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AIR FORCE SECRETARY OFFERED NICAP'S UFO EVIDENCE

In an unprecedented attempt to settle the UFO problem, NICAP has given AF Secretary Zuckert the following offer:

1. NICAP will submit for evaluation, in private AF-NICAP conferences, its specific evidence and majority conclusions that UFOs are real and under intelligent control.

2. NICAP will publicly correct all its statements and UFO reports which are proved in error in these specific discussions.

"We do not expect a public admission of possible AF errors," NICAP told Secretary Zuckert. "Nor do we expect the AF to reveal classified information. All we ask is a thorough evaluation of the UFO evidence in NICAP's possession. The evidence for UFO reality includes hundreds of factual UFO reports, from World War II to date, with details and opinions of veteran military and airline pilots, missile experts, astronomers, radarmen and other highly qualified observers--also verified reports from many competent and responsible citizens.



Secretary Zuckert

"Repeated denials that UFO's are real will not end public uncertainty... Jets are still scrambled to intercept UFOs; under AF Regulation 200-2, reports are still evaluated by Intelligence; Project Blue Book is still in operation. New sightings will inevitably keep the issue open until the massive evidence of expert observers is thoroughly disproved--or accepted openly.

"We believe NICAP's evidence accurate, but we are willing to be shown any factual errors or misinterpretations. We agree to report all proven errors, also AF rebuttal points in unresolved cases and issues, to appropriate Congressional committees and individual Members of Congress. We also agree

to correct such errors publicly... In all sincerity, we do not expect that all of NICAP's massive evidence can be disproved. But at the very least, these face-to-face discussions will reduce disputed items and end misunderstandings on both sides."

NICAP conferees would include Board Member J. B. Hartranft, Jr., President of the 90,000-member Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association and the Director and Secretary of NICAP. Others would be selected from the Board of Governors and our scientific and technical consultants.

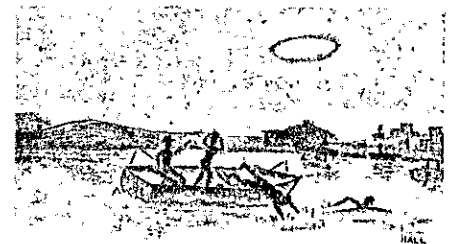
AF benefits from the joint evaluations would be: 1. The chance to appraise "THE UFO EVIDENCE--The Full Report on NICAP's 5-Year Investigation," before it is sent to Congress and the press. 2. The opportunity to discuss (and prove any errors) in all NICAP's published and broadcast statements. 3. NICAP's offer to help reduce unwarranted criticism of the AF investigation. 4. Use of the UFO Investigator's columns for unedited AF statements about the UFO problem. 5. NICAP aid in exposing frauds that hamper serious investigations.

NICAP benefits: 1. The chance to disprove these untrue claims: That NICAP refuses the AF its evidence (offered in 1958); that it is an irresponsible "hobby group," its main purpose to attack the AF. (These charges already have disturbed a few Congressmen; if not fully refuted they could hurt NICAP seriously. 2. The chance to establish our technical competence, integrity and willingness to cooperate in reducing the UFO controversy. 3. An opportunity to learn the exact AF position, help reduce secrecy dangers and speed the final solution of the UFO mystery.

UFO's Cause Panic, One Death

In the past six months, UFO close approaches have led to one observer's death and have badly frightened other witnesses in the U.S. and South America.

At Santa Rita, Venezuela, a fisherman drowned when he and panic-stricken companions jumped from their boats as a huge, glowing object approached.



It was Oct. 6, 1961, about 11 p.m., when the enormous UFO appeared from the north, its glow lighting up the town. As it slowly crossed Lake Maracaibo, casting its glare on the fishing boats, dozens of terrified fishermen leaped overboard. One man, Bartolme Romero, went down in the frantic swim for safety. The others made shore, unnerved by the encounter.

In Santa Rita, alarmed inhabitants watched the strange object pass slowly over the city. The UFO was visible five minutes before it vanished to the south, leaving a reddish, exhaust-like trail. (This slow operation rules out any fireball or meteor answer. The source and purpose of this apparently controlled device remain unexplained.)

Another frightening UFO encounter--a 30-mile chase--was reported by Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois, 13481 Shirley
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The offer to Secretary Zuckert stressed NICAP's reputation as a serious organization, the largest UFO research group, headed and advised by veteran military and Intelligence officers, pilots, scientists, experts on astronautics, electronics, etc., with access to testing laboratories, and backed by a membership including legislators, executives, newsmen, lawyers, commentators and responsible citizens in all 50 states.

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In the October issue, when thanking the loyal members who came to our rescue last summer, we told you we had funds to print three issues, one in November. Unfortunately, two adverse Treasury actions and a severe drop in expected income put NICAP in a serious predicament.

Several times the Internal Revenue Service had allowed us to defer tax payments until our income picked up, meantime using available funds for expenses. A new IRS ruling has ended this; all taxes must be paid when due. In addition, the Treasury refused the tax-exempt status we were led to believe was assured. (Besides technical points, which we expect to correct on appeal, the Treasury commented on our efforts to reduce alleged UFO secrecy.) This exemption denial means a far greater loss than tax savings--we were promised substantial donations when we became tax-exempt.

In figuring printing and operating costs, we counted on the usual deferred tax payments. We also expected our income to remain high enough to cover expenses every month.

In last July's crisis letter, we tried to make clear that besides emergency help we had to have adequate, sustained support--or face a new crisis. Usually, our income increases temporarily after each Investigator. The October issue drew high praise for news and improved format. But the announcement about the three issues obviously led most members to think our financial problems were over. Our monthly income has fallen to less than half our monthly expenses.

The drop and an IRS payment not only delayed this issue but the printing of our crucial Five Year Report, "THE UFO EVIDENCE"--key to NICAP's 1962 program.

