

## **Using the online cognitive interview with unidentified aerospace phenomenon testimonies.**

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Some agencies or other national organizations require computerized testimonies from witnesses. It is especially the case for The Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), which is the government agency in charge of investigating unidentified aerospace phenomenon (UAP) sightings. A major issue is then to design a tool that allows witnesses to *type their testimonies on a computer*. We adapted the Modified CI (Brunel, Py, & Launay, 2013 ; Geiselman et al. 1986 ; Memon, Meissner & Fraser, 2010) to an online format, a so-called *Online Cognitive Interview*.

The Online Cognitive Interview (OCI) is a tool designed to elicit a comprehensive initial account from UAP witnesses' testimonies or shortly thereafter to inoculate against the loss of information associated with delayed interview. Requesting that UAP witnesses complete an OCI not only serves to preserve and protect memory but also enables GEIPAN's investigators to prioritize the allocation of resources during the critical early stages of an investigation. The current review traces the development of the OCI from a series of laboratory studies through to field trials and integrates our findings with theoretical accounts of human memory.