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NICAP PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

At a recent headquarters office meeting, NICAP staff members have come up with some ideas concerning a publicity campaign. Some of the suggestions included the following:

- (1) Possible syndicated newspaper column. This will include an inquiry of several hundred newspapers throughout the country to ascertain their interest in a weekly column on UFOs, either on a free or nominal fee basis. Items to be included will be a round-up of the latest sightings; information on the various official and non-official projects throughout the world, i.e., the Russian Commission, the Colorado Project, the University of Toronto study; possible pattern studies; a round-up of NICAP activities, etc. NICAP's name and address will be included at the end of each column for promotional purposes. Assistant Director Gordon Lore and Staff Member Donald Berliner, former newspaperman and free-lance aviation writer, will author the column.
- (2) Possible syndicated radio broadcasts. This will be a bit more difficult to carry through because of the technical problems involved. Jay Perri of WPIK Radio, Alexandria, Virginia, however, has offered some helpful suggestions and indicates that we could possibly use WPIK's facilities for professional broadcasting. He suggested that a five-minute program could be produced, to be aired twice a day Monday through Friday. The five-minute spots would, apparently, be the easiest to sell. Marketing could be done by both NICAP and WPIK at a moderate cost. A \$10 per unit cost could be offered on a "sustaining basis" until a sponsor could be found, at which time the cost would rise to \$25 per unit (broadcast). After attaining the interest of five or six stations on a regular basis, the possibility that we could interest a large syndicate would then increase. Information to be covered would be essentially the same as in (1).
- (3) Magazine advertisements. Costs of running ads in top-level nationwide publications are prohibitive, but possibilities include such magazines as "Air Progress" and "Air Line Pilot."
- (4) Expanded press list. New names will be added to our press list in an attempt to interest established syndicated columnists and newspaper reporters in the UFO phenomenon and NICAP. It is possible that news media personnel who have shown hostility toward the subject in years past are now beginning to look at the problem more seriously.

Additional ideas were discussed, but the above are the suggestions now being directly followed up. Any suggestions from Affl/Subc members would be most appreciated. We would also appreciate being informed of any newspapers or suitable organizations that may wish to receive press notices, complimentary copies of The UFO Investigator, and be informed about NICAP.

#### PA. UNIT #1 DISBANDED

NICAP's Pittsburgh Subcommittee, chaired by William Weitzel, is now defunct. Bill has established his own UFO group, but promises to continue operations as an unofficial NICAP Subcommittee. We sincerely regret this loss, as the Pittsburgh group was one of our most active and has done excellent and painstakingly detailed investigations of such cases as Ravenna and Derenberger. We wish Bill and the other former Subcommittee members all best wishes in their future endeavors. Rumors that our Philadelphia and New York City Subcommittees have also disbanded are unfounded.

#### SNIPPY CASE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

Although no written reports have thus far been received, NICAP member Lee Katchen has been in frequent telephone contact with both Herb Roth and Ken Steinmetz of our Colorado Unit #1. The following was learned:

\* Mrs. Berle Lewis, owner of the deceased Appaloosa, informed Herb that the horse's bones had turned to dust; this has reportedly been confirmed by analysts at Pueblo State University.

\* Pueblo State analysts have examined an area of the horse's neck slice sent in by Roth and there was supposed evidence of thermal damage, i.e., flesh was "cooked."

\* Analysts at still another area university reportedly told the Denver Subcommittee that "something of a highly unusual nature was found."

\* The University of Nevada is also conducting tests. The head of the school's chemistry department reports that Snippy's tail glows in the dark and that the black goo-like substance from underneath the carcass, which turned to white powder, contains unspecified living organisms.

A detailed, written report is momentarily expected from Ken Steinmetz. While the above is in no way indicative of a direct tie-in with a UFO, the preliminary information tends to heighten the mystery as to the cause of the horse's demise. Members will be kept informed of any further developments.

NEW DENVER SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Herb Roth has found that pressing duties in relation to his job and in attempting to keep the important Volunteer Flight Officers Network (VFON) operating have forced him to resign as Chairman of Colorado Unit #1. Upon his high recommendation, Kenneth Steinmetz, whose qualifications are impressive, has been appointed to take over the reigns of the Subcommittee. While we regret the loss of Herb as Chairman, we are confident that Ken will continue to run the Subcommittee with a high degree of efficiency and will elicit productive results. The Snippy investigation is an excellent example of the careful, objective work this group has done.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

The addition of three new NICAP Subcommittees indicates a growing interest throughout the country. Personnel with excellent scientific credentials bring our nationwide Subcommittee list to 35.

Robert G. Edwards, Project Manager, Advanced Launch Systems, Missiles and Space Division, LTV Aerospace Corporation, Dallas, is Chairman of Texas Unit #2, located at Arlington, near Fort Worth. Other members include an aerospace engineer, a computer programmer, a quality control inspector, a senior design specialist at LTV and a project engineer.

NICAP now has pretty complete coverage of New York state with the addition of a Subcommittee in Woodstock. Chairman of New York Unit #6 is Norman C. Falden, Senior Associate Systems Analyst, IBM, Kingston, and a 1957 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Other members include two senior associate engineers and an associate programmer.

Rockford is the home of Illinois Unit #3, chaired by Harold K. Watton, Jr., who has gathered together an airline pilot, an astronomer, a college vice-president, psychologist, lawyer, chemist, biologist, geologist, physicist, mathematician and engineer.

GEORGE EARLEY IDEAS

NICAP Connecticut Affiliate President George W. Earley has suggested that Subcommittees and Affiliates may be interested in having Assistant Director Gordon Lore tape short talks from the headquarters office for use during Affl/Subc meetings. Affl/Subc members could send blank tapes to NICAP. I could record a short talk bringing members up to date on the latest NICAP activities and UFO events, and return them for listening at monthly meetings. I would be more than happy to assist the Affl/Subcs in this way provided that an excessive amount of work does not interfere.

George has also compiled a complete index to Volume I of The UFO Investigator. If you are interested in securing a copy, please enclose 25¢ (to cover postage and handling) to George W. Earley, 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

NEW FILES ACQUIRED

Lee Munsick, former head of the now defunct New Jersey UFO Group, has turned over his extensive UFO files to NICAP. With the addition of similar files from two other defunct organizations, the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York and the Civilian Saucer Investigations of Los Angeles, our library is steadily growing.

CECIN COURSE NEARING COMPLETION

For the past several months, Jose Cecin, Chairman of New York Unit #1, has been teaching a course entitled "UFOs -- Fact or Fiction" as part of the Division of Adult Education courses at the Morris Hills Regional High School in Rockaway, New Jersey. The course, originally conducted last year and found highly successful, started on September 28 and ceases at the end of this month (January, 1968). Classes are held one evening each week for two hours. The UFO Evidence was again used as the text and the classes featured a thorough discussion of investigative methods. A certificate of completion will be given to all students.

1947 WAVE FOLLOW-UP

Ted Bloecher, author of Report on the UFO Wave of 1947, is continuing an extensive follow-up of sightings from that important year with some very interesting results. A professional road-company actor, Ted is now on an extended tour with "Hello, Dolly!" and is consulting old newspapers in the numerous cities he is visiting. The report, on sale at NICAP, retails for \$5 a copy and may be purchased by writing to Ted in care of NICAP headquarters.

