchers will say isn't exactly clear yet. "We hope to design a 'video of intent tape,'" says Stanford, "and encourage them to transmit on the same wavelength. We may tell them things like how long we've been working on the project and encourage them to land. The really encouraging thing," P.S.I.'s director enthuses, "is that UFOs are reported to use laser beams and it's a good bet they can decode our signals!"

With television crews and newsmen on hand, the newly acquired laser equipment was tested June 12, 1975. In that test a "symbolic display of intent" laser television program was beamed from the ground to light-detecting components manned by a newsmen in a helicopter hovering over the site. Upon landing the video recording received in the helicopter was to be played back to verify reception of the laser signal. As far as the P.S.I. staff could determine, transmission of television via laser to an aircraft had never been accomplished before. In addition to testing their UFO communication capabilities, they hoped to achieve a technological first.

With expectations running so high the test proved to be somewhat disappointing. A clear video replay of the beamed laser signal was not obtained. Stanford later attributed the failure to a faulty battery in the video recorder carried aloft and laser aiming problems. The transmission was repeated to a ground reception site with the desired results.

Despite the failure of the ground-to-air transmission, Ray Stanford remained characteristically undaunted. "For our purposes the test was successful," he commented. "The signal carried nicely and we just need to improve our aiming."

The laser equipment is now in place and according to Stanford, it works. Add to this a specially designed magnetometer capable of detecting a UFO up to 20 miles away, and a high speed technical camera, and what you have is

perhaps the most sophisticated array of UFO detection and monitoring equipment ever assembled in one place. Obviously all is ready at the Austin site. Are the UFOs?

That remains the big question. "We really don't know if a UFO is interested in responding," shrugs Stanford philosophically, "but we are enthusiastic enough to bet \$20,000. If we get one sighting—just 15 seconds—with the equipment here, we'll have more light pulse data and a better magnetic profile than has ever been recorded before."

"Gravity," he continued, "is something that is not wholly understood. To confirm a pulse gravitational field which may exist around UFOs is to find a whole new approach to gravity! This project is unique anywhere in the world and we are hoping to pioneer some important research."

What makes a man spend entire nights in a desolate pasture watching—waiting—with only the slimmest hope he may see something out of the ordinary? "We are trying to gain evidence so that the scientific community will take this thing seriously," Stanford explained. "Even if one landed and we got the hard data we are seeking, it would take years before it was accepted."

Maybe it has become an obsession with the research consultant—the near misses and skepticism hardening his resolve. "I'll solve this mystery some day," Stanford vowed when he was still a teen-ager. And perhaps he eventually will.

Watch those skies Ray Stanford, and tend those lights. Someone out there may be watching too!

C PROJECT STARLIGHT INTERNATIONAL
 THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN UFO RESEARCH HAS IT'S ORIGINS AT A REMOTE HILLSIDE, SOME MILES FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS. HEADED BY RAY SANFORD, WITH AN ASSOCIATED TEAM OF ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS AND OUTSIDE SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE, PROJECT STARLIGHT INTERNATIONAL PROMISES SOME OF THE ANSWERS TO THE MYSTERY OF THE U.F.O.

AT IT'S INSTIGATION, RESEARCHERS SET UP A CIRCLE OF LIGHTS, 100 FEET IN DIAMETER, CONSISTING OF NINETY-ONE SEQUENCED, 150 WATT SPOTLIGHTS, WITH ONE CENTRAL LIGHT, WHICH OPERATES ACCORDING TO A PROGRAMMED CODE. THIS INITIA EQUIPMENT WAS DESIGNED TO BE PORTABLE TO ASSIST SETTING UP IN ANY FAVOURABLE AREA. THE OUTER PERIMETER OF LIGHTS IS SEQUENCED TO RESEMBLE, WHEN SEEN FROM ABOVE, THREE METEORS WITH TRAILS CHASING EACH OTHER. BINARY CODED MESSAGES ARE PULSED OUT INTO SPACE VIA THE CENTRAL LIGHT. THE INSTALLATION WAS DECIDED UPON, DUE TO THE FACT THAT U.F.O.S SHOW A MARKED RESPONSE TO PEOPLE WHO FLASH LIGHTS AT THEM, WHEN ENCOUNTERED. THE LIGHT CIRCLE HAD IT'S FIRST U.F.O. RESPONSE AT 1.00.A.M. ON A MORNING IN EARLY MAY 72. THE SET UP WAS NOT AT IT'S PRESENT LOCATION NEAR AUSTIN.

