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COLORADO PROJECT REPORT IMMINENT

The final report of the University of Colorado UFO Project is due to be made public at any time, the target date being this week (January 6-10). Therefore, we have been busily preparing rebuttal material, assuming a negative report. There are some indications, however, that the report will be middle-of-the-road and we are also preparing for this exentuality. In any event, we plan to hold a press conference at the National Press Club here in Washington. The date of this will be announced as soon as we have more definite word on the report's release.

Whatever the report may say, we feel it important to stress the obvious fact that the controversy is not going to end. Good sighting reports are still coming in and more and more scientific groups, individual scientists and Congressmen are becoming actively interested.

Please notify any news media personnel in your areas who may be interested in the press conference or obtaining more information from us. Send their names and addresses (or have them contact us directly) to the Assistant Director at headquarters. We urge that you contact these people as soon as possible, since we will probably have only a very short period after the report's public release to make an effective rebuttal and to arrange the press conference.

We would also like to see any Board members and Affiliate/Subcommittee heads who feel they are sufficiently informed be prepared for newspaper interviews and radio and television appearances. This could mushroom into a lasting story with impact or it could be of short duration.

The report is 1500 pages long, but the Pentagon will receive only 35 copies for use by newsmen. A 200-page summary will be issued to the press by the Air Force and it is a pretty good bet that this summary, not the full report, will receive widespread press attention. Only the most conscientious, therough newsman with a delayed deadline would wade through such a bulky report. Whether or not the summary will carry the same general conclusions as the full report, we have no way of knowing. Soon after the report is made public, Bantam Books, and the Colorado Associated Universities Press plan to publish it in its entirety (about 700 pages in the Bantam edition).

Among the material to be included in a possible NICAP press packet or kit and sent out according to response will be samples of top cases, a list of expert witnesses, the Scientific Joint Statement and those who signed it (Dick Hall is currently aiming for as many signatures as possible, particularly in light of the recent developments; so far, 19 scientists have signed the statement); a list of the important cases we sent to Colorado which were never investigated, etc.

Our current issue of The UFO Investigator, currently at the printers and scheduled for mailing by January 7, will be held up through at least January IC, in case the report does break this week. We have been told that, although the target date for release is this week, there could be a delay. We are operating on the assumption, of course, that there will be no delay.

There are some fairly strong indications that the report will receive wide publicity. The ABC network program, "Meet the Press," plans to have Dr. Edward U. Condon as its guest sometime after the report's release. Other major news media, both domestic and foreign, are also interested in pursuing it. Therefore, we want to be fully prepared for whatever the report may say. The extent to which the major radio and TV networks will cover the report may well depend on the initial press coverage and public interest.

DR. DAVID R. SAUNDERS

Dr. David R. Saunders, one of the two scientists fired from the Colorado Project, visited with members of the NICAP staff, including the Assistant Director, shortly after Christmas. Aside from being in Washington to conduct other business, Dr. Saunders also took the opportunity to plug his new book, UFOz? Yes!, coauthored with former Denver newspaperman, Roger Harkins, and to discuss his involvement with the Colorado Project.

Dr. Saunders provided background information for the upcoming "Meet the Press" TV program with Dr. Condon; taped Mutual Broadcasting System and Voice of America radio programs; and made tentative future arrangements to tape a national German TV (Sudwestfunken) program. He also talked with several top columnists.

We hope to include a comprehensive review of UFOs? Yes! in the next Investigator. We have read the galleys and can report that it is an intimate expose of the Project. It will also add much fuel to a positive fire if the report is negative or even middle-of-the-road. Even if the report is positive, it will be evident (from this book and NICAP's involvement, etc.) that the conclusion was still subjectively reached — not as a result of careful scrutiny of the evidence but more probably as a result of pressures due to the increased scientific (the prestigious American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics, for instance, supported the need for a closer study in their publication; see story in the next Investigator) and public interest.

The book is published by the New American Library (NAL), New York. A Signet (subsidiary of NAL) paperback edition will be released simultaneously. Although, to our knowledge, a definite publication date has yet to be amounced. Dr. Saunders informs us that the paperback edition is already on sale at some bookstands.