AFFL/SUBC LIST

June Larson, Chairman of Washington Unit #1, has suggested that Affl/Subc members keep in closer contact. The following list of Affl/Subc Presidents and Chairmen are, therefore, provided. I wish to state, however, that correspondence should not take precedence over important projects to be carried out on NICAP's behalf. Any important communications should come to the notice of NICAP headquarters. Also, the list should be used with discretion and should not be indiscriminately distributed.

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UFO DETECTION SYSTEM

A UFO "Magnetic Detection and Recording System... that is superior to any previously shown to the public" and "that may unveil valuable clues to the UFO mystery" has been developed by Indiana Unit #1. Chairman Francis L. Ridge said that unit, the basic idea of which was conceived in November, 1960, would be most valuable in studying electro-magnetic (E-M) cases. The detector was constructed after more than four months of work and will cost from \$12 to \$100.

For Affl/Subc members interested in securing complete plans to the unit, send \$3.00 to Mr. Ridge at PO Box 4, Vincennes, Indiana 47591.

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FRENCH UFO PROBE URGED

In the French military magazine, Forces Aeriennes Francaises (French Air Forces) for March 1968, an article signed Georges Marey discusses Flying saucers and urges that an official investigation should be set up by the French government, enlisting the Army, the Navy, Air Force, merchant marine, the National Center for Space Studies, and the National Center for Scientific Research.

The writer describes briefly several well-known cases in North and South America (his source appears to be chiefly Frank Edwards' book, Flying Saucers - Serious Business). He describes the private French organization, G.E.P.A. (Study Group of Air Phenomena and Unusual Space Objects), and describes briefly several reports from the GEPA files. The investigations of sighting reports by the French Air Force are very similar, it appears, to those said to be carried on by the U.S. Air Force, and their statistical finding - "only 2% have not been explained as conventional objects" - has an all too familiar ring.

The news item about this article, from the Long Island Star-Journal of March 12 or 13, 1968, states that the magazine is an "official military review." This is not correct. The statement printed on the last page of the magazine says specifically that the Aeronautical-Military Study Committee, which issues the magazine, and the magazine itself, "leave all responsibility to the authors for their studies and articles. Opinions expressed by contributors should not be interpreted as being the official or unofficial position of the Air Force or the Aeronautical-Military Study Commission." The significance of this proposal for a comprehensive French study of UFOs is therefore uncertain.

STRANGES TRYING TO BECOME NEW FRANK EDWARDS

Contactee Frank E. Stranges has been hired by H. D. Productions, of Hollywood, Calif., to replace the late Frank Edwards, NICAP Governor and author of two books on UFOs, on a television series now being syndicated under the title, "Flying Saucers-- Here and Now" (the title of Edwards' second book. NICAP wrote a long, carefully documented letter to the president of H. D. Productions, and has been in touch with Mrs. Edwards to seek her support in trying to persuade the company to choose another person to present the TV shows. All representatives of NICAP should be aware that Stranges or H. D. Productions may approach local TV stations or other agencies associated with the stations and try to sell the series. Both Stranges and the president of H.D. Productions were attended the convention of the National Association of Broadcasters in Chicago during the first few days of April.

Soon after HDP received NICAP's letter, they telephoned NICAP and said that Stranges plans to sue us. The grounds for the supposed suit were not named. Since Stranges has threatened in the past to sue other groups, he may intend to publicize this legal action without actually going through with it. Later, HDP replied in writing to NICAP's documented letter, stating that they intended to carry out their plans and that the programs scheduled by the company are, in effect, none of NICAP's business. This is of course true, legally speaking.

Whether Mrs. Edwards will be able to influence the company's decision to go ahead with the TV series, with Stranges as host, remains to be seen, but NICAP will do everything possible to help her.

As of this writing, no further word about the suit has been received here. If questioned about the matter, NICAP Subcommittee and Affiliate members should preferably refer the questioner, for the most recent information, to NICAP headquarters.

EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE #1 - LONDON

This Subcommittee, whose Chairman is Julian Hennessey, is setting up relations with European airlines, to obtain sighting reports from commercial pilots. They have already made arrangements with British United Airlines (the national domestic airline) and are working on BOAC and British European Airways, with hopes of getting the cooperation of airlines in other countries. This operation is separate from the activities of the Denver, Colorado, Subcommittee, and the two activities will not overlap or interfere.

Last month the London S/C arranged an important meeting with a representative of the US Air Force and about a dozen members of Parliament. Parliamentary rules do not allow any report on the content of this meeting; however, it can be stated that the discussion was useful toward getting things started. Meetings have also been held with non-government groups, one at Cambridge University, one at the University of Birmingham, and one at Imperial College.

INDEX TO U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR

NICAP-Connecticut has completed an index to Volumes I, II, and III of the Investigator.

A limited number of sets of all three indices are available at 50¢ per set, from NICAP-CONNECTICUT, 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002. Stamps or cash will be accepted. Make checks or money orders payable to George W. Earley.



OBJECT SIGHTINGS VERSUS CONTACTEE REPORTS

Serious UFO researchers often experience a sense of frustration because their work seems to lack results. The collection and evaluation of sighting reports seems to be leading nowhere. Then comes the impulse to find something more "definite," something "to get your teeth into" - to abandon investigation of sightings of mere objects, and to begin "looking into" the contactee reports.

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NICAP can understand/sympathize with this feeling of frustration, but we think that a closer look at the possible future of UFO research should reduce the feeling somewhat. Therefore we take this opportunity to re-emphasize certain important points that may have been lost sight of. It is important that NICAP and its field groups understand each other and operate on similar principles, with the same objectives and methods. What, then, is the present situation about contactee reports, and how do they compare in usefulness with the plain "object reports"?

Contactee stories - reports from human beings about their communication with extraterrestrials, and about rides in spaceships - probably number into the hundreds at present. Many of these stories have been studied by NICAP and other serious researchers. We have inquired into the background and personality of prominent contactees, and their careers have been followed. Their lectures have been attended and their books have been read. Alleged extraterrestrial artifacts have been examined. The content of the messages of the "space brothers" has been analyzed.

Thus NICAP's rejection of these stories is not based on ignorance. It stems from two characteristics of this type of case - characteristics which are repeated again and again as each new claim is publicized. The first is the background record of the contactees. Some are well-meaning visionaries with a message for humanity. Some are outright frauds or opportunists. A few are plainly psychotic.

NICAP knows what it is talking about when it says that most of the people who claim communication with extraterrestrials have dubious records in one way or another. Our files are full of information about them, and if space permitted we could write many pages to show what we mean.

They continue to draw a large following, of course; this is partly because they are uninhibited and vocal and receive much publicity, and partly because their audience seems to lack discrimination. It is disturbing to see how many people are willing to ignore everything else about a contactee on the grounds that he is so sincere. This sincerity is apparently the universal disinfectant.

Unfortunately, the "sincerity" with which a statement is made tells us exactly nothing about the truth of a statement. The man who insists that his head is made of glass is perfectly sincere. So were the teachers who for centuries taught their pupils that the world was flat. The swindler and con man who cannot give his victims the impression of pure, open-eyed sincerity will not be in business very long; sincerity is his stock in trade. No story can be accepted merely because the narrator seems to believe it himself. An appearance of being sincere is quite irrelevant in establishing facts.

