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THE CASE FOR LIFE ON MARS

The planet Mars, formerly labeled "dead" by most astronomers, suddenly has been spotlighted as the probable abode of "some kind of life." The Space Science Board report, along with NASA's plan to see if the moon Phobos is actually a huge Martian space base, shows that the possibility of an advanced Mars race is no longer considered fantastic. Several highly respected scientists have not hesitated to reveal odd discoveries that conceivably might be proof of a Mars civilization.

One discovery, a huge unnatural bulge apparently existing at the Mars equator, was discussed in 1962 by Dr. Ernst J. Opik, a top-rank astrophysicist. Direct measurements by nine noted astronomers, Dr. Opik said, indicated a large bulge around the equator. These expert observations, stated Opik, were based on different methods and "by no means can be attributed to ordinary errors."

In a surprising statement, Dr. Opik continues: "If fanciful explanations are preferred, it is a good case for suggesting that the equatorial bulge of Mars is hollow, a kind of roof built by the Martians who lived, or still live hidden beneath it, perhaps enjoying the benefits of an artificially conditioned climate and atmosphere."

With scientific caution, Opik adds that the bulge might be an optical illusion, caused by some unusual atmospheric effect, but the careful observations of Trumpler, Muller and the rest of the nine experienced astronomers appear to rule this out.

If Opik's first suggestion is right, we may discover an artificial world -- cities, industries and farms -- under this gigantic "roof" over the Martian equator.

Another suggestion, that Mars may have "hot spots" which support life, has been made by Nobel prize winner Dr. Joshua Lederberg, who devised the first Mars landing probe, and Dr. Carl Sagan, space expert and biology adviser to NASA. The two scientists said Mars may have warm springs and volcanos that support microscopic life [from which more advanced life might have evolved.]

Thirteen years ago, the noted Japanese astronomer Tsuneo Saheki reported observing a tremendous explosion on Mars. Only an atomic blast, he said, could have been so clearly seen on Earth. Since a natural explosion was generally ruled out, Saheki's report left the implication that an advanced Mars race had, deliberately or accidentally, exploded an atom bomb.

The best-known evidence for such a race is Mars network of so-called "canals," misnamed from "canali" (for channels), the term used by astronomer G.V. Schiaparelli, who discovered them in 1877. Schiaparelli describes the "canali" as being geometrically precise, as if they had been laid out "by rule or compass." The network's existence has now been fully established by such Mars experts as Dr. Earl C. Slipher, of Lowell Observatory, and Drs. Richardson and Pettit, who saw the canals, sharply defined, through the Mt. Wilson and Palomar telescopes.

The strongest case for artificial "canals" is presented by Wells Alan Webb, well-known research scientist and Mars authority, who as a NICAP member has given permission to quote his findings.

Many skeptics insist the "canals" are only large cracks from earthquakes or meteor impact. In a long study of Moon crater rays, lava, cracks, earthquake fault lines, and many other natural crack-formations, Webb found only random patterns of irregular lines, often disconnected.

In contrast, the Mars canal network shows a high degree of

"connectedness," linking the dark spots called oases. From Webb's topological analysis, this striking fact emerges:

The Mars network is almost identical with the Earth's network of communication systems. The canals correspond to our connecting railroads and main highways, and the oases correspond to Earth cities.

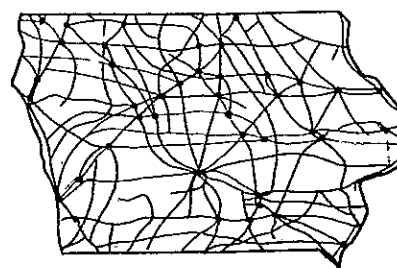
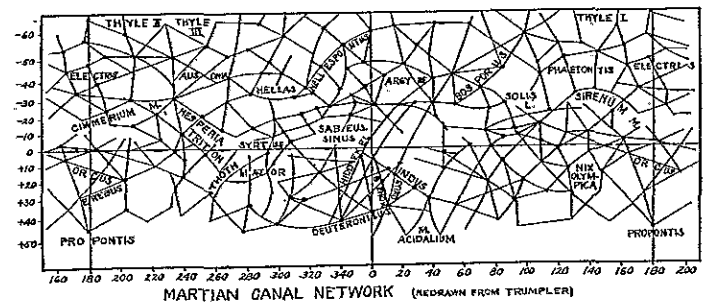


Figure 4. Railroad lines of Iowa, U.S.A.



Figure 5. Railroad lines of Ohio, U.S.A.

At the 1961 session of the International Astronautical Federation, Webb presented plans for large colonies on Mars. Huge conduits would bring water vapor from the polar ice caps as they melted in summer. This would be condensed into water and stored for use by colonists in pressured cities and to irrigate crops in low-pressure plastic greenhouses. Moisture-laden air, enriched by oxygen from plants, would be forced great distances without power; this would be done by using control-gates adjusted to the daily expansion and nightly contraction of the air from temperature changes. Such a system, with conduits a mile or more wide, would connect all the Colony settlements and extend from pole to pole.

Such a conduit-and-settlement system would appear, from a distance, identical with the present Mars canal-and-oasis network. When new cities were built, conduits would be extended to them -- exactly as new oases and canals appear on Mars, from time to time.

Logically, such conduits would follow great circle courses (straight lines) between settlements, except where natural obstacles caused deviations. In 1954, Palomar's Dr. Richardson said that if Mars' canals followed great circle courses this would strongly indicate the work of intelligent beings. Later, photographs taken by Dr. Slipher proved that the canals did follow such straight-line courses - another link in the chain of evidence.

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EDITORIAL

The March-April number has been printed and mailed with the delayed Vol. II, No. 7 issue to include the latest news and to put us back on our schedule of six issues in 1963. The delay resulted from our not receiving the large amount of back dues we expected after our urgent request in the last UFO Investigator.

