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ARTHUR GODFREY REVEALS UFO ENCOUNTER

Arthur Godfrey, famous TV and radio star, has revealed a dramatic encounter with a UFO during a flight in his private executive-type plane. The disclosure was made on June 25, when Mr. Godfrey discussed UFOs with Orson Bean and other guests on his radio program.

The co-pilot on the flight was Frank Munciello, Godfrey said. Although the sighting occurred sometime ago, this is the first time Godfrey has discussed it publicly.

The encounter took place during a night flight from New York to Washington. The plane was near Philadelphia when a brilliantly lighted object suddenly appeared off the right wing. Godfrey hurriedly banked to the left, to avoid a possible collision. Then he radioed the FAA tower at Philadelphia.

"Any traffic scheduled near us?" he asked.

"None," the tower told him.

"Well, there's darned well something up here," Godfrey responded.



Arthur Godfrey, a versatile pilot, at the controls of the Goodyear blimp.

As he and Munciello watched the strange object, it reversed course, quickly circled behind them and came up on the left wing. Godfrey turned sharply, trying to pull away. But the UFO instantly banked with him. He tried again to shake it off, but the unknown craft matched every move.

"It stayed there on the left wing, no matter what I did," Godfrey said. He admitted that he and Munciello were scared by the UFO's close maneuvers, until it veered away and disappeared.

The nationwide broadcast of this UFO encounter is certain to have impressed many listeners. Both Godfrey and Munciello are experienced pilots; Godfrey has flown for years, piloting Navy and AF jets as well as prop planes, and he is a colonel in the AF Reserve.

In his broadcast, Godfrey told guest Orson Bean that he thought UFO sightings had died down.

A summary of the best recent reports and a copy of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" are being sent to Mr. Godfrey through a friend of the star who has made a study of UFOs.

We hope Godfrey's forthright report on his encounter will encourage other well-known persons who have sighted UFOs to reveal their experiences and help end the UFO censorship.

INCREASED LANDINGS HINT NEW UFO PHASE

On the night of May 24, 1965, a disc-shaped machine with a bank of brilliant lights landed in Australia, remaining on the ground for about 30 minutes. The report, made by a veteran airline pilot and other competent observers, has been accepted by the Regional Director of Civil Aviation as genuine. (Details below.)

If the steady increase in landings is any sign, the UFOs have begun a new phase of operations. In the first five months of 1965, there have been six verified landings, compared with four for all of last year. Close-range observations of inhabited areas also have increased, especially low-altitude approaches to houses and other buildings. It is possible that whoever controls the UFOs may be planning an attempt at communication.

The Australian report was confirmed in an on-the-spot check by NICAP Investigator Paul Norman, an American engineer now residing in Australia. The following details include a personal report secured by Mr. Norman from the chief witness, Mr. J.W. Tilse, holder of a senior commercial pilot's license, four years on Trans-Australia Airlines and two years with Queensland Airlines, with a total of 11,500 flying hours.

It was just after midnight on May 24 when a brightly glowing object was sighted from the isolated Retreat Hotel, which is located on the Eton Range, 42 miles from Mackay. Tilse and two guests at the hotel — Mr. Eric Judin and Mr. John Burgess — watched the strange machine approach.

"It was about 300 yards from the hotel, moving over the tree-tops," states pilot Tilse. "It had a bank of spotlights, 20 or 30 of them, below a circular platform. It was solid, metallic looking, thirty feet or more in diameter."

All three witnesses were frightened, as they later admitted. Burgess, an army veteran of World War II, wanted to get a rifle and shoot at the UFO, but Tilse stopped him.

"They might shoot back at us," he told Burgess.

As the machine settled on the sparsely timbered ridge, illuminating the trees, the orange glow of the lights diminished. But it was still too bright to tell whether the glow came from inside, through ports, or from lights encircling the craft.

For 30 minutes or more, the three men watched the unknown machine, without trying to get closer. Whether it actually touched the ground, or was hovering a few inches above it, they could not tell because of the glare. For the same reason, they could see no movement to indicate whether or not the craft was manned.

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Finally, the machine lifted, rising slowly to some 300 feet. As it did, the men saw its massive tripod-type landing gear, which the glow had concealed. Each of the three "legs" had a bright, pulsating light. But after a few moments these lights and the legs were no longer visible — probably because the gear had been retracted.

As the UFO reached 300 feet, it accelerated rapidly, but no exhaust, no trails could be seen. In a few seconds, the machine disappeared on a northeast course.

"I had always scoffed at these reports," Tilse said afterward. "But I saw it. We all saw it. It was under intelligent control, and it was certainly no known aircraft."

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Burgess and Judin both corroborated Tilse's account.

The next day, Tilse photographed a circular impression on the ground where the UFO landed or hovered. As confirmed by local police and NICAP investigator Norman, it was a perfect circle — a ring three feet two inches thick, its inside diameter 20 feet.

In addition, several treetops were scorched where the UFO had closely passed. This was confirmed by Constable B. Self, Nebo Police, and by Tilse and Norman.

The evidence and the reports are being evaluated by the Royal Australian Air Force.

Plan for Surveillance

Although the Australian landing was isolated, most known recent landings were near inhabited areas. In trying to see their significance, it may be helpful to recall a NASA-commissioned report on future explorations by our astronauts.^(*)

"Any indication that a planet is already inhabited by intelligent creatures, the report states," would signal the need for proceeding with the utmost caution. . . . Before a manned landing is made, it would be desirable to study the planet thoroughly. . . for a protracted period of time; to send sampling probes into its atmosphere, and to send surveillance instruments down to the surface.

