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INTRODUCTION

LISETTE COLY: I call to order this, the Parapsychology Foundation's 36th Annual International Conference. This conference is now in session. I am Lisette Coly and as Vice President of the Foundation I welcome you to this year's conference addressing the theme of Spontaneous Psi, Depth Psychology and Parapsychology.

The aims of the Parapsychology Foundation founded in 1951 by Eileen J. Garrett were and continue to be defined as furthering the study of parapsychology which in its widest application deals with the study of certain phenomena, experienced by man, that do not seem to fit the pattern of prevalent knowledge or that do not readily correspond to the laws of nature as viewed by present day scientific understanding. To this end the Foundation has involved itself in maintaining our publishing programs, grant program, scholarship awards, research library and conference series. We at the Foundation are very pleased to sponsor this particular conference here in Berkeley as we feel it will undoubtedly be an important addition to our long line of valuable conferences.

In an introduction to a book entitled *Beyond the Five Senses*, published in 1957, Eileen Garrett addressing the topic of spontaneous phenomena wrote, "Spontaneous phenomena will probably never be eliminated from the purview of any science, for the very simple reason the phenomena happen and require explanation. As a science, parapsychology is no exception to this condition of life and work. Spontaneous psychical phenomena reported must be continually investigated."

Before I introduce you to the Foundation's President, Eileen Coly, I want to share with you the pleasure that we at the Foundation feel that Mrs. Coly was included in the published volume, edited by Dr. Rosemarie Pilkington, *Men and Women of Parapsychology: Personal Reflections*. We feel that Mrs. Coly, despite the fact of starting her career in parapsychology beneath the rather imposing shadow cast by her mother Eileen Garrett, well deserves recognition in her own right for her contributions to the field in administering the works of this Foundation as our President since 1970.

Ladies and Gentlemen, may I present, Eileen Coly.

GREETINGS

EILEEN COLY: Good morning everyone. I am very happy to greet you all on behalf of the Parapsychology Foundation. As you are probably aware, we hold these conferences annually in varying locations and addressed to different topics. The Foundation last sponsored a conference in this area, *Education in Parapsychology*, in San Francisco in 1975. The intervening years have flown by and we welcome the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to meet many of you who are certainly known to us, but we have never had the opportunity to encounter in person.

Our theme and the ensuing discussions are important for parapsychology. As Dr. Jan Ehrenwald, the noted psychiatrist, wrote in his book, *The ESP Experience*, "All the minutiae of laboratory investigations cannot do justice to the totality of man in his social and interpersonal aspects, to his relationship with his fellow man and the universe at large, to his world of value—artistic, religious, or otherwise—to his 'ultimate concerns' . . . Confining our attention to experimental subjects capable of piling up unusually high ESP or PK scores in the parapsychological laboratory would severely restrict our view of human potentiality." Without denigrating the necessity for scientific rigor in experimental parapsychology Ehrenwald goes on to state that "there is a world of nonsensory, transpersonal psychic reality which is difficult to break down into well-defined statistical variables, but which—perhaps for this very reason—is nevertheless possessed of marked psychological significance and a powerful emotional charge."

Leading us in exploration of our topic for the next two days is a long-time colleague and friend of the Foundation—Dr. Stanley Krippner. Stanley Krippner has presented many papers at Foundation conferences, including the one I just mentioned. He is well known in many fields—education, psychology and most certainly parapsychology. Dr. Krippner is presently the Director of the Center for Consciousness Studies at Saybrook Institute in San Francisco where he teaches and conducts his research. His list of writings, too numerous to mention

here, cover many subjects such as dream telepathy, creativity, folk healing and mind research in the USSR and Eastern Europe. With Stan's knowledge and experience in so many areas, we are indeed fortunate to have him as moderator of this conference.

As we are all anxious to proceed with the conference I will now ask Dr. Krippner to take over.

OPENING REMARKS

STANLEY KRIPPNER: Thank you very much. As some of you know the work at the Parapsychology Foundation is something which our field holds in very high regard and a number of years ago I dedicated Volume 3: *Advances in Parapsychological Research* to Eileen Coly, her mother Eileen Garrett and the Parapsychology Foundation in general. For some bizarre reason the publisher did not send me the galleys on that page and when the book came out it had not one, not two but three misspellings in that one sentence dedication. I think that is a record. So the current volume of *Advances in Parapsychological Research* Volume 5 has an errata page and that error has been put to rest. One of the great embarrassments in my professional career, but unfortunately not the only embarrassment.

Well, on behalf of the Parapsychology Foundation I would like to welcome you all to our conference on Spontaneous Psi, Depth Psychology and Parapsychology. Each of the papers to be presented during the next two days concerns itself with this provocative topic. Our host to the conference is the Parapsychology Foundation which was founded in 1951 to support scientific inquiry into anomalous human experience. The Foundation maintains an office in New York City where students, scholars and other interested persons can gather to utilize this remarkable library. The Foundation publishes the *Parapsychology Review*, a comprehensive publication that contains scholarly articles, book reviews and news reports that reflect the international scope of parapsychology. I often say to people if you can afford only one publication in the field get this one because it will give you a very good overview as well as some excellent in-depth articles. The Foundation publishes a series of monographs on various topics in the field as well as the yearly *Proceedings* of the International Conferences. Parapsychology research is indebted to the Foundation's grant program which has enabled investigators from various countries, as well as promising graduate students, to inaugurate experimentation and other forms of study into psi phenomena. Highly motivated students have been assisted by the Eileen J. Garrett scholarship, named after the remarkable woman who founded the Parapsychology Foundation. I personally have many fond memories of Eileen Garrett and often recall the wisdom, the dedication and her humor.

Eileen Garrett had a keen sense of discrimination that permitted the Foundation's efforts and finances to be allocated with care and precision and I have many recollections especially some of her advice to neophytes in the field. If she were alive today I can just imagine what she would say to some of the people who are jumping headlong into channeling phenomena, out-of-body experiences, other types of fascinating, unusual, bizarre and in some cases not completely safe experiments and experiences. And as I heard her say more than once, "My dear, until you have your feet on the ground don't try to go out of your body" or "Until you have become accustomed to inner space don't try to fly into outer space." That was the type of commonsense wisdom that she often gave. I am certainly pleased that the same intuition and intelligence is shared by her daughter, Eileen Coly, and her granddaughter, Lisette Coly, who carries out the Foundation's work and planned this conference. I am sure we will all enjoy our week-end together and benefit from each other's contributions. And also I think it is a tribute to the conference and to the speakers that many people in the audience are as equally qualified to give talks as the people on the panel. I think that you will find during the breaks and during the discussion that we have a great wealth of resources here at the conference, both on and off the panel. I am sure that this will be a very rich and rewarding experience for all of us.