IMPORTANT TV SHOW SCHEDULED

An important, nationally syndicated ABC television program was taped in Chicago on December 17. The panelists were Congressman J. Edward Roush (D-Ind), who chaired the July Congressional hearings; Dr. James E. McDonald; Dr. J. Allen Hynek; Dr. Eric Schwarz, guther of "UFOs: Delusion or Dilemma?" in the October issue of "Medical Times"; recently retired Air Force Col. Lawrence Tacker, former head of Project Blue Book; NICAP Assistant Director Gordon Lore; and an unidentified major airlines pilot (formerly an Air Force pilot), who was interviewed off camera.

The Bing Crosby Productions release is entitled "Paul Harvey: A Conference on UFOs" and will be shown as an ABC special throughout the country. We urge you to watch for it in your local TV listings.

We expect to present a summary of the points on the program in the next Investigator. The 90-minute show is undoubtedly the most important, comprehensive TV program yet done on the subject.

SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMATION

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A new Subcommittee, lecated in Memphis, has been efficially approved for the western Tennessee area. Chairman of Tennessee Unit #2 is Kenneth E. Bryan (5319 Pomona Cove, Memphis 38116); an agricultural meteorologist. Other members and advisers include pilots, a deputy sheriff, amateur astronomers and photographers.

The address for Julius L. Benton, Jr., Chairman of our newly formed Georgia Unit #1 (see last Newsletter — Vol. III, No. 6) is 305 Surrey Rd., Savannah 31404. We also wish to thank Mr. Benton for his report on the Albany, Ga., E-M case of November 22 (see enclosed xerox of sighting eards and the sighting story in the next Investigator), potentially a very important case which we plan to have a panel of scientists study.

Address for John Myers, new Chairman of European Unit #1, is 47 Cheneys Rd., Leytonstone, London E.II., England.

An important new Subcommittee is being formed for Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas. Former Assistant Director Richard H. Hall has been designated as Chairman. Experts in astronomy, psychology, physics, sociology, anthropology, chemical analysis and opthalmology have agreed to join or act as advisers. We will let you know when the group is officially formed.

The following Subcommittees have been forced to become inactive because of business and personal pressures:

New York Unit #1 — Chairman Jose A. Cecin. Joe has been of invaluable help to NICAP over the years and we deeply regret the less of his Subcommittee, which for some months now has been forced into an inactive stage. Jose has promised to keep in contact with us, however, and render advice and aid from time to time.

Washington State Umit #1 - acting Chairman June Larson. Mrs. Larson also has been of tremendous help to us and her interest and participation stems from NICAP's earliest days. We are also greatly indebted to her for sending us several thousand clippings, many of which have provided valuable leads to new cases, pointing out the need for all NICAP personnel to send us clippings and/or sighting reports both old and new.

SEARCHLIGHTS MAY CAUSE FALSE REPORTS

Connecticut Affiliate President George Earley has sent the following item from the December issue of "Vertical World," which should be used for correlation material:

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"Model SX-16 Nightsun searchlights, manufactured by Textron Inc.'s Spectrolab Division at Sylmar, Califa, are being installed on helicopters of the Los Angeles, Denver and Chicago police departments. The 23-pound, FAA-certified SX-16 uses a 1600-watt kenon lamp and can 'positively identify' suspects from an altitude of 300 feet. Spectrolab claims the SX-16 is the most powerful searchlight developed for light helicopter use.

"Meanwhile, the Nightsun Model FX-150 168-pound searchlight, rated at 20,000 watts input power, has been suggested for use in Vietnam. It can illuminate an area of over half a mile diameter from an altitude of 10,000 feet. Flight tests of the FX-150 have already taken place at bases including Langley AFB and Ft. Belvoir, Wa.; Army Aviation Systems command,

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The portion of this Newsletter devoted to the Colorado Project report should be held in CONFIDENCE until the next issue of The UFO Investigator is published, which should be within the next week.