The second feature of the contactee reports which compels their rejection is the weakness of the stories themselves. When examined individually, each one is found to be full of inaccuracies, inconsistencies, contradictions, and mere absurdities. The various groups of "space brothers" contradict each other's

information in the most extraordinary manner. ...Often one group will not seem to know of the existence of another. Yet they are supposed to be wise, well-travelled, and (most of them) far more ethical than human beings. They do tend to agree on many large pious generalities, but when it comes down to solid facts about space, about the solar system, about the origin of life on earth, about the propulsion of their space-ships - all this straight from the mouths of certainly ought to know if anyone does - then a comparison of the "information" supplied by different groups shows that their statements cannot be reconciled. In short, if the contactees are truthful reporters, then there are some accomplished liars among the Space Brothers.

The above could be documented endlessly if there were space. And here too, it is disturbing to find how uncritically people read and listen to tales that show so many signs of pure invention. One would think that more listeners would notice the discrepancies and evasions in these narratives.\*

But the important question here is, are these reports really more promising than the "classic" UFO report? Aside from their entertainment value, do they really constitute useful material for scientific studies? As scientific interest in UFOs, now on the upswing, continues to develop, what kind of data will scientists want? Not, surely, this collection of implausible and unproven claims offered by people of no proved scientific training and of questionable integrity. Before scientists can consider as solid evidence any alleged extraterrestrial object or artifact, something much more convincing will have to be produced than ~~any~~ any of the few objects yet offered by contactees. (One of these gentlemen used to exhibit, to support his story of a lunar visit, "moon potatoes" that bore an amazing resemblance to small round rocks.) The "usefulness" of this kind of research material is an illusion.

It is a safe bet that the scientists will be interested in the strong sighting reports, backed by trained and reputable witnesses, which have been thoroughly investigated and solidly established. From collections of such cases - the type of evidence that NICAP has been building up over the years - scientists can plan analytical study projects because the facts they will use will be dependable. It is not true that "nothing can be done with these reports." Analysis of the good reports by geographical incidence, by time intervals, or by the occurrence of various types of appearance and behavior under certain conditions - any one of a dozen approaches might give vital clues to the UFO phenomenon.

It is certainly unfortunate that the strong cases cannot yet be supplemented by "hardware" or artifacts. But that is no reason to discard or ignore them. They are the raw data for serious future study, and to assemble such reports is still of vital importance, and will continue to be. To substitute for this hard-core evidence the nebulosities of the contactees does not simplify the UFO problem or bring it any nearer to solution.

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\* Note that occupant reports of the "encounter" type, in which there is no intelligible communication between the human beings concerned and the "extraterrestrials," and both parties prefer to separate rather than to converse, present a different picture and a different problem from the contactee reports. The "encounter" stories are not open to the same type of criticism as the "contacts"; nevertheless, they too raise many unanswered questions. NICAP will continue to suspend judgment on these cases until supporting evidence is available that cannot be challenged on any possible grounds. What such evidence is likely to consist of, we have no way of knowing in advance.

McDONALD CRITIQUE OF KASS'S "PLASMA-UFOs" THEORY

On March 12, 1968, Dr. James E. McDonald of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the University of Arizona presented a paper at the Astronautics Symposium of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute, in Montreal, Canada. The paper, entitled "UFOs - An International Scientific Problem," included a lengthy analysis of the theory expounded by Philip J. Klass in his book, UFOs - Identified. The book has received considerable publicity, and has made an impression because of the superficial plausibility of Klass's theory. His hypothesis is not new; the suggestion that ball lightning (considered to be a form of plasma) might account for some UFO sightings was made at least as early as 1951. Klass, however, has extended the idea to cover all UFOs. It is no surprise to find that this, like other "blanket explanations," requires him to stretch or squeeze the facts of many sightings to an absurd degree.

Dr. McDonald's competence in this scientific field is well known, and his thorough familiarity with the UFO phenomenon. His analysis of Klass's book is exhaustive and lucid even in the more technical parts. Enclosed with this News Letter you will find a copy of the pages on which Dr. McDonald summarizes his comments on Klass's theory. *complete paper, see pp. 18-37.*

*Hold in Confidence until 4:30 pm April 30,*

THE COLORADO STORY

As you receive this News Letter, the May 14, 1968, issue of LOOK magazine will reach the newsstands. It carries an article by John Fuller, "Flying Saucer Fiasco," which describes in full the deterioration of the famous Air Force-supported UFO project at Colorado University.

NICAP headquarters has known for some time about the situation at Colorado, and about the Fuller article. We regret that we have not been able to inform our Subcommittees and Affiliates of all the facts in advance, but we think that our reasons for not releasing the story were valid. We wanted to get the maximum Surprise value from the article; furthermore, there was a real risk that advance information might lead to counter-measures by the University that would seriously weaken our whole case.

For the same reason, we refrained from asking our Subcommittees to discontinue sending material to the Project, although the article states that NICAP ended all support some time ago. We considered this move several times, but the possibility of alerting the Project, with results that would almost certainly have made the situation more complicated and difficult, made this decisive action seem undesirable. Even carefully-worded hints that something was in the wind would have resulted, sooner or later, in garbled rumors, which would have been equally undesirable. It seemed a case of releasing all or nothing, and we decided for the quiet approach.

We think our Subcommittees will agree, however, that there is nothing further to be gained by cooperation with the Project; in fact, that NICAP ought to formally end all types of support for a project which appears to have been biased from the beginning and which has gone down hill so disastrously. This Newsletter therefore constitutes our official authorization and request for Subcommittees to terminate their cooperation with the Colorado Project.

Two more points should be made about this matter. First, there have been suggestions, from people who were aware in general of the growing dissatisfaction with the Project, that we nevertheless wait to tell the full story until the final report of the Project had appeared. We have felt, however, that postponement would be

fatal. Once the final official report of the Project was prepared, signed, and distributed, it would be too late to counteract its influence. We anticipate that the report will at best be non-committal as to the desirability of future serious study of UFOs, and at worst, it may be very negative. Either way, it will be the permanent Official Report, and long after any protests or criticisms about it have been made, it will continue to be the Official Report, permanently useful in bolstering the position of the skeptics. It is vitally important, in NICAP's opinion, to call attention to the character of the Project, its unscientific bias and its operating weakness, before its final report is placed on the record and the Project itself disbanded.

Our second point refers to NICAP's original cooperation with Colorado. Our final disappointment in the research does not alter the fact that when it was launched it was the most promising development in UFO history. For the first time, qualified scientists could study UFOs openly and seriously, without jeopardizing their scientific careers. This unique situation called for NICAP's fullest cooperation with the researchers who proposed to study the subject thoroughly and without bias, and we provided that cooperation, as our members know and as the Project staff members acknowledged repeatedly. NICAP could have refused to cooperate, of course. But to have rejected this opportunity, which then seemed valuable and hopeful, and continued for a long time to give the same impression, would have been unreasonable. This looked like the scientific study that serious students of UFOs had been asking for for such a long time; there was no question but that cooperation should be given.

Both NICAP and LOOK magazine are issuing press releases about the situation, and NICAP has scheduled a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington for the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30.

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NICAP AGAIN IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE

Unfortunately, NICAP is again in dire financial straits. This, of course, has been a chronic problem with us through the years and we foresee no immediate change, despite the good publicity in "Look" magazine, which is not bringing in anywhere near the number of letters we had hoped for.

Several things have undoubtedly caused this crucial situation: (1) the high cost of publishing The UFO Investigator, usually around \$1400 per issue; (2) the rise in postal rates (NICAP's postal expenses are astronomical, but necessarily so); (3) a falling off of memberships, probably due to the fact that there has been no major UFO "flap" in over two years and very little recent serious, documented information.