A SINGLE OBJECT, VISIBLE AS A SINGLE BRIGHT, WHITE, STROBE LIGHT, RESPONDED TO THE CODE SENT OUT FROM THE LIGHT CIRCLE, AND HOVERED HIGH OVER IT. THE CODE BEING PULSED OUT WAS THE BINARY EQUIVALENT OF PI. THE OBJECT RESPONDED ONLY WHEN THE CODE FROM THE CIRCLE WAS NOT BEING TRANSMITTED. THE INTERPRETATION OF STROBE SIGNALS OBSERVED COMING FROM THE OBJECT RESEMBLED THE BINARY EQUIVALENT OF 1/PI. THE UFO WAS OVER THE SIGHT FOR TWO AND A HALF MINUTES, DURING WHICH TIME IT MOVED OVER VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SKY, AS MUCH AS THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY DEGREES APART, INSTANTANEOUSLY!

AFTER THIS INITIAL SIGHTING, FULL ATTENTION WAS TURNED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FULLY EQUIPED RESEARCH BASE.

ON OCTOBER 12TH. 1972, CHARLES HICKSON, THE RECENT PASGACOULA CONTACTEE, WAS GUEST OF THE P.S.I. TEAM, AND EXPRESSED THE WISH TO SEE THE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENT IN OPERATION. THE BASE AT THIS TIME WAS STILL NOT FULLY ESTABLISHED. A CAMERA WAS SET UP ON A NEARBY HILL, AND THE LIGHT CIRCLE WAS ACTIVATED, BUT SOON CEASED TO FUNCTION DUE TO A MECHANICAL FAULT. THE CAMERA SET UP ON THE HILL WAS AT THE WRONG ELEVATION TO CAPTURE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

AT 8.59.P.M., RAY SANFORD'S WIFE CALLED UP TO HIM. HE WAS WORKING ON THE CAMERA. WEST-SOUTH-WEST OF THE SITE WAS A VERY BRIGHT OBJECT, RESEMBLING A DISC OR SPHERE. IT WAS HOVERING OVER A WOODED AREA ABOUT A MILE FROM THEM. THE OBJECT WAS 60-80% OF THE FULL MOON'S SIZE, OR 17-23 MINUTES OF ARC.

IT WAS EMITTING A STRANGE ORANGE COLOUR ALL OVER IT'S SURFACE, WITH MORE INTENSE LIGHT COMING FROM UNDERNEATH IT. THIS WAS ILLUMINATING THE HILLSIDE, AS WOULD SUNSET. CALCULATIONS SHOWED THE OBJECT'S SIZE TO BE ABOUT THIRTY FEET IN DIAMETER.

AFTER STRUGGLING WITH THE SETTING OF THE TRIPOD, ON WHICH THE CAMERA WAS MOUNTED, RAY SANFORD WAS ABLE TO GET THE OBJECT IN VIEW, THROUGH THE TELE-PHOTO LENS, BUT AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ROLL THE FILM, THE OBJECT SHOT AWAY AND OVER THE HILL INTO THE RAVINE BEHIND. LIGHT FROM THE OBJECT COULD STILL BE SEEN REFLECTING OFF THE LOW CLOUD THEN DISSAPPEARED WHICH COULD HAVE MEANT IT LANDED.

