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## HYNEK HITS UFO INVESTIGATION, CONFIRMS EVIDENCE Pressure Mounting To End Debunking

In a series of surprising public statements, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chief AF-UFO consultant, has revealed a "pattern" found in numerous sightings, admitted the existence of unexplained UFO photos and radar trackings, and called for an end to ridicule of reliable witnesses.\*

Many reported UFOs, the AF expert stated, have been so close that configurations, such as oval shapes, were clearly visible. Other close-range pattern details, he said, included flashing lights and UFO movements, such as hovering and rapid take-offs.

"This pattern suggests that something is going on," said Dr. Hynek. But in calling for an improved scientific investigation he did not in any way imply that the "something" may involve danger.

"I refuse to push the panic button," he emphasized, "but I must discharge my responsibilities by stating the facts as I know them."

Dr. Hynek, Director of Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University and also Chairman of the Astronomy Department, has been the Air Force's chief scientific consultant on UFOs for 18 years. In his criticism of the UFO investigation, he makes it clear he is not attacking the AF but is speaking out as a scientist increasingly concerned about the UFO problem — which he calls "one of the great mysteries of the 20th century." His frank admissions, however, are bound to have a strong impact on the AF, since some of them contradict Project Blue Book claims.

The more important disclosures were made in recent press interviews and in a letter to Science Magazine, which Dr. Hynek released on Aug. 27 after the magazine "did not see fit to publish it." Several "popular misconceptions" are listed. [Though Dr. Hynek does not say so, AF public claims caused most of the misconceptions.] Following are significant statements by Dr. Hynek:

### Seven Misconceptions

1. "It is unequivocally false to say that UFOs are never reported by scientifically trained people. Some of the best, most coherent reports come from such witnesses," Dr. Hynek stated. Citing examples, he said: "Four of the sightings were made by professional astronomers while on duty at their observatories, five more by technical specialists, including one reported by the associate director of one of the nation's ranking technical laboratories. . . All but three involved brilliantly illuminated craft maneuvering in the air."

2. The AF reports include unexplained UFO photos and radar trackings. [Repeatedly denied by Maj. Hector Quintanella, head of Project Blue Book, and other AF spokesmen.] Enlarging on this, Dr. Hynek listed unexplained pictures by Moonwatch and satellite tracking cameras, also the existence of a 1958 photograph of a "retrograde satellite." [Orbiting east to west instead of west to east, as all earth-launched satellite do, except polar orbiters. The unknown orbiter's speed, as computed at Adler Planetarium, was three times that of any earth-launched satellite.]

\*Dr. Hynek's quoted statements are taken from a letter to Science Magazine, released Aug. 27, and press interviews with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Aug. 30, the Chicago Sun-Times, Aug. 29, the Newark Star-Ledger, Aug. 28, the New Bedford Standard-times, Aug. 21, and the World Book Service, in the Albany Times Union, Aug. 7.

3. "I have in my files hundreds of 'brain teasers'. . . The truly puzzling reports come from reliable, stable, educated people who generally consider such reports as bunk until shaken by their own experiences. Very few are from cranks or low IQ people."

4. "In the last two years, UFO sightings have reached a new high. Each wave of sightings adds to the accumulation of reports which defy analysis by present methods of attacks." [Project Blue Book claims it has explained almost all reports in the last two years, and most of the others.]

5. "No true scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon has ever been undertaken, despite the great volume of hard data."

6. "I'm getting to the point where I'd like to say 'Let's put up or shut up'. . . Instead of having UFO a synonym for crackpot and ridicule, let's make it scientifically respectable. . . We should put as much effort on one of these puzzling cases as we would on a Brinks robbery or a kidnap case."

### Space Answers Left Open

7. One of Dr. Hynek's most important admissions concerns this official AF statement: "The AF has no evidence that UFOs are extraterrestrial or represent advanced technology of any kind." This is widely interpreted, said Dr. Hynek, to mean there is evidence against the extraterrestrial and advanced technology hypotheses. Listing this as a misconception, he stated:

"As long as there are 'unidentifieds,' the question must obviously remain open."

Our scientific community, he added, may be suffering from provincialism, a form of arrogance, in rejecting all UFO evidence. The attitude of most scientists toward UFOs he said, parallels that of the French Academy of Sciences which years ago ridiculed stories of "stones that fell from the sky" — stones later found to be meteorites.

Without accepting the theory that UFOs may similarly prove "scientifically respectable" as interplanetary machines, Dr. Hynek strongly urges an all-out, honest, scientific investigation of the hard data. And he does not deny the possibility of an important discovery:

"There may be lurking in the best UFO reports hidden scientific 'paydirt,' as a mite of radium was hidden in tons of pitchblende."

Recent sightings include reports from two space-project engineers (separate cases), an account by an electronics scientist, the description of an unidentified space object seen by Astronaut Collins during a Gemini 10 orbit, and other impressive evidence. Details on pages 3 and 4.

We believe most NICAP members will agree Dr. Hynek has displayed real courage in coming out for an end to witness ridicule and for a full-scale, genuine scientific investigation of UFO "hard data."

In the past, we have disagreed with some of Dr. Hynek's statements and case explanations — such as the Michigan "swamp gas" answer. (In one recent press interview, Dr. Hynek is quoted as saying this was advanced as a "possible explanation.") As the AF chief scientific UFO consultant for 18 years, Dr. Hynek naturally has helped to explain away many UFO sightings, and

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## SPACE ANSWERS (Continued from page 1)

his earlier conviction that it was all a "ridiculous craze" could not help but play a part in similarly convincing the public.

His new declarations, however, indicate *important changes* in his opinion of UFOs, and the new light he has shed, in refuting serious misconceptions, should offset his former highly skeptical statements.

We realize Dr. Hynek will be under pressure from officials determined to maintain the debunk-and-ridicule policy. Several well-informed AF officers who agree with his stand have told us they fear he will be pressured into backing down.

We earnestly hope any such efforts will fail and that Dr. Hynek will continue his crusade for long-needed reforms in the AF investigation. NICAP will gladly cooperate in any way to help attain a full-scale scientific investigation, with an end to witness ridicule and withholding of information, and with all the detailed UFO evidence and detailed scientific evaluations made promptly available to Congress, the press and the public.