We strongly urge you all to do anything and everything you can to promote NICAP. If you schedule any radio-TV programs or newspaper interviews, please try to insist that the headquarters address be included so listeners and viewers may write about membership and sightings. Appearances alone on such shows will not help us one bit unless the address is included. Most programs will consent to this if you make it a condition of your appearance before you arrive at the station. Make as full use as possible of our membership info sheets, including same with anything you send out in regard to NICAP business. Purchase as much ad space in your local newspapers or magazines -- even small ones in the classified sections help -- as you feel you can afford, again including NICAP's headquarters address.

Please contact us if you have any ideas at all as to how we may further improve our financial condition. I know you agree that it would be most unfortunate if NICAP were to fold at this time, particularly now that Congressional interest has been renewed and we are fighting for more concentrated scientific interest. The failure of NICAP and its resources could well set back serious UFO research and investigation many years. It is indeed unfortunate -- but by no means unprecedented -- that NICAP is in serious danger of going out of business and the Colorado Project, which has proven to be subjectively negative, was granted half a million dollars.

NICAP -- particularly its Board Members, Affiliates and Subcommittees -- will be integral parts of the biggest story of all time, when and if it breaks. The chances that such a story will break will, I feel, be greatly heightened if NICAP continues to operate.

Full details on a "membership drive" will be included in the next issue of The UFO Investigator.

## THE COLORADO "BLOW-UP" AND AFTERMATH

Most, if not all, of you have undoubtedly read the "Flying Saucer Fiasco" article in the current edition of "Look" by John G. Fuller. As you are aware, NICAP had high hopes for the Colorado Project when it first began operations and we were led to believe that this would be a full-scale, objective investigation. Unfortunately, disturbing developments over the past year or so have caused us to change our minds. We stopped sending them information from the headquarters office in September, 1967, because of these developments, but allowed our Subcommittees to continue working with the group in the hope that the problems would iron themselves out. Now, as you know, we have broken all relations with Colorado. We feel that the essential failure of the project is very disappointing and frustrating.

In connection with the above, I am scheduled to appear on "The Bob Raiford Show" and "The Cleveland Amory Show" for TV tapings with John Fuller in Philadelphia on 9 May. Fuller, you may be aware, has been appearing on many programs both nationally and locally in regard to his article.

During a recent visit to Washington, Dr. James E. McDonald met with Congressmen J. Edward Roush (Ind), William F. Ryan (NY), Emilio Q. Daddario (Conn) and Morris K. Udall (Ariz) and all appeared disturbed by the unfortunate attitude at Colorado. On both April 30 and May 1 Representative Roush made speeches on the House floor calling for a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

"...The story in Look magazine raises grave doubts as to the scientific profundity and objectivity of the project..." Roush told his colleagues. "This article will cast in doubt the results of that project in the minds of the American public... (and) the scientific community. We are poorer -- \$500,000 later -- not richer in information about UFOs... I am not satisfied; the American public will not be satisfied... I am recommending that we launch a congressional investigation... To these hearings I would urge that we invite all those individuals and organizations in the United States and abroad which have made serious efforts to study the subject..."

I have written to the above mentioned Congressmen and numerous others, offering our full support and help. Representative Louis Wyman (NH) has responded to the effect that he will make renewed efforts to convert his House Resolution 946, calling for the Science and Astronautics Committee to investigate UFOs and first introduced on the House floor last October, into actual hearings. I would suggest that you write your own Congressman and any others you feel may be interested and urge others to do the same.

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The book by Assistant Director Gordon Lore and former Staff Member Harold Deneault, MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES; UFOs IN PERSPECTIVE, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., is now available. Numerous bookstores throughout the country are now selling copies, despite the official publication date of 23 May. This is the most thoroughly documented work yet on the subject (with an index, footnotes, appendices, Introduction, Preface, Epilogue, photographs, charts and patent reproductions) and the first book concentrating on UFO sightings before 1947. Former Assistant Director Richard Hall wrote the Introduction and Epilogue and gave the authors invaluable help in other areas. Board Member J.-B. Hartranft, Jr., President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, authored the Preface. The retail price is \$5.95 and it may be obtained through the publisher or your local bookstore.

NEW ARTICLES IMPRESSING <sup>SIVE</sup>

Three articles by engineers, two of them NICAP members, are indeed <sup>sive</sup>impressing and outline the involvement of scientists, engineers, students and a NICAP Subcommittee in the investigation and analyzation of UFO reports. All appear in the May 1968 edition of "The American Engineer." NICAP Adviser Robert F. Morse, partner in a Richmond consulting engineers firm, wrote the first, entitled "UFOs and the Technological Community." In it, the author states that "the time has come... to enlist the full resources of the technological community in an examination of... sighting reports." In "Engineer Involvement in UFO Investigations," Ray Fowler, Project Administrative Engineer in the Sylvania Minuteman Program Office, discusses assistance from many engineers who have helped our Massachusetts Subcommittee investigate sighting reports. Dr. P.S. Moller, an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of California, writes that "students discuss social and technical implications of worldwide sightings..." in an article entitled "Engineering Professor Teaches UFO Course at University of California." Professor Moller, who contacted NICAP for help on his course, has also built and flown air-cushioned, experimental "saucers" resembling the Avro disc of the 1950s.

We also recommend a long, excellent letter from John C. Munday, Jr., on page 40 and 41 of the December, 1967, edition of the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists," in response to previous UFO articles by Drs. Sagan and Margolis.

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POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL BREAKTHROUGH

At 10 a.m., July 29, 1968, the Congressional House Committee on Science and Astronautics opened an all-day symposium on UFOs. Chaired by J. Edward Roush (Ind.), the Committee heard impressive testimony from six top scientists representing the physical, psychological, sociological and technical disciplines. Congressman Roush, who made two House floor speeches calling for a Congressional investigation of UFOs soon after the NICAP press conference and a "Look" magazine article "exposed" the negative leanings of the Colorado Project, and his top aides have been working closely with NICAP in an attempt to elicit widespread Congressional interest.

Mr. Roush opened the all-day meeting by stating that there are many UFO hypotheses which the Committee should try to explore and that the six scientists were invited for the Congressmen to "listen to their assessment... with an open and inquiring attitude." It was made clear by both Roush and the Committee's permanent Chairman, George P. Miller (Calif.), however, that the Committee would tolerate no overt criticism of either the Air Force or the University of Colorado. Everything was to be geared toward a scientific outlook.

The scientists who participated and excerpts from their remarks are as follows:

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (Director, Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; chief UFO scientific consultant to the Air Force): For a long time, Dr. Hynek stressed, the subject has been regarded, particularly in the scientific community, as "rank nonsense." Many reports involve witnesses with "unimpeachable reputations." These include E-M, animal reaction, sound and light beam cases. To such cases, he said, "clearly we should pay attention."

Unfortunately, the astronomer noted, scientists were all too often repulsed by the preponderance of pulp literature and wild stories of the contactees and cultists. It would be a serious mistake to confuse these stories with serious reports. Still, he asked, "Can we afford to overlook a potential breakthrough of great significance?" The public is "not satisfied with the answers they have been getting," he added. Many scientists have expressed to him a "private desire to study UFOs "as soon as the scientific stigma is removed."

Dr. Hynek repeatedly urged an "upgrading" of the method of reporting cases to the Air Force and said that it would be "preposterous to allow another two decades of ignorance to exist." He concluded that "there is scientific pay-dirt on the UFO phenomenon."