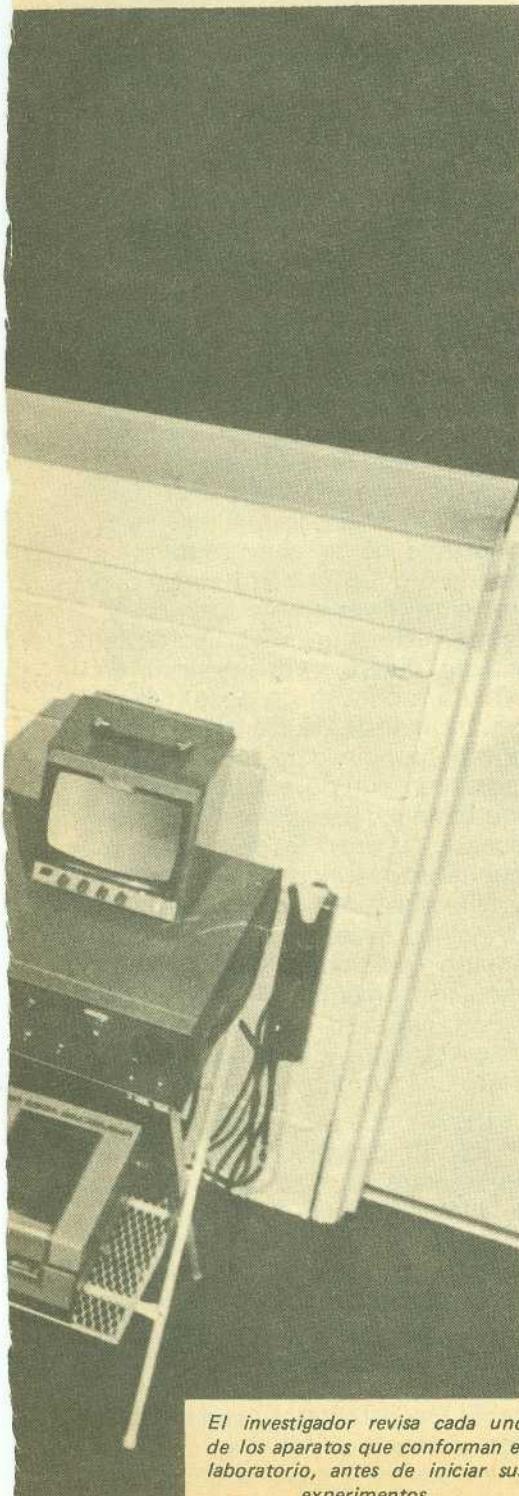
SINCE THIS DATE, THE BLOCKHOUSE FULL OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS HAS BEEN SET UP. THE EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF MOVIE CAMERAS WITH VIDEO-TAPE RECORDING SETS AND CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. MONITORS, FROM WHICH THE CAMERAS CAN BE LOCKED ONTO AN OBJECT AND TRACK IT AUTOMATICALLY. A MAGNETOMETER WITH ASSOCIATE RECORDER, A TIMING KEY FOR NOTED TIME OF DATA'S RECORDING, DIFFRACTION GRATINGS FITTED TO CAMERAS TO OBTAIN SPECTROSCOPIC DATA, AND A LASER FOR DISTANCE COMPUTATIONS, AND FOR LASER DISPLAYS IN CODE TO TEST U.F.O. RESPONSE. THE LASER IS AIMED AT THE UFO WITH THE AID OF A CRITERION DYNAMAX 8, CATADIOPTRIC TELESCOPE THAT CAN BE AIMED FROM A VIDEO DISPLAY CONSOLE.

SINCE THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SET UP, SEVERAL TIME-EXPOSURES OF U.F.O.S HAVE BEEN MADE, ONE TAKEN IN OCTOBER 1974, SHOWS A FAST-MOVING OBJECT MAKING TWO RIGHT-ANGLE TURNS IN RAPID SUCCESSION. MORE AS IT COMES TO U

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“NINGUN LADO EXISTE COMO EL NUESTRO”



El investigador revisa cada uno de los aparatos que conforman el laboratorio, antes de iniciar sus experimentos.

Por PERLA GONZALEZ

1964:

Durante este año, un científico con dotes paranormales participa en la investigación del aterrizaje de un OVNI y después de esa experiencia decide buscar los medios necesarios para crear un sistema que registre la aparición de OVNIS.