"Contacts with alien intelligence should be made most circumspectly, not only as insurance against unknown factors, but also to avoid any disruptive effects on the local population produced by encountering a vastly different cultural system. After prolonged study, a decision would have to be made whether to make overt contact or to depart without giving the inhabitants any evidence of the visitation."

This might well be a blueprint for the UFO surveillance of the earth—except for the last point. It would be difficult to operate probes and to land instruments on an inhabited planet's surface, over a period of years, without being seen. Certainly, the UFO controllers have made no attempt to conceal their operations.

(*) Report later included in an official report authorized by Steven H. Dole for the Rand (Research and Development) Corporation—an AF commercial-sounding name. Mr. Dole was permitted to cite the report in a recent book, *Planets For Man*.

Otherwise, they have followed the pattern suggested in the NASA-Rand Corporation report.

The Six Phases

In general, UFO operations seem to fall into six phases:

Before World War II, sporadic observations of our gradually developing civilization.

During WW II, close-range pacing and circling of Allied and enemy planes. Observations confined mainly to war areas. No known landings.

From 1946 to 1957, global surveys, apparent building up massive information—military, industrial and general. Two or three reported non-contact type landings possibly true, but not proved.

In 1957, a sudden, brief outbreak of verified landings, close approaches, after the first Russian Sputnik.

From 1958 to 1964, general surveillance maintained, occasional increases, very few landing reports by responsible observers.

From April, 1964, to date, ten verified landings and a steady increase in close approaches—fifty feet or less—to cars on highways, inhabited sections and rural areas.

On Nov. 22, 1964, an unusual parent-ship operation was observed by Mr. H. George Lissauer, private pilot and war veteran with three years naval gunnery service, now regional manager of a photographic business, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Driving near Georgetown, S.C., at 10:45 a.m., Mr. Lissauer sighted two large, silvery oval-shaped UFOs, each accompanied by six to eight smaller, round objects. The formations were moving slowly, about 3,000 feet high—an unusually low altitude for carrier operations. After two or three minutes, Lissauer reported to NICAP, the "smaller units went into the larger main units."

After the UFOs disappeared, he drove to Myrtle AFB and reported. To date, no explanation has been offered by the AF.

The Ten Landings

Five of the ten 1964-5 landings listed below have been detailed in previous issues. In two of the five, new information has been added.

1. Socorro, N.M. On April 24, 1964, Socorro police officer Lonnie Zamora saw an "egg-shaped" machine the size of a car blast off from a desert gully. The AF, instead of labeling the UFO a delusion or a hoax, finally admitted Zamora had seen an "unknown vehicle." No explanation for the reversal of usual policy.

2. St. Alexis de Montcalm, Montreal, Canada. About 11 p.m., Nov. 8, 1964, Mr. Nelson Lebel sighted a round, luminous craft hovering above trees 2,000 feet from his house. Later, the area was searched by a retired Canadian Army officer, Lebel, and representatives of a Montreal newspaper. A circular depression was found, with grass and foliage scorched around it. Above the site, investigators found branches of trees broken and scorched. (Photos in Nov. 14-20 issue of *Le Nouveau Samedi*.)

3. Terryville, Conn. On Nov. 30, 1964, about 11 p.m., a responsible medical official (signed report at NICAP) saw an unknown flying object with a blinding white light descend toward a nearby woods. When the observer drove into a clearing where the UFO had landed the strange machine took off, rushing over the top of the car.

"Needless to say, I was frightened," said the witness. The UFO disappeared at "faster than jet speed," leaving a burned area and landing marks, in the clearing.

4. Staunton, Va. On Dec. 21, 1964, a few miles from the city, a gun-shop owner saw a huge UFO, shaped like an inverted top, land briefly near Rt. 250. Later, Geiger counter checks by two Dupont Company engineers showed the landing spot was highly radioactive. (Issue III-1.)

Landings in 1965

5. Custer, Wash. Shortly after midnight, Jan. 12, a round illuminated machine landed on a farm near Blaine AFB. Apparently it was the same 30-foot flying disc which was tracked by AF radar as it swooped down to buzz the car of a Federal law enforcement officer. (Confirmed in officer's report to NICAP.) Where the UFO landed, snow melted and ground was scorched in

a circular area. One of the witnesses said the AF told them not to discuss the landing. (III-1). . . Soon afterward, the landing area was plowed under. Whether it was to avoid any radiation risk, or to get rid of the landing proof, is not known.

6. Williamsburg, Va., report via State Police. On Jan. 25, a descending UFO caused engine failure in the car of a Richmond real estate executive. The strange craft, aluminum-colored, with the inverted-top shape, hovered just off the ground for 25 seconds. Then it shot straight up, with a swish of air, and disappeared at tremendous speed.

7. Williamsburg, Va., report via State Police. A second and similar Jan. 25 landing occurred some miles away. As the top-shaped UFO neared the ground, an EM (electromagnetic) effect stopped the car of another Richmond business man. A few seconds after touching down, the UFO took off vertically, like the one in Case 6. (This possibly was the same machine.)

8. Hampton, Va. Two NASA engineers, one a former AF jet pilot, saw a UFO with flashing lights descend near Hampton, on January 27. Engineer A. C. Grimmins, reporting to NICAP, said the flying disc zigzagged to a brief landing, then rapidly climbed out of sight. (III-1).