This issue was purposely held up because we learned Dr. Hynek was about to release new, important criticisms of the UFO investigation. We felt sure most members would want full details of his latest disclosures, rather than wait for the next issue in October.

## New Subcommittee

A new subcommittee, an important addition to NICAP's rapidly growing investigative network, is about to begin operations in the Harrisburg, Pa., area.

Chairman of the new subcommittee will be George Cook, head of a collection-investigative agency, with a degree in business administration. Other members include a former Naval Intelligence officer, Lt. Robert E. Gable, USN, Ret., now supervisor of a Bell Telephone Company computer division; Victor Barr, former head of the electronics department, Martin Aircraft, and Chief of Police Harry Garman, West Fairview, Pa. Other subcommittee members will be announced later.

## New Advisers

Well-qualified specialists in fields related to UFO investigation increasingly have offered their services over the past several months. Some have joined Subcommittees (investigation units); others have become formal or informal advisers.

Recent additions to the National Panel of Advisers include: Mr. Kenneth E. Bryan, agricultural meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Bryan has 6-1/2 years experience, including flight forecaster, radar meteorologist, and hydrologist. He is a professional member of the American Meteorological Society.

Mr. John A. Frank III, Oceanographer, Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Frank also has a B.S. degree in Meteorology.

Other professional scientists are invited to submit resumes.

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## Space Beings Like Us Called Impossible

Many super-civilizations may have visited the earth, but none of the other-world beings could resemble us, according to two distinguished astronomers — Dr. Carl Sagan, of Harvard, and Dr. Josef Shklovskii of Moscow's Astronomical Institute.

Co-authors of "Intelligent Life in the Universe" (Holden-Day, Inc., \$8.95), these two noted scientists base their report on the statistical probability of advanced civilizations in our galaxy. Their most dramatic suggestions:

- There may be as many as a million planets in our galaxy with more advanced civilizations than ours.
- Such super-civilizations possibly have visited the earth 10,000 times during our planet's existence.
- Some kind of base may be maintained within the solar system "to provide for continuity of successive expeditions."

According to both astronomers, other-world beings could not possibly be like us — and many would seem extremely weird by our standards. Shklovskii says that inhabitants of large, high-gravity planets would be short, heavily muscled beings. On low-gravity worlds, slender, fragile creatures could be expected. Sagan, discussing the dense atmosphere of the huge planet Jupiter, pictures life-forms like "ballasted gasbags" which float around, feeding on smaller organisms. He also suggests a creature with a "radio eyeball," the evolutionary result of an opaque atmosphere which no ordinary eye could penetrate.

Sagan points out that as our broadcast waves travel out into space they will be recorded by advanced civilizations. Some future day — he does not link it with UFOs — we may therefore expect an emissary from space to arrive on earth.

Other equally distinguished astronomers and reputable biologists have stated conflicting views in regard to possible types of space beings. Some believe that among the colossal number of planets in our universe there will be, by the law of averages, many about the size of the earth and approximately the same distance from their suns, so that evolution on a number of them might follow the same general pattern, resulting in beings not too dissimilar to the human race on earth.

A set of ten UFO photographs which have been analyzed and are believed genuine is available for \$3.00 from Jose A Cecin, Chairman of the NY-NICAP Subcommittee, 1814 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., 11226. Background information is included. Pre-paid orders only. Allow a few weeks for processing and mailing. Funds received will go toward paying subcommittee investigating expenses.

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Charles Bowen, Editor of the Flying Saucer Review in London, recently informed NICAP that a special 72-page issue of the Review will be published in October, dealing with the "controversial topic of UFO landings." Queries may be addressed to 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London W.C. 2, England.

# NEW REPORTS BY SPACE EXPERTS ADD TO UFO PROOF

A huge UFO, estimated to be 300 feet long, was sighted over New Mexico on June 23 by an Apollo Space Project flight engineer. The observer, Julian Sandoval, is a pilot and former AF navigator with over 7,000 hours of flying time. He is in charge of the Apollo Project electrical power and environmental control.

In a signed report to NICAP, Mr. Sandoval said he first saw the strange object at 3:42 a.m. as he was driving on Highway 85, near Coralles. It was hovering at an estimated 12,000 feet above the antennae tower at Sandia Crest, Albuquerque. The main body, tetrahedron in shape, emitted a bright incandescent glow like a light bulb. At the tail, he reported, were four blue-green lights.

"It's like nothing we have," he later told the press.

Mr. Sandoval told NICAP he watched the huge UFO for 51 minutes, part of the time through binoculars. During this period, the unknown object began to move slowly south to north.

In a separate statement, the aerospace engineer said when the UFO changed position it had a brighter glow, apparently linked with the propulsion system.

"The object traveled approximately 22 miles at an average speed of 35 m.p.h.," his signed report continues. During this time, it slowly ascended, then descended to about 9,000 feet. Following this, it went into a vertical climb, accelerating to high velocity.

The final speed before its disappearance was "Mach 6 (6 times the speed of sound) or better," Mr. Sandoval's report states.

The sky, which was clear, was brightened by a full moon which made it possible for Mr. Sandoval to see the UFO's "sharply outlined" shape. His estimate of the 300-foot length, he reports, was made by using the Sandia Crest antennae tower as a reference point while the UFO was hovering directly above it.

The only other craft visible was a USAF helicopter (turbine class) five miles behind the UFO and 5-6000 feet below it. Engineer Sandoval did not indicate whether or not the helicopter seemed to be following the UFO.

Witnesses confirming the sighting include Patrolman Gallegos and Dorothy Lovato, of Bernalillo, N.M.

## Four Circular Objects

On Aug. 26, another aerospace engineer reported four UFOs near Huntsville, Alabama, home of Redstone Arsenal, which has played an important part in space projects.

The mysterious objects were sighted by Engineer B. J. Funk and his wife near Ft. Payne, Ala.