In that issue, we explained that failure to receive overdue renewal payments was the main cause of our publishing delays. At that time, more than \$12,000 was overdue. Some members responded immediately, and others, after receiving notices, also responded quickly. A number of them wrote that they had not realized our financial problem and even added contributions because they were late.

We are very grateful for these members' promptness and desire to help keep NICAP going. But the payments received were not enough to print on schedule, pay our bills and cover current expenses.

Ordinarily, the UFO Investigator is mailed first-class so as to reach all members quickly. But with income reduced, and postage rates raised, we had to fall back on our non-profit second-class permit. Since Vol. II, No. 7 was then past its scheduled date, we decided to print the next issue (No. 8) and mail the two together, giving members later news and getting back on our bi-monthly schedule.

Some items were shifted so that the January-December issue, the first one members would see, would have more recent news. In this way, both numbers carry information on late and important developments.

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This double issue goes to all members now on our list. New members will probably be started with the March-April issue alone.

SPACE LIFE *Continued from Page 1*

In releasing the Space Science Board report, NASA appears to be following an important earlier recommendation: That the public be prepared for the impact of discovering other, more advanced civilizations. A 196-NASA-Brookings Institute study said such a discovery could seriously affect the Earth's people and their governments.

Though UFOs are not mentioned in the Space Science Board report, the link is implicit. The Board's urgent advice to "use every available means" in the top-priority search is certain to bring a new appraisal of factual UFO evidence. It should be the biggest step to date toward ending UFO secrecy.

Because of the Space Science Board's action, NICAP has made a new examination of our space exploration plans. Similar steps probably were taken, decades or centuries ago, by advanced races already traveling in space. Examining our space exploration plans in this light may provide important clues to the advanced race or races behind the UFOs' survey of the Earth. (This special feature begins on p. 6.)

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of Maryland scientist, who was chief space adviser to President Eisenhower. A few astronomers have tried to explain Phobos as possibly a captured asteroid, but this has been thoroughly refuted by Wells Alan Webb, research scientist, and Prof. James A. Harder, University of California, both Mars authorities.

Neither Phobos nor Deimos, the other Mars moon, can be explained by natural means, state Webb and Harder. (Deimos also is a small "moon," under 10 miles in diameter.) Both have near-circular orbits. Any asteroids passing near Mars and caught by its gravitational field would have to lose part of their energy to go into such orbits. Theoretically, say Webb and Harder, this possibly could have happened once through "an inelastic collision" of some kind, but the chances are extremely small that it could result in a circular orbit, especially in the plane of the Martian equator. That this improbable accident could have occurred twice is "truly the square of the infinitesimal," the two Mars authorities state.

If Phobos does prove hollow, the only scientific explanation to date is that it must be an enclosed orbiting city—actually a small artificial world. Presumably it would have been built sectionally in space, just as we plan to build large space bases and laboratories. It would be sealed to prevent escape of its artificial atmosphere, and it would logically be equipped with everything for survival, including hyperponic-type gardens, though there might also be periodic spacecraft shuttles to Mars for materials previously cached.

Dr. Shklovsky states that Phobos may have been built millions of years ago, by a race now extinct. Even if it were built in a more recent century, the chance of finding living descendants aboard is probably small. But by means of shuttle trips the colony may have later built sealed shelters on Mars, to which they could safely return—either domed surface bases, or underground shelters with artificial atmosphere, heat and light, such as we plan for the moon. (The U.S. Air Force, in an April 27, 1949 report, suggested such underground Mars cities as a possibility. Copy available for examination at NICAP.)

In Mr. Wilson's disclosure to the aerospace scientists, he did not comment on the chance of a living Mars race. Regardless, finding that Phobos is artificial would be, as he said, a "very interesting discovery." Even if the race is extinct, future Earth astronauts could some day board and enter the satellite to bring back the story of the perished colony. Information on their technical and other advances would be of incalculable value.

But even if the Mars probes should prove Phobos merely a celestial freak, a real moon that inexplicably disobeys natural laws, NASA's investigation will remain highly significant. For it shows a courageous new policy by our space-program officials—a determination, in the suddenly urgent search for other-world life, to explore "fantastic" ideas they undoubtedly would have rejected a few short years ago.

Disclosure of the Mars-Phobos probe followed a discussion on "Emergence of [Extraterrestrial] Intelligence," by Mr. Wilson and Dr. Su Shu Huang.

Other subjects discussed at the meeting of astronomical scientists:

"Evolution of Stars and Extraterrestrial Intelligence," by Prof. Lloyd Motz, Columbia University. Prof. Motz estimated that our galaxy alone contains 600 million planets with intelligent life.

"Interstellar Communication by means of Electro-Magnetic Radiation," by Dr. Frank Drake, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, head of the Project Ozma listening project.

"Interstellar Coding," by Dr. Bernard M. Oliver.

Note for students doing UFO research for term papers or science projects on UFOs: In addition to using NICAP material, consult the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature in your library. The Guide contains many UFO or "saucer" entries, and most large libraries have bound copies of national magazines. If your library does not have the UFO Investigator, please inform the chief librarian about this NICAP publication and suggest that the library subscribe for it. (Library subscription fee, \$5.)

Please give us your backing to finish the job!

SENATOR PROXMIRE PRAISES NICAP EVIDENCE

Sen. William Proxmire, Wisc., has asked the Defense Department for a "full and complete report" on NICAP's outline of UFO evidence. Previewed for Congress in Vol. II, No. 5 of the *UFO Investigator*, the outline indicated NICAP's massive proof of UFO reality and official secrecy.

Writing to a NICAP member, Mrs. Florence E. Cummins, Senator Proxmire stated:

"The NICAP report is a fine document which does much to substantiate the allegation made. You probably noted my remarks that 'The very fact that so many inexplicable incidents have occurred is reason enough for a thorough investigation.'