The Everglades Case

9. Florida Everglades. On the night of March 14, James W. Flynn, a well-known dog trainer residing at Ft. Myers, was camped in the Everglades after a day's training. Between 1 and 2 a.m., he saw a bright oscillating light and drove his swamp buggy closer to investigate. Proceeding on foot, he saw that a large machine shaped "like a cone" (or an inverted top) had landed. Its surface was shiny, metallic, and it had a bank --four rows-- of lighted ports or windows. The UFO was about 100 feet in diameter at the base, and 25 to 30 feet high.

Flynn saw no sign of occupants, but as he approached he felt a "sledgehammer blow" which knocked him unconscious. When he came to, half-blinded from a wound on his head, the UFO had taken off. He got to an Indian village and was taken to a Ft. Myers hospital.

How and why Flynn was knocked out is unknown. It may have been merely to keep him at a safe distance, if the UFO's propulsion system created high radiation. He did not hear a gun or see any flash. Whatever the method, apparently there was no intent to kill him.

At the time, Flynn's integrity was vouched for by his doctor, the county sheriff and a Ft. Myers newspaper editor. But Flynn insisted on proving his report. After recovering, he led a search party, including a NICAP investigator, to the scene. Where the UFO had landed was a round, burned area measured at 72 feet in diameter. The tops of 25-foot trees nearby also were seared.

10. Eton Range, Australia. The May 24th landing, pp. 1-2, this issue. Note "bank of lights" similarity to Everglades case.

Several reports now being checked may increase the total.

What does the landing increase add up to?

It could be merely an attempt to get more information about our civilization. But in view of all the years of UFO observations, it seems more likely these are steps toward "overt contact."

One highly probable UFO motive, suggested by the AF in its "Project Grudge" report, is to learn our space plans. By now, the UFO controllers must know from our probes that we intend to land on the moon, Mars and other planets as soon as we can. As the AF suggested, they could be seriously concerned. Will these be peaceful explorations--or will we try to take over, establishing bases and colonies by force, if necessary?

"Overt Contact?"

But if they are so anxious to know this, why only the touch landings? Why not stay on the ground, try to make contacts now?

They may be having trouble understanding our "vastly different cultural system." Or there may be communication problems, as suggested some time ago by the AF Chief UFO Consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek:

"Object" Astronaut Sighted Still Unidentified

The "object with big arms" seen by Astronaut James McDivitt from the Gemini spacecraft, on June 4, still is not definitely identified. Though it is generally believed to have been an earth-launched satellite or a booster, the reversal of explanations by tracking-system officials remains a puzzle.

The first report given out by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) said McDivitt had sighted "an object with big arms sticking out" and had photographed it from the Gemini 4. The pictures were taken with a movie camera mounted inside the windshield.

(One of the movie frames, released a week later, shows an oval-shaped object with a faint "tail" of light and a fan-like, triangular glow.)



Shortly after the first reports on the evening of June 4, Walter Cronkite of CBS broadcast this statement:

"The mystery may have been cleared up. . . it was disclosed that our Pegasus satellite, which looks like it has arms, was flying over the U.S. where McDivitt says he saw the object."

The same explanation was broadcast on other networks. But the Pegasus answer was quickly dropped, after "fixes" by the space detection and tracking system showed Gemini 4 and Pegasus to be 1200 miles apart at the time of the sighting. Also, it was revealed that McDivitt had seen the object over Hawaii, not the United States.

But within 24 hours the Air Defense Command publicly reversed the original tracking report. The first fixes, it said, were "imprecise." Instead of being 1200 miles distant, Pegasus was so close it could easily be the McDivitt "object"--which the astronaut had estimated 10-12 miles away.

Before this, our space detection and satellite tracking system had been declared so accurate that the exact positions of all earth-launched satellites could be determined at any time.

The Pegasus explanation may be true. But if so, one question remains unanswered.

How did our expert trackers make such a huge blunder? "Imprecise" is hardly the word for a 1200-mile mistake.

"Advanced civilizations may use other means of communication than radio--perhaps even mental telepathy. They might regard radio the way we would regard communicating by smoke signals."

Even if there is no communication problem, the UFO controllers may be uneasy about landing for other than short periods. Our jets have chased UFOs hundreds of times, even fired on them. Perhaps foreign jets have, too. These close approaches and brief landings could be tests to see if they can change our attack policies, also to test the reactions of earth's inhabitants.

Perhaps they intend these landings, these close approaches, to be recognized as overtures. They may expect us to indicate--by ending the jet chases, signaling and in other ways--that we are prepared for contact with a different civilization.

If UFO censorship did not exist, this might work out without trouble. Instead, secrecy has often caused fear when unprepared people encounter UFOs.

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UFO NOT SECRET WEAPONS

When former skeptics of UFO reality are suddenly faced with convincing evidence, many fall back on a last refuge — the idea that the U.S. or Russia has a super-weapon, kept secret for years. To some, there is a psychological block to the mere thought of spaceships from a more advanced world.

Today, more and more former disbelievers, finally convinced by increased UFO reports from highly qualified observers, are jumping to the secret-weapon explanation. Because this answer is not only unfounded but could create new problems, we once again will give the facts which show it is impossible.

POST-WAR PROOF

1. In World War II, by official records, UFOs paced, circled and outmaneuvered our fastest planes—and the enemy's. Observers included hundreds of pilots, bomber crewmen, air-base and carrier personnel, radar-operators, and other members of our armed forces. Signed, verified reports in NICAP files show UFO speeds of 3,000 m.p.h. or more. Nothing used by the warring nations even remotely approached such fantastic speeds and maneuvers.