"There were four circular, orange objects floating in the air," the engineer told Ft. Payne police. According to the Huntsville News, Funk cryptically added, "I know very well what they were, and they were no ethncial aircraft." (NICAP is endeavoring to get the engineer's exact meaning and opinion.)

The report was relayed to the AF via the Huntsville Police Department, but the AF to date has withheld comment.

During the Gemini 10 mission in July, 1966, an unknown space object was sighted by Astronaut Collins, according to an official letter from NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration.)

The August 10th letter, from NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas, was sent to NICAP Member Zan Overall, Studio City, Calif., and was signed by Howard Gibbons, Chief, News Service Branch, Public Affairs Office. After reporting an earlier but explained sighting by Gemini 10 Astronauts Young and Collins, the letter states:

"Astronaut Collins reported a second sighting of a space object, probably in the vicinity of Australia, later in the Gemini 10 mission. It was moving north to south against a star field in a polar orbit. Identity of the object was not determined."

Two objects in the earlier sighting were "identified as fragments of the A/S 204 launch vehicle second stage, which was launched on July 6 by NASA and which broke apart in the fourth orbit of its flight."

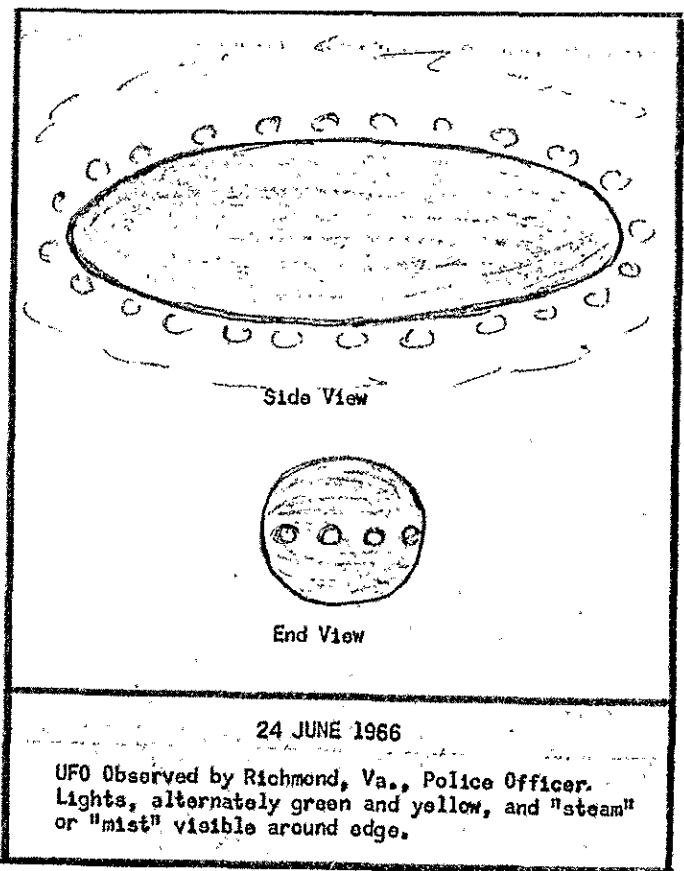
Many UFO reports have reached NICAP in recent months, some still under evaluation. Following is a cross section of cases with special interest:

On the night of June 24, a "dirigible shaped" UFO, 100-125 feet long, was chased by a Richmond police car at speeds up to 110 m.p.h.

About 3:30 a.m., Officer William L. Stevens, Jr., seven years on the police force, was cruising on the outskirts of Richmond. From an intersection near the fairgrounds, he saw several odd green and yellow lights which appeared to be about 300 feet above the ground. After checking to be sure they were not reflections, he tried to get closer. As he approached, he could see the lights came from a large dirigible-shaped craft, which appeared dull white or gray. The steady lights, alternately green and yellow, showed around the periphery. The entire object seemed surrounded by vapor or mist.

"When I went towards it, it moved," Stevens later told NICAP Investigator Robert Morse, a Richmond engineer. As he sped up, the UFO pulled ahead, keeping about two blocks away.

Watching it through his windshield, Stevens noted that at two blocks the length of the unknown object was about the length of his rear-view mirror. (Later the UFO's length was calculated as between 100 and 125 feet, its diameter between 30-40 feet).



At first, the object presented a side view, but as it changed course toward northeast Stevens could see its round "tail end" view.

As Stevens pursued the UFO into Henrico County, he radioed the sheriff's office and asked for help in the chase. But before anyone could respond, the strange object speeded up. Stevens hung on, reaching 110 m.p.h., but the UFO, accelerating to tremendous speed, went out of sight in less than five seconds.

When Stevens was interrogated by Mr. Morse, he admitted he was shaken by the experience. He also said he had been a strong skeptic but now "seeing is believing."

Richmond newsman Bill Sauder, a journalist experienced in checking UFO reports, later confirmed a sighting by two Henrico police officers, about 40 minutes after Stevens' chase and in the same general area. Other witnesses include a former AF officer. (We hope to get permission to use his name and detailed report.)

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One widely publicized case, at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, August 15, involved newsmen, police officers and thousands of citizens who watched strangely maneuvering lights for several hours. NICAP is still considering a possible conventional explanation, but if all the evidence was reported correctly this answer seems unlikely.

According to numerous witnesses, the UFO's were seen as red, green and white lights which hovered and performed maneuvers around a radio station's transmitting towers.

Sgt. J. W. Gilbreth, a member of the Ft. Smith Police Department for six years, observed the UFOs for an hour, part of the time with binoculars. He described them as four red, rotating lights that formed the corners of a square. Then a set of red and green lights appeared, followed by a blinking light and a steady white beam that moved from one to another of the four red lights.

"What we saw were lights," Gilbreth said. "What they were on I can't say."

At 9:15 p.m., one of KFSA-Radio's newsmen, Morris Hill, saw a lighted object moving back and forth between the station's two transmitting towers. In the next half hour, several other UFO lights — one described as a football-shaped object — approached the towers or maneuvered about the area.

During the evening, nearly 2,000 people crowded around the station towers, watching while KFSA newsman John Garner broadcast reports on the maneuvering lights.

