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" . . I suppose that there will always be many who . . regard a statement as incredible although it is well-attested--in the manner of the countryman who, confronted with his first giraffe, remarked, 'I don't believe there's no sich creature.' It is probably a waste of time to commend to their attention the essential cowardice, as well as the virtue, of 'philosophical doubt' in the presence of unexplained facts."--Rupert T. Gould.

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Know Your Magazine

SKYLOOK was first published in September 1967. Your editor also became the publisher in 1969 and SKYLOOK has been published monthly since that time.

In May 1969 the Midwest UFO Network was organized and SKYLOOK was proud to be named its official publication in July.

You do not have to be a member of MUFON to subscribe to SKYLOOK; but if you are a member, you'll find the best way to keep up with the organization's plans and progress is by reading Director Walter H. Andrus' "Message" in each issue along with the "Organization Notes."

SKYLOOK is staffed by and for adults. Our policy has always been to tell it as it is, and we make every effort to separate fact from fantasy. We invite UFO reports from our readers, as well as from our regular staff and MUFON members. We give credit for material used, but will not use your name if you prefer anonymity.

SKYLOOK is in the mail around the 27th of the month preceding the date of issue --and the deadline for copy for next month's issue is always the 20th of this month. Please send in your material as early as possible, as we hold open only two pages for the morning mail of the 20th.

Material for SKYLOOK should be mailed to the editor. Enquiries re MUFON should be directed to Walter H. Andrus (addresses on this page).

Where to Order MUFON Publications

The Field Investigator's Manual --guidelines, techniques and suggestions on how to conduct UFO sighting interview, investigation, filing reports, reporting forms, aids, charts etc. Price: \$1.50 to MUFON members; \$2.00 to non-members, USA and Canada; outside, \$2.75. Order from Midwest UFO Network, Inc., 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Ill., 62301.
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Anyone interested in UFOs should add these books to their library. Highly recommended by your editor.

A Message From Your Director

UFO research in the Los Angeles and Orange County area of California will continue uninterrupted with the appointment of Mrs. Idabel Epperson as the State-Section Director to carry on the outstanding work that has been done for the past fifteen years in this vitally important segment of our nation. The majority of the personnel associated with Mrs. Epperson have already joined MUFON and are subscribing to SKYLOOK. Idabel, with her daughter, Marilyn, resides at 343 North Citrus Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., 90036; telephone AC 213 938-0593. It is a pleasure to welcome Idabel, a very gracious lady and enthusiastic UFO researcher, to MUFON. We would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Mrs. Charles (Ann) Druffel, 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, Calif., 91105, a colleague of Idabel and a MUFON member, for her work in organizing the SKYNET program as a means of tracking UFOs in the same two counties.

In order to strengthen MUFON's UFO research into this perplexing phenomenon, two more consultants have volunteered their services. Adrian Vance, writer-photographer and photo analyst, 7431 Del Zuro Drive, Hollywood, Calif., 90046, has been appointed a Consultant in Photography. He has written and produced over 150 educational film strips for various companies, including Universal International and the Encyclopaedia Britannica. He is a Contributing Editor to Peterson's PHOTOGRAPHIC magazine. Their January, 1973, issue carried Vance's very fine photo analysis of the Oregon UFO photo made on Nov. 22, 1966, by a scientist on the west coast who holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and is a consultant to a major U.S. corporation. (See SKYLOOK article in this issue for story.)

Ron Westrum, Ph. D., Professor of Sociology at Eastern Michigan State University, has been selected as MUFON's Consultant in Sociology. He resides at 555 East William, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48108. Ron attended the 1972 Midwest UFO Conference in Quincy, Illinois, on June 17, 1972, and had an opportunity to evaluate the work being done by MUFON. He will be applying his expertise to the second edition of our "Field Investigator's Manual," to not only up-date its material, but to improve its effectiveness as a tool in UFO sighting interviews and investigation. Ron will not only be providing consulting service to MUFON, but he is already active as a Field Investigator working directly with Robert L. Stinson, State-Section Director for the counties surrounding Detroit, Michigan. Bob Stinson is proud to announce the selection of three other very competent Field Investigators by naming David Stupple, Ph. D., Ypsilanti; Arthur M. Spinella, Editor/Reporter for Ward's Automotive Report, of Belleville; and Fred R. Varner, Madison Heights.