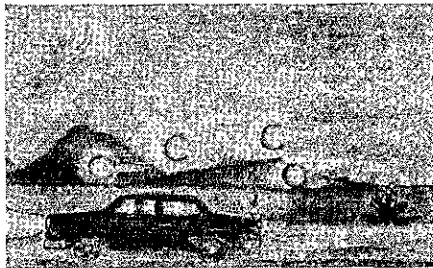
As this issue's news shows, we are headed for a showdown. We hope it will be devoid of fireworks, via AF acceptance of our offer, or alternate plans in this issue. Either way, we are certain to end the impasse--if NICAP is not crippled.

Right now, we face an immediate financial showdown. After the 1961 crisis, the director was determined not to make another such embarrassing

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Street, Westminster, Calif. On the night of Oct. 21, returning from a vacation, they were driving along Route 60 in New Mexico. Except for their car, the highway was deserted. It was about 2 a.m. when a "brilliant ball of white light" flashed down across the car, slowed, then turned back and followed alongside.

"At first, I thought it was an airplane making an emergency landing," said Mrs. DuBois. But the strange "ball" streaked back into the sky. DuBois' conjecture that it might be an odd moonlight reflection was quickly disproved. For the bright object again flashed down, raced ahead of the car, then slowed to let them catch up.



"We were really frightened by this time," Mrs. DuBois reported. And their alarm increased when the strange device pacing them suddenly separated into four smaller, glowing objects. Flying alongside, the formation kept pace with the car until a service station appeared ahead. When DuBois slowed down, the four UFO's flashed upward and went out of sight.

"We were so terrified," said Mrs. DuBois, "that my husband drove at 100 miles an hour to the next town. We asked if there had been any reports of flying objects, but people only laughed. They thought it was funny, but we were plenty scared."

Another close UFO approach to a car on a lonely road, reported to both the AF and NICAP, occurred on Sept. 19-20, in New Hampshire. About midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill, of Portsmouth, were driving on a deserted section of U.S. 3 when they saw a bright object moving in the sky. Through 7x50 binoculars, the Hills could see a band of light, convex as if on the edge of a flattened disc. The object seemed to be rotating.

plea for money--even if it meant the end of NICAP. But other officials believe that in fairness to the loyal 25% who have kept us going, all members should be told the facts.

"Most members do NOT know the severe money problems," insists Dr. Earl Douglass, a Board member who has given almost \$2,000 to help NICAP. "We must not lose our big opportunity. Lack of money is the only obstacle. Spell it out and many members will help, just as I myself will help."

Reluctantly, we have spelled it out, on page 7. And now, an unhappy statement we hoped never to make again: All memberships are extended until we can print extra issues to offset the enforced delay.

As the UFO came toward them, they saw that the "band" covered half of the rim; the other half was dark, causing a "blinking" effect as the UFO turned. About 4 miles from North Woodstock, the UFO descended in front of the car and stopped 80-100 feet above the ground. It was no longer rotating, and the "band" was revealed as bluish-white fluorescent light shining through a row of windows. On each side of the UFO was a red light.

Mr. Hill got out of the car, still expecting a rational answer--that the object was perhaps an unusual type of helicopter. He saw the UFO tilt downward, slowly descend toward him.

(The next report segment, condensed from Mr. Hill's impression that some kind of figures were moving at the windows, is still under evaluation. Mr. and Mrs. Hill already have been interrogated by Walter N. Webb, Chief Lecturer on Astronomy, Hayden Planetarium, Boston, who is Chairman of our Massachusetts Subcommittee, Unit 1, also by two electronic engineers aiding NICAP. We are examining their reports and will announce results later.)

According to Mr. Hill, there was sudden activity behind the windows as the UFO descended. Several figures were seen hurrying about, then the two red lights began to move out from the object. Mr. Hill saw they were on the tips of pointed fin-like structures which slid outward from the UFO.

By this time, Mr. Hill reported, the object was only 50-80 feet up. Its closeness, and the feeling he was being watched intently and might be in danger, brought on sudden panic. He jumped into the car and "stepped on the gas." A few moments later, both witnesses reported they heard a series of buzzing or "beeping" sounds, causing the car's trunk lid to vibrate.

Next day, on the advice of the Newton, Mass., Chief of Police, Mrs. Hill reported the encounter to Pease Air Force Base, but omitted word of the supposed figures. She states that an AF officer questioned her, showing special interest in the wing-like extending fins. Later, Mrs. Hill said, a Major Henderson called back from Pease AFB, told her the conversation was monitored, and asked for more details.

Previously, UFOs seen at low altitudes, or reported as landing, have several times alarmed citizens in France, Italy, India, Venezuela, the U.S. and other countries. In June of 1961, the Brazilian press reported that highway police stampeded from their patrol car when a UFO came toward them head-on, while they were trying to signal it. One policeman had to be stopped from firing at the object.

Close approaches, especially "buzzing" of cars on lonely roads, seem to have increased. This may mean no more than uncomfortably close observation--no hostility has been proved. Regardless, these cases prove the danger of panic from fear of the unknown. This is one more reason why UFO secrecy should be ended. If there is no reason for fear, all the facts proving this should be made public.

THE UFO SUBCOMMITTEE FACTS

Latest Report on the Congressional Situation

Since the existence of the Congressional UFO Subcommittee has been frequently denied--at times with a hint that NICAP made it up--we are printing a letter by Congressman Perkins Bass

and other confirmation, along with a curious sidelight of Newsweek's editors. Because NICAP also has been accused of inventing the opinions of Speaker John W. McCormack, Mass., we are

reproducing his letter and a special interview he gave the Springfield (Mass.) Union. Other Congressional opinions and new backing for hearings also are reported.

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November 4, 1960

May 17, 1961

Mr. Everett Clement
Fosterborough, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

I have just been put on a small 3-man subcommittee of the House Space Committee to investigate this UFO situation. We will hear various witnesses from the Air Force, NASA, and other Defense Department officials, but these will probably not be public hearings. I know you have taken a great deal of interest in this problem and would appreciate your sending me along any particular points or questions I might ask of these Defense Department officials which might throw more light on the matter and answer some of the questions in your own mind.

Regards,



Perkins Bass

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Mr. Wade Wellman
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Dear Mr. Wellman:

Thank you for your letter to Newsweek prompted by our Periscope column of July 3rd. I regret the delay in answering your letter, but it was only brought to my attention this week.

