

**Search theory implementation is the redundancy that assures success when short-cuts fail !**

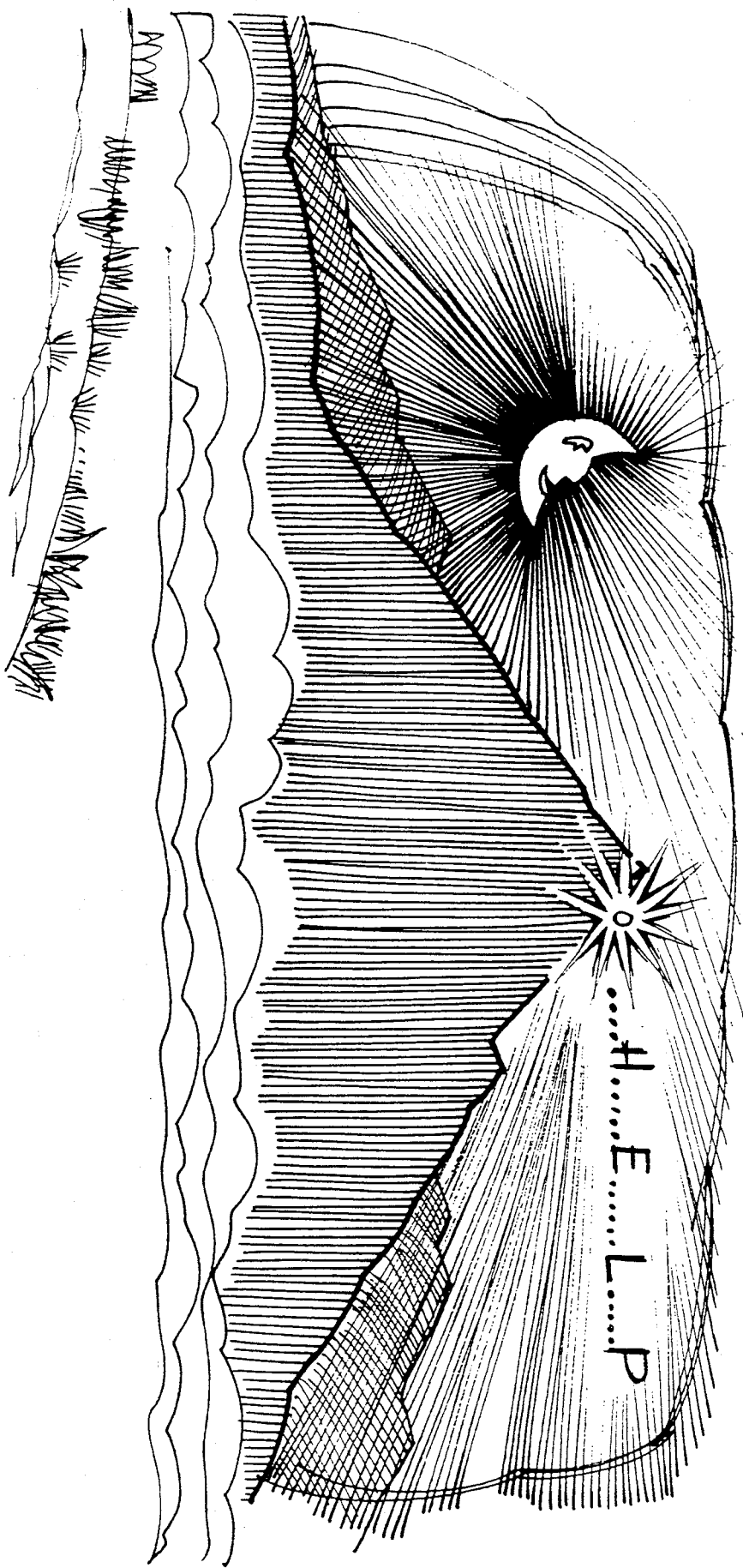
## **The Crucials :**

- 1. Search is an Emergency**
- 2. Search is a Classic Mystery**
- 3. Search for clues, not the subject**
- 4. Concentrate on aspects that are:**

- Important to Search Success**
- Under control of a Search Manager**

- 5. Know if the subject leaves the Search Area**
- 6. Grid Search as a last resort**