We are proud to announce that Jerry L. Sievers, 140 Ramsey Road, Vincennes, Indiana, will be the State-Section Director for Knox, Daviess, and Sullivan Counties. Jerry formerly worked as a UFO team with Francis L. Ridge, now a State-Section Director in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Lou Farish, State Director for Arkansas, has appointed Larry D. Gillihan as the State-Section Director for the northeast Arkansas counties of Craighead, Greene, Clay, Mississippi and Poinsett. Larry, a professional musician, lives in Bono, Arkansas (P. O. Box 113) and performs under the name of "Larry Donn." He is a personal friend of both Lou Farish and Ted Phillips.

Ron Anderson, WA9PAM, Net Control for the MUFON Amateur Radio Net, would like to remind all members that the net meets every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. C.S.T. on 3.975 MHz. WA9ARG, Quincy, Illinois, and W0NC, St. Louis, Missouri, are alternate net control stations when Ron's work schedule interrupts.

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In order for MUFON to expand its world-wide research and to communicate with interested personnel in other nations, we are looking for people who will volunteer to act as translators of printed or typewritten reports. (You will note that Bill and Carol Armstrong translated several UFO reports from Argentina in the January issue of SKYLOOK.) In Joe Brill's specialty, "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain," he also needs assistance in translating correspondence. If you are willing to provide such volunteer service, please write to your Director, advising the language in which you are qualified.

We are cognizant of the fact that the name "Midwest UFO Network" designates a regional area of the United States. With our present expansion to 26 states from Main to Florida and New York to California, it is timely that we consider the possibility of adopting an organizational name that does not reflect a geographical locality. Since MUFON is becoming known world-wide through correspondence received and orders for our Conference Proceedings, the name should be considered from an international viewpoint also. Your Board of Directors solicits your suggestions so that a gradual transition may be made in the most convenient manner within the next year or two. As a guide to persons contributing suggestions, the words "UFO Network" should be retained due to our organizational structure, unless another title is more indicative. Please mail such suggestions and ideas to your Director, expressing the reasons for the new name.

As promised, the date, time, and place for our Fourth Annual MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM is being announced in SKYLOOK. Please refer to the article in this issue announcing our major event of the year.

Walt Andrus, Director, MUFON

4th Annual MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM to be Held
June 16, 1973, in Kansas City

We are proud to announce that the 4th Annual MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM will be held Saturday, June 16, 1973, at the Howard Johnson Motel in Kansas City, the "Heart of America." The motel is located on Interstate Highway 35 at 87th Street in southwest Kansas City, Missouri (actually in Lenexa, Kansas). The Symposium will be hosted by the Kansas City UFO group with Tom Nicholl and Ted Phillips as Co-Chairmen. Speakers presently scheduled are Stanton T. Friedman, Bill Laub, Ted Phillips, John Schuessler, and Walt Andrus.

The featured speaker for Saturday evening will be announced in the March issue of SKYLOOK, with ticket information to follow in subsequent issues. Additional speakers and plans for the Annual MUFON Corporate Meeting on June 17 will be forthcoming.

Dr. Joseph to Speak on "Extra-Terrestrial Life" at Open Meeting, St. Louis

The UFO Study Club of Greater St. Louis is sponsoring a public lecture on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 PM, at the Lemay Bank & Trust Co., 152 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Robert D. Joseph, Research Associate in the Department of Physics at Washington University, will speak on "Extra-Terrestrial Life."

There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

The regular meeting of the study group will be held Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2 PM at the Lemay bank.

Retired Air Force Man Relates Remarkable Account of Disappearing Jet
and Radar Officer at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

Editor's Note: The following report comes to us from Clarence O. Dargie, a retired Air Force master sergeant, a member of the Midwest UFO Network and a lecturer on the Bible and ancient civilizations and UFOs. He told Lou Farish about this at the Carlyle Lake picnic last summer, and Lou asked him to write an account for SKYLOOK. We thank both of you. Mr. Dargie's report follows, in his own words.

This is an account of the disappearance of an F-94C jet fighter-interceptor which has puzzled me for many years. I have personal knowledge of the circumstances because I was directly involved in the resultant investigation. (Just for the record, I retired from the Air Force three years ago.) I have no objection to this story being used in other publications as long as I get written credit wherever it appears.

This happened at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts in June of 1953 (maybe '54). Otis Air Force Base is on Cape Cod about 12 miles east of Buzzards Bay at the edge of old Camp Edwards. Just after dark an F-94C with classified electronic gear aboard took off in a westerly direction. The crew consisted of the pilot, Captain Suggs, and the Radar Officer (R/O) Lt. Barkoff. According to the pilot's sworn testimony, shortly after breaking ground - at an altitude of 1500 feet over the Base Rifle Range - the engine quit functioning and the entire electrical systems failed. As the aircraft's nose dropped toward the ground at an ever increasing angle, the pilot stopcocked the throttle and yelled to the R/O to bail out.