"I am going to contact the Department of Defense on this matter, asking for a full and complete report."

Other recent letters, from Members of Congress who had not written NICAP before, show the steady increase of Congressional concern over UFOs:

Congressman John F. Shelley, Calif., to Mrs. Miriam de Ford Shipley:

"When this [NICAP] report was first sent to me last fall, I reviewed its contents with considerable interest, since I share the concern of my colleagues in Congress about the gravity of the UFO problem. Please be assured of my continued interest in this matter and my genuine desire to see positive action taken to lessen

the danger caused by UFOs to air travel and our national security." Congressman Richard H. Poff, Va., to member Ralph G. Hare:

"I am not satisfied that the Air Force has disclosed all the information which it has assembled, and I am hopeful that the Armed Services Committee (of which I am not a member) will see fit to conduct an appropriate investigation."

In most cases, where Members of Congress have carefully read "The UFO Evidence" outline it has created strong interest and usually support.

Every legislator was sent a copy of this preview. But since it was nearing adjournment, with election campaigns pressing, many had no time to study the report. We again urge NICAP members to write their Senators and Congressmen and ask their opinions of the NICAP outline of UFO evidence, sent them last fall in the *UFO Investigator*, Vol. II, No. 5. (Address Members of Congress at Washington 25, D.C.)

The sample letters quoted above are just a hint of what can be done if the majority of NICAP members will make this effort. Please send us the originals of Congressional answers—we will return them after copying, if you so request. Note: If you have any comments on the answers, please use separate paper. Several times comments written on margins, with non-erasable ink, have made it impossible to reproduce or display important letters.

UFO CENSORSHIP SILENCES POLICE

Chief of Police William T. Bridgham, Keene, N.H., has disclosed that "security classifications" now prohibit the release of any UFO reports in the possession of his department. Unless there is some unknown reason for specially restricting the Keene Police Department, this censorship step presumably will apply to police in general.

Silencing of the Keene police was revealed by Chief Bridgham on March 19, in answering a query by Joyce Steele, NICAP member, about any UFO information in the police department's hands. In a letter to Miss Steele, the chief stated:

"With regard to your request for departmental information relative to Unidentified Flying Objects, I regret that I am unable to supply you with the information you request. Such material is classified as security information and is not available."

If this proves to be Defense Department censorship, it apparently is of fairly recent date. Although NICAP has evidence of police muzzling in the 1957 Oxnard AFB case involving a local sheriff's office, since then UFO reports have been made public by police in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Florida, and a score of other states. (Records in NICAP files.)

If police censorship has been invoked, it probably was ordered to stop this public reporting of massive UFO evidence -- sightings by veteran city, county and state police.

NICAP is attempting to get further details from Chief Bridgham, and to see if the reported censorship is confirmed elsewhere. It would be helpful if NICAP members would write their local police departments asking if there is any restriction on releasing or discussing UFO information in their possession. If restrictions are admitted, ask what agency or official ordered them -- Federal, state, county or city. Please send us any positive information you receive.

ASTEROID MINING

The nearer asteroids could be mined for precious metals, also for chemicals that might be used as fuel for interplanetary rockets, according to statements before a recent American Rocket Society meeting by astronomer-engineer D. M. Cole.

Cole estimated, as an example, that the asteroid Ivar contains about 50 billion dollars worth of precious metals. Ivar is one of the 12 asteroids relatively close to the earth. Its orbit, along with the orbits of four other asteroids, has been carefully computed.

The large asteroids also have been seriously considered as possible space operations bases, not merely as refueling stations.

Private Pilot Sights Mystery Object Near Washington

A strange fast-moving object flying near Washington, D. C. was sighted on Feb. 7 by Carl C. Chambers, a Linden, Pa. pilot and photographer, and John P. Campbell, reporter on the Williamsport (Pa.) Sun-Gazette. The FAA tower at Washington Airport said another pilot had confirmed the UFO sighting.

After a discussion with NICAP's director at Harrisburg, Chambers and Campbell filed detailed reports. The UFO, which had a yellow-white glow, was first seen from their private plane, at an altitude of 5500 feet, near Charlottesville, Va. At one time, the object hovered off their right wing, then moved rapidly under and above the plane. A few minutes later, it was seen about 35 miles south of Washington, seemingly hovering over a defense-missile site. Half a minute after this, the witnesses said, it reappeared 10-15 miles north of the capital. (An indicated speed of over 5,000 mph.) During the rest of the observation period, the UFO maneuvered at an estimated speed of over 2000 knots.

When Chambers radioed the Washington National Airport tower, an FAA traffic controller told him that another pilot in the vicinity had radioed a similar report, confirming their description of the unknown object.

"ROCKET OR SPACESHIP" SIGHTED BY SHIP'S OFFICER

(Delayed.) The Navy Hydrographic Office's Notice to Mariners, Nov. 10, 1962, contains an interesting report from Second Officer J. Connors of the American S.S. *Smith Tourist*, Capt. C. Nilsen, Master.

On Oct. 3, 1962, the S.S. *Smith Tourist* was on passage from Freeport, Bahamas, to Ceuta, Morocco. At 0745 G.M.T. (1:45 EST) Second Officer Connors sighted "what appeared to be a rocket or space ship in the sky."

The unknown space device streaked west to east across the sky, Second Officer Connors reported, leaving a trail as bright as the sun and the same color.

No U.S. or Soviet launchings, according to the records, could explain this sighting.

AIR GUARD CHASE REPORTED

The following important sighting by an Air National Guard pilot has been released to NICAP on condition that his name will not be revealed, since he is still active in the Air Guard.

The encounter, which occurred three years ago, has not been made public by the Air Force, to NICAP's knowledge. The pilot was at the controls of a B-57 bomber, making a turn over Cincinnati, when he sighted a strange flying object. The UFO appeared to be above 25,000 feet and about 10-15 miles from his plane.