Mr. Overton Brooks of the House of Representatives, set up a three man sub-committee to investigate the "unidentified flying objects" that had been reported by the public. However, shortly after this committee had been organized, it ceased its investigations upon the suggestion to do so by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Thank you again for getting in touch with us. We value your interest in Newsweek most highly.

Sincerely,



Dwight H. Norris
For the Editors

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Other UFO Subcommittee confirmation includes:

A letter by Cong. Horace R. Kornegay, a strong supporter of hearings, quoting Cong. Joseph E. Karth; a letter to Member Henry Voss, from Cong. Charles A. Mosher, Science and Astronautics Com-

mittee, stating: "Mr. Karth was named chairman to such a subcommittee by the late Congressman Overton Brooks..."; and a personal confirmation to NICAP's director by Majority Leader (now Speaker) McCormack.

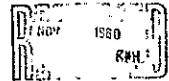
Some new or unpublished Congress-

sional statements to NICAP members follow:

Cong. Delbert L. Latta, to Prof. Charles A. Maney: "...thank you for the UFO Investigator. You can add my voice

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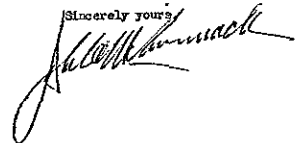


Dear Major:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 29, with enclosure. I am glad you wrote me on the subject matter mentioned in your letter and the enclosure. Some three years ago as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Outer Space out of which came the recently established NASA, my Select Committee held executive sessions on the matter of "Unidentified Flying Objects." We could not get such information at that time, although it was pretty well established by some in our minds that there were some objects flying around in space that were unexplainable.

I assume you have written a letter to the Members of the House and Senate Committee on Science and Astronautics, if not I suggest you do so.

Sincerely yours,



McCormack Not Satisfied That UFOs All 'Explained'

The Union's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader John W. McCormack says he feels the Air Force has not been completely frank with the public regarding the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Believes Some Real
Rep. McCormack has made it plain he believes that some of these strange objects constitute something real, something that can't be explained away as familiar objects mistakenly identified.

He suggests the holding of House hearings on UFOs.

The Air Force has publicly maintained that all the sightings are explainable as familiar objects, such as stars, meteors, balloons and airplanes, that have been mistaken for something extraordinary.

"I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the information it has on the Unidentified Flying Objects," the Massachusetts congressman commented.

Can't Pinpoint Sources
"These UFOs," said McCormack, speaking of the minority of sightings that can't satisfactorily be explained away, "must be in a very high state of development and of perfection. Whether they come from some other planet we don't know. We can't say they come from an-

other planet till we find life or another planet. On the evidence we have, you can't pinpoint their source.

"Many expert witnesses have seen these objects," he continued. "You can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources.

Among the experts who insist that some of these objects constitute something 'real,' something unknown, are pilots, other persons with special skills in this area, persons of great responsibility, rational-minded witnesses.

"This is not all imagination. You can't rule out all these sightings as imagination producing a mistake in identity," he asserted.

The Bay State Democrat confirmed that some UFOs have been seen visually and on radar at the same moment and at the same spot.

"You can't put it down to atmospheric phenomena," he remarked tersely.

Distortion in Radar

The Air Force has maintained generally that radar sightings have been due to an atmospheric phenomenon, the so-called temperature inversion, which involves a layer of warm air over a cold layer, resulting in bending and distorting the radar return.

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to those desiring public hearings on the aerial phenomena. Best personal regards..."

Cong. Hugh H. Addonizio, to Member John A. Shine: "I have expressed my deep personal interest in early and open hearings to the Committee..."

Cong. Harold T. Johnson, to Dr. Gerald D. Coke, after the 1961 committee decision against hearings at that time: "I did take the opportunity of advising them of your position and mine that it would be in the public interest that these be held publicly."

Sen. Paul Douglas: "I too suffer from this same frustration of not knowing their (UFOs') origin. I realize the importance the knowledge of these objects would give to the citizens, and I also realize the importance of national security. We will probably learn within the year which is the more important."

Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr., to Member John Laval on receipt of NICAP UFO information: "I fully appreciate the importance of this matter."

Sen. J. Glenn Beall to Member George A. Burl: "Perhaps it would be more efficient to conduct such a hearing before a Joint Committee."

Examples of other Congressional opinions:

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Senate Space Committee: "UFO's have never been accurately explained... There is reason for thinking we don't have all the facts..."

Sen. William Proxmire: "The very fact that so many inexplicable incidents have occurred is reason enough for a thorough investigation."

Cong. Lester Johnson: "I hope NICAP will achieve their aim of open hearings in Congress so that the public will have all the facts."

Sen. Estes Kefauver: "Uncertainty over UFOs certainly exists and I think it is wise to keep an open mind about it. I occasionally hear from Major Keyhoe, who is with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena here in Washington, and while I am not able to evaluate the Committee's work, I think it should be continued."

Along with new backing, we have lost --temporarily, we hope--one former Congressional supporter. Apparently he was led to believe our main idea was to attack the AF, and that we do not really have massive UFO evidence. We hope our AF offer, and a personal discussion of the evidence, will correct the mistake. But this is proof of the urgent need to print our Five Year Report, "THE UFO EVIDENCE," as soon as possible. It will not only hold but greatly increase our valued support in Congress.

The following slate of officers for 1962 was elected by the NICAP New York City Affiliate in a meeting October 13, 1961:

President--Miss Miriam Brookman
Exec. V.P.--Howard Morris
Admin. V.P.--Alan Calodny
V.P.--Bill Blades
Recording Secretary--Frank Dusek
Treasurer--Bill Pirro

Conferees Approve Joint Discussion Plan

Four Board members have agreed to serve as NICAP conferees in the proposed AF-NICAP meetings. Other Board members are available, along with NICAP scientific and technical advisers. Statements of the four Board members follow:

J.B. Hartranft, Jr., President, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association: "I shall be glad to serve as a conferee under the conditions submitted to the Secretary of the Air Force. I agree such discussions are necessary and a part of NICAP's whole purpose to seek the truth, attempt to reduce unnecessary withholding of information and help spotlight the facts by exposing charlatans."