THE COLORADO REPORT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

I had hoped to send off the following preliminary rebuttal material to the Condon report before now, but the "flap" that has resulted over the release of the report has made this impossible. Frankly, I have not yet had a chance to read the entire report, but have gleaned enough from it and from the conversations and notes of Drs. David R. Saunders and James E. McDonald and others who have reviewed it more thoroughly to pass on the following material.

News of the contents of the report leaked out to the press on or about 7 January. After the initial AP leak, apparent demands from news media personnel forced an Air Force meeting at the Pentagon. At this time it was decided that the report would be released earlier than intended. Copies of the three-volume, near-1,500 page report were distributed to news media personnel on the afternoon of 8 January, with a noon 9 January release time. By this time, however, the story had already broken and the furor had begun.

A week after the report was released to the press, Bantam Books published the report unabridged. Following is the full identification of the Bantam edition, which is available in most stores: Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects; Conducted by the University of Colorado Under Research Contract Number Flu620-67-C-0035 With the U.S. Air Force; Dr. Edward U. Condon, Project Director; With an Exclusive Introduction by Walter Sullivan of The New York Times (New York, Toronto, London: Bantam Books, January 1969), 965 pages, \$1.95. Any references to page numbers will be based upon this edition.

Widespread News Media anterest

NICAP was able to secure a copy of the report from CBS on the same afternoon of its release. We immediately scheduled a press conference at the National. Press Club, Washington, D.C., for 10:30 a.m., 10 January. The principal speakers were Major Donald E. Keyhoe, who conducted the conference, and Drs. McDonald and Saunders.

We were besieged by major and minor news media personnel from all over the country. CBS filmed an interview with Maj. Keyhoe, to be used on Walter Cronkite's Evening News, but was preempted at the last minute. NBC filmed and used portions of our press conference on "The Huntley-Brinkley Report." "Time" and "Newsweek" magazines contacted us for interviews and published articles on the Condon report's release. Newspapers, large and small, from all over the country carried the wire service stories on the report's release and our press conference. Radio and TV stations nationwide and in Canada besieged us for interviews. A future interview with "Voice of American is scheduled.

There is no doubt that there is widespread interest and controversy over the Colorado report, which concludes "that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectations that science will be advanced thereby" (Bantam, 1). Preliminary indications are that most of the public and some, of the news media are not accepting the report. South Carolina's largest newspaper. The State, for instance, in an editorial entitled "A Study That Wasn't," stated that the Colorado report "may be instantly repudiated ... " It added that Dr. Condon and Project Coordinator Robert Low were "increasingly hostile to those who insisted on a strictly objective approach" and concluded that "the public could place more confidence in ... (Colorado's) findings if it were not positively known, as is the case, that the Condon group first arrived at this (negative) conclusion and then went through the motions of assembling the evidence almost as an afterthought."

Despite the negative conclusions and recommendations of the Condon team and the fact that most of the good evidence of the past 20 years was ignored, the strong residue (about 20 percent of the less than 100 cases in the report, which is approximately seven times greater than the Air Force's own percentage of unknowns) of "unidentified" signtings in the report do not justify Colorado's conclusions. Following are the "unidentified" sightings from the Condon reports

* - June 4 and 5 and December 4, 1965. Three U.S. astronauts see and photograph UFOs. Colorado: These "three enexplained sightings... are a challenge to the analyst" (Bantam, 204-8). * - August 13-14, 1956. Greenwich, England, UFOs tracked on radar and seen visually by RAF pilots. One plane was paced by a UFO. Colorado: The "probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high" (Bantam, 248-256). * -- September 19-20, 1957. Texas Louisiana. Bomber pilot saw a UFO that was tracked on ground radar. Colorado: "The phenomenon encountered" could not be identified. * - November 14, 1956 and August 30, 1957. : Central Alabama and near Norfolk, Va. Viscount Capt. W.J. Hull, on two occasions, saw UFOs that were also tracked on aircraft fadar. Colorado: "These two cases must be considered as unknowns" (Bantam, 127-9). * - June 23, 1955. Near Utica, N.Y. Three plane crews saw a UFO going between 4,500 and 4,800 m.p.h. while ground radar tracked it. Colorado: This "is a most intriguing report that must certainly be classed as an unknown pending further study, which it certainly deserves (Bantam, 143). *- May 13, 1967/ Colorado Springs, Colo, UFO tracked on airport radar as Braniff flight landed. Colorado: "This must remain as one of the most puzzling radar cases on record, and no conclusion is possible ... * -- April 22, 1966.