*SOME CLUES ARE NEARLY AS  
GOOD AS THE VICTIM*



# Clue Seeking



**1. An ongoing process that starts with preplanning and doesn't end until after the final critique.**

 **Clues are found from investigation as well as resources in the field**

**2. Good clue seeking is learned and must be practiced often.**

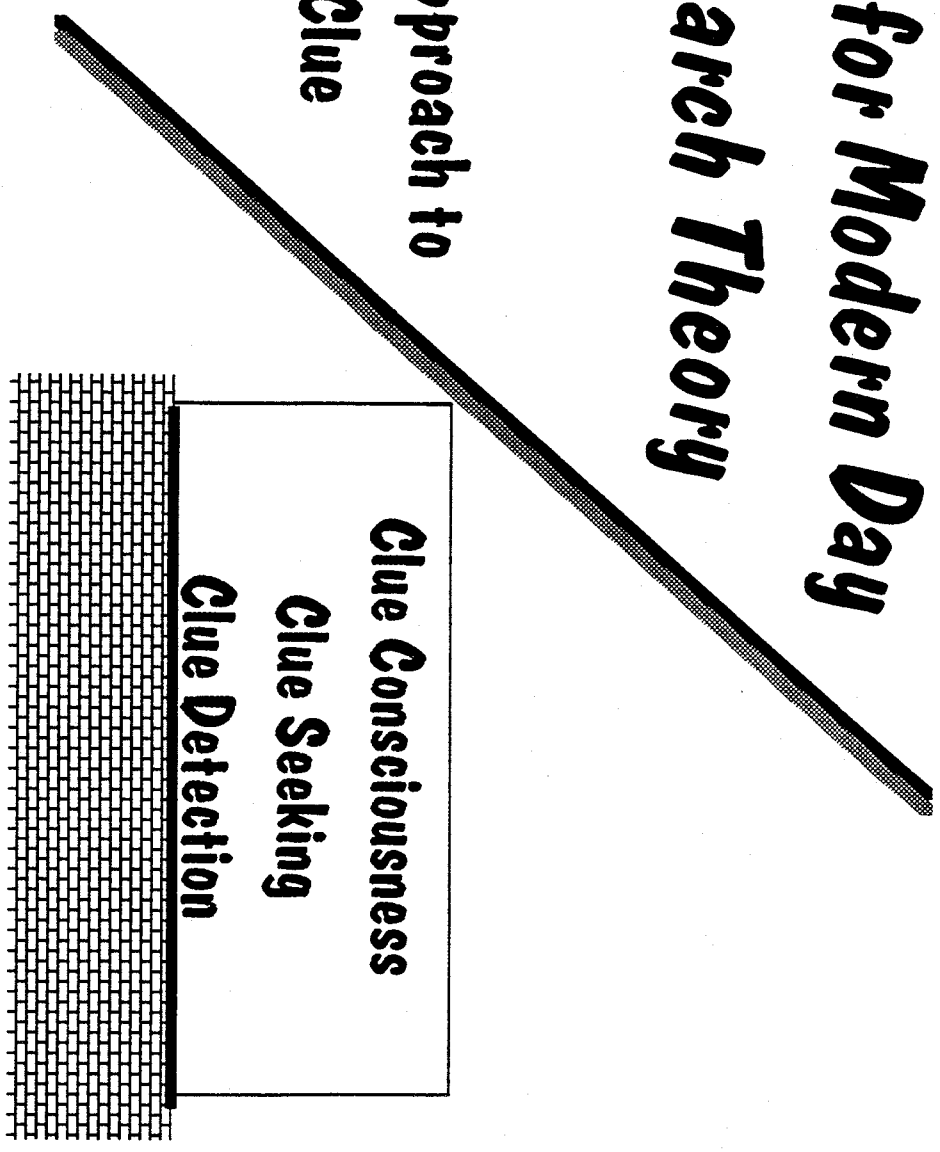
**3. Opinions should only be formed or based on available information.**