Col. Robert B. Emerson, U.S. Army Reserve: "I heartily endorse the offer to the AF to discuss NICAP evidence in a joint conference. I shall be glad to serve as a conferee, or alternate, under neutral conditions in a serious discussion designed to examine the validity of our mass of evidence and its applicability to this type of phenomena."

Dewey Fournet, former AF HQ Intelligence Monitor of the UFO Project: "I approve of the proposal to confer with the Air Force for the purpose of exchanging and discussing UFO data. Circumstances permitting I would be willing to serve as a conferee or alternate at such a conference."

Prof. Charles A. Maney, physicist, Defiance College: "I agree to the plan to meet jointly with the Air Force to present NICAP evidence. I would be willing to be a conferee."

Earlier, Board Member Frank Edwards agreed to such a plan provided NICAP's evidence received full evaluation in the presence of NICAP officials.

Key points in the NICAP offer appear on p. 1. Private discussions were asked to avoid a charge of seeking publicity. Citing our previous cooperation offers, NICAP told Sec'y Zuckert it regretted that honest differences of opinion were misconstrued as a deliberate attack on the AF.

Though details await the AF answer, the AF conferees presumably would include Project Blue Book officials, the AFHQ Project spokesman (now Maj. Carl Hart), and representatives of the AF Congressional Inquiry Division and the Directorate of Intelligence. NICAP will submit for joint discussion all its evidence, except a very few cases (about 1/4%) which the witnesses insist remain confidential and which do not affect the issues.

If the AF refuses a joint discussion of NICAP's evidence, we shall print "THE UFO EVIDENCE" as soon as possible and submit the full report to Congress and the AF, repeating our offer to evaluate this massive evidence in joint discussions, and to correct proven errors.

Note: Certain well-known members have received calls apparently meant to stop their public statements in support of NICAP. While we may lose one or two

members, experience has shown that such attempts only strengthen the majority's determination.

Answer to the AF Release

The recent AF press release, denying UFO reality, was almost identical with other yearly reports. But because it was called a "fifteen year verdict," it received far wider publicity. We lack space for a full answer (even this caused another brief delay in the issue) but here are a few points that members can relay to friends who accept the official denial:

1. Under Air Defense orders, AF jet pilots still try to intercept and bring down UFOs -- even when positively known not to be enemy missiles or bombers. If the UFOs were not real, jet chases would not be ordered.

2. By AF Reg. 200-2, even base commanders are still forbidden to release reports of UFOs -- except those they can explain as ordinary objects.

3. Though the public has the impression the AF has explained all but 1% of the sightings, AFHQ has admitted that 9% of the total -- about 600 cases -- are still unsolved. (Official letter signed by Maj. L. J. Tacker, then AFHQ spokesman.) These 600 reports include scores of UFO chases by AF pilots; visual sightings by many military and airline pilots, tower operators, missile trackers, etc., also radar confirmation showing high-speed maneuvers of UFOs in formations.

4. Documents in NICAP possession clearly indicate it is AF policy to withhold UFO facts until they have more answers -- hence the denials.

Besides the above, we urge members to use the factual evidence in this and preceding issues to convince uninformed citizens.

Miss Kathryn Lewis

We regret the death of one of NICAP's earliest members, Miss Kathryn Lewis, daughter of John L. Lewis, Alexandria, Va. Miss Lewis helped to put NICAP in operation and encouraged us to keep on when the going was rough. At one time, she contributed half the printing cost of an issue of the Investigator, when new memberships and renewals were not enough to meet expenses. Besides her financial aid, Miss Lewis gave us helpful advice about interesting certain Members of Congress. Her understanding of our problems, her aid at critical times and her personal encouragement will not be forgotten.

FREQUENT UFO OPERATIONS, MANY AT NIGHT

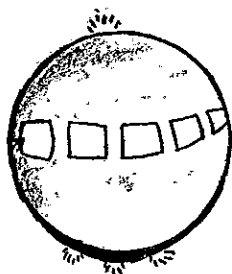
BULLETIN

February 11, 1962

A bright UFO moving at high altitude "as if towards the moon" was sighted at Humboldt Planetarium, Caracas, Venezuela, by staff member Carlos Pineda. The astronomer had been alerted by several citizens in Parque del Este who saw a large group of UFOs flying from east to west between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Senor Pineda attempted unsuccessfully to follow the UFO with a telescope. "But there is no doubt," he said, "that a body giving off a brilliant light was moving at a great altitude." The sighting was confirmed to the newspaper El Universal.

FRANK EDWARDS, MANY WITNESSES, SIGHT UFO OVER INDIANAPOLIS

A huge, apparently spherical UFO with a row of lights hovered and maneuvered over Indianapolis on the night of October 12, 1961. It was seen by Frank Edwards, NICAP Board Member, and hundreds of other citizens. A bright, pulsating white light flashed from the ports, and red lights flashed on the bottom of the object. A steady, bright green light was visible on top. The UFO was silvery, apparently metallic, and it reflected city lights.



Mr. Edwards, well known TV commentator, was leaving the WTTV studio about 8:00 p.m. when he noticed the strange object hovering in the distance. It seemed to have a band of light across the middle. (Observers closer to the UFO saw the "band" as a row of "windows.") As Edwards watched, the UFO spiralled upwards. It stopped, hovered again, and then sped away to the south.

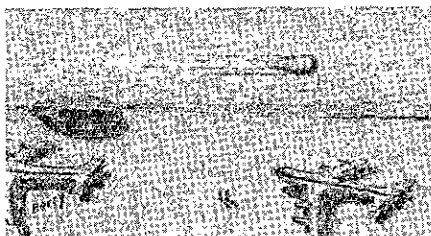
Later, several witnesses were interviewed by Mr. Edwards. The crew of a train on the Indianapolis Belt Railroad--Jerry Carter, fireman, and Nolan S. Garman, engineer--described the UFO similarly, except that the band of light appeared as portholes. Two plant guards at a downtown meat packing company--Bud Kaesel and Walter Jamison--saw the UFO pass directly overhead. From underneath, it appeared as a circular, shiny, glowing object which was rotating clockwise. They confirmed the blinking red lights seen on the bottom. Since the UFO appeared circular in outline from all angles, it was assumed to be spherical.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to "explain" the UFO as an advertising airplane, but the alternate terrific speeds and hovering proved that this unidentified round device was beyond the capabilities of any known aircraft.