Recently, NICAP member William Pitts of Fort Smith forwarded the following report to us: A KFSA announcer told a NORAD officer at Colorado Springs that their radio transmission was "knocked out" for a short time during the UFO sightings. No official word has been received on this, but NICAP will attempt to get answers from both KFSA and NORAD.

Pitts also reported that he saw the lights and believed they could have been on AF planes engaged in a refueling operation. This is the possible conventional answer previously mentioned, but it would leave an important question unanswered:

### Why Create A Mystery?

If the AF knew this was only a refueling operation, why did it send a captain and a sergeant from Little Rock AFB to investigate the sightings? All refueling operations are listed at NORAD for instant checking to see if they have caused UFO reports. Why would the AF try to turn the Ft. Smith sightings into a mystery instead of quickly explaining them away with a genuine refueling explanation?

Three nights after the Ft. Smith case, responsible witnesses reported UFOs that hovered, maneuvered and traveled "much faster than jet aircraft" in the area of Anchorage, Kentucky. Observers included Rudolph V. Thompson, a Health, Education and Welfare analyst, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, a lawyer and other reputable citizens. That same night, separate witness-groups at Stuart and Alma, Va., sighted similar unknown objects. At Alma, observers said there seemed to be a series of portholes around the fast-moving UFO; at Stuart, some witnesses reported what looked like an antenna.

Twenty-four hours later, on August 19, a disc-shaped UFO with red and green lights on top and bottom, and flashing lights on the circumference, was sighted over Sault Ste. Marie. Witnesses included both U.S. and Canadian citizens in this border region. For about 10 minutes, the UFO hovered over the Algoma Steel Plant, then it abruptly took off to the north, at high speed. Canadian radio continued to report sightings of the object for 30 minutes.

If this actually was a UFO observation of Sault Ste. Marie, it might be of interest that the area contains an electric power station adjacent to the Soo Locks, also an AF SAGE station (computerized radar tracking site.)

The number of UFO reports by police has steadily increased. One of the best confirmed recent cases took place near Washington, D.C., in the early hours of August 1.

About 12:30 a.m., a Lanham, Maryland, citizen phoned Prince Georges County Police that a strange object was hovering above the area. Officer Frankie L. Dowling, arriving in his patrol car, saw a UFO with red, green and white pulsating lights. The object

began a series of maneuvers, descending almost to the ground, then swiftly headed east.

Dowling went after it, at 90 m.p.h.

"It went by like a shot," he said. "It was faster than a jet."

The UFO was also seen by Officer William L. Smith, who answered a radio call from Dowling.

"A shaft of light or something very brilliant came from underneath the craft," Smith reported. "It went real fast toward the ground."

Dowling also saw the strange beam, which appeared to combine the red, white and green lights seen on the body of the UFO.

Meantime, radio reports from other officers were pouring into the Prince Georges County Police Station. Most of them, Dispatcher Michael Honsher said later, described the same type of object seen by Dowling and Smith.

"Car 41 in Bowie had a good look at it," said Honsher. "It passed him going in the opposite direction and outsped him when he turned to chase it. He said this was nothing you could catch with a patrol car."

### "Hell Bent For Election"

Another Prince Georges County officer, Corporal Lee Carpenter, said a white-glowing UFO went across the sky "hell bent for election." Officer E.B. Beall, of the Seat Pleasant station, and a U.S. Park Police patrolman also saw the objects, as did witnesses from Annapolis, Md., to Fairfax, Va.

One report to NICAP came from John Rupprecht, Maryland State Police dispatcher at College Park. Rupprecht said that he and another dispatcher, Mrs. Sue Crawford, saw what they thought was the same UFO above their station.

Rupprecht also disclosed he had phoned Andrews AFB and was told that a control-tower operator at the base had seen a fast-moving lighted object. Rupprecht also was told that the tower was unable to track the object on radar, but Dispatcher Honsher has indicated the AF's statement was untrue. He said he later learned that Andrews did have a UFO on its radar, but would not admit it officially.

A remarkable sighting which occurred about 11 p.m. on August 1 was reported to NICAP by Dr. Vasil Uzunoglu, physicist and electrical engineer, who is a consultant to an electronics research company in Annapolis.

Dr. Uzunoglu was driving on the Capitol Beltway in Prince Georges County, Md., when he first saw the UFO — visible as two red lights with a green one in the center, at an estimated altitude of 18-20,000 feet. The object suddenly moved east, at tremendous speed — about 4,000 m.p.h., according to the scientist.

### The Hovering UFO

At this point, Dr. Uzunoglu lost sight of the UFO. Apparently it had descended steeply, for when he saw it again it was hovering above a house some 200 feet from the Beltway. At this close range, the electronics expert could see four red lights, and a large yellow light, the lower part of which was either rotating or blinking.

Dr. Uzunoglu started to halt his car, then decided not to stop. When he looked back, the UFO was moving south at high speed.

Considerably shaken by this experience, the physicist reported the sighting to Andrews AFB. But when NICAP asked AFHQ about the incident, a UFO spokesman said it had not been logged at Andrews.

Some of the following earlier reports could not be printed in preceding issues because of lack of space, or else were delayed in reaching us.

From April 17 to May 1, many witnesses in the greater Boston area reported UFOs, most of them oval-shaped, with blinking multi-colored lights. NICAP-Massachusetts Subcommittee Chairman Raymond E. Fowler secured details in the more outstanding cases, with the aid of NICAP Investigator Richard A. Fowler.

Two sightings at Melbourne, Australia, have been reported by Flight Lieutenant G.J. Stewart, Royal Australian Air Force Reserve. Stewart, now a doctor in private life, served in the RAAF during World War II.

The first sighting was at about 3:30 a.m., April 21, 1966, when Stewart saw a strange ball of light in the sky.

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## Hammar skjold: UFOs Probably From Space

Knut Hammar skjold, Director-General of International Air Transport Association, accepting the probability that UFOs are observation machines from outer space, has pointed out that if this is confirmed it will create a number of serious problems.

Hammar skjold, nephew of the late UN Secretary General, put his opinions on record before the Aviation-Space Writers Association.