2. After the war, long before the first primitive space experiments, official, verified UFO reports kept piling up—sightings and trackings of UFOs singly and in formation, by expert observers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and civil aviation. At White Sands Proving Ground, Navy scientists and technicians saw and tracked a UFO at 18,000 m.p.h., in 1948. In 1952, AF pilots, navigators and crewmen aboard a B-29 bomber saw and tracked formations of UFOs flying at 5240 m.p.h., and also tracked a gigantic craft—apparently a carrier ship—at over 9,000. (Official AF Intelligence report.) There have been hundreds of such operations—many of them before the first tiny Russian Sputnik.

3. Today, these same UFO operations continue, in our atmosphere, at such terrific speeds that any conventional aircraft or rocket would burn up from air friction. Massive verified evidence proves that some revolutionary force is involved in UFO propulsion and control—something we have not to date been able to duplicate.

REVOLUTIONARY MACHINES

4. If any of the warring nations had had such tremendously advanced devices in 1942-45, whoever possessed them could have ended the war summarily—and controlled the world. If the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. had had such revolutionary craft after WW II, the possessor long ago would have been operating in space—not with tiny "capsules" but with huge UFO-type spacecraft. Neither we nor the Russians would have kept on spending billions on outmoded aircraft and rockets. The very idea is ridiculous—and no such gigantic development could have been kept secret all these years.

Occasionally, an Echo satellite, a rocket launching or re-entry has caused mistaken UFO reports. So, occasionally, have balloons or meteors. This does not alter the basic facts:

NO earthmade device can possibly explain the UFOs' speeds in our atmosphere. This was true in World War II—and it is still true today.

If you read the "secret weapon" answer in your local paper or hear it broadcast, please try to convince the editor or newscaster that it is untrue, using the facts listed above.

ORDERING BACK ISSUES

Members frequently ask about ordering earlier issues, so they will have a complete file of the UFO Investigator. The supply of Vol. II, No. 5, and Vol. II, No. 10, is exhausted, but the other issues in Volume II and back issues of Volume III are available to members at 50 cents each, five for \$2.00.

We are sorry that all 12 issues of Volume I are out of print. However, the most important UFO reports and developments of that period are covered in "THE UFO EVIDENCE." This is the 184-page documented NICAP report containing hundreds of UFO cases and reports on developments from January, 1957, to January 1, 1964. The price of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" is \$5.00 post-paid.

UFO Photos By Airline Captain Reported

Bulletin: The following preliminary report, forwarded to NICAP by an officer of the Criminal Investigations Branch, Townsville, North Queensland, Australia, was received just before our deadline. We are trying to get further details for the next issue.

Five nights after the landing described on page 1, an Australian DC-6 airliner was "buzzed" by an unidentified flying object. According to the police source stated above, the airline captain photographed a round-shaped machine while it paced the aircraft.

This latest UFO encounter, in the early hours of May 28, 1965, involved a DC-6 operated by Ansett-A.N.A. It was on a regular flight from Brisbane to Port Moresby, New Guinea.

At about 3:25 a.m., the airliner captain, using the flight call sign of "VH-INH", radioed a Queensland airport control tower that the DC-6 was being "buzzed" by an unknown flying object. He described it as spherical in shape, flat on the top and the bottom. Exhaust gases could be seen coming from it, he reported.

For ten minutes, the UFO paced the airliner, during which time the captain took several photographs of the mystery craft. He also had two other members of the crew confirm the sighting, before the object raced ahead of the aircraft and disappeared.

CENSORSHIP REPORTED

NICAP note: Although we are reducing the number of censorship stories, following the majority's wishes in the recent poll (see page 6), we believe this case will have special interest since it shows UFO secrecy is not confined to the United States.

"He was instructed not to have the film developed in New Guinea," states the report. "He was flown to Canberra [on his return] where the film was taken from him... The twelve-hour tapes with the pilot's report to the control tower also were confiscated."

It is not clear whether the film was confiscated by a government agency at Canberra, or by a representative of the airline. The understandable uneasiness of airline officials, who fear UFO-encounter stories might frighten away passengers, could be a factor. But one reference in the report indicates the Department of Civil Aviation was involved. In the May 24th landing case, on page 1, the DCA made no attempt to cover up. But since the Royal Australian Air Force is the official UFO investigating agency, the civil aviation agency may only be following orders.

In the past, Australian authorities usually have not tried to hide UFO sightings—even official Navy reports. We hope this censorship is only temporary and that the full story will soon be available.

To print the above report, a discussion of cases involving UFO interference with car ignition, aircraft instruments, radio, TV, etc., had to be omitted. It is scheduled for the next issue.

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In the Australian case, one witness was ready to fire at the UFO. In another recent case, one man actually did fire. This happened on April 3, when two couples from Seattle saw a large glowing UFO maneuvering above their cabin on Whidbey Island. Donald Peterson, a former skeptic, got his rifle and fired at the object—"to make it go away," according to his wife.

Other cases of firing by citizens are on record, besides earlier attacks by interceptor pilots.

If landings to establish contact cause frightened citizens to open fire, or if the armed forces try to capture a UFO for examination, the UFO controllers might strike back in self defense. At the very least, they would probably postpone communication plans indefinitely—or cancel them.

It would seem commonsense for our Government, and others, to start preparing citizens in case UFOs land openly, for contact. They could emphasize that the unknown space race does not seem hostile. At the same time, they could warn citizens to keep away if UFOs land and leave communications in official hands.

ANIMALS AND UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The strange effects which low-flying UFOs have on animals are often overlooked, at least not given much weight as serious evidence. People who scoff at unknown flying objects probably would twist the animal angle into a new UFO joke.