The normal bail out sequence in this particular type of aircraft calls for the R/O to jettison the canopy by pulling a lever which activates explosive bolts, then pulling a second handle which ejects him from the aircraft by means of an explosive device under the seat. The pilot, upon hearing the second explosion which tells him that the R/O is clear of the aircraft, is then free to eject. In this case, however, the pilot ejected immediately after the R/O jettisoned the canopy because the aircraft had now descended to about 600 feet at a steep angle and was about 3 seconds from impact.

The parachute opened and acted as an airbrake to slow the pilot down and stopped his forward motion just as his feet hit the ground. He landed in the backyard of a house near the base and the first indication that the owner had that there was something amiss is when he heard Captain Suggs calling out to his R/O, "Bob, where are you?"

The R/O could not be found and the pilot had a difficult time convincing the owner that his aircraft had crashed because the man had been sitting near an open, screened window and had heard nothing.

The crippled plane should have crashed near where Suggs landed but it wasn't there.

This caused one of the most extensive and intensive searches I have ever seen or heard tell of. The Cape was literally combed, both on foot and from the air, for three months without turning up a thing. The aircraft and the R/O were never found.

There are all sorts of points to ponder in this case. For example, if the aircraft did not impact on land, then it must have somehow reached Buzzards Bay some 12 miles away and crashed in the water. If this happened, then someone would most certainly have seen or heard it because the bay is crowded with pleasure and commercial watercraft at this time of year. No

one saw or heard it. In addition, the aircraft had a full fuel aboard and if it did not explode in flames on impact, it would have left a large fuel slick on the surface. There was no fuel slick. The Navy dragged the bay from end to end but no wreckage was found.

In view of the fact that the pilot stopcocked the throttle and the aircraft was descending at a steep angle only 600 feet from the ground when the pilot ejected, we can discount the possibility that the crash occurred in the water. This leaves us with the only other alternative and that is the fact that the aircraft, in all logic, impacted on the ground. This whole event took place in a well populated area at the height of the tourist season. If it did crash in that area, it would have created a detonation heard for miles; yet, no explosion was heard, no flames were seen and no wreckage was found.

What caused the complete and simultaneous failure of all engine and electrical systems? Aircraft systems are designed to combat this very contingency. All the electrical systems have their own separate power sources so if one power source fails, the others are not effected; yet the pilot swears that, without warning, the cockpit lights, navigation lights, instruments, radio and engine simply went dead.

In the final analysis, it would seem that the aircraft and the R/O literally vanished into some form of oblivion in the 3 seconds between the time that Captain Suggs left the aircraft at 600 feet and the time it would have crashed to earth.

As far as I know, the aircraft and the R/O were never found. At least, it hadn't been located as of December 1954, when I was re-assigned to an overseas station. Where are they?

Perhaps the "Twilight Zone" is not just a figment of Rod Serling's imagination.

Some of the circumstances involved in this case were classified and I have had to frame my story around them. Jets of this nature were dispatched to intercept aerial objects that failed to respond to radar identification. It was on just this type of mission that this aircraft vanished.

Editor's Note: We ask our readers to read this last paragraph a second time--just in case you failed to get the point the first time.

Is there anybody out there?

Probably, agreed a symposium of scientists at Boston University. But would they want to have anything to do with us?

"With our magnificent record with the Indians, the Chinese, the Filipinos, you can imagine what will happen," declared Anthropologist Ashley Montagu. Added Harvard's Nobel-prize winning biologist-professor George Wald: "However horrifying and destructive, you can't think of anything so horrible that somebody would not feel elated at carrying it out."

As a matter of fact, said Cornell Astronomer Carl Sagan, other civilizations may already know about us because of our high-frequency radar and military messages. "That," said Sagan, "may explain why nobody has been here."

Source: TIME, Dec. 4, 1972. Credit: Lucius Farish

Physical Trace Report Next Month

We didn't forget the Physical Trace Report by Ted Phillips this month and Ted didn't forget it either--but he just couldn't find time to get it ready this month. He'll be with us again in the March issue of SKYLOOK.

UFO's And "The Oregon Photo" - Using Photography to Tackle a Mystery

The above is the title of a lengthy article in the PhotoGraphic magazine, January 1973 issue, and written by Adrian Vance. We suggest you look for a copy on your newsstand as you will find it an intensely interesting article even though you may not be especially interested in photography. If you ARE, then this article should be a "must."

The editor of the magazine introduced the article with a note stating it is "a photographic exercise pertaining to the use of photography as an analytical tool for the measuring of distance, speed and size. We are in no way acknowledging or denying the existence of UFO's."