SIGHTINGS DIGEST

September 21; Honolulu, Hawaii--At 7:06 p.m., M.W. Rasmussen, civil engineer and manufacturer's representative, observed a bright-lighted UFO which sped on a straight course, east to west, above Honolulu harbor. It was visible 30 seconds. Earlier the same day a huge disc-shaped UFO was reported by trans-Pacific jet airliner pilots enroute to Hawaii. (See October issue, page 1.)

September 11; San Diego, Calif.--A huge crescent-shaped object with a row of flashing lights was sighted at 8:55 p.m. by Marcella Anderson, a secretary for the Ryan Aeronautical Company. Miss Anderson, who lives next to an airport and has seen hundreds of planes, was amazed by the UFO's gigantic size. The object passed silently from north to south and disappeared in about 15 seconds.



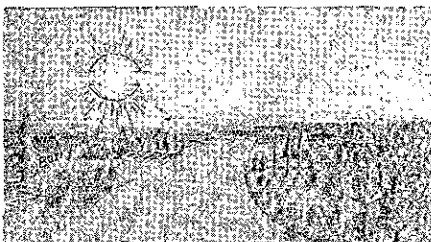
September 24; W. Bloomfield, N.J.--Two pilots, one a NICAP member, spotted a tear-drop-shaped UFO about 1:30 p.m., while standing on an airstrip at the local airport. Member William D. Neva said the object zoomed past a jetliner and passed almost directly overhead. The airliner was reflecting sunlight, but the UFO appeared to be self-luminous.

September 27; Essex, Conn.--Michael Saul, reporter for the Hartford Courant, and Mrs. Saul saw a triangular UFO at about 7:25 p.m. while driving on Route 80. The object appeared to tilt as it neared the horizon, and four bright white lights became visible on the trailing edge.

September 29; Warrenton, Va.--A retired Navy lieutenant-commander with several witnesses observed and photographed an elongated UFO. The 16mm movie film has been turned over to NICAP for analysis.

Oct. 6--About 3:25 p.m. (EST) a U.S. Marine Corps guard at a secret installation in Newfoundland sighted an orange-white, meteor-like object which maneuvered over the area for four minutes before speeding away.

October 8; Charleston Hts., S.C.--A UFO which zig-zagged back and forth



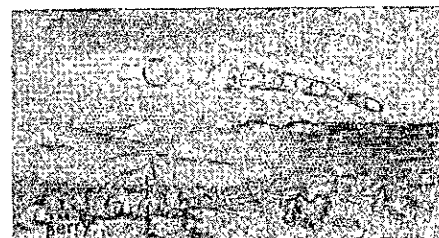
over this coastal region in the early morning hours, was reported to NICAP by Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Garris. Dull reddish-orange dome-like lights were clearly visible on the top and bottom, and the central portion appeared as a brightly glowing white source of light. In the distance, the object appeared to be round, then oval.

October 11; Denver, Colo.--At 8:37 p.m., Edward A. Zimmerman, Internal Revenue Service employee, and his mother sighted a whitish globe with spurs of white light protruding from the edges. Mr. Zimmerman watched the UFO for 10-12 seconds.

Oct. 14; Sunset, Utah.--Witnesses including Mayor Michiel Burson watched several circular UFOs maneuver overhead, trailing long streamers of "stringy stuff." (Apparently the so-called "angel's hair" material sometimes reported as being discharged by UFOs.) The objects soared at reportedly high speeds, in this daylight sighting.

Most reports of "angel's hair" say it dissipates rapidly when handled. A NICAP member scientist recommends that samples be preserved by refrigeration, preferably dry ice, for analysis. Please notify us if samples are obtained.

Oct. 17; Radford, Va.--At about 11:40 p.m. a huge UFO, described as "bigger than a full moon and about four times as bright," was seen by Sam T. Tugh and Garnie Moore from separate locations.



October 17; Tonawanda, N.Y.--Several employees of the Spaulding Fibre Company watched two round UFOs maneuvering around a B-58 bomber, between 6:10 and 6:20 p.m. Two machine operators, Walter R. Beyer and John D. Swiger, submitted reports to NICAP. Mr. Swiger, who saw only one of the UFOs said that "it seemed to be toying with the jet."

Mr. Beyer, who with the other witnesses saw both UFOs, stated: "The B-58 seemed to zig-zag from its course as though trying to catch one of the UFOs. It (the UFO) clearly outmaneuvered the bomber." Finally the two UFOs veered away from the B-58 and sped out of sight.

Oct. 27; Hilliard, Ohio--A glowing elliptical UFO which maneuvered in the sky for 10 minutes was sighted at 6:40 p.m. by Mrs. Teresa A. Wilson and a neighbor. The object appeared to be moving northward in spurts. As it passed over the heads of the witnesses they saw the elliptical shape. The UFO was glow-

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ing blue-white in front, with a diffused reddish color on the trailing edge.

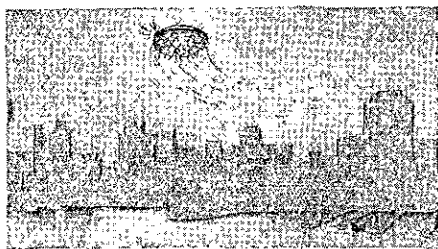
Oct. 30; Derry, Pa.--Four apparently controlled disc-shaped objects were sighted by Carl H. Geary, Jr. Mr. Geary, an engineer, was formerly with the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps. In a signed report to NICAP, he stated:

"The objects appeared as luminous blue discs with a band of lights or ports on outer periphery. Lights varied in hue from red to yellow to blue. Objects appeared to oscillate with a side-wise motion, perpendicular to direction of travel. When objects reached a hill, they seemed to explode in a brilliant blue flash." (NICAP: Evidently this was an illusion, as all four objects later appeared intact.) "Intensity of glow about five times brighter than the planet Jupiter."