But scores of fully verified instances are on record, enough to back up an important point that is seldom recognized.

One of the most recent examples reported to NICAP occurred on the evening of May 20, in Leroy Township, Ohio. At 7 p.m., a silvery-white flying disc approximately the size of a car came down over the home of Edward McDonald, on Vrooman Road.

As six members of the McDonald family watched, open-mouthed, the disc skimmed over the rooftop. It had a row of ports about a foot in diameter, and they could hear a low buzzing or purring sound from inside.

As the UFO passed over the housetop, the McDonalds' dog and their horse, staked in a nearby field, both panicked.

"The dog ran, and the horse reared up and started running around," one of the family reported. "His ears were back and his eyes looked wild."

According to Mr. McDonald, the reaction of both animals was very strange. "They are used to airplanes of all kinds flying over," he said, "since we are in the flight path of two airports."

At the time the UFO passed overhead, neighbors noted interference with TV and radio reception—much stronger than ordinary aircraft could cause—further confirming the presence of some unusual machine.

In at least one case, the appearance of a strange flying object caused a stampede. On Oct. 30, 1964, Mr. James Sharman, a British coal merchant, and three business companions were on a night fishing trip in Somerset, England. Shortly, after midnight, a mysterious flying machine appeared, illuminated with a dazzling red light. It was moving slowly in their direction, and at a fairly low altitude so that the red glow lit up the bank of the stream and the surrounding fields.

"There was a herd of about 50 cows in one field," Sharman reports. "When the thing stopped overhead, they started making a heck of a noise and chasing around the field."

The cattle were so terrified by the UFO that the men narrowly escaped being trampled.

"It was like all pandemonium let loose," said Sharman. "We hid behind a car, so the cows wouldn't sweep us into the water."

After a few minutes, the unknown craft accelerated and disappeared, and the cattle quieted down.

Now if humans had been the only ones involved, this probably would have been brushed off as an hallucination, hoax or witnesses mistaking the moon or a bright star like Venus for some unknown device.

But with animals this routine explaining-away becomes a little difficult.

Perhaps now and then a cow may have a startling delusion, though usually cows are rather placid creatures. But for 50 cows to have terrifying hallucinations all at once would be peculiar, to say the least. Probably they had often seen the moon and Venus, as well as cars and planes, without being alarmed. And even Dr. Menzel, the most determined UFO-killer, would think twice before claiming the McDonald horse was looking for publicity or the English cows were cultists hypnotized by some weird religion.

To be serious about it, many such reports by responsible witnesses are on record. And while they do not add any technical information, they make an important point:

All these animals saw something real. All saw something new and strange. Not being affected by official denials, they reacted normally—from fear.

The UFO-animals reports, therefore, should not be neglected. They are part of the proof that UFOs do exist.

If you know of any similar, authentic cases, please send us the details, with dates and names of witnesses.

PROBE NEARS MARS, MAY FIND LIFE CLUES

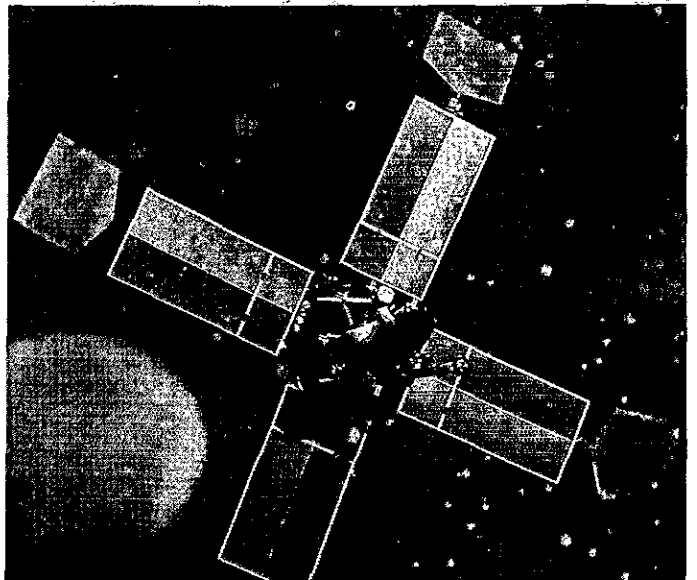
Before the end of July, we may have important new evidence about life on Mars.

On July 14, our Mariner 4 spacecraft is scheduled to take ten pairs of black and white photographs as it flies by the red planet. The pictures, televised to earth at the rate of three per day, will show up details a hundred times better than ordinary telescope photos. If conditions are right, Mariner 4's camera will pick up any object two miles long or wide — even though the probe is not expected to pass closer than 5-6,000 miles.

According to NICAP Adviser Walter N. Webb, Hayden Planetarium, Boston, the pictures should reveal as many features as our largest telescopes pick up in observing the moon.

With such detail, the photographs might solve the long mystery of the Martian "canals" and "oases." Many reputable astronomers have reported seeing a precise, geometrical network which could not possibly be accidental, also large, dark areas at intersections of the "canals." Some have suggested the "canals" are either a communication network or actual waterways carrying water from the melting polar icecaps, and that the "oases" are Martian cities or pumping stations or both.

Other astronomers insist the "canals" are only surface cracks or similar natural features.



Model of the Mariner Mars spacecraft. The NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has prepared two spacecrafts, Mariner C and Mariner D, for launching aboard the Atlas Agena D vehicles to Mars.