The Northwestern professor recommended to the Committee that (1) a mechanism be set up so the problems posed by reports from reliable people can be studied "unhindered" and (2) the U.S. seek cooperation from the U.N. for exchange of information and that the U.N. act as a "sort of international clearing house." He further noted that, heretofore, no real effort has been made to gather hard-core data. In UFOs, he said, "exists a phenomenon imminently worthy of study."

Dr. James E. McDonald (Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor, Department of Meteorology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona) said he has been looking at the UFO subject for about a decade, but, about two years ago, his interest became intense when he began to carefully survey important cases supplied by NICAP and other groups. Since then, he has devoted the majority of his time to studying the phenomenon. He also highly praised NICAP and others for having done an excellent job of investigating "within the limits of their resources."

Scientists tend to ignore the problem, he said, because it "defies easy explanation." An important aspect of the phenomenon, the atmospheric physicist stated, is that witnesses generally try to explain away their sightings in conventional terms, then begin to wonder, then, perhaps, accept what they saw as something unexplained. Several multiple witness reports were cited here.

Dr. McDonald also stressed that the Menzelian theories on the Washington National Airport sightings of July, 1952, and other reports produced explanations (temperature inversions, etc.) that do not fit into what is known about meteorological and other phenomena. He also stated that the ball-lightning-plasma theory of Philip J. Klass "will not wash" in most cases.

The physicist concluded that "UFOs are real" and the possibility that they are extraterrestrial devices "I take very seriously." He cited the "need to escalate scientific attention to the problem" and urged that the Science and Astronautics Committee hold more extensive hearings.

At this point (the conclusion of McDonald's statements) several Congressmen had questions. Rep. Alphonzo Bell (Calif.) asked why Dr. McDonald thought UFOs were extraterrestrial. The Arizona physicist stressed the word "hypothesis" in regard to this and stated that cases after case of detailed reports provide "too much evidence that we are dealing with solid devices." Congressman Ken Hechler (W.Va.) then asked if any attempt to contact UFOs had been made. McDonald cited several signalling cases. He then went on to say that, collectively, NICAP and John Moss' Freedom of Information Subcommittee are "to be highly commended" for getting the Projects Grudge and Blue Book Reports 1-12 out to the public.

Rep. Jerry L. Pettis (Calif.), also a pilot, said: "I know that many professional pilots have seen phenomena they could not explain... There is a phenomenon here that isn't explained and I think that we ought to do a little looking at it."

Congressman William F. Ryan (N.Y.) then asked McDonald if he thought anything further needed to be done. "Emphatically, yes," McDonald responded, adding that such organizations as NASA and the National Science Foundation would be good candidates for a full-scale study. Ryan then mentioned the "Look" article in re the Colorado Project, adding, "I think that, perhaps, this Committee should undertake an evaluation of the University of Colorado."

Dr. Carl Sagan (Department of Astronomy, Cornell University): Although the most negative of the six scientists, Sagan still left the door open. "I do not think the evidence is at all persuasive that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin... nor is it conclusive that they are not." As he demonstrated with slides, even close-up photographs of Earth show no signs of life, thus indicating that similar conditions could exist with our Mariner probes.

"If there are any technical civilizations" in outer space, he said, it is highly likely that many are more advanced than we. Although he believes that nothing can exceed the speed of light, he admitted that this may not be an absolute truth and that it is not unreasonable to imagine vehicles which could travel at speeds close to that of light.

"It is not beyond any question of doubt that we can be visited," the famed astronomer stated, adding that any discovery of extraterrestrial life would obviously be very important to all science.

Sagan did not conclude, however, that we should spend a lot of money on tracking down UFO reports. Concentrate rather, he said, on radio astronomy for possible detection of extraterrestrial life. He added that we "are on the frontier of finding out" whether or not intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe.

Dr. Robert L. Hall (head of the Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois): The major views about UFOs can be lumped as follows: (1) Extra-terrestrial; (2) new, ill-understood natural phenomena; (3) mass hysteria. While some cases can be explained by (3), there are a substantial number that cannot be explained thus. There is no resemblance of mass hysteria to the "hard-core, well-documented cases." The antidote, he said, to those few mass hysteria cases is "to get good reliable information that people will have confidence in." The risk of panic is "only maximized" if people are not kept informed and the reports not taken seriously. Also, the risk of warfare is enhanced by misinterpretation of aircraft, etc.

Dr. Hall concluded that (1) there exists a "rare opportunity to gain some knowledge by a thorough and systematic study of UFOs and (2) there is a physical phenomenon underlining a substantial number of reports. He recommended (1) a promotion of the fullest possible circulation of all available information on the subject to help reduce panic and force more open inquiries; (2) thoroughly study one to 200 cases per year for recurring patterns, etc.; study mass hysteria sightings and understand "possibly dangerous consequences" of mass hysteria and panic; systematically gather new data with the best scientific means available; (3) formally set up an adversary proceeding to make a case against UFOs, thus challenging others to find "more solid evidence."

Dr. James A. Harder (Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, California): "I think the physical reality of UFOs has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt," but "the extra-terrestrial hypothesis tends inevitably to undermine the collective ego of the human race."

Several cases were cited in a discussion of propulsion possibilities, including the Yuma, Arizona, sighting of May 5, 1953, in which dark rings on an object were seen with polaroid glasses "but not without them." "Concerning the propulsion of UFOs," Dr. Harder said, "a tentative hypothesis would be that it is connected with an application of gravitational fields that we do not understand... In the UFO phenomenon we have demonstrations of scientific secrets we do not know ourselves. It would be a mistake... to ignore their existence."

In discussing the possibility of physical evidence, Harder said that "if we persist in denying the reality of UFOs, we will not be looking for such samples and may indeed reject them as having no importance when they are brought to our attention."

Dr. Robert M.L. Baker, Jr. (Senior Scientist of Systems Sciences Corporation, Communications and Systems, Inc., and faculty member, Department of Engineering, UCLA): "...There does exist substantial evidence... that an unexplained phenomenon (or phenomena) is present in the environs of the earth..."

Dr. Baker, a photographic expert, carefully studied the now-famous Utah and Montara motion pictures and arrived at the conclusion that the official explanations of "birds in flight" and "airplane fuselage reflections of the sun," respectively, had no merit. Although he admitted that his studies of UFO films "have been rather ungratifying," he stressed that this "is not particularly surprising, since, without a special-purpose sensor system expressly designed to obtain information pertinent... or a general-purpose sensor system operator so as not to disregard such data, the chance for obtaining high-quality hard data is quite small."

Many UFOs are not tracked on radar, Dr. Baker said, because "if an unknown is detected and if it follows an unusual path, it is unlikely that it could, or would, be tracked." He also stated his belief that neither the ball lightning explanation of Klass, the atmospheric mirages label of Menzel or the cometsoid belief of Robey are valid enough to explain the good "unknown" cases.

Dr. Baker said that the question, "If there are flying saucers around, why don't they contact us directly?" is "on extremely thin ice, for... no concerted study has been carried out in the area of forecasting the social characteristics of an advanced extraterrestrial civilization." He added that "what we need is more sophisticated analyses of fresh... data; we must come up with more than just a rehash of old data."

Among Dr. Baker's recommendations: a "mobile task-force or team of highly qualified scientists" should be organized to obtain good data; and "a sensor system... for detecting and recording... UFOs" for "hard-data evaluation" should be put into operation.

