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OUR close association with Dr. J. Allen Hynek and his team will have an important outcome in the near future. The issues of Volume 21 of *Flying Saucer Review* will witness the advent of a new series for publication, namely:

- i) Summaries of a selection of cases investigated and/or studied by the Center for UFO Studies;
- ii) The publication, at irregular intervals, of precis versions of research papers given at the Center.

This *Review* has endeavoured always to give a lead in thought on the UFO problem, and to make known the global nature of the phenomenon. Furthermore it has been our pleasure always to help air the serious and reasoned views of others, and we are delighted now to have the opportunity of presenting some of the work of Dr. Hynek's new Institute in America.

As FSR moves towards the completion of twenty years of service to UFO research, there is another important result of our collaboration with the Center. We will be reinforcing our association with that powerhouse of thought and research — particularly statistical research — on UFO reports, Dr. Jacques Vallée. Not that we have ever lost touch with this good friend and supporter over the years since he launched himself into the field of UFO research in 1961-62 with his now-famous series of articles in FSR.

Jacques Vallée, who has a Master's Degree in astrophysics at Lille University in France, and a Ph.D. in computer science at Northwestern University, is principal investigator of a computer research project in the United States. Over the years he has built up a big reputation as a UFO researcher and reporter whose objectivity is impeccable, and who has usually been considered to be a supporter of the extraterrestrial hypothesis with regard to the nature of the enigmatic objects. However, since the days of his collaboration with us, in 1966, on *The Humanoids* — the final version of this first FSR Special Issue has recently appeared as a paperback book — we have been aware of his radically changing views on the subject. Again, we have not been surprised that the pressures of his work in the computer field, and on other books, have resulted in a dwindling of his contributions to FSR. However, he has always kept us informed about developments in the field.

A recent important development is a paper which Dr. Vallée has given in collaboration with Dr. Claude Poher of the French Centre Nationale d'Etudes Spatiales — himself a recent contributor to FSR — at the Pasadena meeting of the AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics). This paper is entitled "Basic Patterns in UFO

Observations," and one of the very interesting features is the reconstruction of 'true' time distribution of landings (Type I reports), and the conclusion that one would have to assume fourteen times the number of reported events to get an idea of the true magnitude of the phenomenon.

This is typical of the more widely-known aspect of Vallée's work on UFOs, and is one of several "break-throughs" in recent months (another being Dr. Hynek's in *Nature*). What was less widely-known, until — to use his own words in a letter to the Editor of FSR — he "let the cat out of the bag" in *Psychic* magazine\* a year ago, was the extent of the changes that had taken place in his views on UFOs. (Although there were hints of the change in *Passport to Magonia*.)

The *Psychic* article was entitled "UFOs: the psychic component," and in it Vallée's conclusions (abbreviated for this editorial — ED.) were that:

a) UFOs are neither "objects" nor "flying," but that they can "dematerialise" and violate the laws of motion;

b) UFOs† have been seen throughout history, and have consistently provided their own explanation within the framework of each culture. In antiquity they were gods, in mediaeval times, magicians, in the nineteenth century, scientific geniuses, and in our own time, interplanetary travellers;

c) A modern tendency is to accept UFO reports as evidence of visits from space travellers, but the phenomenon could be, for example, a manifestation

in a much more complex sense, of an advanced technology involving, e.g., interpenetrating universes;

d) The key to an understanding of the UFO phenomenon may lie in the psychic effects it produces (or the awareness it makes possible) in some observers, whose lives are deeply changed, and who develop unusual talents with which they might find it difficult to cope;

e) Contact between human percipients and the UFO phenomenon occurs under conditions controlled by the latter, its characteristic feature being an invariant absurdity that leads to the rejection of the story by the upper layers of the target society, and absorption at a deep unconscious level of the symbols conveyed by the encounter . . .

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Dr. Vallée gives us to understand that the theme of his *Psychic* article, and his conclusions therein, are being expanded by him in a book to be published first in France, and then in an English language and augmented version possibly in September or October, in the United States. It should prove to be quite a blockbuster!

This all goes to support the view expressed in our last Editorial leader that there is a world of change in this changing world.

\* This issue for January-February 1974

† [and their 'occupants'—ED]

## INCREASES IN POSTAL CHARGES

March 17, 1975, will see the imposition of punitive increases in the rates of postage for home and overseas mail. These leave us with no alternative but to pass them on to subscribers in the form of an additional postage charge. This method will at least allow us to leave the cover charge unaltered.

With effect from Vol. 21, No.1, the first issue of the 1975 series, the following rates will apply:

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