Geary jumped in his car and pursued the UFOs, which were moving slowly, and paced them on a parallel road. The objects finally disappeared behind a mountain. Geary also stated that the UFOs travelled on a slightly ascending course, the glow increasing in intensity. They travelled in a straight-line formation below a sporadic cloud cover.

November 8; Chadron, Nebraska--A threadlike deposit of "seemingly metallic fibers" was left on the Theodore Goff farm following sighting of a UFO. Mr. Goff attempted to preserve some of the substance by covering it with canvas, but it dissipated before investigators arrived. (Similar to other apparent "angel's hair" incidents.) Also, in an Aug. 5, 1961 report from Australia, received belatedly at NICAP, twelve silvery disc-like objects flying in pairs were observed by shearers on Mt. Hale Station, Meekatharra. A whitish substance was seen to emanate from the UFOs, form into streamers and fall to the ground. When handled, the substance dissipated and could not be preserved.

November 8; near Poplar Grove, Ill.--Boyd G. Germansen and his son saw three "discus-shaped" objects about 7:15 a.m. while duck-hunting. The UFOs appeared "bright as if of highly polished metal," and were visible through broken clouds estimated to be at 4000 feet. The discs were about one-fourth the apparent diameter of the full moon, and moved in a straight-line formation.



November 10; Baltimore, Md.--A circular, metallic-appearing UFO which maneuvered low over the area at night, then went straight up, was reported by Mrs. Thomas Lane and many other residents of northeast Baltimore. Witnesses said the UFO was spinning, had a green light on the leading edge, and white lights

Gov't Sponsors Secret Discussions on Space Life

A secret meeting of scientists and industrialists last November to discuss the possibility of communicating with other worlds has been revealed by Walter Sullivan in the *New York Times* (Feb. 4). A number of scientists present were reported to believe that signals from other worlds probably are reaching the earth right now, and that the main problem was how to detect them. The meeting, sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, was held at Green Bank, W. Va., site of the Project Ozma space signals search.

Dr. Philip Morrison, Cornell University scientist responsible for some of the theoretical work leading to Project Ozma, stated that we would have to search for some unique communication channel via which other civilizations might be trying to contact us. Because of time-lag in transmissions from distant stars, he said, a message probably would contain an encyclopedic amount of information. This would follow some signal to attract our attention and a "language lesson" to help us decode the message. A question and answer session with extraterrestrials would be impractical due to the time-lag.

(Reversing the situation, in a talk last November at Nashville, Tenn., Ernest H. Wells of Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, suggested one way that attention could be called to a message-carrying device. One of our future space projects, he said, would be to send a probe to a planet of a nearby star, to circle the planet and jam the radio transmissions of any intelligent creatures living there. If we jam their broadcasts, he explained, they will investigate the space probe and find material we have put there for them.)

(This idea suggests a new interpretation of the electromagnetic effects on automobiles and radios during a rash of UFO sightings in November 1957. As the UFOs were sighted, automobile engines stalled and radio transmissions were interrupted. It is not far-fetched to suppose that this could have been a signal from extraterrestrials.)

on the bottom resembling portholes. The Pentagon stated it knew of no aircraft activity which could account for the sighting.

December 2; Springfield, Ohio--About 10:45 p.m. Carol S. Bennett and her mother observed a reddish object moving across the sky. After the UFO stopped high overhead, Miss Bennett observed it with a 15-power telescope. Although still appearing red to the unaided eye, the UFO looked like a steel gray ball through the telescope; one side was dark gray, the other light gray. A more detailed report is expected.

December 13; Danvers, Mass.--Mrs. Wenonah A. Burnham, teacher, and her daughter observed an elongated UFO

Two manufacturer's representatives attended the Green Bank meeting to gather information on the type of equipment which would be needed in an accelerated program to detect space life. A first step would be to prove that some nearby stars actually have planets. Other scientists present included Dr. Melvin Calvin, Nobel Prize winning chemist, University of California, and Dr. John C. Lilly of the Communication Research Institute.

Dr. Lilly is noted for his research on porpoises which has revealed their remarkable intelligence. His recent experiments have been designed to determine whether porpoises have a language of their own, and whether it would be possible for man to communicate with them. If successful, his techniques would shed light on the problem of communicating with alien intelligences. In his work on porpoises, Dr. Lilly has been motivated partly by the desire to pave the way for communication with extra-terrestrial beings.

FLYING DISC PROJECT DROPPED

The "AVRO Disc" under construction by A.V. Roe, Ltd., of Canada, jointly sponsored by the U.S. Armed Services, has been cancelled. The much-publicized project, which was supposed to produce an aircraft resembling a "flying saucer" (see *Official U.S. Air Force photo*) was scrapped after about ten million dollars had been spent on it.

A Department of the Army evaluation of the device, obtained by NICAP, shows that the craft was designed to operate a few feet off the ground (as a "ground cushion" machine) at maximum speed of 250 mph. Tests on two models resulted in the negative evaluation, and the Army concluded that other conventional approaches were more adequate for their requirements. The Navy and Air Force dropped out of the project earlier.

Please send us any newspaper clippings about UFO sightings or related information, identifying the paper and date.

which glowed white while hovering and appeared orange while moving. The UFO moved part of the time in a horizontal attitude, but occasionally tilted at an angle. No sound was audible.

January 7, 1962; Auburn, California--A brilliant object maneuvering in the eastern sky about 8:00 p.m. was reported to the Air Force after the sighting was confirmed by police. When Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenson called the sheriff's office to report the object, Officers Bert Montanya and James Stokes relayed the report to the AF, after viewing the object through binoculars. Stokes observed six rays of light apparently coming from the object. NICAP will ask the Air Force for its evaluation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON NICAP'S PROBLEMS

Dear NICAP Members:

I am sorry this is a long report, but I am sure most of you do not fully realize our constant financial ordeal. I have faith that once you do know it, you will end this ordeal--for good. If I am wrong, this will be my final appeal.