Going to full power, the B-57 pilot tried to catch up with the unknown device. But the UFO speeded up enough to prevent closure.

"When I would get within ten to fifteen miles, it seemed to pull away," the pilot stated in his report.

While he was still attempting to close in, he heard another pilot radio a report on the UFO to a ground station.

For 30 minutes, the B-57 pilot kept trying to close the gap. Then, seeing it was hopeless, he gave up the chase and turned back.

The pilot's confidential report was given to the Bluegrass NICAP Affiliate, Lexington, Ky., which is headed by William D. Leet, former AF major, with three officially reported UFO sightings during his active-duty period.

UFO SEEN AS ROCKET VEERS OFFCOURSE

A strange flying object was sighted over the Atlantic coast of Florida on the night of March 18, a few moments before a Minuteman rocket launched from Cape Canaveral veered offcourse and had to be destroyed.

The unknown object was seen by four witnesses at Fort Lauderdale, two of them NICAP members. The UFO was round-shaped, and the center had the appearance of a large white light. As the object moved eastward above the coast, a small red light appeared briefly, then disappeared.

Suddenly, the witnesses reported, the white light became even more brilliant. A moment later it vanished, leaving a vapor trail which terminated at the exact spot where the UFO disappeared.

"The strange part," stated the member who wrote the report, "is that the UFO vanished at the same time the Minuteman missile exploded farther out over the Atlantic."

The witnesses could not have mistaken the Minuteman for a UFO, because the rocket was seen blazing up from Canaveral and through the sky up to the moment of its spectacular explosion. The unknown object, moving silently, came from inland, and was over the coast when its glow disappeared. There was no explosion.

This is not the first time a UFO has appeared simultaneously with the launching of a rocket. The preceding issue carried the report of an unknown flying object which suddenly appeared above an AF rest range after a firing. The UFO, evidently larger than the rocket, was such a strong radar "target" that the automatic tracking system immediately switched to it, following the object for ten minutes as it alternately hovered and moved rapidly above the range.

In the March 18 report, one witness asks whether the UFO could have forced the Minuteman offcourse, causing its destruction by a control officer at Canaveral. Without further evidence, this can be listed only as a possibility -- one that has been suggested in previous cases where rocket malfunctions reportedly followed the appearance of UFOs.

Air Force Request

On several occasions, according to Maj. Carl R. Hart, AF-UFO spokesman, queries regarding specific UFO sightings have been answered "No AF record," because the sightings were not sufficiently identified.

Maj. Hart, in a letter to NICAP, has suggested that persons writing for information on sightings should specifically identify them by dates and locations.

(NICAP will appreciate receiving the AF answers to such inquiries. The AF letters will be copied and returned if members so request.)

"NEWS MANAGEMENT" Fight Aids UFO Cause

Increasingly heated protests against Government manipulation of news have now been made by most press-media groups, including the American Newspaper Publishers Ass'n., National Editorial Ass'n., and the National Ass'n. of Broadcasters.

Shock from censorship disclosures already has helped in the fight against UFO secrecy. Many former skeptics, among them newsmen and broadcasters, have told NICAP they now believe it probable that UFO facts are suppressed.

On Capitol Hill, the battle to end unwarranted censorship is spearheaded by Congressman John E. Moss, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Government Information. Moss is well aware of UFO secrecy claims; it was his insistence that forced the release of an AF "Official Use Only" UFO document -- Project Blue Book Special Report 14. In a recent issue of the "Washington World," Congressman Moss stated:

"Tighter controls are being used for greater manipulation of information. . . on the Department of Defense level. . . information officers of the various services may be relegated to the status of a ventriloquist's dummy. . . the excuse of military security can easily be used to hide information about government actions. . . the public does not have to prove its right to know."

Congressman Moss has told NICAP his committee is authorized to examine evidence showing the withholding of specific UFO reports or documents, though it is not empowered to investigate the general issue of UFO censorship. The chairman will receive copies of the Five-Year Report as soon as it is printed. Meantime, NICAP will confer with the committee staff regarding earlier action on specific withholding cases.

HAWAIIAN UFO STILL UNEXPLAINED

The sighting of a fast-moving UFO over Hawaii on March 11, which baffled jet pilots, FAA control-tower operators and thousands of residents, still has not been explained.

A rumor that it was an ICBM missile fired from Wyoming was spiked by AF Headquarters. A spokesman said missiles would not be fired over populated areas except under actual war conditions.

First reports of the UFO came from Hawaiian Air National Guard jet pilots flying at 40,000 feet, who said the object was traveling at a very high rate of speed. Capt. Jon Parish said it was "possibly a rocket or some sort of space object." His wingman, Lt. George Joy, reported seeing a vapor trail lighter than a jet's.

After the Wyoming ICBM denial, an Atlas from Vandenberg AFB was suggested as the answer. The AF did not comment on this, but an ordinary missile does not fit experts' descriptions. A spokesman from the Federal Aviation Agency control tower at Honolulu said it was unlike any missile or satellite he had seen. He described it as looking like a searchlight moving at high speed, with a beam fanning out behind it. This matched other reports comparing the object to a giant spotlight moving in a fog. (It was a clear night.)

"It was no aircraft," said the FAA spokesman, "and I know no one who knows what it was."

One result of the mass sighting was publication by the Honolulu Advertiser of a UFO photo taken March 9, 1962, at Maui. The picture, taken by a Maui News photographer, shows a large, sharply outlined pear-shaped object, with Kahului Harbor and ships in the foreground. An accompanying report states:

"We examined the negative under a magnifier. There was no break in the emulsion and we ruled out electrostatic discharge after careful examination, particularly in view of the apparent vapor trail. We also noted that if the 'pear' shape is closely examined under a magnifying glass, it is a 'motion' swirl and the object is more like a whirling saucer or circle."