1972:

Casi diez años después, Ray Stanford logra crear el “Proyecto Internacional Luz Estelar”, el más importante centro de detección de OVNIS en el mundo, de cuyas actividades habla en esta reveladora entrevista.

En el corazón de la aislada zona montañosa que se encuentra ubicada a treinta kilómetros al noreste de Austin, Texas, uno de los laboratorios más insólitos del mundo busca pruebas de la existencia de los OVNIS desde el año de 1972. Tal centro es conocido como *Project Starlight International* (Proyecto Internacional Luz Estelar) y es una rama de la división investigadora de OVNIS de la *Association for the Understanding of Man* (Asociación para el Entendimiento del Hombre), cuyo lema principal es el siguiente: “Dejemos que los instrumentos se encarguen de detectar, vigilar y registrar”.

La fundación del PSI (*Project Starlight International*) fue promovida por Ray Stanford, un científico con dotes paranormales, quien sostiene que la investigación de los OVNIS debe basarse en “datos concretos y no en las visiones distorsionadas presentadas por testigos emotivos”. Asegura también

que esos datos concretos constituirán un adelanto en la investigación de los OVNIS y que, con base en tal punto, la comunidad científica se sentirá cominada a iniciar una investigación seria. Hasta el momento, el PSI ha obtenido más de 50 fotografías de OVNIS, además de haber compilado otros datos fundamentales que se están revisando.

Ray Stanford, además, cree firmemente en la reencarnación y sostiene que en su vida pasada fue, entre otras cosas, médico cirujano y pintor. Sus habilidades psíquicas las manifestó desde muy joven, cuando empezó a localizar objetos perdidos, a tener sueños premonitorios y a diagnosticar a simple vista los padecimientos de los demás.

Charlar con Stanford resulta toda una experiencia. A continuación transcribimos el diálogo que CONTACTOS EXTRATERRESTRES estableció con el renombrado científico.

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COMO EMPEZO TODO

CE: ¿Cómo se originó la idea de crear el PSI?

RS: En el año de 1964, participé en la investigación del aterrizaje de un OVNIS, que tuvo lugar en Secora, Nuevo México. Aunque logramos obtener algunas pruebas tangibles sobre el suceso, como por ejemplo un pequeño trozo de metal que quedó incrustado en una roca, no fue lo que nos hubiese gustado encontrar. La posibilidad de que la ciencia acepte la

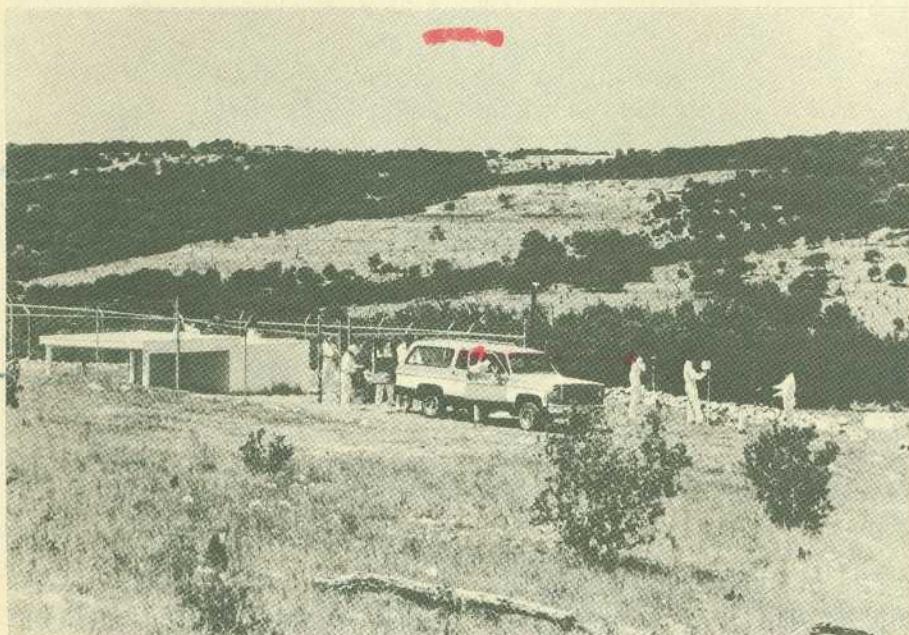
existencia de los OVNIS significa un problema muy complejo, por lo que llegué a la conclusión de que tendríamos que encontrar los medios necesarios para obtener mejores pruebas. Propuse a unos amigos, entre los que se encontraba un físico y un ingeniero en electricidad, que tratáramos de buscar medios idóneos para atraer OVNIS y registrar su aparición con aparatos de sonido, televisión, cámaras fotográficas e instrumentos similares. Por cuenta propia, efectuamos algunos experimentos en el desier-

