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### ABSTRACT (EDITOR'S COMMENTS)

Dr. Sleight is an individual who has been a leader in the field of Human Factors Engineering since its inception. He is always an individual who is on the cutting edge of new developments no matter what the undertaking. He is an innovator.

## A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT B. SLEIGHT

Dr. Robert B. Sleight received his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University in 1949 with major study in industrial and experimental psychology, industrial engineering and voice science. His bachelor's degree was received in 1946 from the State University of New York at Geneseo which honored him with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1971. Following graduate study he held a Joint research-Professorial appointment at The Johns Hopkins University, then acted as consultant to the Superintendent, Systems Division at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C. In World War II, he served as a naval aviator flight instructor. Dr. Sleight has been a leader in research and consulting in the behavioral science and market research fields for many years, and was one of the nation's pioneers in the field of human factors engineering.

He has authored over 75 technical articles; among them: vandalism, police car colors, walking behavior, workplaces of the blind, lighting, work and transportation safety, product inspection, cutaneous communication, youth camp health and safety, community planning, fear, cockpit design, visual displays, form perception, falling accidents, fatigue, noise, design of desert equipment, efficient arrangement of equipment, vehicle and person conspicuity, human load carrying, research planning, transit vehicle design, motivation, protective equipment for miners, manpower requirements, personnel selection and evaluation, and job satisfaction. In recent years he has been especially concerned with the application of the methods and principles of human factors engineering in product development; also, a major effort has been devoted to research planning and administration.

For over twenty years Dr. Sleight has been president of the Century Research Corporation. The Century Research Corporation, a research and consulting firm, specializes in the experimental approach to man-machine systems--human factors engineering--and provides expert services in such other fields as safety, market analysis, and product and equipment design. Since its establishment in 1952, this company has emphasized research work based on quantitative and analytic methods. In carrying out research projects, Century Research Corporation investigators perform problem and concept analyses, review existing information, conduct laboratory and simulator experiments, and plan and direct field tests.