"While it is necessary to sift and sort all the information and to be as realistic as possible," he said, "it is not unlikely that there exist civilizations outside our planet which are more developed, both technically and mentally, than we are." He offered the possibility that our "neighbors in space" who may be piloting UFOs are becoming more interested in us as our technical capabilities further develop.

Hammar skjold disclosed that when he became Director-General of IATA he was greeted with a flood of UFO reports.

While the matter may not be immediately urgent, he said, it is "certainly something to which we must give serious consideration in the future. . . . The possible existence of neighbors in space will if confirmed, create problems of legal, political and technical characteristics."

Hammar skjold's statements were made during a speech about the proposed Concorde Supersonic Transport, a plane designed to fly at almost twice the speed of sound and scheduled to make its first flight not later than early 1968.

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"It was close to the earth and there was no noise," he stated. "It was easily distinguishable from the stars and planets. It seemed to be moving in the vicinity of the television transmitters on the pandenongs."

The second sighting of the same or similar UFO came in the early hours of April 24.

"It was a weird, eerie experience," said Stewart.

Two Ontario Province residents had a chance encounter with a disc-like UFO hovering close to the dark waters of Lake Ontario around June 1. The object, with rows of lights flashing around its perimeter, took off rapidly as the witnesses approached it in a motor boat.

The incident was reported to NICAP by Richard H. Plewman, member of an Oakville real estate firm. Plewman, a former RCAF Flight Lieutenant and pilot instructor, was cruising with a friend, Jack Grant about 2-1/2 miles offshore of Clarkson at about 10:30 p.m. As a lake searchmaster with 8 years experience in a power boat squadron, Plewman is a veteran boatsman.

While proceeding in a NE direction, the men noticed some lights like headlights on the water ahead. They continued talking, and approaching the lights at a moderate speed, not suspecting anything unusual. When they closed to an estimated distance of 3/4 to 1 mile, the lights slowly rose with a "swish," emitting a low "pulsating hum." Plewman and Grant could now see a disc with a bubble-type dome on top and a flat bottom, casting an oval reflection on the lake surface. A row of bright yellow lights encircled the dome, blue-green lights around the lower perimeter.

After hovering briefly, the UFO took off at high speed disappearing "like a light bulb turned out."

Plewman said the perimeter lights clearly outlined the dark object, the colors changing from dull white to fluorescent tones as the UFO started to rise.

The August 1st report of a Jamestown, N.Y., girl who told police she saw a strange, hairy creature after a UFO reportedly landed on Erie Peninsula, is still under examination by NICAP. The story appears unlikely; two NY-NICAP subcommittees have submitted information after investigating, and discrepancies have been found in some witnesses' statements.

## Intelligence Colonel Disputes Official Answers

On Aug. 7, 1966, readers of the Washington "Star" had a big surprise — in fact, several surprises. Before then, any serious discussion of UFOs in the "Star" was almost unheard of. But there in the Sunday edition was a full-page fact piece on "flying saucers."

Surprise No. 2: The article was written by Lt. Col. Charles Cooke, USAF, Ret., founder and editor of the Air Intelligence Digest. Col. Cooke, refusing the official explanations, calmly set down his conclusions that the UFOs are real and from somewhere in outer space.

Colonel Cooke's Air Force service record has other surprises linked with UFOs. In World War II, he was intelligence officer for a bombardment group in Europe, where he heard first-hand reports from pilots who encountered the mysterious "foo fighters." In 1948-1952, at the Pentagon, he became the founder and editor of "Air Intelligence Digest" — the worldwide AF intelligence publication. Later, in Tokyo, he became editor of FEAF — the "Far East AF Intelligence Roundup." During all this time, "information copies" of steadily increasing UFO reports flowed across his desk.

In 1952, Col. Cooke helped rename "Project Grudge." Asked to select a name "without overtones," he selected "Project Book" — on the grounds that "book" has so many overtones that it in effect actually has none.

### "The Little Blue Boys"

"Upstairs (at the Joint Chiefs of Staff level), somebody made it 'Blue Book,' Col. Cooke reveals. "No one in the USAF assembly line down which the reports passed read and pondered them more absorbedly, more dedicatedly, than I. I duly noted the myriad 'Explanations' given out by the Blue Book staff — widely referred to as 'The Little Boy Blues' or 'The Little Blue Boys' — of sightings which they evaluated as mistakenly identified stars, planets, meteors. . . birds, reflected lights, mirages, marsh gas — or as delusions. . . hoaxes, publicity stunts, etc."

In discussing the massive UFO evidence, Col. Cooke corrects one of the most widespread false beliefs: That UFO sightings began on June 24, 1947, with Kenneth Arnold's famous report of flying discs over Mt. Ranier. (This idea has long been officially fostered, that Arnold's story set off the "flying saucer craze.")

"Far from having begun in 1947," says Col. Cooke, "reported UFO sightings go way, way back."

Commenting on the new Frank Edwards book — "Flying saucers — Serious Business" — Cooke says "Edwards book gives me great joy in its attention to Pre-1947." Citing one famous case related by Edwards — a bishop's report of a torpedo-shaped body hovering above a building — Col. Cooke wryly asks "I can't help wondering what Project Blue Book's 'explanation' of this report would have been. Marsh gas?"

John Fuller's book, "Incident At Exeter," also is highly recommended by Col. Cooke, along with NICAP's "massive 200,000 word document, 'THE UFO EVIDENCE.'" But "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force," by Lt. Col. L. J. Tacker, then AF-UFO spokesman, gets a cool reception.

Considering Col. Cooke's exceptional qualifications, as an intelligence analyst, with access to hundreds of the best UFO reports, his evaluation should have a far-reaching effect:

"My lifelong hobby of astronomy, together with what I consider to be overwhelming affirmative evidence, incline me toward the belief that UFOs are 'real' and of celestial origin — interplanetary or interstellar."

We congratulate the Washington Star for publishing this authoritative article.

### Member Opinion

Dr. Irving Lillien, PhD, organic chemist researching in medicine, University of Miami, Miami, Florida:

"In my considered opinion, there is either an incontrovertible and enormous mass of credible evidence supporting the conclusion of alien vehicles and visitations, or a world-wide hoax of such subtlety and conspiratorial success as to stagger the imagination. I naturally prefer the former, logical, and really not too surprising alternative, and feel that the case has been well proven in any number of instances. . ."