to de Arizona y, aunque nuestro equipo de iluminación era bastante deficiente, logramos atraer algunos OVNIS. El problema al que nos enfrentamos fue la falta de un equipo adecuado; no teníamos dinero para adquirirlo. Fue precisamente en esa época cuando me nombraron director de investigaciones de la *Association for the Understanding of Man*, corporación norteamericana de investigación científica, no lucrativa y exenta de impuestos federales; se trata de una institución dedicada al estudio de ciencias humanas como la parapsicología, lo paranormal y temas relacionados. Pensé que esta era una buena oportunidad para convencerlos de que financiaran la investigación de los OVNIS. Creo que en estos momentos, la investigación de los fenómenos físicos de los OVNIS es más importante que los estudios sobre parapsicología, aunque éstos también son importantes cuando los efectúan investigadores competentes.

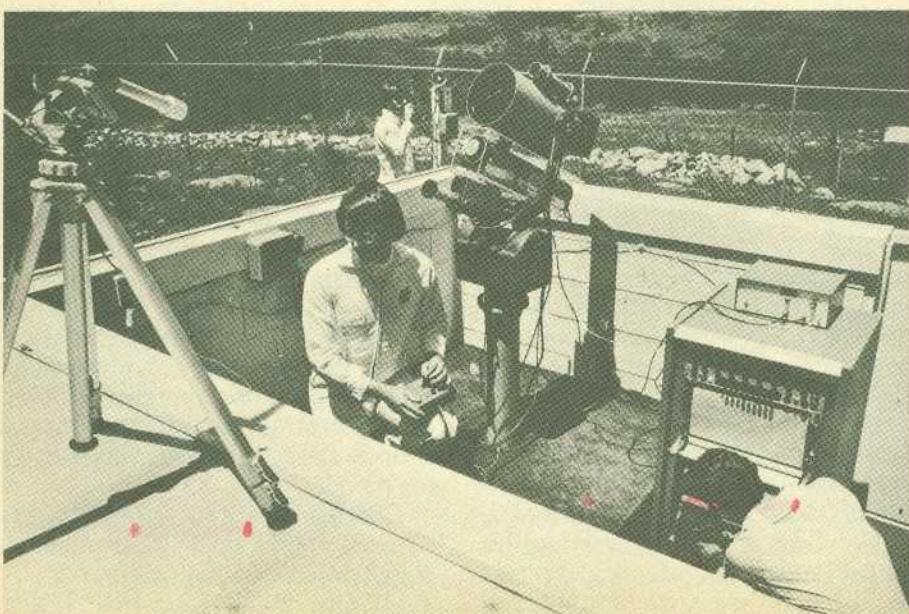
El resultado fue que logré convencer a la Asociación del valor científico de lo que proponía, y aceptaron. La primera suma que nos entregaron no fue muy importante; realmente no se necesitaba mucho dinero para construir un círculo luminoso de poco más de treinta metros de diámetro, compuesto por noventa luces controladas con equipo electrónico, como tampoco para comprar algunas buenas cámaras. En la medida en que avanzaba el proyecto, la junta directiva y yo nos convencimos de que era necesario agregar algo de equipo adicional; ahora, entre otros instrumentos, tenemos un detector giratorio de OVNIS y un magnetómetro. Por supuesto, esto costó una fortuna.