"The goal of understanding (UFOs)... if attained," Baker concluded, "may be of unprecedented importance to the human race. We must get a positive scientific program off the ground, a program that progresses according to the highest scientific standards, has specific objectives, is well-funded, and long-term."

During the question and answer period late in the afternoon, Dr. Sagan noted that the "Air Force is apparently throwing away data that may be important." He recommended that the Air Force devise a method for keeping data with which they are not immediately concerned.

In closing the session, Congressman Roush said to the symposium panel that "you have contributed perhaps more than you know" in enlightening Congress on the UFO problem. He said that the symposium may be looked back upon as a possible pioneering effort and that he regarded it as "one of the most unusual and interesting days I have spent in the Congress of the United States."

NICAP was well represented at the crowded session and it is our belief that this could be a significant breakthrough after our many years of attempting to elicit full-scale Congressional interest. The breakthrough may not come immediately or even in the near future, but, at least, we feel, the seed has been planted and the positive statements of six top scientists are now permanently in the record.

The Science and Astronautics Committee plans to publish the Symposium proceedings shortly. Be sure to write for your copy immediately to either Rep. George P. Miller, Committee Chairman, or your own Congressman or Senator. It is important that you do this right away since the supply is limited. It is also extremely important that we support Roush and other interested Committee members as much as possible. Encouraging letters would greatly help. For your information, a complete list of the Committee members follows:

George P. Miller, Calif., Chairman  
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Jerry L. Pettis, Calif.  
Alphonzo Bell, Calif.  
Olin E. Teague, Texas  
Earle Cabell, Texas  
Bob Eckhardt, Texas  
Joseph E. Karth, Minnesota  
Ken Hechler, W. Va.  
Emilio Q. Daddario, Connecticut  
J. Edward Roush, Indiana  
Richard L. Roubush, Indiana  
John W. Davis, Georgia  
William F. Ryan, New York  
Lester L. Wolff, New York  
John W. Wydler, New York

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Jack Brinkley, Georgia  
Robert O. Tiernan, Rhode Island  
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D.E. (Buz) Lukens, Ohio  
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Donald Rumsfeld, Illinois  
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Larry Winn, Jr., Kansas  
John E. Hunt, New Jersey

Address your correspondence to the House of Representatives, Committee on Science and Astronautics, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

BOARD MEMBER DIES

Dr. Leslie K. Kaeburn, NICAP Board member and one of our closest friends and most energetic supporters, died on June 17 of an apparent heart attack.

The one-time head of both our Los Angeles Subcommittee and Affiliate was fond of appearing as a NICAP representative on many radio and TV shows, including some nationally syndicated programs. He was active until his death in numerous NICAP activities and his courageous stand on UFOs, as a scientist, will undoubtedly be remembered as a pioneering one in the future.

Dr. Kaeburn's scientific activities in his Ph.D. and M.D. fields have earned him worldwide respect. One of his more notable achievements was as a member of a four-man scientific team who were the first to implant a telemetering EKG device in a dog's chest cavity for space research in 1959. He was also interpreter for the late Dr. Albert Einstein in this country and was a working associate of such pioneers in nuclear physics as Nobel Prize winners Sir Owen W. Richardson and Professor Niels Bohr, of Manhattan Project fame.

The late University of Southern California School of Medicine faculty member established and headed the university's Bio-Medical Electronics Laboratory. He was also Chairman of the Professional Group of Bio-Medical Engineering of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 1956-7.

Dr. Kaeburn will be sorely missed by all who knew and respected him. His many achievements, scientific and otherwise, for the cause of better understanding the world -- and the universe -- around us will not be soon forgotten.

#### PROPER AUTHORIZATION NEEDED

No one but Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee and headquarters staff members should be acting as a NICAP representative or officially discussing NICAP policy at any speeches, radio or TV programs or at other public appearances without written permission from the Director or Assistant Director. Nor should anyone act as liaison between Board-Affl-Subc members and headquarters without the same authorization. No one presently has such permission.

If you have information, particularly of a sensitive or confidential nature, to relate to us, please do this directly inasmuch as it is possible for you to do so. Too often information related via a third party has either not gotten to us at all or has been received in a distorted or exaggerated manner.

Often such "third parties" are well-intentioned and interested in NICAP's welfare, but, for the sake of a more effective operation, we ask that you cooperate in this matter.

#### SIPRELL TO COORDINATE HAM NET

James Siprell, Chairman of N.Y. Unit #4, is planning to believe Wayne Green of "73 Magazine" in coordinating ham radio net control stations in the operation of a network to eventually organize an early-warning system for UFO reports with the idea of possibly setting up a sky-scanning camera and other equipment for UFO detection.

Subcommittees can help this effort by contacting a ham operator in their areas. Jim Siprell (123 Coventry Rd., Kenmore, N.Y. 14217; call numbers: K2HYQ/2) and Wayne Green (c/o "73 Magazine," Peterborough, N.H.; call numbers: W2MSD/1) may be contacted for information in regard to this. Those interested may also contact Charles Spurgeon (Duncanville, Texas; call numbers: W5CQ).

The network is now actively operating on Wednesday nights at 10 EDST (0200 GMT) on frequency 14.300 megacycles (20 metres), but plans to soon operate on a nightly basis.

#### SUBC/AFFL PUBLICITY

Jim Siprell has come up with an idea, which we approve. He suggests that each interested Subc appoint its own publicity representative. Though the Affiliates are normally the NICAP public relations groups, there are still many Subc Chairmen and members who are interviewed by news media representatives

for newspapers, radio and television. Others give speeches before various technical and non-technical groups. It may be a good idea if one man — preferably an experienced public relations man who would present a good, sober image for NICAP — coordinate the public activities of, particularly, the more active Subcommittees.

Remember, whenever you do appear on radio or television, to insist that NICAP's national headquarters address be included. The same applies to newspaper interviews. Most stations will go along with this. This is most important if you happen to appear on a nationally syndicated or network program.

#### CHAIRMANSHIP CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED

Any changes in the Chairmanship of a NICAP Subcommittee must be approved by the Director or Assistant Director. A few Subcommittees in the past have elected their own Chairmen to replace those who have had to resign for one reason or another without first informing NICAP headquarters. While we do not object to the election procedure, the proposed Chairman or Chairman-elect must be approved by headquarters before he can actively take over the reins of a Subcommittee.

One of the following procedures may be followed: (1) the submission of one or more prospective Chairmen's names to headquarters for consideration and approval or rejection by the Assistant Director; (2) informing NICAP that an election will be held to consider one or more candidates, submitting such a list to headquarters, then informing NICAP immediately of the members' choice and asking for our approval or rejection.

There is no reason to suspect that most, if not all, such elections will be upheld by headquarters, but some unfortunate experiences in the past have made this policy necessary for your protection as well as ours.

