



Section IV

Participants' Statements

Prior to convening for the workshop, participants were asked to prepare one- to two-page statements to present as handouts during the session. These brief papers, each related to one aspect or another of the cultural impact of extraterrestrial contact, reflected the participants' early deliberation on the topics and served as starting points for the group discussions. The topics were as follows:

- 1. Practical Information**
- 2. Answers to Major Questions**
- 3. Changes in Our View of Ourselves**
- 4. Cooperation in Joint Galactic Projects**
- 5. Significant Long-Term Effects That Are Primarily Negative**
- 6. What Should Humanity Do Now to Maximize Positive Long-Term Impacts?**

Following are the participants' statements.