NEW SPACEPLANE PROJECT

The Defense Department has started research expected to result in a piloted spaceplane able to take off like a normal aircraft, fly into orbit and then land at an air base.

This AF project, known as "Advanced Hypersonic Manned Aircraft," should be of special interest to our members. In the early days of published UFO reports, most aeronautical scientists believed it was impossible to build any kind of aerial vehicle which could operate both in the lower atmosphere and in space as UFOs were reported to do. If a combination air-and-spacecraft were to be built, designers said, it would have to be boosted into orbit by rockets.

The recent statement, by Defense Secretary McNamara, indicates a radical change in opinions. In a report to the House Armed Services Committee, the Secretary stated:

"This is an extremely advanced concept which envisages an aircraft that can take off from a conventional airstrip and fly directly into orbit and return."

If this spaceplane project succeeds, it may supersede the Dynasoar manned space-glider project, since the Dynasoar has to be boosted into orbit by a Titan 3 rocket.

No details as to the shape of the spaceplane were released, but since the flying disc has been recognized, belatedly, as an excellent vehicle for both atmosphere and space flights, it may be involved in the new project.

A critic of NICAP who has never been in our office has published a rumor "that NICAP has no filing system whatsoever, but merely places their reports, correspondence, etc. in cardboard boxes."

We invite anyone, including this critic, to visit our office and see our file-cases and data system.

In a confidential report to Congress, June, 1960, NICAP warned that the USSR might attempt to exploit the muddled situation caused by U.S. secrecy about UFOs. The report was confidential because it listed steps by which Krushchev might, at some critical time, try to create fear that the "flying saucers" are superior Russian weapons, secretly developed. Though the World War II cases and other evidence disprove this, it was pointed out that many Americans are not aware of these facts and some might be alarmed by such a false claim.

Some 300 mimeographed copies of the 1960 report remain after distribution to Members of Congress. Since the document will be superseded by the Five-year Report, "THE UFO EVIDENCE," we have decided to remove the confidential pages dealing with a possible Krushchev trick and make the rest of the material available to interested members, as long as the supply lasts. (Copies limited, two to a member.) The charge of fifty cents (50¢) per copy--check, stamps or coin--will cover printing, envelopes and postage, with any remainder going into the general expenses fund. If coins are sent, please affix them to a card with scotch tape.

Contact with Space Life in Ten Years Predicted

A Lockheed Aviation Company research scientist has predicted that man will probably encounter some form of extraterrestrial life within ten years. Rainer Berger, senior Lockheed scientist, made the prediction at the annual meeting of the American Astronautical Society, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Berger also said that the planet Jupiter, in spite of its poisonous clouds of ammonia and methane, may have a comfortable temperature for humans. The gas clouds, he said, may conceal warm oceans and an environment suitable to life. Until recently, the chances of Jupiter supporting any form of life as we know it were generally considered to be very poor. Within the past year or two, however, a number of scientists have begun to question this judgment and the possibilities are being reconsidered.

HELP EXPOSE FRAUDS

Con men and others who have used the UFO subject to put over various frauds may try to exploit the speeded-up search for extraterrestrial life. Several times, serious UFO research has been set back by publicity given these gentry.

The case of Reinhold Schmidt is an example. Schmidt claimed to have met a "saucer" crew at Kearney, Nebr. Later, he said a spaceship crew had flown him over the North Pole, then under the Arctic ice. From this he graduated to outer-space flights—and swindling. Last year, he was convicted of tricking a widow out of thousands of dollars by claiming he had some miraculous crystals from Saturn, which would heal crippled children.

Of course, many "contactee" claims shown intend to defraud. To date NICAP has seen no acceptable proof of such meetings and trips with spacemen. In one such case, a reputable Washington citizen was examined privately at NICAP by a subcommittee including competent psychiatrists. He was found to be suffering from serious delusions. Other contactees are known to be deluded, and some claims have been exposed as lies.

Since eventual meetings are logical, contacts may have been made. But most of the claims publicly made lack even a shred of proof, and some are ridiculous.

We suggest that, if the "contactee" subject comes up, members explain the situation, and concentrate on our factual, solid evidence, evaluated by scientific and technical advisers.

MISLEADING CLAIMS CONTINUE

Misleading claims by a former NICAP member continue to cause some confusion about NICAP in newswire stories, feature articles, and in letters to editors. NICAP Subcommittees have been asked to help correct the false impressions, and we now request that members notify us of any similar misrepresentations.

The Sunday Seattle Times, October 14, 1962, featured an interview with Robert J. Gribble, who describes himself as "Director of the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena." The abbreviation "NICAP" has appeared in other press stories about his group, which is essentially a one-man operation having absolutely no connection with us. It seems obvious that his choice of names was a deliberate attempt to capitalize on NICAP's reputation.

The Times' interview states that Mr. Gribble's "Commission" includes "retired admirals, airline pilots, college professors and a former Air Force UFO investigating officer on its board of directors or on its panel of special advisers." This is an obvious reference to our Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisers.

If similarly misleading articles appear in your area, please notify us, also notifying the editors concerned that NICAP headquarters is in Washington, D.C., that the Director is Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret), and that Mr. Gribble has no connection with NICAP or its Seattle Subcommittee. (Chairman of this subcommittee is Mrs. June Larsen, Seattle 55, Washington.)

UFO REPORTS FROM PUBLIC

Our new evaluation system does not alter our desire to receive all bona fide sighting reports. NICAP is interested in having all UFO reports, regardless of date or occupation of the witnesses. Old reports often confirm ones already on file, adding details which help to give a total picture of UFO activity. Reports from the general public, from average citizens, often provide new clues which are as important as those from scientists and experienced aerial observers. We sometimes stress reports from trained observers because they usually impress Members of Congress, the press, and the general public. But all reports are analyzed and correlated in our permanent records, and all are potentially important.