and the contract of the second Beverly, Mass. A football-shaped UFO with flashing red lights frightened witnesses and caused interference with TV reception. Colprado: "No explanation is attempted to account for the close UFO encounter reported..." (Bantam, 266-270). * - August 19; 1966. Donneybrook, N.D. A disc made a near-landing, "a whooshing sound," and created E-M interference in the witness car radio. Colorado said it could find no explanation for this sighting. (Bantam, 273-4). * - January 1967. New Richmond, Mich. UFO paced car, created E-M effects: Colorado: "The case remains interesting but enexplained. * * -- May 11, 1950. McMinnville, Ore. A metallic UFO with a superstructure was photographed twice. Colorado: All factors in the case "appear to be consistent with the assertion than an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses" (Bantam, 396-407). Other unidentified cases in the report include a series of three sightings in Joplin, Mo., and southeast Kansas, Jan. 13, 1967; an observation at Granville, Mass., two days: later; a report from Winchester, Conn., on Sept. 9, 1967 (Bantam, 342-4); and a sighting over the south central U.S., Dec. 5, 1967. The series were a market work some with

MOTE: In re the Capt. W.J. Hull cases above (line 9, p. 2), please delete the following from lines 10 and 11: "observed by control tower personnel and were the training and the state of the s

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NICAP's main objection to the report is the wealth of material that was ignored. In Section IV, Case Studies, of the report (Bantam, 245-480), only 10 cases predating the project's beginning are included. The four major sighting "flaps" of modern times (1952, 1957, 1965, 1966) are not even mentioned. MICAP sent Colorado detailed reports and leads to about 1,500 sightings. About I.3% of these were examined in any depth. The Condon team was repeatedly urged by NICAP, Dr. McDonald and others to review such cases as the following, which were completely ignored: The first on the system than the contract of

Chiles-Whitted, 7/24/48; Airline pilots over Stuttgert, Ark., 3/20/50; Sperry-Gates, 5/50; Nash-Fortenberry, 7/14/52; Ryan, 14/8/56; Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, 8/20/49; Kaleszewski, 10/10-11/51; Socorro, N.M., 4/24/64; Ravenna, Ohio, 14/16/67, etc. 10

Irrelevant Padding

The second secon Aside from the omission of highly important cases, over half the report is padded with irrelevant material - explanations of natural phenomena, long passages on mirages rising from ships at sea, ball-lightning, other lightming phenomena, earthquakes, hoax balloons, etc. Most of this is an apparent rehash of what has already been published in numerous textbooks, and certainly does not come to grips with the crux of the problem: the 20 to 30% of reports that carmot be explained in terms of natural phenomena, hoaxes, hallucinations, etc. Much of Colorado's half-million dollars also went into investigations of obvious "nut" reports and other cases that could obviously be explained. Instead of concentrating on the real problem the hard-core residue of unknowns - Colorado wasted most of its time and

money on superfluous explanations and concentration on low-quality reports. Unfortunately, to the layman, the report looks big and impressive, but, to the person well-versed in the subject, it comes across as it really is: a shoddy, bulky, superfluous study — a classic example that quantity does not equal quality.

Please note the enclosed press release. A more detailed analysis of the Condon report will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Investigator, which you should be receiving within a week, and in a "white paper" to be issued later.

UFOs? Yes! an Effective Rebuttal

A helpful bit of advice from Dr. J. Allen Hynek: In order to arrive at a full understanding of what transpired at Colorado, it is necessary to read two documents: the Condon report and UFOs? Yes!, by Dr. David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins (New York: Signet Books, January 1969), 95¢, 256 pps. The Saunders-Harkins book should be regarded as highly effective rebuttal material.