It is possible, of course, that the Mariner photos may not show definite evidence for or against intelligent Martian life. In the Project Grudge Report, discussing Mars as a possible source of UFOs, the Air Force stated:

"If intelligent beings do exist there, they may have protected themselves by building homes and cities underground."

Such an underground civilization might have been built long ago when Mars began to lose its oxygen, and as a protection against the extremely cold nights. (About 100 degrees below zero.) Probably no structures above ground would be large enough to show on the Mariner photos. We may have to wait for landings, as indicated by Bart J. Slattery, Jr., Chief of Public Affairs, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center:

"We'll know, for sure, probably, only when we get there."

A round-up of Mars life evidence appears on page 6, including interesting opinions by Mars authorities such as Dr. Fred L. Whipple, Wells Alan Webb, and Dr. Frank Salisbury, who suggests that Mars may be the source of the UFOs reported observing the earth.

MARS AND THE UFO

Even if the Mariner 4 photos fail to give us any new information, the search for life on Mars will be pushed as our No. 1 space operation, according to the latest recommendations of the Space Science Board.

"Fly-by missions are . . . severely limited in the time available for observations," an SSB panel of leading scientists emphasized. "They provide at best a fleeting glimpse of the planet."

Of course, even a "fleeting glimpse" via televised photos may add important evidence about the "canal" question. The impact on scientific thinking, if the "canals" are found of artificial construction, is emphasized by a NICAP astronomy adviser, Walter N. Webb, Hayden Planetarium, Boston.

"If the canal network . . . shows continuous linearity, without breaks, following great circle paths across the planet, then we would be forced to conclude they were the results of intelligence on Mars. A dramatic and agonizing reappraisal by the scientific community would naturally follow."

An increasing number of astronomers and other scientists who have carefully studied Mars now believe that the discovery of Martian life is probable. Dr. Fred C. Whipple, Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, says "conditions are very favorable" for life on Mars. Wells Alan Webb, authority on the "canals," has shown that the network closely resembles railroad and communication networks on earth. Dr. Frank Salisbury, Colorado State University, an outstanding exobiologist, adds still other arguments.

THE MARS-UFO LINK

In an address last year at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Dr. Salisbury stressed the canals and the strange orbits of the two Mars moons, which he believes may be artificial satellites launched long ago by an advanced Martian race.

Although Dr. Salisbury was speaking at the Air Force Academy, he did not hesitate to emphasize his belief in a highly possible Mars-UFO link.

"The number and quality of sightings," he said, "are much higher than imagined by those who have not made a special study. Many witnesses are scientists, engineers and other highly competent observers. Simultaneous visual and radar sightings are on record. The reports have followed a rather clear pattern. . . the problem [of determining life on Mars] is an extremely important one."

Recently, Dr. Salisbury reaffirmed that Mars may be the source of the UFOs which have visited earth.

"We at least should try to keep our minds open," he said, "so that we could survive the initial shock of encountering such beings."

"A DYING PLANET?"

The following "vital statistics" are from a report by Adviser W. N. Webb. Mars is 4200 miles in diameter. Though its day is similar to ours—only 37 minutes, 23 seconds longer—its seasons are twice as long. Since Mars' gravity is only 38% that of earth, humans (in space suits) could move about more easily there. But at night space suits or surface bases would have to be well heated—even at the equator, where temperatures drop to around minus 100 degrees, from a midday figure of 70-80 plus. The following statements about Mars, made some time ago, may be of special interest:

Col. W. C. Odell, AF Intelligence: "A race from a dying world may be looking for another home. . ." (Reader's Digest later comment: "And earth was the closest, most suitable neighbor.")

Gen. Nathan Twining, USAF, then Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff:

"If they (UFOs) are from Mars, and there is a people and a world that far ahead of us, I don't think we even have to worry about it."

Some people might not agree with the last, but we should know in a few years. It could be a lot sooner.

THE NICAP POLL

Initial results from the poll in the last issue indicate most members are unafraid of UFOs. Although this is based on a check of only 400 replies, the final count will undoubtedly confirm these first findings.

If UFO landings were officially announced, the general reaction would be one of calmness, according to most of the 400 poll reports. Only three members admitted they would be frightened, though 11 said they did not feel they were prepared. Several thought they would be excited, but not to the point of alarm.

Some interesting reactions and suggestions were included with the poll answers, and a report on these will appear in a later issue when the count is complete.

In regard to the UFO Investigator, a great majority of the 400 members voted for more information on sightings, including earlier cases with important evidence or dramatic interest. Most of the members voted to cut down censorship stories, unless of unusual importance.

NEW POLICY

As a result of the majority vote, two censorship-secrecy items were taken out of this issue, and replaced by sighting stories with unusual angles. We will continue this policy, except when it is necessary to publicize some important development; an end of UFO censorship and ridicule of competent observers is still a major aim, but we will concentrate more on proving UFO reality by sheer weight of publicized, verified evidence. If we can secure steady, nationwide publicity through such evidence, this alone should cause the censorship to fall.

In giving their choices of suggested NICAP publications, the majority voted for a Photo-Visual booklet first, a supplement to "THE UFO EVIDENCE" second. Next were scientific and technical discoveries or developments linked with space operations and/or UFOs.

Until the final count, we cannot be sure which booklets would bring in enough orders to cover the costs of preparation and printing.

Meantime, we can assure the minority groups that their special interests will not be forgotten. In future issues, we shall cover as many angles as possible, with sightings and their significance in first place unless the final toll changes the picture.

If you have not sent in your reply to the poll, please mail it as soon as you can. We would like to announce final results in the next issue.

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE TO KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS ABOUT UFOs?

You must want to know, or you wouldn't have joined in our search for the facts.