We are now on schedule. Please help us to keep it that way!

THANKS FOR SPECIAL HELP...

We wish we could thank personally, or by name here, all the NICAP members who have worked so hard to help us—not only with financial support, but in getting us backing in Congress, sending important news, translating foreign reports, securing publicity and donating their services—even equipment.

Several, on visits to Washington, have spent hours in our office, typing or filing. Some living far from the capital have mimeographed forms and other NICAP material, and a number of professional artists have donated illustrations for the Investigator or the Five-Year Report.

One member, seeing our heavy backlog, gave us a duplicator to speed up the work. Another donated a recorder and tapes for UFO-witness interviews and other NICAP jobs. A Maryland member, trying to cut our expenses, offered us a free office; though it proved too far away for our operations, his kind offer helped at a disheartening time.

We are grateful to all these members for their generous assistance.

A MESSAGE FROM NICAP'S DIRECTOR



Major Donald E. Keyhoe
(A 1957 Picture)

I am now past 65, an age when some men stop work and relax. I'm not stopping and this isn't any self-pitying bid for sympathy. I can take the pressure. But it would help to get more backing from the majority of members. Mr. Hall, Mrs. Day and Miss Kendall, who are constantly swamped, could stand some help, too.

If you're tired of hearing about NICAP's financial problems, we don't blame you. We're tired of them, too.

But we shouldn't have to plead for help to do the job. We shouldn't have to beg, as if for charity, when overdue members forget their back dues.

We all share a powerful interest—an urgent desire for the answers to the UFO mystery. That's why it's hard to understand the lack of majority support. Perhaps it's our fault. Some people are good at raising funds—like the con men who use the UFO interest for their swindles. Obviously we're not such good promoters; it's a miracle we've kept going. Maybe that's the answer. Some members may think, "Well, they've gotten by this long, they'll scrape through," with no idea of the ordeal, or how it has delayed our work.

One member, who has helped us twice at critical times, cynically told us, "You can work yourselves to death, and only a small percent of the members will really try to help."

We'd like to believe he's wrong. If you can help—and haven't—will you do it now?

The AF Project Saint program for rendezvous with unidentified satellites, temporarily suspended following development troubles, has been "reoriented" and contracts are being let. The Satellite Inspector plan has been designated Program 706, replacing the earlier 621-A.

Space World, recently converted from a magazine to a newspaper issued monthly, has a regular column on "UFOlogy." The January issue carried a UFO bibliography supplied by NICAP. Editorial address: Otto O. Binder, 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

How You Can Help

If you owe back dues, please send them in now.

Help get us new members. (See Membership Drive.)

Publicize our work with local broadcasting programs, letters to the editor, bulletin-board notices about NICAP, etc.

If you can and wish to do so, pay for a gift membership, or send NICAP a contribution.

Send your renewal check as soon as it is due, without waiting for a notice. It will be acknowledged quickly, and a regular membership card with your name, address and expiration code will be enclosed.

Membership Drive

Now that we are on schedule, we ask your help in launching a membership drive. The interest in UFOs is there; the recent broadcast programs prove it is only waiting to be tapped.

Show the UFO Investigator to interested friends and other prospects. Point out that it is solidly packed with information—no padding, no social news, no long-winded cultist harangues or faked controversies.

A determined effort by all the membership would end our financial problems. If half the members signed up one person, it would pay for printing the Five-Year Report, and all Investigator issues for the year (on schedule), and it would speed up important projects now seriously delayed.

Please help us push this drive!

When the truth about UFOs breaks through—as it is bound to do—NICAP will be flooded with requests for newspaper stories and network programs. Memberships will pour in from people eager for the whole story. Undoubtedly, large donations—if we wanted them—could be ours for the asking.

It is an ironic thought. When the big job is done, and financial help is no longer urgently needed, money will probably be plentiful.

We won't need it then.
WE DO NEED IT NOW!

Stamp Project

A member of the new NICAP-CONN Affiliate is collecting stamps on a large scale, processing them, and selling them to stamp dealers with proceeds donated to NICAP. If you work in an office, or otherwise have access to cancelled postage stamps in any quantity, please mail them (printed matter rates, first class not necessary) to Mr. Jan L. Aldrich, 602 East Main Street, Meriden, Conn. Specifications: Tear off corner of envelope and submit stamps still mounted on paper. All stamps (except common 3¢ Statue of Liberty, 4¢ Lincoln, and 5¢ Washington) are requested, in any quantity, including foreign. Send only cancelled stamps.

CONNECTICUT AFFILIATE ACTIVE

NICAP-CONN, granted a charter on September 20, 1962, is the latest NICAP Affiliate to be formed. It brings to four the number of affiliated groups.

George W. Earley, aircraft industry engineer and a NICAP Adviser, was elected president. (Address: 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Conn.) Mrs. Nancy Williams, a former airline stewardess, was elected Secretary. NICAP members in the Hartford area are eligible for membership in the Affiliate, which holds meetings the first Friday of each month.

On December 9 and 10, NICAP-CONN was featured on the WTIC-TV "Perception" show. Narrator Dick Bertel interviewed Mr. Earley and Mrs. Williams, who discussed the goals of NICAP and also reported recent sightings. Artwork by NICAP members illustrating the cases was displayed. The Affiliate has also been active in other publicity and in investigations of regional sightings. Letters by members have been printed in the Hartford Courant, the Times, other area papers, and in national journals.

THE FIVE YEAR REPORT

All the material for the Five-Year Report is on hand, but printing funds must be received or absolutely guaranteed before any sections are printed. If we do not receive the full amount needed for the 128-page report, items will have to be condensed, some omitted, for a shorter edition.