#### AFFL/SUBS LIST CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

In re Vol. III, No. 1 of the Affl/Subc Newsletter, the following changes and corrections should be made in the Affl/Subc list: (1) the new address for John L. Stokesberry, Chairman of Florida Unit #4, is 934 N.E. 91st Terrace, Miami Shores, Florida 33138; (2) Roy Murdock has resigned as Chairman of Illinois Unit #1; the new Chairman is Chester Cain, 1856 Sunnyside Circle, Northbrook, Illinois; we regret the loss of Roy as Chairman, but he plans to continue as an active Subc member; we are certain Mr. Cain will do an excellent job as Roy's replacement; (3) because of pressing outside duties, Miss Miriam Brookman has resigned as President of our N.Y. City Affiliate; David Lieberman (81-10 — 135th St., Jamaica, N.Y. 11435), former Affl Secretary-Treasurer, is the new President; "Mickey" Brookman has long been an active and interested member of the NICAP structure; (4) George Cook is no longer Chairman of Pa. Unit #4; as of this date, no Chairman has been picked; we appreciate the work George has done in NICAP's behalf; he plans to continue investigating reports in the Harrisburg area; (5) the name of David Fanner (Tenn. Unit #1 Chairman) was misspelled; we regret this typographical error.

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The contents of this Newsletter are to be held in CONFIDENCE, with the exception of those stories marked with an asterisk (\*)

THE OFFICE SITUATION

The need for revamping certain headquarters activities, which will also affect the Affiliates and Subcommittees, has become a necessity if NICAP is going to continue to operate at all effectively. I hate to keep harping on the great backlog of correspondence, but the situation is more critical now than ever before.

Correspondence Backlog

Essentially, I, as Assistant Director, have become impossibly overburdened with correspondence, leaving me little time for what I consider really the important goals of NICAP: achieving a tax-exempt status, eliciting more and more serious scientific and Congressional interest, concentrating more on important upcoming publications, etc. Even with the use of an elaborate form letter and delegating responsibility for some of the letter-writing to other staff members (who themselves are overburdened with work), it is impossible to keep up with all the work and time involved.

We would like to be able to answer every letter and respond to every question that is asked us, but this is obviously impractical and, indeed, impossible. Regularly, the least important letters (mainly from members) have to be filed away with the hope that, someday, we will be able to respond. Unfortunately, this simply does not happen. Naturally, some members become disgruntled, a few to the point of letting their memberships lapse. This is hardly an ideal situation.

An overwhelming amount of my time is taken up by answering correspondence from Affiliates and Subcommittees. Having the responsibility of responding to letters from 35 NICAP "chapters" as well as correspondence from a multitude of other interested persons leaves me little time for anything else. Therefore, it will be necessary for me to somewhat revamp the Newsletter in an attempt to alleviate this situation. All letters from Affiliate/Subcommittee members, with the exception of those of obvious importance or those requiring immediate attention, will have to be answered monthly in this Newsletter. I know that the Newsletter is supposed to be a monthly bulletin and that we have not been able to stick to this schedule because of the workload, but EVERY EFFORT will be made to do this from now on. With this necessary cutback in correspondence, I am confident that this can be done on the first of each month.

### Criticism Voiced

In recent months, there has been some criticism from Affiliate/Subcommittee members that the headquarters office has not kept them well informed of current events, sighting reports, etc. In part, at least, this may be true, but, again, I can only plead the workload. However, beginning with this issue, xeroxed "sighting cards" of some of the better UFO cases over the previous month will be included as well as more information on what is happening here at the headquarters office (i.e., progress on upcoming publications, various research projects, etc.).

Other adverse criticism has been coming in from some Affiliate/Subcommittee members. This could be due to general frustration because of the lack of significant events (with the exception of the Congressional hearings on July 29) over the past months. It could also be due to the fact that Subcommittee/Affiliate business is sometimes not conducted promptly on the part of the headquarters staff. As I have stated, this latter situation is not likely to improve in the near future. Only the most important, urgent mail can receive immediate attention.

All of us here clearly realize and deeply appreciate the fact that Affiliate/Subcommittee members donate much of their time and money to help NICAP achieve its goals and we plan to continue giving you all top priority in re correspondence, despite the necessary cutback. We are sorry that we have not been able to keep in closer contact with you.

### Projects

Several important NICAP projects are now underway, making more extensive use of our panel of advisers and scientist members.

Ted Blöecher, with the assistance of former Assistant Director Richard Hall, now our Research Consultant, has been working on an Occupant Panel. As you know, NICAP has been accused in the past of shunning occupant reports. This is not true. We have always investigated such reports and have a very comprehensive file on these cases. We cannot accept most of these reports because of their low-grade quality. Only a few, such as Socorro, have stood the test of time. However, we feel that enough attention has been paid to some of these reports to cause us to take a closer look. Therefore, Ted and Dick have queried 20 highly qualified individuals in an attempt to elicit their evaluations of six primary and six secondary occupant reports. Sixteen have so far indicated their willingness to participate. Their specializations include internal and aerospace medicine, psychology, journalism, anthropology, sociology, linguistics, neurology, psychiatry, biology, astronomy, philosophy and education.

I wish to stress that this project is being carried out on a confidential basis, due to the requests of most of the participants. The results will be announced in this Newsletter and, probably, an upcoming NICAP publication. Further studies of occupant cases will be included in the forthcoming "UFOs: A New Look" and Volume II of The UFO Evidence.

I also wish to point out that this project is not indicative of a NICAP acceptance of the general run of such reports. We do desire a more careful scientific evaluation of these cases than has been done in the past.



Dick Hall is deriving excellent results from a "Joint Scientific Statement" project. He has queried 100 scientists and is aiming toward a 50% participation. So far 49 have signed the statement, which urges a Congressional investigation; that reports from qualified observers be the backbone of "a fully-supported scientific investigation..."; that the Air Force investigations in the past have "been cast into doubt!.."; and that the participants pledge their support to a scientific study. Scientists and engineers in numerous fields have signed. These include physics, chemistry, sociology, physiology, zoology, biochemistry, engineering, psychology, anthropology, linguistics, archeology, geology, botany, pathology and mathematics.

Dick has also been working on a "Medical Panel." About six medical doctors have so far agreed to study and submit findings on a series of reports involving physiological effects. Results of this project will also be announced.

Our forthcoming publication, "UFOs: A New Look," is now in its final stages of preparation for the printer. Dick has done much of the work on this, with some help from Ted and editing by Major Keyhoe. We are hopeful of having the first printing concluded around Thanksgiving. The price will be raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00 upon publication and will be announced in the next Investigator, which you should be receiving momentarily. (As you may have noted, the price listed in the last Investigator was a pre-publication offer).

Work on Volume II of The UFO Evidence (we may use a different title) is also progressing slowly. Dick, Isabel, Ted, Stuart Nixon and myself are working on this as much as possible. Unfortunately, we are constantly diverted by other priority projects, but we still hope to publish by early Spring 1969. This volume will cover, essentially, sightings and developments over the last five years.

Stuart Nixon is currently at work on the tax-exempt status. He has already written an excellent proposal which has been reviewed by Major Keyhoe and myself. We are giving this top priority. If we are successful, our financial problems could conceivably be ended or, at least, greatly alleviated. We have indications from fairly large donors that bigger contributions would be forthcoming when we achieved this status. Also, I am convinced, we stand a much better chance now than ever before of becoming tax-exempt, despite the fact that restrictions of this have tightened up quite a bit. We are putting out "feelers" to several Congressmen, scientists and others who may be able to help. If any of you are knowledgeable in re tax-exempt status or have any ideas as to how we may more effectively go about submitting a case, please contact us.

