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## INTRODUCTION

ALLAN ANGOFF: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. For the officers and trustees, I am glad to open this 24th Annual International Conference of the Parapsychology Foundation. Our theme is "Education in Parapsychology," and it is a theme that represents a culmination of the Foundation's objectives.

The Parapsychology Foundation was established almost a quarter of a century ago, to encourage research, study, and experiment in the psychical aspects of human behavior. Eileen Garrett, founder and first president—a great friend of learning, and a noted psychical researcher, who participated in some of the landmark experiments in parapsychology in the United States and England—felt there was a need to support in substantive fashion scientists and others studying the paranormal in laboratories, universities and classrooms.

It should be noted here, also, this morning at this Conference, that Mrs. Garrett said, "The organization would constantly seek to encourage parapsychological research within universities among scholars of firmly established reputation. At the same time," she added, and these are her words, "The Parapsychology Foundation does not endorse any specific technique of study or research, but encourages activities in areas that would appear to offer possibilities of serious achievement within our area of inquiry." That was, and that remains the continuing objective approach of this organization, and this conference was organized accordingly.

I pause now to present Mrs. Garrett's most worthy successor, our second president—Mrs. Eileen Coly.

EILEEN COLY: Good morning, everybody. I just want to say "Welcome again." We won't waste any time. We'll go right to work because we have a great deal to do on this very vital subject of education.