Much of the art work is on hand, and member-artists are ready to prepare what else is needed.

Editing help by a member-reporter also has been promised. All the printing arrangements are made.

The printing must include copies for each Member of Congress and about 500 copies for newspapers, broadcasting stations and influential citizens. If funds permit, we will print several thousand more, to cut the unit price. Sales to NICAP members would then be at lowest possible cost, details to be announced when available. We expect a large public demand, and such sales should be enough to repay any necessary loans (if NICAP member support is not enough to cover first printing costs.)

The AF is aware of the delay from insufficient printing funds, and is informing Congress and citizens that NICAP has no such documented evidence.

MAKE NO MISTAKE: Ending UFO secrecy depends on this Report. Congressional hearings depend on it. So does serious reporting of the UFO subject by thousands of newsmen and broadcasters.

If we get the Report to Congress well before the session ends, NICAP's biggest job is done.

If not, it could mean our sudden decline, with the AF and others claiming we lied about our documented evidence.

We will do all we can—we will swallow our pride and beg for loans from outsiders, to get it done. But a large part **MUST** come from payment of back dues, renewal checks, new memberships, and contributions as possible.

Please re-read "THE UFO EVIDENCE" outline in Vol. II, No. 5—the outline which convinced many legislators of UFO reality and censorship. Then do all you can to help get this Report to Congress, before it is too late.

We have had to make a drastic change in office operations, in order to finish the Five-Year Report. We are still seriously short of help. It is impossible to concentrate on this crucial report and also keep up with the hundreds of requests for information from non-member students and other UFO researchers.

During this critical time, we may even have to reply to some members with form letters or mimeographed data sheets answering the usual questions. We hope you will understand and bear with us when answers are delayed.

Getting this vital report to Congress and the press will mean more to you—to every NICAP member—than all the work we have done in the past six years.

We hope that your backing, in the membership drive, will bring us the financial help to end this enforced program.

It has recently been stated that the editor of an Eastern UFO publication was the first non-military UFO investigator to be accorded an official visit to the Air Force UFO Project at Wright-Patterson AFB.

To set the record straight, at least six other civilian UFO investigators visited the AF project before 1962. They include:

A Cleveland UFO group headed by Tom Commela, in 1956; Walter Webb, UFO investigator and lecturer in astronomy, Boston Hayden Planetarium, also in 1956; Richard Vaughn, WTTG-TV, Washington, D. C., June, 1960, and Harold Salkin, UFO investigator and magazine writer, Washington, D. C., also in June, 1960. All these visits included questioning on specific sightings and issues, though the AF answers were not complete and some were considered unsatisfactory. Regardless of the AF answers, we believe that questions on specific cases and issues should be the main purpose of any such visits to the AF project.

The following back issues of the UFO Investigator are available to members at 50¢ each, five for \$2.00: Vol. I, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9 (limited supply), and 12; Vol. II, No. 1. A few copies of Vol. I, No. 1, a 32-page edition, are available at \$1.00 each.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The 1963 membership cards have been printed but could not be sent with these issues since envelopes were not used. We are therefore printing interim cards in the second issue.

If possible, these will be placed so each addressographed imprint will appear on the reverse side.

Addressograph plates of new members and recent renewals carry an expiration code. For example, V II, No. 12 means the membership expires after receipt of Vol. II, No. 12 (four numbers after this double issue.) Coded cards are being sent to all renewing members and to new members with their acknowledgment letters. Because of the cost of changing over 5,000 plates, and the lack of extra help for computing individual expirations, this is a gradual transition. Meantime, non-coded members can easily figure when their memberships expire. For instance, if four issues have been received, including the present two, two more UFO Investigators are due.

All NICAP memberships since May, 1960, are computed on a basis of six bi-monthly issues, NOT on an annual basis. Because of printing delays, extended memberships actually have run more than a year, but with this double issue we are on schedule and we do not expect further extensions.

The figure "1963" on interim cards is merely to show the year when they are issued; a current membership may expire before the end of 1963, (after the sixth issue.) The coded cards will eliminate any confusion; meantime, any non-coded member wishing to know his or her expiration code can secure it by sending us a self-addressed postal card.

However, if you have not received a renewal notice, you need not write in. Even after you receive a notice, you will have ample time to renew before the next issue is due. When our heavy workload permitted, we have even sent second notices before listing members as inactive. (Overdue members of course will be immediately reinstated by paying the amounts due.)

If your membership expired with these two issues please renew now. It will not only insure your receiving important news in the May-June and following issues, but will help speed up the Five Year Report and bring action in Congress.

Please help push the membership drive!

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This is to certify that _____

is a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). *This member is authorized to forward factual reports on UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) for evaluation by NICAP at 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington 6, D.C.

Donald E. Keyhoe

Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC, Ret
Director of NICAP

*NICAP \$5 memberships expire after receipt of six bi-monthly issues of the UFO Investigator. This temporary card will later be replaced by one bearing a coded expiration reminder.

Orders for the NICAP pamphlet "UFOs & the Air Force Fact Sheets" were unexpectedly heavy and the publication sold out quickly after the announcement in Vol. II, No. 6. The pamphlet analyzed the arguments in the "fact sheets" and criticized the statistical approach used by the Air Force. The only way to settle the controversy, NICAP stated, is to examine the best unexplained cases.

No reprint of the pamphlet is anticipated, but we are considering offering helpful mimeographed listings of facts and quotations for sale, for use in debates and discussions. Funds obtained would be applied toward publication of the Five-Year Report. Please send us your suggestions for the type of factual listings.

UFO EXPERT APPOINTED TO SPACECRAFT CENTER

Mr. Albert M. Chop, former Air Force Public Information official on UFOs, has been appointed Deputy Public Affairs officer at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas. Mr. Chop, one of NICAP's advisers since 1957, became prominent as a UFO authority during the mass sightings in 1952, and later when he was portrayed in the leading role of the documentary movie "U.F.O."