CE: ¿Y qué uso les dan?

RS: El detector de OVNIS es un aparato en forma de consola, integrado por diversos instrumentos dirigidos por TV y control remoto, con laser, telescopio, fotomultiplicador y amplificador de video, una cámara de video Sony, monitor de video y otros. Efectúa las tareas que su nombre implica. El magnetómetro es un registrador automático de gran calidad. Entre sus funciones, se encuentra la localización de ondas gravi-



Una construcción sencilla alberga al laboratorio dirigido por Stanford, encabezado en una zona montañosa cerca de Austin, Texas.



Los asistentes del investigador prueban las instalaciones del detector de OVNIS, un aparato que ofrece óptimos resultados.

CE: ¿Esto podría suceder sin recurrir a la meditación, es decir, que sencillamente se diese y ya?

RS: Sí, podría suceder, pero creo que tenemos que ser muy cautelosos. Por ejemplo, no creo que algo por el estilo pudiera tener valor para la investigación, sea lo que fuere. Y repito, tenemos que ser muy cautelosos debido a la forma absurda en que a veces se manejan estas cosas. Ya ve, hay miles de personas que creen que pueden efectuar viajes, que llegan a la Luna en unos instantes al igual que van a Júpiter en poco tiempo. No quiero decir que no puedan hacer esto teóricamente, pero en la investigación OVNI no deberíamos recurrir a ello. Tampoco debemos decir que estamos resolviendo de esa manera los misterios de lo que pasa en Júpiter, o que así estamos resolviendo el misterio de los OVNIS. Estamos viviendo en cuerpos físicos en este mundo, y estamos viendo allá afuera cuerpos que pueden ser fotografiados, que son vistos por la gente. Y si nos proponemos llegar a una solución, hemos de tratar el fenómeno tal como lo observamos, y no como algo que experimentamos dentro de nosotros en forma subjetiva, como individuos. Quizás pueda existir algún lugar en que quiepa ese tipo de búsqueda. Algun experimento misterioso de tipo psicológico o algo parecido, pero no creo que esa clase de investigación tenga cabida en las exploraciones OVNI. Sé que mucha gente no está de acuerdo conmigo, pero esa es mi opinión personal. Quizás porque mi especialidad es el manejo de instrumentos. También porque viajé por California en la década de los cincuenta y pude conocer a muchos de los que tienen contactos con esferas siderales. Así conocí a George Adamski, el famoso contactado. Se confesó conmigo y me relató muchas historias, como también lo hicieron algunos de sus amigos. ¿Si pondré al descubierto a Adamski? No del todo, porque tuvo algunas visiones verdaderas. Pero contaré la historia tal y como yo la presencié. También contaré la historia de otros contactados. Con ellos no seré tan benevolente, así que algunos quedarán totalmente demoli-

dos. Las pruebas que tengo llevaron a la esposa de uno de ellos a pedirle el divorcio. Se dio cuenta de que era un farsante por los testimonios que aporté. Y por allí me encontré con mucha gente que veía las cosas de manera tan subjetiva que creían estar viajando a Venus todas las noches y soñaban que hablaban con Istar. No existe eso, es producto de la imaginación del contactado. Pero quiero darle un ejemplo de lo que produce tal situación. Cierta mujer, de quien no quiero dar el nombre, escribió un libro en el que aseguraba que tenía contacto psíquico con Istar. Estábamos sentados en su casa móvil durante la Convención de Vehículos Espaciales de Van de Castle, en 1957, un joven físico, un candidato a doctor en física, una persona nativa de Estonia, un estudiante de tecnología de California, ella y algunos amigos suyos; todos ellos tomaron un globo y ataron una góndola de ferrocarril debajo de éste, con un cartucho de dinamita conectado a un mecanismo de reloj; luego soltaron el globo y la góndola quedó colgando de él, con las ruedas hacia arriba e iluminándolo. Esa mujer y otras más empezaron a orar: "Istar, Istar, oh, por fin has llegado", y todas estaban arrodilladas en el polvo. El globo pasó por encima y de repente se oyó una explosión, y el vehículo de rieles se hizo pedazos. La dinamita había explotado. Ahora bien, este tipo de casos conducen a apreciaciones extremadamente subjetivas. Por ello me opuse a que exhibieran películas en la conferencia de contactados en el Congreso de Acapulco como prueba de un contacto con el espacio exterior. Están llenas de charlatanería.