FINANCIAL CRISIS TEMPORARILY ENDED\*

Fortunately, our financial crisis is at least temporarily over. The membership response has been better than we had hoped, proving that we still have a large number of loyal members who are willing to donate when the chips are down, despite the lack of publicity over the past months. We have been able to pay off all our back debts and have a small reserve left. The next issue of the UFO Investigator, which will have further "plugs" for the Projects Grudge and Blue Book Reports and "UFOs: A New Look," should bring in some additional revenue. Also, as stated above, we are doing all we can to assure that such a crisis does not develop again. Despite this, however, we cannot

guarantee that it won't happen. Therefore, don't let up trying to secure donations, new members, plugging our publications, etc. If some of our projects, such as the tax-exempt status, fall through, we will probably be in financial trouble again, particularly if this "limbo" state continues.

On behalf of NICAP, Major Keyhoe and I wish to extend to all of you our sincere appreciation for all you have done to help us out during this crisis.

THE COLORADO REPORT

As you may know, the final report of the University of Colorado's UFO Project may come out at any time. The latest wire service story is that the 1,500-page report will go to the Air Force sometime this week, but probably won't become public until January. However, we also have indications that Dr. Condon may try to ram the report through so it could become public around Christmas time, when everyone is busy with the season's preparations and post election news.

More and more, as time goes by, all signs continue to point toward a negative conclusion. Hopes that the report will be even a "fence-sitting" one are fast diminishing. Therefore, we are mapping out a plan of action now and a separate plan for when the report is made public, assuming it to be negative.

Before

Some of the preparatory ideas we have been working on now are: (1) getting as many scientists as possible to go on record against Colorado's handling of the project; (2) eliciting the interest of as many Congressmen as possible, concentrating on those with known interest; (3) asking some of our best scientific members to endorse a list of our best cases as ammunition; (4) indicate how members can help (i.e., letters to editors; writing Senators and Congressmen; rebuttal information to network and local radio and TV, etc.); (5) a press release for immediate distribution, if necessary; (6) negative press statements by Dr. Condon as part of a packet to scientists, newsmen and others, etc.

After

After the report is made public (assuming it negative), we plan, among other projects, to: (1) issue as complete a rebuttal report as possible to wire services, networks, local stations, big newspapers; (2) attempt a NICAP press conference with top scientific backing; (3) obtain statements from scientists and highly qualified UFO witnesses (i.e., airline pilots, aerospace engineers, astronomers, etc.) that what they observed could not be explained; (4) try to get on as many radio and TV programs as possible with our rebuttal information, etc.

Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee Members Can Help

We suggest that Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee members start now toward combating a probable negative Condon report. We need as many letters as possible calling for a full-scale, objective, scientific investigation of UFOs and

decriing the fact that the Colorado Project has obviously not done this. These letters will be presented to certain interested members of Congress and others who may be influential in effectively countering the report.

Write as many strong letters of protest as you can to newspaper editors. Attempt to secure guest appearances on radio and television programs.

If you can think of any other ways in which we may combat the negative atmosphere that is bound to be created in some important circles by a negative report, please let us know.

#### COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES\*

Due to much moving about in the headquarters office and the loss of the employee who was responsible for sending out complimentary copies of The UFO Investigator, our Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee complimentary list has been misplaced or lost. I apologize for the inconvenience, but I must ask each Subcommittee Chairman and Affiliate President to drop me a note as to how many copies of future Investigators he desires. (Complimentary copies will have to be limited to a maximum of six).

#### AIRLINE NETWORK FLOURISHES\*

A network of about 20 English and European airlines for reporting UFO sightings to NICAP has been organized by Julian J.A. Hennessey. Called EURONET, the network is a NICAP project. Director Hennessey has managed to elicit the cooperation of such top airlines as British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), Lufthansa, KLM -- Dutch Royal Airlines, Aer Lingus, Icelandair, In-victa Airlines, Iberia, etc.

The number of aircraft involved in the network comes to more than 700 and the air route miles more than half a million.

Julian has also been working on a similar police and ship network.

#### HENNESSEY RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN\*

Due to outside pressures and his increasing involvement with such projects as EURONET, Julian Hennessey has been forced to resign as Chairman of European Unit #1, stationed in London. He has handed over the reins to John Myers, who, we are confident, will do an excellent job.

As most of you know, Hennessey has been a one-man "blitz" in organizing and running the Subcommittee and in eliciting valuable information from official sources. We greatly regret his resignation as Chairman, but he still plans to remain an active member of the Subcommittee. We look forward to a continued congenial and fruitful relationship with him.

EARLEY BOOK JUST PUBLISHED \*

A book compiled and edited by Connecticut Affiliate President George W. Earley has just been published. Entitled Encounters With Aliens, the Sherbourne Press publication combines science fiction with UFO stories. George also wrote the Introduction.

The work includes an Ivan Sanderson essay, "The Fortean and the Fictioneers," written especially for the book, and stories by Theodore Sturgeon, Mildred Clingerman, Avram Davidson, and others.

Book reviews by George of both science fiction ("Spaceman's Bookshelf") and UFOs ("UFO Bookshelf") appear regularly in the Hartford Sunday Courant.

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1967 -- May 19

Nr. Lovelock, Nevada

TIME: Approx. 8:00 p.m.

DURATION: 1 1/2 - 2 hours

WITNESSES: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ferris, Box 86, Chemute, Oregon

DESCRIPTION: Moving light sources. First appeared in succession from one point slightly above the horizon. After 6 or 7 appeared, moved to south for 5-7 minutes, and disappeared, witnesses saw two lights together.

MOTIONS: Lights were far apart, then moved together approx 5 MPH. They lit up the surrounding countryside. Second to stop, then descended behind a small rise on the desert floor and disappeared.

NOTES: There is a military airport 55 miles SW of the campsite, a restricted "danger area" 18 miles to S, and a bombing & gunnery range 55 miles NW.

SOURCE: Letter, rec'd 10/7/68

Rating: Bx

1967 -- August

Yrebo, California

TIME: during the day

DURATION:

WITNESSES: Summer school class and teacher

DESCRIPTION: disc-shaped object which made first a roaring noise which was very loud and hurt the witnesses' ears, then a sound like an electronic police car siren.

MOTIONS: Object was first seen to east making the loud roaring noise, then moved directly overhead, making the latter sound while moving. When it came over the school, making in a "corkscrew" fashion, it hovered and returned to the former sound.

NOTES: The class returned indoors as the noise hurt their ears.

SOURCE: NICAP member, Stephen Jans, rec'd 9/26/68

Rating Bx

1968 -- June 10

Frosport, Texas

TIME: Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.

DURATION: Approx. 1 hour

WITNESS: Navis Strickland, 3022 Gulferost, Houston, Texas

DESCRIPTION: Four light sources, one emitted a red flash.

MOTIONS: Moved very fast, then stopped, zig-zagged, straightened, made right-angle turns, and other aerial maneuvers.

NOTES: Witness works for the "Space Age Travel Agency".

SOURCE: Texas Subcommittee #1

Rating: Bx

1968 -- Summer

In air, over Texas? (Flight 1 Texas to Detroit)

TIME:

DURATION: Over 30 minutes.

WITNESSES: Henry Ford, II, Grosso Point Farms, Michigan  
Other Ford Executives  
Pilot of Company Jetster

DESCRIPTION: Round object like a "big silver dollar".

MOTIONS: Was in sight for over 30 minutes. Plane was flying at an alt. of 40,000 feet at 550 MPH

NOTES: Pilot was reluctant to radio the Air Force to send up a fighter plane because he thought "they would think he was a kook".

SOURCE: Clipping, Detroit News (Bob Inwin), rec'd 10/7/68.

Rating: Bx