Additional attention was focussed on Mr. Chop in 1953 and later because of his views expressed in "Flying Saucers from Outer Space," a book by NICAP's present director. (This book contains numerous AF Intelligence reports and opinions specifically declassified for Maj. Keyhoe in 1953, before the AF canceled its plan to release the Tremonton, Utah UFO movies and also the most baffling UFO cases in its files.) In the book, Mr. Chop revealed his conclusion, after examining hundreds of official reports, that the earth was being observed by beings from outer space.

NEW SERIES PLANNED

A series of four articles on "The Significance of UFOs" is being developed for future issues. Assuming as a hypothesis that UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles, the authors will cover:

- I. Social and psychological implications; impact on society, governments, various institutions, military forces, etc.
- II. Scientific and technical implications; impact of an advanced-race technology on Earth science and industry.
- III. Philosophical and religious implications; impact on human beliefs.
- IV. Other World Beings; possibilities and scientific speculation as to: Appearance; motives; attitudes toward Earth races, etc.

Some of NICAP's Board members and scientific and technical advisers will contribute material for these articles, but we should also like to have ideas and opinions from other NICAP-member authorities as indicated:

- I. Psychologists, sociologists, political scientists, government and military authorities.
- II. Physical scientists and engineers.
- III. Theologians, clergymen, philosophers and laymen writers of various faiths.
- IV. Biologists, biophysicists, zoologists, chemists, psychologists, flight and space surgeons, analytic specialists, etc.

In addition, we shall be glad to have opinions, also specific questions on any phase, from all other NICAP members. If possible, all manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced, on letter-size paper. Where necessary, include footnotes and references. Please retain a carbon copy, as all the submitted papers will remain on file at NICAP for later studies.

We prefer to use names, if space permits, but will omit them if requested.

In submitting, please state permission to quote from or publish the material, or to paraphrase without altering context if our limited pages make it necessary. Also, please include a brief biography.

We believe this series will serve a valuable purpose and we shall be grateful for our members' assistance.

Economy Measures

Because of postage rate increases, and the gap between our income and expenses, this double issue has been printed as a self-mailer, to go second class under our non-profit organization permit. If our income increases sufficiently, we shall weigh the need for first-class mailing against the added costs.

For the time being, until we can afford added office help, we are asking members to consider their canceled checks and money-order stubs as receipts for renewal payments. We advise against cash payments, unless letters are registered, but if cash payments are sent they will be acknowledged as soon as possible.

Also as an economy measure, UFO material sent to students and others for term papers and research projects will be sent at "educational material" rates.

BOARD MEMBER CORRECTS MENZEL

The influential Christian Science Monitor has published a NICAP Board Member's answer to unfounded statements by Dr. Donald Menzel, Harvard astronomer. In a previous issue, the Monitor had quoted Dr. Menzel as stating that "flying saucer" claims were "absolute nonsense."

In reply, Prof. Charles A. Maney, Board Member and astrophysicist at Defiance College, cited NICAP's Five Year Report evidence, outlined in the UFO Investigator, Vol. II, No. 5. Although Dr. Menzel had already received this issue, he avoided any mention of NICAP's massive, documented evidence.

Prof. Maney's letter, published in the Dec. 13 number of the Monitor, resulted in numerous letters asking about NICAP and the Five Year Report evidence. Many Monitor readers, including a high percentage of professional men, expressed a strong interest in seeing either the outline or the full report when available. The results prove the value of factual, intelligent letters to editors. The following item shows how other NICAP members, by similar letters, are helping to offset attacks and misunderstandings.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, during a public tour to advertise his flying-saucer debunking book (due in late summer), has repeatedly attacked NICAP and its director. In one published statement he accused the director of saying there is "a conspiracy between the President, the CIA and top-ranking politicians to cover up the truth."

This statement is absolutely untrue. The director has never made any such charge against the President nor any "top-ranking politicians." In regard to the CIA, the director has said only that it may control or be involved in the censorship policy.

Other Menzel misstatements will be reported in a future issue, with documented evidence of the facts.

NEW NICAP SUBCOMMITTEE

A new NICAP unit -- The Bay Area Subcommittee (of California) - has just been formed by Member Paul C. Cerny, senior electronics technician (R&D), private pilot and amateur radio operator.

The new subcommittee includes:

Mr. Raymond Rees, engineer, a member of R.E.S.A., whose experience includes technical intelligence interrogation for the USAF;

Mr. Levern W. Cutler, library scientist, and "generalist" in foreign languages, electronics, and mathematics. Mr. Cutler developed the research library for the Nuernberg War Crimes Trials, was in charge of Stanford Research Institute Library Service, and is now head of the Sylvania EDL Technical Information Group.

Mr. Richard Knock, sales engineer, graduate of the Naval Academy and Stanford University.

Equipment available to Subcommittee team members includes geiger counters, telescopes, cameras, tape recorders, copying machines, a mobile two-way radio station and an amateur station, and transportation including cars, a speedboat and one licensed-pilot availability of rented aircraft. Besides the experience indicated above, members have knowledge of chemical analysis and geology. UFO sightings will be investigated and analyzed by the Bay Area Subcommittee and the information will be forwarded to NICAP in Washington for final evaluation.

GUAM SUBCOMMITTEE

A new NICAP Subcommittee completely equipped with all types of electronic equipment began operation last September on Guam. The chairman is Hugh C. Donaldson, an electronics technician. The unit also has specially designed instruments to detect UFOs. Reports of 1962 sightings on the island have been promised to NICAP, but a recent typhoon which heavily damaged certain areas has delayed the Subcommittee's investigations. The new unit is one more link in a world-wide network of advisers and investigators intended to furnish global coverage of UFO news to members.