## Book Reviews

**FLYING SAUCERS — SERIOUS BUSINESS.** By Frank Edwards. Lyle Stuart, publisher. 313 pages. \$5.95.

As most members know, Frank Edwards — veteran TV-radio commentator, author and lecturer — has been a member of the NICAP Board of Governors nine years. As a personal friend of the director, he frequently cooperated in checking UFO cases before NICAP existed. For these reasons, before giving our comments on his new best-selling book, we shall quote from typical reviews, to remove any possible idea of special treatment for a Board Member.

Following are quotes from the highly influential Christian Science Monitor:

"Frank Edwards has long been known as a skillful and conscientious investigator of unusual happenings. . . His present book gives a rundown of UFOs past and present, with hints as to their nature, possible source, methods of propulsion and manning. His language is popular but sober.

"Among claims demolished by Mr. Edwards are these: that no professional astronomers have reported UFOs; that no objects or persons have been physically affected by UFOs; and that sightings have been confined to the hysterical and subnormal.

"The term 'flying saucers' invites ridicule. Which well suits such vested interests as want the whole business hushed up or shown to be a hoax. . . it only needs one UFO to be proved to be what more and more perceptive persons are beginning to suspect UFOs to be."

"It is a bad thing for the democratic processes when official information policies begin to give the public a sense that it is being kept in the dark on an important issue. Public opinion is beginning to demand a new look by official agencies at the whole UFO question and at security policies regarding it." Commenting on Mr. Edwards book, and also "Incident at Exeter," by John Fuller (see separate review), the Monitor concludes: "These two books should lend valuable support to this demand."

### No Little Green Men

Added quotes, from a review by the Boston Sunday Herald: "If you've never given flying saucers a second thought, after you read Frank Edwards latest contribution to the growing controversy you'll give them not only a second but third and fourth thoughts as well. The author. . . has spent 20 years tracking down the fact and fiction of the UFO story. He believes they (UFOs) have been observing us with growing interest. . . now that man has invaded space and is on the threshold of putting a man on the moon. . ."

Any theory about a major breakthrough, the Herald asks, then answers: "Right now, we are in stage six, and according to Edwards stage seven is due in two to three years — a final and definite contact. . ."

"Happily," says the Herald, "he avoids the temptation to turn his book into a far-out story of landings of little green men," contrasting it with the "growing pile of nonsense and cult material published on saucers."

**FLYING SAUCERS — SERIOUS BUSINESS** lives up to its title. Combining his extensive private reports with NICAP evidence, Edwards covers the whole story, from old historic accounts to recent sightings, proving that UFOs are indeed a serious problem. We fully agree with the Christian Science Monitor that this new book should be a "solid contribution" toward finally lifting the veil from the hidden UFO facts.

Several members have asked us about cases Mr. Edwards describes which NICAP has not reported, or about details not included in NICAP-listed cases. Since 1947, Mr. Edwards has developed hundreds of his own leads, receiving reports directly from his TV and radio listeners, readers of his books, lecture audiences, and private sources. Mr. Edwards has offered us his private information, but neither he nor NICAP has the staff or time to go through the mass of reports and cross-check them with our material.

**INCIDENT AT EXETER.** By John G. Fuller. G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$5.95.

Last fall, Saturday Review columnist John Fuller phoned NICAP about the latest UFO sightings. He admitted his interest was

casual. But after learning of the now famous Exeter, N.H., case and getting our Massachusetts Subcommittee's documented report, his curiosity was aroused.

Finally, Fuller went to Exeter, spending weeks on the scene, tracking down and interrogating witnesses, taping hundreds of hours of testimony. His in-depth study showed strong similarities between the sightings by New Hampshire police officers and reliable citizens. From his voluminous tape transcripts, he found evidence which convinced him of a correlation of low-altitude UFO sightings with power blackouts.

Citing the concentrated evidence he had personally checked, Fuller wrote Saturday Review columns, a Look article (condensed in Readers Digest), and the book, **INCIDENT AT EXETER**, which also appeared in True Magazine.

It is bound to create wide and serious interest when the UFO subject is probed by a responsible journalist like Fuller, who also writes high-level TV documentaries. All too often, reporters have been extremely superficial, belittling the evidence with little or no personal investigation. It is therefore refreshing to see Fuller's careful checking and to have his conclusion that the UFO problem is important, worthy of serious attention by official agencies and the public.

This book, in Fuller's own words, is a "microcosm" of the UFO mystery, concentrating on one small but important segment. Besides giving solid evidence, it exposes the falsity of a hasty AF explanation — AF planes on maneuvers. (This later was retracted, with the sighting classed "unidentified.") The AF maneuver was ended before the sightings began; regardless, jet bombers are not oval-shaped, do not carry blinding red lights pulsating in sequence — and most important, they cannot hover, as the strange object did, seen at 100-foot range by the Exeter police.

## HELP WANTED!

Two of our employees have resigned from NICAP to accept higher-paying positions. Because of high salary and wage scales in Washington, we are having difficulty in replacing — and keeping — badly needed office help.

Ironically, even a Washington bus driver is better off than NICAP's senior staff assistant. The bus driver starts at \$6600 a year. The editorial staff man gets barely \$5500. Outside NICAP, experienced stenographers get \$100-125 a week and up. Capable secretaries, \$150 to \$250 a week, or more. Government editorial or public relations workers, \$200-300 a week, and up.

There is not one of NICAP's now seriously reduced staff who could not switch to a better paying — and easier — position. A strongly compelling interest in the developing UFO situation, and the desire to stay on and help toward an important breakthrough, have kept us on the job. But once again, we are being swamped by the constantly growing work load.

It is incredible that with the vast amount of UFO publicity — much of it due to NICAP, even naming us — we have not doubled or tripled our membership. Instead, we are still around 10,000, with income too low to cover present expenses and give us an adequate staff.