CE: Regresando al Proyecto Luz Estelar, ¿cómo se siente usted en vísperas de lo que podría ser un paso decisivo en la investigación del fenómeno OVNI? ¿Se considera usted un pionero?

RS: No precisamente, pero creo que, al margen de lo que encontramos con respecto a los OVNIS, mi gran satisfacción será que el gobierno dejará de mentir a la gente, ya que tal actitud resultaba muy negativa. Para la gente resulta muy negativo tener que desconfiar de

su gobierno o que el gobierno no pueda confiar en el pueblo y decirle lo que realmente está sucediendo. Al decir la verdad, evitarán que los investigadores de OVNIS tengan que luchar desesperadamente para poder llevar a cabo sus investigaciones, en su intento de revelar todo lo que saben, porque me consta que ciertos gobiernos han tenido mucho más información de la que nuestro laboratorio o cualquier laboratorio podría descubrir en unos mil años.

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se había lastimado al caer sobre las ramas de un árbol. Pero el traje no estaba rasgado y su casco se encontraba en perfectas condiciones. Las expediciones a este planeta en un principio le habían parecido divertidas, pero al descubrir la violencia y el miedo de quienes lo habitaban, se sentía siempre amenazado. Vio la cabaña entre los árboles. Le pareció solitaria hasta que descubrió la presencia de seres humanos que hicieron virar la aguja de su detector. Con excesivo cuidado se acercó y subió los dos escalones. Una fuerte debilidad lo invadía. "No puede ser... —pensó— debo haberme lastimado..." Pero viendo el dolor se acercó a la puerta.

La empujó sin que respondiera de inmediato, después sacó lentamente una pequeña y oscura caja y la dirigió, apretando un botón, hacia la cerradura. La puerta, entonces, cedió y el tercer hombre penetró en la cabaña en la que Nastasia asustada protegía al niño con su cuerpo encogiéndose y haciéndose un pequeño bulto tras la cortina.

Vio al hombre en medio del cuarto, le pareció enorme y su cabeza inclinada tocaba el techo de madera.

El hombre se sorprendió notablemente al verla. No se movió durante algunos momentos que a ella le parecieron eternos; después



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Ray Stanford has long been UFOlogy's most active proponent and practitioner of instrumented UFO hard-data monitoring and recording. An investigator of UFOs since 1953, Stanford soon realized that UFOs might never be defined within the standards of physical science without reliably recorded, instrumented UFO data, thoroughly studied.

In 1973 he founded Project Starlight International (P.S.I.) as a research division of the Association for the Understanding of Man. The P.S.I. instrumented UFO monitoring work is primarily supported through federally tax-deductible contributions.

Under the direction of Stanford, P.S.I. operates a business office at 3724 Jefferson, Suite 112, Austin, Texas, while maintaining both a permanent UFOlogical observatory outside Austin, and a mobile UFO tracking and monitoring van (4-wheel drive). The Project also operates a local UFO hotline (512)458-2031, hoping to learn of sightings that might correlate with its own UFO trackings.

P.S.I. is a professional organization, providing employment for a staff of four, plus volunteer work for up to fifteen other persons when the permanent UFO observatory is in full operation, such as in UFO 'flap' periods. Among the Project's equipment are radar, a broad range of optical equipment, including a spectrographic camera, high quality sound recording equipment, a coupled telescope-laser-photomultiplier-video system for UFO light pulse and light bend studies, synchronized camera systems, automatic recording magnetometers, a gravimeter, and, in the development stage, a computer-centered tracking and data-management system, etc.

On December 12, 1977, the Project began to get results that may prove not only significant, but even definitive concerning the physics of UFOs.

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