Several times in the past five years, because of NICAP's financial headaches, close friends have urged me to give up the battle and resign. I stayed on because of the loyal minority of members who kept us from going under, and because I believed the others eventually would give us the backing we sorely needed.



But now the lack of majority support--through securing new members, or giving donations if able--has finally caught up and put us on the spot.

Some members, not realizing NICAP's hard fight, may blame our publishing delays for their lack of support. Here are the plain facts:

Repeatedly, we have begged for enough backing to publish on schedule. Every time the Investigator was late, we extended memberships. This postponed our income from renewals, again delaying publication and causing new extensions. (Some early memberships, at \$7.50, were extended 2-1/2 years.) Despite this vicious cycle we have pushed closer to the schedule. Last fall success seemed certain--until unexpectedly reduced income and the end of deferred tax payments trapped us again.

Membership fees have never met printing and operating costs. Instead, for five years, a minority of faithful members has carried the extra burden. If most of the others had helped, we would have been on schedule, all our projects speeded up, long ago.

When I replaced NICAP's former head, in 1957, there was no money on hand. A well-known banker who helped finance the AF Association promised to get us \$50,000--enough for an adequate staff, vital projects, and scheduled publications. But word of a magazine's planned ridicule ended the banker's interest.

I could have returned to the easier, profitable life of a freelance writer.

But we had signed up members, promised a magazine, so I hung on. Gradually, NICAP's underpaid skeleton staff built up a respected, nationwide organization. But the vicious "delay and extend" cycle has always remained. Never have we had enough reserve to offset drops in income combined with emergencies like this.

In 1957, the Board set up the jobs of director, evaluations chief, secretary-treasurer, office manager, editor and public relations chief. Several assistant, stenographic and file-clerk jobs also were planned. But lack of money has held the staff to four: The director, secretary (Mr. Richard Hall), office assistant (Mrs. Lelia Day), and part-time assistant (Miss Elizabeth Kendall). Inevitably, important projects have been slowed and others halted by lack of help.

Examples of slowed projects:

Congressional interviews. Personal meetings have brought NICAP important help, as with Rep. McCormack, now Speaker of the House, and others. Such interviews now should be the director's main work, but NICAP's problems prevent it. In contrast, contactee Wayne Aho, adequately financed, spent months on Capitol Hill. Calling himself "Major" Aho, he sometimes was mistaken for NICAP's director as he related his fantastic claims. I should visit every Congressional office, to correct such errors and outline our factual evidence. But until we get more office help, only the most urgent visits are possible.

Special investigations. We have learned of an officially "hush-hush" unit with new UFO information -- not involving national security. The verified story would draw Congressional and public interest--but it requires a lengthy field investigation, as do several vital UFO reports.

Securing unclassified UFO reports by U.S. airline, commercial and private pilots. Many withheld cases are available in personal meetings or with a special approach. Example: A daytime airliner encounter; UFO photo and signed report submitted by a DC-6 pilot. (Details, minus pilot's name, in a later issue.) A full-time investigator is needed.

Special evaluations by scientific advisers, subcommittees, and confidential consultants searching for UFO patterns.

Building up a "ham" radio network, for quick UFO reports from anywhere in the world.

A guide for UFO reporting and interviewing witnesses.

Prompt follow-up of important leads, too often delayed when mail swamps our small staff. But the end to this and all the annoying correspondence delays depends on more office help.

Public relations: Visual, written or taped material for TV, radio and lecture programs, press releases and magazine stories. NICAP has been publicized on national programs and by press-wire stories, but a full-time public relations man, working with Washington newsmen,

correspondents, local broadcasters, and the national networks, would triple what Mr. Hall and I can do in our limited time.

More global reports via a worldwide adviser-subcommittee network.

Some delayed projects need one or two person, full time. We have done everything humanly possible, but it is grimly frustrating to risk losing big opportunities because we lack enough help.

To some members, NICAP means solely the UFO Investigator. Actually, 90% of our work is a constant probe for new facts and a struggle against unnecessary secrecy. You are not just a subscriber to a UFO publication. You--all members--are part of this fight for the right to know. Even when the Investigator is late, your dues are helping to keep up the struggle.

One of the gravest results of this crisis would be a delay in our Five Year Report, "THE UFO EVIDENCE," detailed elsewhere in this issue. It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of this complete, documented UFO history. One veteran newsman, privately shown some of the material, predicted a tremendous impact on Congress and the public. A well-known film producer is planning a full-length documentary, to be based on the report.

Copies are scheduled to go to all Members of Congress, state governors, heads of universities, leading scientists and influential citizens, etc., also to press-wires, networks, and hundreds of newspapers and broadcasting stations.

The cost of varitype, illustrations, printing and distribution will be at least \$3500. But getting this massive evidence on record is the most crucial step in NICAP's program. Blocking it--or a long delay--could end our big chance.

The immediate crisis: The IRS has demanded the balance due from previous months. By a lien, NICAP could be closed, but we have urged IRS to wait for a response to this appeal. (This issue is possible only because the printing-postage cost was paid before the tax demand.) We must have \$685 to finish paying this tax, also immediate help for March rent, printing and operating expenses.

Majority help will mean majority benefits--not only publications on time, but the vital '62 program speeded up. If 60% of all members got us one new membership--or donated one for a friend--it would cover the present and April IRS taxes, D.C. unemployment tax in April, printing the next two issues (making up for the Nov.-Feb. gap), printing the Five Year Report, and all March-April-May expenses.

IT CAN BE DONE. Last summer, the jolting news of NICAP's danger brought quick help from 25% of the members. It was a heart-warming, tremendous encouragement--but we regret it took a jolt to do it. We were sure the other members would help later to keep us going safely.

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Crucial Five-Year Report

As stated in the Director's Report, it is imperative that "THE UFO EVIDENCE" be printed as soon as possible. The chief reasons:

1. It will be the first complete, documented story of the UFOs, from first official reports in World War II to 1962.
2. It answers with verified cases and documents practically all arguments against UFO reality.
3. It does not attack the AF. Though it does give documented proof that UFO information is withheld, it shows, not without sympathy, how the AF policy -- first adopted from fear of alarming the American people -- has caused all the public the contradictions and denials.
4. As a NICAP-printed report, it will have far more impact than any book published for profit.