Please help us replace lost helpers and get urgently needed extra help by renewing when due, ordering copies of **THE UFO EVIDENCE** (\$5.00, or \$9.00 for a combined new membership and **THE UFO EVIDENCE**), and doing your best to get us new members.

It will help you as well as us — we could turn out work faster and a better job.

As recently as September 1, the Air Force has reiterated its flat statement denying that UFOs exist. On that date, Colonel William E. Poe of the Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, wrote to Congressman William L. Hungate of Missouri:

"As a result of 19 years of investigation, the Air Force has concluded that UFOs exist only as a misinterpretation of known natural or conventional objects. It has been proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity."

## Richard Harris Hall

During the Korean War, Richard Hall served in the Air Force, afterward remaining in the AF Reserve for several years. In 1954, he enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, at Tulane University, in New Orleans, graduating in 1958 with a B.A. degree in philosophy. His minor in mathematics and course work in logic and scientific method have been of great value in scientific studies of UFO evidence and related problems.

While at Tulane, Mr. Hall published a conservative UFO newsletter, *SATELLITE*, using reports from worldwide sources.

In June, 1958, he was appointed Secretary of NICAP. The NICAP staff then consisted of the director, Mr. Hall and a secretarial assistant — each one “doubling in brass” to learn and handle several different jobs. During these trying years, one of Mr. Hall’s jobs was to help expand the investigative network, in which he played a major part.



During 1961, the director worked out plans for a large documentary publication, to be called the “THE UFO EVIDENCE,” using the best documented evidence NICAP had collected, the best verified cases published in the director’s books and selected sightings from the “Project Grudge” Report, which the AF allowed him to copy in 1950. A 13-section outline of the UFO EVIDENCE,” with convincing cases to illustrate various phases, was published in Vol. II, No. 5, *THE UFO INVESTIGATOR*.

Because of the director’s other work and pressing problems, the long, arduous job of putting all this material together — condensing, editing and additional writing — fell on Mr. Hall. Even with some part-time help from two Washington member volunteers, it was an exhausting project, requiring two years to complete. But this documented 200,000-word report has more than made up for all the hard work, convincing many former skeptics — Congressmen, scientists, engineers, newsmen and broadcasters, and many serious-minded citizens.

In the last year or so, Mr. Hall has aided the director in handling our tremendous and rapidly-growing public relations work.

After eight years with NICAP, Mr. Hall, now Assistant Director and Associate Editor, has become one of the best-informed UFO researchers, widely recognized as a true authority.

(By Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, Director)

## Rep. Hutchinson Asks Blue Book Probe

A resolution to investigate the methods used by the Air Force’s Project Blue Book in investigating UFO reports has been submitted to the House Armed Services Committee by Congressman Edward Hutchinson, of Michigan’s Fourth District. H.R. 866 has been referred to the House Committee on Rules, but no action has yet been taken.

Rep. Hutchinson drew up the resolution after a careful study of the March 21 UFO sighting at Hillsdale, Michigan, by Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn and 87 Hillsdale College students.

Van Horn, in an exhaustive study of the “swamp gas” explanation offered by the Air Force’s UFO scientific consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, reported that the wind velocity and temperature were not conducive to establishing the presence of marsh gas. (Several scientists familiar with swamp gas conditions also rejected the AF answer.) In addition, the Civil Defense Director stated, there was an unusually high radiation count in the area on the day after the sighting.

“It seems to be that the Air Force is much too quick to close the books on these investigations,” Congressman Hutchinson said. “The Air Force reportedly close out its investigation of the sighting after three and a half hours. Mr. Van Horn’s study took seven weeks. . .”

The Michigan congressman also said that Van Horn “raised another serious issue” in charging that the attitude of the Air Force could well prompt reliable witness in other UFO sightings to withhold information for fear of ridicule.

“The obvious danger in allowing a situation like this to continue,” Congressman Hutchinson said, “is that the day may come when information of a very important nature might be withheld for the same reason, with serious consequences to our country.”

## The Ravenna Case

An 80-page booklet called “THE RAVENNA CASE,” covering the April 17th dramatic UFO chase by Ohio police officers and the inside story of an attempted cover-up, is being prepared for NICAP publication.

Written as a narrative documentary, “THE RAVENNA CASE” includes: Unpublished details from the deputy sheriffs who chased the UFO — a glowing, maneuvering object at times so low it lit up the ground; the on-the-scene investigation taped by William B. Weitzel, Chairman, NICAP-Pittsburgh Subcommittee; Weitzel’s efforts to prevent the cover-up; the cooperation of a tenacious woman reporter whose news articles, including a revealing interview with Major Quintanilla, Project Blue Book head, caused high-level pressure to re-open the case; and details of a behind-the-scenes AF conflict over the “explain away” — a disagreement which caused Dr. Hyneck, the AF chief UFO consultant, to reject the published explanation, label the case “unexplained,” and urge that Quintanilla admit his answer was wrong.

THE RAVENNA CASE will be printed on 8 by 11-1/2 inch paper, with a heavy paper cover. The cost will be \$2.00, to cover printing, envelopes, postage and mail-service handling. Before we can print, we must have enough orders to cover the minimum print job (1,000 copies.) Checks or money orders will be held until we are sure; if not enough orders arrive by Oct. 31, payments will be returned.

The \$2.00 includes book-rate postage. If you wish speedier delivery, add 50¢ (first class mail) for a total of \$2.50 each. Be sure to write “THE RAVENNA CASE” on your checks.

We hope to announce a “yes” answer in the next issue.

To NICAP: Enclosed is a check (or money order) for \$

This is to cover copy (copies) of THE RAVENNA CASE, mailed: A. Book rate, at \$2.00 each, or B. First-class, at \$2.50 each.

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## A Dream Via Hypnosis

A new book by John Fuller, author of "Incident At Exeter," probing the alleged abduction of a New Hampshire couple by space beings in 1961, is scheduled for publication and newspaper syndication in October. The title is "The Interrupted Journey." Because this book will be receiving widespread publicity before the next *U.F.O. Investigator* is published, we regret having to comment on it without having read the book. However, a detailed investigation report on the case, by Walter N. Webb (NICAP astronomy adviser in Boston), is on file at NICAP.