We want to know, too, or we'd have given up the fight long ago. Since January 1, we have seen the biggest advance, the most significant UFO developments in years. Scores of leads to important sightings have poured in—some confidential—from space-program scientists and engineers, military and airline pilots, specialists in key positions, and other responsible citizens.

These competent observers, with hard facts, proof of UFO reality, have offered full cooperation, private meetings if necessary, to help break the UFO story.

We should follow up all these leads immediately. We should report all this new evidence to you, as quickly as possible, so you and the other members can help make it known nationwide.

Some of this evidence you know, from the last two issues and this one. But dozens of vital leads still await action, because we are swamped.

We hoped by now to have extra help. We have worked hard to make up for delayed publication during those hectic early months; with this issue, and the July-August number (in August) we will be back on regular schedule.

Vol. III, No. 1 drew high praise for its important news—and practically no response to our pleas for helping us get new members. Because of this, Vol. III, No. 2 had to be sent third class. Again, high praise—and delayed renewals, a few donations from members.

AF MISLEADS VICE PRESIDENT

In apparent disregard for the high office of the Vice President, the Air Force has deliberately kept its record of unsolved UFO cases from Vice President Humphrey, declaring that no UFO reports remain unsolved.

The Vice President had queried the AF on behalf of a citizen who happens to be a NICAP member. When he received the official answer, he forwarded it in a letter to this member, unaware that it was untrue.

At that very same time, Project Blue Book was admitting, in its annual report on UFOs, that 663 cases remained unsolved.

Even with the proof in our hands, it still seems incredible that the AF Congressional Inquiry Division would show such a lack of respect for the second highest office in the land. Aside from the question of ethics and morals, it would appear to be politically unwise, to say the least.

Congress and UFO Hearings

The latest Member of Congress to state his emphatic support for UFO hearings is Representative Albert H. Quie, 1st District, Minnesota. Writing a NICAP member, he said:

"From all the evidence I have seen, there must be flying saucers... I certainly would support Congressional hearings concerning UFO."

And on June 14, 1965, Representative Melvin R. Laird, 7th District, Wisconsin, wrote another NICAP member as follows:

"I read the UFO Investigator with interest, and want you to know that as a member of the Defense Appropriations Committee, we have discussed this problem with the Air Force on several occasions... I intend to discuss this matter at greater length with Air Force officials as this session of Congress progresses."

Since the AF continues its determination to block hearings, some NICAP members have suggested we should give up this approach. A few months ago, we announced a change in our approach, to concentrate on getting the UFO evidence and proof of their reality before all citizens, through the press, broadcast programs, lectures and any other proper method.

We still believe that a Congressional investigation would be the quickest way to focus national attention on the problem, PROVIDED: That there would be full-scale, open hearings, that we would be allowed to introduce a sizable amount of our verified, documented evidence, and to introduce AF and other witnesses fully informed as to the censorship and prepared to testify to it.

But since official opposition makes it impossible to count on early hearings of the type cited, we have steadily increased our drive for nationwide publicity, to spotlight the facts about UFOs. We are sure that one helpful result will be an increase in Congressional interest, and an increase in letters from voters urging their Senators and Representatives to work for a public investigation.

Meantime, we will continue to pile up all the convincing evidence possible and to make it public.

We appreciate the backing of our members who have written their legislators, and we urge that those who have not written do so at their earliest convenience.

But it should be clearly understood that we are NOT "putting all our eggs in one basket." We will keep on working for hearings—but it will not be an over-riding NICAP policy, and it never has been.

In an early issue, we hope to list all Members of Congress who have expressed positive views regarding UFOs.

As you know, your membership is computed on a basis of six UFO Investigator issues for \$5.00, rather than on a yearly basis. If your first issue was Vol. II, No. 10, you will now have received six copies. Because we are short of clerical help, renewal notices may be delayed. We would greatly appreciate it if you would renew now, without waiting for a reminder.

The July-August issue, Vol. II, No. 4, will be mailed in August. Renewing before August 3 will insure that your name will remain on the addressograph list for this next mailing, and of course the five following issues.

New Hampshire's New Subcommittee

A new investigative Subcommittee, the first in New Hampshire, has been organized by John M. Meloney, former intelligence-report editor for the Office of Strategic Services, now Eastern Regional Director, American Youth Hostels. Mr. Meloney also has had wide experience as a reporter and news editor.

Other members include:

Howard F. Morse, news-bureau manager for 20 years, formerly the Director of Military Affiliate Radio System for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and a graduate of a regional police school conducted by the FBI.

Mrs. John M. Meloney, experienced newspaper reporter and holder of a commercial pilot's license, with a rating for four-engine aircraft.

Walter P. Hicken, Civil Defense official, graduate of CAA (now FAA) Weather Bureau Observers and Communication Schools and also a crime-detection course.

Additional members are being sought among the scientific community at Dartmouth College.

In the previous issue, we announced that a packet of UFO photographs could be obtained from Jose A. Cecin of the N.Y. Subcommittee. New address: 1814 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226.

We are receiving queries from new members in regard to meeting other NICAP members in their area. Before we give out the names, we have to get permission. We intend to prepare a list, classified by states, but since this means going through several thousand files, and querying many of the members, we shall have to secure extra office help. As soon as this can be done, we will announce in the Investigator that the list is available to NICAP members.

CORRECTION

The Board of Governors list in the last issue gave an outdated address for Rev. Albert Baller, one of the original Board members and a UFO investigator for at least ten years. Reverend Baller is now with the German Congregational Church, Clinton, Mass.

