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1. SUMMARY: AS ANTICIPATED, GRENADIAN PM SIR ERIC GAIRY
ADDRESSED THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) ON
AGENDA ITEM 126 AND INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION (DATAFAXED)
WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH AN EXPERT GROUP TO SET GUIDELINES
FOR A UN STUDY OF UFOS. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY DR. FRIDAY
(MINISTER OF EDUCATION) AND FOUR OTHER SPEAKERS, ALL OF
WHOM ARGUED IN FAVOR OF A "UN CLEARINGHOUSE" FOR THE
EXCHANGE OF DATA AND COORDINATION OF RESEARCH ON UFOS.
THE SPEAKERS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SHORT FILM WHICH
CONSISTED OF STILL AND MOTION PICTURES SPLICED TOGETHER
PURPORTING TO DEPICT ACTUAL SIGHTINGS OF UFOS. CONSIDERA-
TION OF THE ITEM WAS SUSPENDED TO PERMIT DELEGATES TO
CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. GAIRY, IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE ON 27 NOV,

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SAID HE HAD COME TO NEW YORK TO PRESENT THE ITEM BECAUSE

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OF HIS "DEEP PERSONAL CONVICTION" THAT THE SUBJECT OF UFOS WAS ONE OF "WORLD-WIDE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE" AND INDEED, ONE WHICH WARRANTED VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE RECENT REPORT OF THE ABDUCTION OF A CESSNA AIRCRAFT IN AUSTRALIA SEEMED TO HIM TO BE A COMPELLING REASON FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO "COME ALIVE TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT THE U.F.O. PHENOMENON TO WHICH PLANET EARTH HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY EXPOSED SINCE 1947."

3. MR. FRIDAY READ OUT THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN APRIL 1977, AT ACAPULCO, MEXICO, AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON UFO PHENOMENON, WHICH HAD ENDORSED GRENADA'S INITIATIVE TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, HE SAID, THAT THE GRENADA DELEGATION HAD INVITED SOME OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE CONGRESS TO JOIN HIS DELEGATION TODAY IN ORDER TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT.

4. DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK (PROFESSOR OF ASTRONOMY AT NORTH-WESTERN) COMPLEMENTED GRENADA FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT AND THUS "TOD WHERE MIGHTIER NATIONS FEARED TO TREAD." HE WENT ON TO DEFINE THE PHENOMENON OF UFO'S SIMPLY AS "ANY AERIAL OR SURFACE SIGHTING, OR INSTRUMENTAL RECORDING (E.G. RADAR, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC.) WHICH REMAINS UNEXPLAINED BY CONVENTIONAL METHODS EVEN AFTER COMPETENT EXAMINATION BY QUALIFIED PERSONS." A CARDINAL MISTAKE, AND A SOURCE OF GREAT CONFUSION, HE REMARKED, HAD BEEN THE ALMOST UNIVERSAL SUBSTITUTION OF AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UFO PHENOMENON FOR THE PHENOMENON ITSELF. HYNEK SAID THAT UFO

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REPORTS HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED FROM 133 COUNTRIES. IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS, THESE REPORTS HAD BEEN MADE BY HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE PERSONS -- ASTRONAUTS, RADAR EXPERTS, MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL PILOTS, OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS AND SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING ASTRONOMERS. HYNEK CONCLUDED BY POINTING OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE STUDYING THE UFO PHENOMENON BUT THEY HAD NO MEANS, EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE, BY WHICH THEY COULD SHARE THE RESULTS OF THEIR WORK. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE UN CREATE THE NECESSARY FRAMEWORK TO

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PROVIDE THIS CAPABILITY FOR SCIENTISTS.

5. DR. JACQUES VALLEE (CURRENTLY AN AUTHOR OF SCIENCE FICTION) WAS THE NEXT SPEAKER INTRODUCED BY DR. FRIDAY. HE HAS SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS ANALYZING UFO REPORTS ON A COMPUTER AND CONCLUDED THAT DESPITE THE LACK OF CONCLUSIVE PROOF, THE UFO PHENOMENON IS REAL BECAUSE PEOPLE BELIEVE IT IS REAL.

HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT THIS PHENOMENON HAD THREE ASPECTS: FIRST, PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION THAT COULD AND SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED THROUGH AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT; SECOND, A PSYCHO-PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECT. WITNESSES AT THE SCENE EXHIBITED DISORIENTATION SYMPTOMS, A LOSS OF THE SENSE OF TIME, PARTIAL PARALYSIS OR LOSS OF VOLUNTARY MUSCLE CONTROL, AUDITORY AND VISUAL HALLUCINATIONS, EYE COMPLAINTS RANGING FROM CONJUNCTIVITIS TO TEMPORARY BLINDNESS, MASSIVE PSYCHIC REACTIONS AND LONGER-TERM EFFECTS SUCH AS DISTURBANCE OF SLEEP AND DREAM PATTERNS AND RADICAL BEHAVIOR CHANGES. HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OR THE BUDGET OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO ADDRESS SUCH EFFECTS DIRECTLY, EXCEPT WHERE THE UNITED NATIONS COULD SERVE ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE IN DISSEMINATING SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND FACILITATING EXCHANGES AMONG SCHOLARS.

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6. DR. FRIDAY THEN INTRODUCED LT. COL. LARRY COYNE, U.S. ARMY, WHO APPEARED IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY. COYNE DESCRIBED TO THE SPC A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH A UFO NEAR COLUMBUS, OHIO IN 1973 WHEN HIS ARMY HELICOPTER ALMOST COLLIDED IN MID-AIR WITH A UFO. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS PREPARING A MANUSCRIPT ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE FOR A BOOK.

7. THE CHAIR RECESSED THE SPC SO THAT THE FILM ON UFO'S COULD BE SHOWN. DR. HYNEK INDICATED THAT EACH OF THE SIGHTINGS DEPICTED IN THE FILM HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND SEVERAL OF THEM WERE HIGHLY SUSPECT.

8. WHEN THE AFTERNOON SESSION OPENED, DR. FRIDAY ANNOUNCED THAT EX-U.S. ASTRONAUT L. GORDON COOPER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS SCHEDULED. HE DID, HOWEVER, READ A LETTER FROM COOPER WHICH STATED HIS BELIEF THAT EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL VEHICLES AND THEIR CREWS ARE VISITING THIS PLANET FROM MORE TECHNICALLY ADVANCED CIVILIZATIONS. COOPER HAD OBSERVED FORMATIONS OF UFO'S IN 1951, BUT INDICATED MOST ASTRONAUTS WERE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THE CHICANERY WHICH HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH IT. HE CLAIMED THAT IF THE UN PURSUES THE GRENADIAN

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PROJECT, MORE QUALIFIED PEOPLE WILL STEP FORWARD TO PROVIDE HELP AND INFORMATION.

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9. DR. FRIDAY THEN INTRODUCED HIS FINAL SPEAKER WHO WAS STANTON FRIEDMAN, A FULL TIME UFOLOGIST AND LECTURER. FRIEDMAN AGREED WITH COOPER THAT EARTH HAS BEEN VISITED BY VEHICLES FROM EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL SOURCES AND OPINED THAT SINCE WE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF VISITING OTHER STAR SYSTEMS IN THE NEXT CENTURY, THEY WANT TO KEEP TABS ON US. SINCE THERE IS NO SINGLE LEADER TO BE TAKEN TO, THE ALIENS HAVE NOT INITIATED CONTACT WITH ANY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY.

10. FRIDAY CLOSED BY SOLICITING THE COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE RESOLUTION FROM OTHER DELEGATES. THERE WERE NO OTHER INTERVENTIONS MADE AT THAT TIME EXCEPT FOR A LIBERIAN REQUEST THAT THE PROCEEDINGS BE REPRODUCED VER BATIM. ABSENT ANY OBJECTION, THE CHAIR AGREED. ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION WAS POSTPONED PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

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11. COMMENT: MISOFF WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS TO SEEK AVENUE WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE GRENADIANS AND NOT SADDLE UN WITH INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF SUBJECT. ANY RESULTING ACTION WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE APPROACHING THE GRENADIANS. LEONARD

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