We fear that Fuller's new book, in spite of his reputation as a careful reporter, will be misused both by the "contactees" and by UFO debunkers, resulting in bad publicity which would set back the current movement for a scientific investigation. Though NICAP's investigation found no evidence of dishonesty by the witnesses, neither did it find any objective evidence to support the story—brought out from the subconscious mind by hypnoanalysis—of being actually taken on board a landed spaceship. That the couple had a UFO sighting we do not doubt. They themselves are not sure about the reality of the "abduction," which first showed up in dreams, then was described under hypnosis.

Ruling out dishonesty, there are two possible explanations for the alleged abduction. Either it really happened as described (for which there is no objective evidence) or the story represents subconscious fears of what might have happened, triggered by a startling close-range sighting (some of the evidence suggests this).

## It Can Do Harm

At any rate, it is clear that the final judgment lies with trained psychiatrists capable of separating dreams, in effect, from real experiences. If the psychiatrist presents convincing evidence based on psychiatric literature and knowledge that the story could have resulted only from a real experience, all well and good. If, however, the story is presented merely as a "case study" with no clear-cut conclusion, the effect of releasing an unverified story of such a sensational nature could be harmful in many ways.

NICAP already has indications that the Air Force may use the N.H. case to "prove" that UFO reports have a strong psychological character, and to imply that all sightings are similarly ambiguous. It is important for members to know that the N.H. case is not typical; thousands of completely verified UFO reports are on record from fully competent witnesses, including professional scientists and pilots, with no question of psychological instability. We also anticipate that many scientists, now beginning to probe the UFO subject, will be frightened off by the sensational "abduction" story. The "contactees" will claim the case as "proof" of their stories of meetings with spacemen.

For all these reasons, we have some misgivings about the publication of "The Interrupted Journey." We appreciate Fuller's other valuable contributions, and hope our fears prove to be unfounded. It is also possible that some debunkers will try to use the new book to discredit Fuller's work on the Exeter sightings, which would not be justified.

NICAP was asked by the witnesses and others close to them not to discuss our findings and information on the case pending release of the psychiatrist's report. We have tried to live up to that confidence, though under severe provocation at times to release our full report. After reading "The Interrupted Journey," we will review it and report to members.

Our main regret is that a case which is, as far as we know, totally unverified, may draw attention away from the solid body of accumulated evidence. Controversy may center around it to the detriment of scientific investigation of established facts.

Membership in NICAP, at \$5.00, include a NICAP membership card and six copies of the *UFO Investigator*. If an issue is delayed, the period covered may be a little more than a year, but we are trying to get on a precise schedule of six copies per year.

If you have received six issues, please renew without waiting for a notice. We are short-handed, from the loss of two employees, and there will be a delay in sending notices. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Who Is The Liar?

On a recent Louis Lomax program, a man calling himself "Dr." Frank Stranges made a claim about NICAP, which we flatly deny. Stranges claims to be a minister. (He was convicted some time ago in Los Angeles for selling worthless "Doctor of Divinity" degrees.) He has claimed contacts with spacemen, and in 1961 he stated that NICAP accepted his claims, that the director had visited the Pentagon with him, backing these claims. Both these statements were false — the director has never met Stranges. As a result, the man was ejected from NICAP.

On the Lomax show, Stranges was plugging a ridiculous film called "7.7" which includes contactee claims and an unrecognizable version of the Socorro case. In supporting his new claims, Stranges said NICAP had confirmed to him evidence of a UFO making violent turns at 30,000 m.p.h.

Also, Stranges' publicity implies that NICAP helped with "7.7" and supports it. This is absolutely untrue.

Unfortunately, a former NICAP press-relations adviser in Los Angeles did narrate the film, against strenuous objections by the NICAP-L.A. Subcommittee. This man acted on his own, without the slightest NICAP authority. We regret having to sever his NICAP connections, since he did excellent work in publicizing NICAP's serious operations. But we had no alternative.

We urge that members to tell their friends the above facts, if questions about Stranges or "7.7" come up — especially if the film should be scheduled at local theaters.

## MEMBER HELP

In the last issue we ran a notice requesting volunteers from among members with special skills. The response has been good, and those who volunteered will be put in touch with a NICAP unit or given special assignments as opportunities arise.

Specialists in all fields are invited to participate in the NICAP program. Please submit the necessary information on a 3 x 5 file card for easy handling. In the upper left corner, please list the service offered (artwork, radar analysis, . . .). In the upper right corner, please name your state, with your name, address and telephone number below. At the bottom, add whatever additional information you think necessary.

To prevent members from being misled by current advertisements listing the director's book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy," the following facts are put on record:

"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" (FSC) was published in 1955 by Henry Holt and Co., (now Holt, Rinehart and Winston.) In 1965, the Fieldcrest Publishing Company asked HRW to lease the rights for a hard-cover reprint edition. The director strongly objected, in writing, because of various cultist and contactee books published by Fieldcrest, especially "The Hollow Earth," which states that an advanced race lives inside the earth and that Adm. Richard E. Byrd found openings at the poles through which the flying saucers were launched.

The director was a close friend of Admiral Byrd and also Floyd Bennett, co-pilot on the North Pole flight, and he certainly would have known of any such discovery. Because of this and other incredible claims in the "Hollow Earth" book, it was listed in the *Investigator* as "NOT RECOMMENDED."

Even before HRW leased the FSC reprint rights (over the director's repeated protests), Fieldcrest accepted mail orders for the book, which at first was given a new title. After the director threatened legal action, the title was changed back to the original, but the book was sensationally advertised, and in a manner which led some citizens and at least two newspapers to assume it was brand-new.

The director has demanded of Fieldcrest that it cease such advertising and also print a new jacket plainly stating this is a 1955 book. The Fieldcrest Company has ignored the demands.

Under the circumstances, the director would appreciate it if members would tell any friends considering ordering the Fieldcrest reprint that the book is 11 years old, with nothing new added.

(The three other UFO books by the director are out of print. These are: *The Flying Saucers Are Real*, *Flying Saucers From Outer Space*, and *Flying Saucers: Top Secret.*)