 **Avoid forming an opinion then gathering info to support that opinion.**

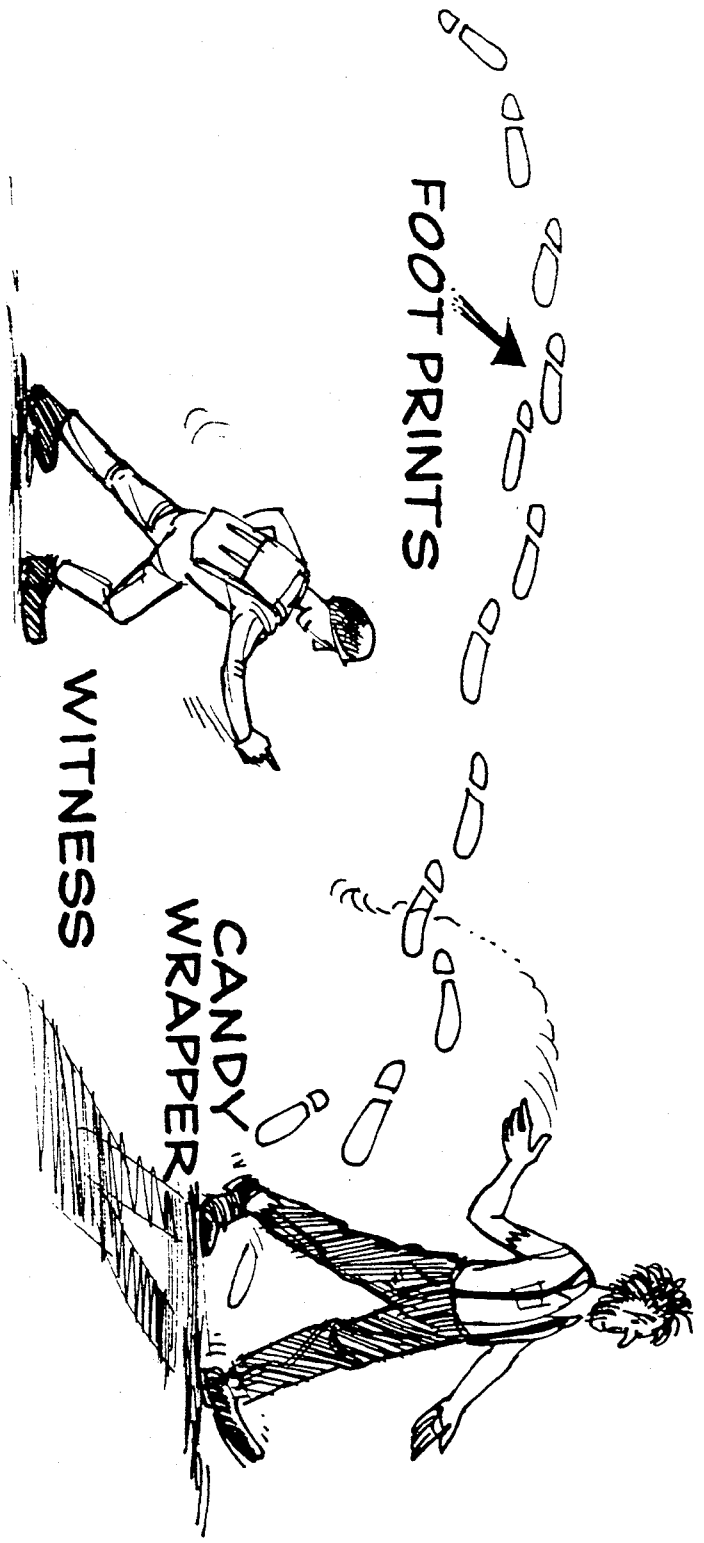
**4. Let the complete subject profile give direction.**

# ***Basis for Modern Day Search Theory***

**Modern Approach to  
Search is Clue  
Oriented**

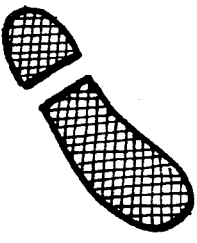


*FORTUNATELY, ONLY THE MOST CAUTIOUS  
VICTIM CAN PREVENT HIMSELF FROM  
BECOMING A PROLIFIC SIGNAL GENERATOR*



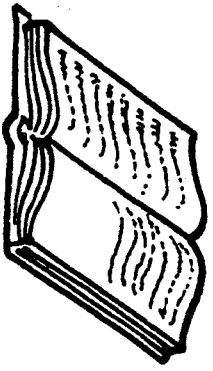
THERE ARE FOUR CATEGORIES OF SEARCH MEDIA OF WHICH SEARCHERS SHOULD BE AWARE:

PHYSICAL



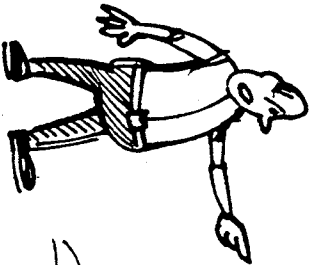
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RECORDED



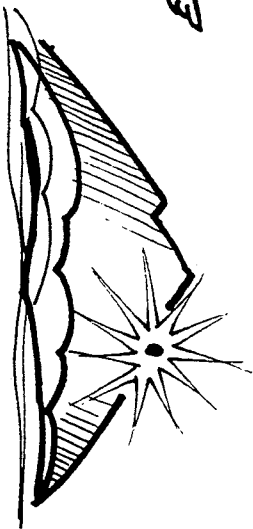
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PEOPLE