AF-UFO ORDER KEPT FROM PUBLIC

In a belated attempt to hide proof of UFO censorship, the AF has classified AFR 200-2 — the official UFO investigation order — "For official use only."

This AF document was previously unclassified, until NICAP spot-lighted the censorship sections, reporting them in the Investigator and "THE UFO EVIDENCE." For the benefit of new members not acquainted with AFR 200-2, here are the paragraphs requiring secrecy and also the explaining away of UFO reports:

Par. 3c states, in part: "Air Force activities must reduce the percentage of unknowns to the minimum..." (Indicating an obvious concern to explain away UFO reports, not to investigate them scientifically and admit that many cases cannot be explained conventionally.)

Par. 9 limits release of information to the public. Base commanders are directed to release information on a UFO sighting "only if it has been positively identified as a familiar or known object." (AF italics.)

Par. 11 restricts AF personnel from discussing UFOs: "Air Force personnel... will not contact private individuals on UFO cases nor will they discuss their operations and functions with unauthorized persons unless so directed, and then only on a 'need-to-know' basis."

Par. 19 requires that radascope photographs of UFOs — which show UFO speeds and maneuvers — be classified and kept from the press and public.

Since AFR 200-2 completely contradicts official denials of censorship, it is clear why the order is now being hidden. But too many newsmen, broadcasters, and other citizens are aware of the secrecy provisions for this belated cover-up to succeed.

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Subcommittee Reports

Besides the two new subcommittees announced in the last issue — Florida Unit 2 and New York Unit 2 — ten other subcommittees, now being organized, will add to our first-hand coverage of UFO sightings. Recent reports from other subcommittees follow:

California Unit 2, (Bay Area). Chairman Paul Cerny, 737 Saranac Drive, Sunnyvale, has investigated several sightings, secured local press coverage and has appeared on numerous radio and television programs to publicize NICAP operations.

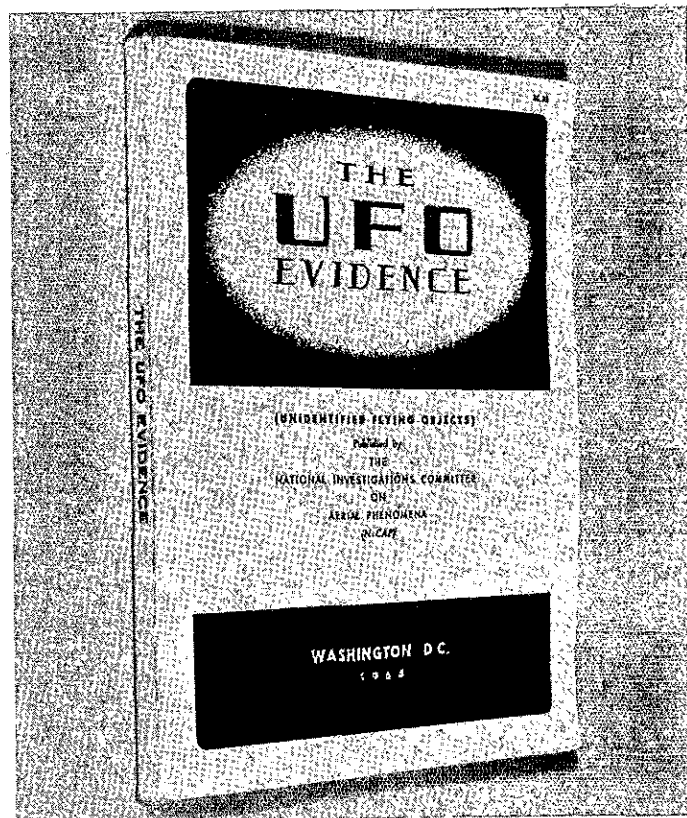
Hawaii Unit 1 - Chairman, Mrs. Jeanne Booth Johnson, Box 657-658, Kihei, Maui, reports the Subcommittee is well-organized and prepared to handle any events. Contacts have been made with public officials and scientific agencies, and public relations ground-work has been accomplished. Members include pilots, engineers, and several public officials (the latter on a confidential basis.)

Indiana Unit 1 - Acting Chairman Philip Studler has submitted photographs taken at the site of a reported UFO landing in Dale, Indiana, June 14, 1964. The ground markings are not distinct enough to reproduce well photographically. Analysis of soil and foliage samples submitted previously by the Subcommittee is underway. (See Vol. II, No. 11).

Massachusetts Unit 1 - has been reorganized and has a new Chairman, Raymond Fowler, 13 Friend Court, Wenham. Mr. Fowler is report administrator for the Sylvania Minuteman program and a former Air Force radio intercept operator. Walter N. Webb, former Chairman, will continue as a NICAP Adviser. Members include four engineers — in Aerospace, Electronics Advanced Research, Radio-Radar Projects and Chemistry, also specialists in photography and physics. Mr. Fowler and member Bruce Kincaid — a business administrator — took part in a recent UFO discussion on Station WEEI, Boston, with the NICAP Director (via a telephone hook-up.)

North Carolina Unit 1 - Chairman, Bernard Haugen, Route 1, Box 63, Cary, has been active in public relations work and has participated in several radio and television programs across the state.

Washington, State Unit 1 (Seattle) - has been reorganized. New Chairman: Dr. S. C. Pilet (astronomer, West Point graduate, formerly in Military Intelligence), 7444 Mercer Terrace Drive, Mercer Island. Members include a chemical engineer and a meteorologist. Mrs. June Larson, former chairman, will assist with public relations.



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