There can be little doubt that we are now involved in a critical struggle to offset the negative influence of the Colorado report. Unless the report is successfully refuted, any hope of full-scale scientific and/or Congressional investigations could be set back another 20 years. Therefore, any analyses, knowledgeable Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee members can make of the report would be most helpful.

DEATH OF KENNETH E. BRYAN

We deeply regret having to amounce the untimely death of Kenneth E. Bryan, Chairman of the newly-organized Tennessee Unit #2 and NICAP adviser, at the age of 37. Wr. Bryan was a meteorologist at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport. He was killed on January 9 when his car struck a bridge abutment near the Mississippi-Tennessee border.

Mr. Bryan was a graduate of Alfred University, New York (electrical engineering) and Florida State University (meteorology)! He had been with the Memphis Weather Bureau for four and one-half years.

Kenneth Bryan has been of invaluable assistance to NICAP in his advisory capacity. He frequently lectured on UFOs and promoted the cause of NICAP whenever and wherever he could. We shall greatly miss his enthusiasm and loyal support.

ILLINOIS ÜNIT #2 DISBANDED

Because of "increasing business responsibilities," Chairman Robert E. Seamends has disbanded Illinois Unit #2. We regret losing this hitherto effective group and sincerely appreciate their past efforts in our behalf.

TV DOCUMENTARY REMAINS UNSOLD

The taped television documentary, "Paul Harvey: A Conference on UFOs" (see Newsletter; Vol. IV, No. 1, p. 3), has not yet been sold to ABC stations around the country. Now that the Colorado report is creating renewed interest, perhaps the show will attract some buyers. It would be unfortunate if this significant and important program were left unaired. We will keep you informed of any future developments.

NOTE: In re the Condon report, it is extremely important that Subcommittees and others when the opportunity arises send us good UFO cases as soom as possible. Dr. Hynek recently made the point that it may be difficult to get good cases from highly reputable witnesses because of the negative influence of the Colorado report. Good, effective sighting reports should do more than anything else in not only refuting Colorado but toward convincing the press and public that UFOs are a serious problem worthy of intensive scientific study.

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IN CONDON REPORT REBUTTAL

Former members of the Colorado Project's Early Warning Net - and all other Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee members involved -- are asked to cooperate fully with us on our comprehensive rebuttal of the Condon report. A form is enclosed, and we ask all members who worked with the Colorado Project to fill it out and return it to us as soon as possible. An important section of NICAP's rebuttal will discuss the cases which were brought to the attention of the Colorado Project by members of the Early Warning Net but which were either not investigated at all by the project or are not mentioned in the Condon report. It is important for us to receive this material quickly, so that we will know which of these cases are most significant and how much space this section will require. sinda prima di engaga sibili

Although a number of good newspapers are dissenting editorially from the conclusions of the Condon report, many influential newspapers and magazines are endorsing it. Thile we have reason to be optimistic about scientists! reaction to the report, most busy scientists, unless they are made aware of the report's serious flaws and omissions, are likely to be misled by it.

We feel a strong obligation to alert the nation's news media, scientists, and other influential segments of the population, to the faults of the Condon report. You are aware of our initial steps; now we are bearing down ! on a vital project - a calm, thorough, probing evaluation of the report with the help of professional scientists, aerospace engineers, and well-informed. NICAP personnel. Basically, we must fight fire with fire; therefore, we are asking some Ph.D. scientists to contribute signed articles containing their individual evaluations. However, comments and criticisms from a much wider range of prople are needed, and will be quoted or excerpted as arece and other ROUSH AGREES TO BECOME BOARD MEMBER considerations permit. 1

Ex-Congressman J. Edward Roush (R-Ind.), chairman of the Congressional hearings m UFOs in July 1968, has agreed to become a member of the MICAP Board of Governors, pending approval by other Board members.

bar in 1949. He served in World War II and was decorated with the Bronze Star. He is also a former member of the Indiana Legislature.