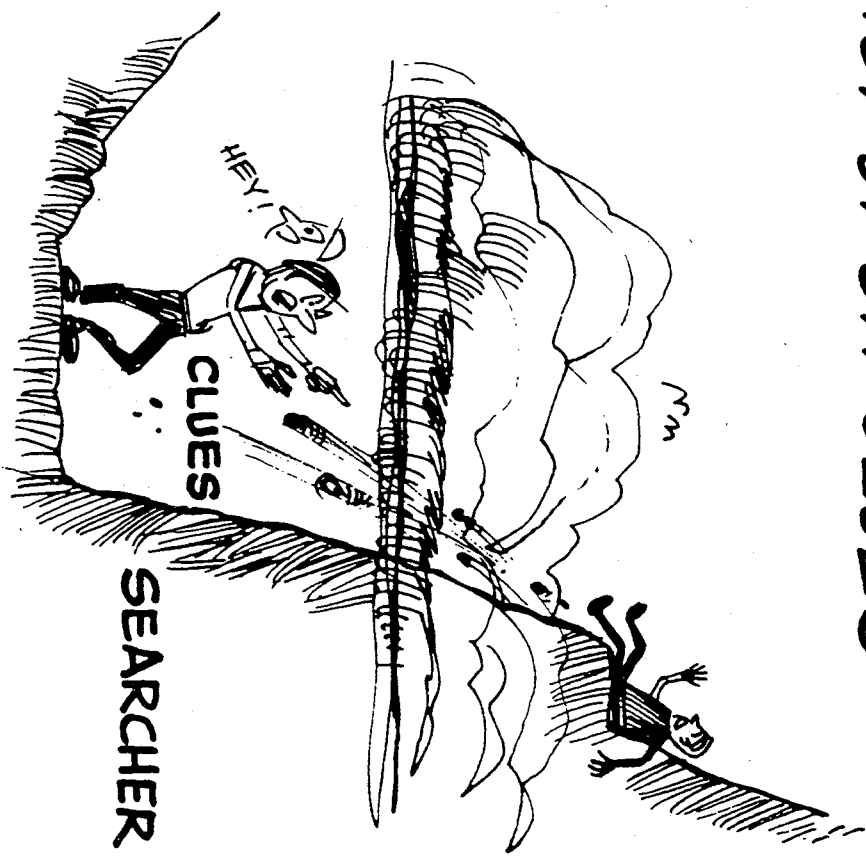
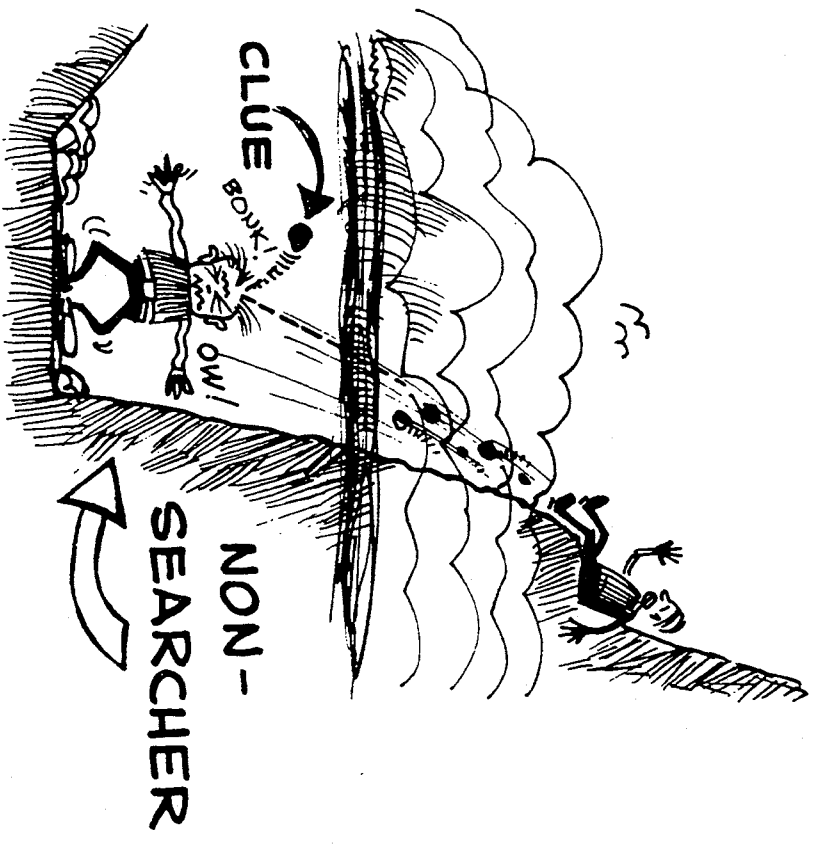
Witness