Here are just a few items to be covered in chapters or segments:

The World War II Intelligence report . . . new light on key cases . . . first-hand reports from 18 airlines . . . sightings from NICAP's AF members, and reasons they oppose secrecy . . . the little-known AF Project Grudge Report . . . new and earlier UFO patterns and cycles . . . the true Ruppelt story . . . sightings and conclusions from astronomers, other scientists . . . the case of Col. Tacker . . . fear cases, and other secrecy dangers . . . evaluations and conclusions by NICAP's Board and scientific and technical consultants . . .

Many other angles are worked into the detailed chronology: Hundreds of sightings by trained observers, with an impressive witness list, expert opinions. The Five Year Report will contain photocopies of documents, charts, and illustrations of significant sightings. This material cannot be compressed. Presented in full to Congress and the public, it will have a powerful impact -- because the weight of this massive evidence is indisputable.

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We were wrong.

We cannot keep going to the edge of the cliff, praying to be saved at the last minute. We do not ask emergency help from those who saved us before. We do not want donations from those truly unable to help, like one invalid member, on a small pension, who wrote us and apologized because she could not help. But we MUST have aid from the rest of you, if NICAP is to go on--and to do this crucial job.

If NICAP is allowed to fail, I shall feel a deep sorrow for the wasted opportunity--and the wasted efforts of those who have struggled along with us.

As I said at the start, I have faith that the majority will act, once they see the need. If I am wrong--if we do not receive the full support needed--then, very regretfully, I shall have to resign as NICAP's director.

I am grateful for all support we have had, the vital information, the aid with Congress and the press. But there is a limit to human endurance. For five

years, with our skeleton staff, I have worked under constant strain and frustration, humiliated at having to ask for donations, because too many members "let the other guy do it," instead of getting new memberships. In the effort to keep NICAP alive, I have put a heavy burden on my family. I felt the end would justify these hard years.

But if we got only enough support to scrape through, I would not continue the ordeal. I would defer resigning until after the AF-NICAP meetings, or until our alternate steps have been taken. I would, as promised, report proven errors to Congress and the public.

If the Board named a successor, I would give him all possible help. If it decided to end NICAP, I would try to put the key points of the unprinted Five Year Report on public record through Congress--so that NICAP's five years would not have been in vain.

But I sincerely believe that the majority, knowing the full story, will finally put NICAP on its feet to carry out its crucial projects.

Meanwhile, to all of you who have helped and sacrificed and encouraged me in these difficult years, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe,
Director

Long John's "Way Out World"

For ten years, "Long John" Nebel (he's 6'4"), broadcasting via WOR's 50,000-watt station, has captivated a huge midnight-to-dawn audience with interview-discussions on strange and unusual subjects.

"The Way Out World" includes some of Long John's most fascinating stories, not only from his WOR program and weekly TV show, but also his early years. At 12, he ran away with a circus. Later he was a pitcher, a bandleader, and the manager of Siamese twins, to name a few of his jobs.

For NICAP members, the book has special value, stressing our serious investigation. (Many will recall how Long John's broadcast appeal last summer brought funds to print and mail our emergency letter.)

"The Way Out World" also reports some of the wild "contactee" stories, which can be read for laughs. Long John treats his "contactee" guests gently, but he makes it plain he doesn't swallow their tales. In one engaging incident, Jackie Gleason was a guest on the program. When a contactee called in, spouting his claims, Gleason grabbed the phone.

"I think you're a phoney," he said, and challenged the man to sue him.

Besides the UFO subject, "The Way Out World" covers ESP, reincarnation, unusual inventions, claims of time travel, spiritualism, etc. Long John's treatment makes this an amusing, often hilarious book. (Published by Prentice-Hall, at \$3.95.)

NICAP Policy on Reds

Several times recently, we have been asked if NICAP accepts Communists as members. We emphatically do not accept known Communists. If any are discovered, their memberships will be revoked, their fees returned.

If possible, we would like to stick solely to UFO investigation. A few times, we have had to drop members who were seriously harming NICAP by linking it with false claims, but we are not concerned with members' religion, race or politics. However, the Communist Party is not political. It has been proved a Soviet-controlled conspiracy to destroy the U.S. and all free nations. Since we are dedicated to the best interests of our country, we will not knowingly accept any of its enemies.

It is doubly important that NICAP's stand be widely known, because a few persons linked with the UFO subject do not act in America's best interests. With all our hundreds of military veterans, our thousands of responsible citizens in all 50 states, it should be obvious to anyone that this is a solidly patriotic organization, from the Board on down. But since we have over 4500 members, it is possible an unrecognized Communist may have joined, just as he might subscribe to a technical journal, looking for information helpful to the Soviet Government (which he would not get.) If any such members are found, they will be promptly ejected.

Besides stating our position, NICAP's director believes it advisable to put on record his personal anti-Communist activities:

For over 20 years, I have helped expose the Communist conspiracy, tricks and subversion, in *Cosmopolitan*, *Redbook* and the *American Magazine*. I shall keep trying to expose the Reds in this country and to wake up misguided Americans who, often through ignorance, lend their support to vicious Communist fronts. I shall not use NICAP or its publications for this purpose.

As director, I shall faithfully carry out NICAP's patriotic policy of rejecting Communist members from all our membership letters and records, I am sure most of you will fully agree.

Back orders for "The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects," by Prof. Charles A. Maney and Richard Hall, have now been filled, after a printing delay. Privately published, the book describes NICAP operations, and many aspects of the UFO problem, including: "Angel's hair," electro-magnetic effects, selected visual and radar sightings, main parts of NICAP's Report to Congress, an analysis of the AF investigation, and other important evidence.

Copies of this privately published book (cloth-bound, 208 pp.) may be obtained at \$3.50, postpaid, from Mr. Richard Hall, #504 Willard Courts, Washington 9, D.C. Mr. Hall is Secretary, and Prof. Maney is a Board Member of NICAP.