Mr. Roush was instrumental in getting the emergency telephone number 911 adopted in numerous U.S. sities, including New York, after some foreign countries, among them England, Canada West Germany, Belgium and Denmark, experienced considerable success with three-digit hot line numbers. His article, "911 - A Hot line for Emergencies," originally published in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, was later reprinted in "Reader's Digest."

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As you may know, Mr. Roush has had an interest in UFOs for a number of years. His interest reached a peak last year however, after receiving UFO information and case material from NICAP and such scientists as Dr. James E. McDonald. Despite much opposition from various quarters, he managed to persuade the Committee on Mcience and Astronautics to hold an all-day UFO Symposium on July 29. This was the most significant and valuable step Congress has yet taken on the subject.

NOTE: Please keep the above CONFIDENTIAL until approval by the Board of Governors.

SUBCOMMITTEES NOW FORMING

Three new prospective Subcommittees with highly qualified personnel are new being formed in Missouri. New York and Oklahoma.

Two members of the Gemini-Apollo space programs, at McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Co. St. Iouis, are organizing a unit in Missouri. One of the organizers is a ratified A.F. major and private pilot experienced in original investigations. The other is also a private pilot & a graduate in serospace technology. Other possible members include an airline pilot and a lawyer.

Dr. Allen S. Mariner, a psychiatrist with the Ontario County Health Center, has agreed to become Chairman of New York Unit #7, in Rochester, which will be officially approved soon. At least two others, fincluding a senior lab technicians, are members.

A Tulsa, Oklahoma, unit is being organized by William L. Trby an electronics expert. Since 1953 he has been "owner and manager of one of the largest television and electronic service organizations in Cklahoma." He was also former President and Business Manager of the Tulsa Radio and Television Association. Others include Louis Desjardins, a geologist expert in foreign languages, author of Several "photogeology" articles in technical magazines, and "three times president of Astronomy Club of Tulsa"; I.N. Lazar, electro chemist; John H. Frazier, Special Deputy Sheriff with "advanced training in mathematics"; Roderick F. Kasar, accountent

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with training in electronics; and Robert A. Lieser, Jr., public school teacher and Librarian for the Tulsa City-County Library.

We will keep you informed of the progress of these units.

CONGRESSMAN WYMAN SUBMITS NEW RESOLUTION

Congressman Louis Wyman (R-NH) submitted a new UFO resclution to Congress on January 3, 1969. House Resolution (H.R.) 52 calls for the Committee on Science and Astronautics to "conduct a full and complete investigation and study of unidentified flying objects." Mr. Wyman, you may recall, submitted H.R. 946 some months ago calling for the same committee to investigate UFO reports.

The new resolution serves mainly to point out the fact that some Congressmen are still concerned over the UFO problem and want to see it resolved. Committee Chairman George Miller, however, has recently stated that he did not intend to hold further hearings on UFOs unless "hard-core" evidence was found.

SUBCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEER REFERRAL

Some members and others interested in NICAP and the UFC problem are continuing to write headquarters offering their volunteer services to the nearest Subcommittee and/or Affiliate.

When these offers come in, we will send a kerox copy of the letters on to the appropriate Subcommittee or Affiliate and it will be up to the Chairman/President to see that the volunteer is contacted. We have been receiving some complaints from prospective volunteers to the effect that they have not been contacted. We realize too welk how it is possible to get behind on correspondence and what we have to consider as low-priority jobs, but we urge you to do all you can to contact people who offer their services. Sometimes persons with valuable technical training and related experience can be attained in this manner.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to what action you take on the forwarded volunteer letters.

EXTRA COPIES OF INVESTIGATOR

Those Board/Affiliate/Subcommittee members desiring extra copies of The UFO Investigator, please contact us. If we do not hear from you, you will receive the usual one copy. Due to an apparent mixup at our mailers, a few members have complained that they have not been receiving the number of copies they requested, but we are doing what we can to see that this problem is straightened out.