EVENTS



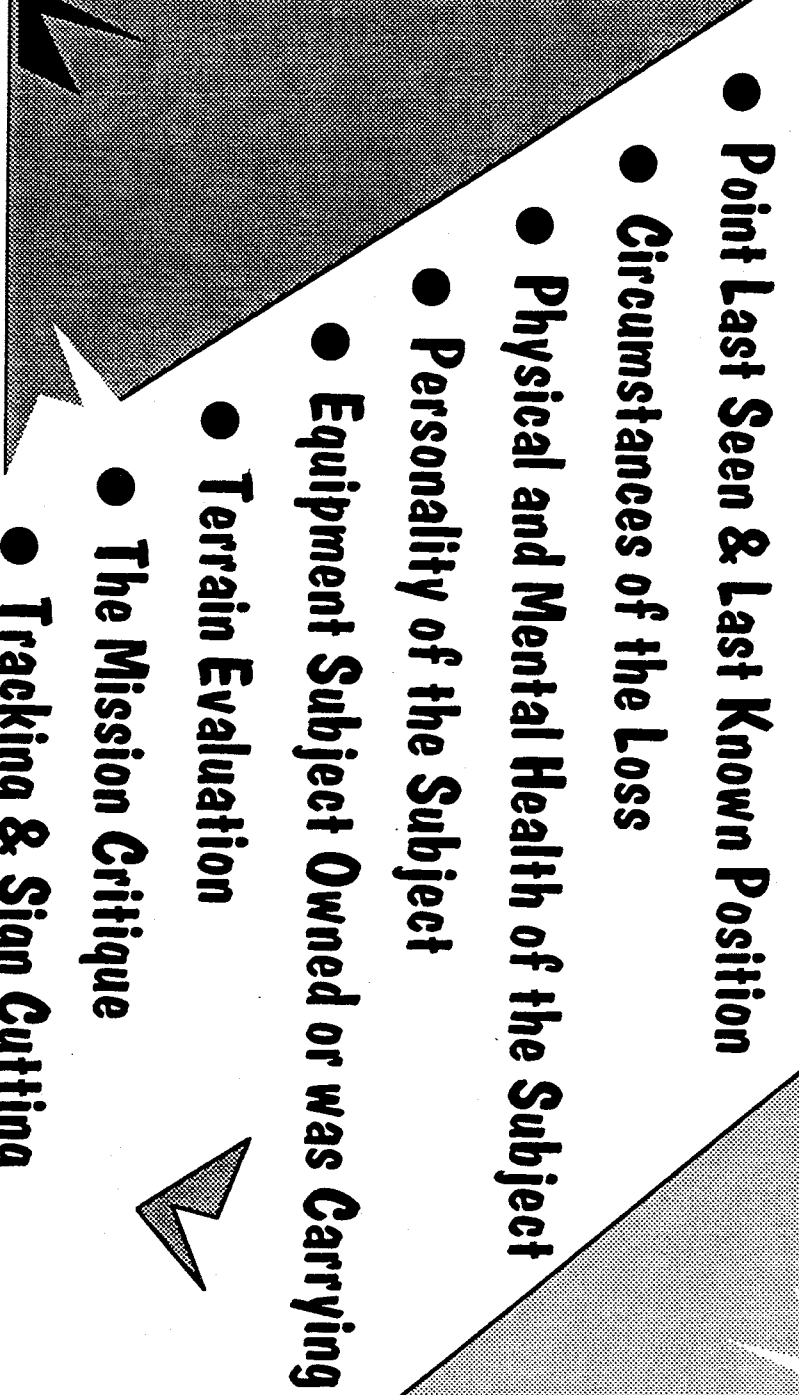
Flashing Light

# SEARCHERS ARE BEST QUALIFIED TO RECOGNIZE AND ACT UPON CLUES





## ***Sources for Specific Clues***

- 
- **Category of Subject**
  - **Point Last Seen & Last Known Position**
  - **Circumstances of the Loss**
  - **Physical and Mental Health of the Subject**
  - **Personality of the Subject**
  - **Equipment Subject Owned or was Carrying**
  - **Terrain Evaluation**
  - **The Mission Critique**
  - **Tracking & Sign Cutting**
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