On Nov. 22, 1966, the story began off Highway 58 at the 5000 foot level near the Willamette Pass in Oregon. A man, described by Mr. Vance as a "relaxed college professor type" and "a careful, thoughtful person" was making a slow climb up a snowbank at the Diamond Peak overlook in order to take a picture of the mountain. On reaching the top, he took two pictures and waited for perhaps another shot through the churning mists. Suddenly something appeared in front of him and with camera at eye he instinctively snapped the shutter.

"In that moment our man joined the ranks of the five million people in the United States who have seen UFO's, but with one essential difference --he had taken a picture of it and the number of people who have done that is probably less than 200," Mr. Vance wrote.

The witness first contacted the U. S. Air Force and received a telephone call from an Air Force officer who insisted the witness had seen three "Frisbees" tossed in the air.

The witness then contacted NICAP and after a six-months wait was informed the case would be closed without additional study. Mrs. Idabel Epperson, in charge of a southern California chapter of that organization, wasn't satisfied with the "analysis" and Mr. Vance, who has been doing photo analysis for the group for about five years finally got the negative, camera, a couple prints and much of the correspondence regarding the work.

We will not go into his further investigation and technical analysis of the photo--the main part of the article--as, frankly, we could not do justice to the report with a shortened version, so suggest you buy a copy of the magazine and read the full report.

However, there seems no doubt that the photo is a genuine shot of a UFO and Mr. Vance's careful study has explained some features not understood until this time.

He offers good advice to anyone getting a picture of a UFO. Get several copies of "Form J" from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540. Filing the form with two copies of the picture and \$6 will protect your interest for 28 years. No one can use it without your permission for that time.

Mr. Vance concludes his article with the following paragraph: "The UFO mystery appears to be the nearest window to a new era in science, and photography is in a pivotal position because not only is the camera a great tool for investigation, but also for creating interest. The mind of man has always seen to it that the most ambitious fantasies of the previous century have been topped by the events of the next. We've already done more than the most wild 19th century writers could imagine and soon "2001" may seem archaic as we look through that glass."

Editor's Note: We are happy to report Mr. Vance is now a Consultant in Photography for MUFON, and Mrs. Epperson is one of our State-Section Directors.

Rand Document Proposes New UFO Unit and Further Investigation

Writers Robert B. Klinn and David Branch continue their research into matters ufological, new and old, and their findings on the Rand Document has appeared in issues of "The Register," Santa Ana, California. Again we thank Professor Charles Kahlert for sending us these fine articles.

The Rand Document, "UFOs: What to Do?" appeared in November, 1968, and is unavailable to the public. It is filed in the library of this country's top military, ultra-high security, think-tank facility, the Rand Corporation. Rand is a sprawling "little Pentagon" situated opposite the Los Angeles County Court House in Santa Monica, California.

This document, objective and far-reaching in its evaluation and recommendations concerning the status and future of the UFO problem in this country, has so infuriated Major Hector Quintanilla, notoriously anti-UFO ex-chief of the U.S. Air Force's defunct Project Blue Book, that he has written a highly critical letter to the Rand Corporation, boss of the author of the report.

Klinn and Branch read the letter which is "nasty in tone and crudely worded" and all but orders the author, astronomer George Kocher / now a member of MUFON. See January "Message" / to be fired for having written it.

In contrast to Quintanilla's reaction, the writers learned the report was very favorably received by officials at the U. S. Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Operations (SAMSO) office in Los Angeles. When the report was first circulated among Rand Corp. scientists, many were eager to initiate the recommendations.

Unfortunately, the report came out at about the time Blue Book was about to close down and get the Air Force out of the UFO business--and, since the U.S. Air Force is the prime employer of the Rand Corp, it wouldn't do to have the prestigious Rand Corp. contradict it by proposing an "expanded data collection and analysis effort."

The writers don't say how they obtained a copy of the document, but they give a detailed report of its contents in their article.

It has five parts: One - UFOs; Historical Aspects; Two - UFOs: Astronomical Aspects; Three - UFOs: The Character of Reports; Four - UFOs: Phenomenological Aspects; and Five - UFOs: How to Proceed and Why.

The report states that it was apparently the CIA's recommendation to follow a policy of debunking UFOs and discouraging public interest in them --with the result that "authorities tended to make witnesses look ridiculous."

Klinn and Branch say the document includes several UFO reports never before published, showing in-depth investigations, data, diagrams, and drawings of variously shaped UFOs . To quote: In one Newton, Illinois sighting of a "prolate spheroidal shape" seen 35 feet off the ground, "the design at the lower rear looked like a pattern of crosses and dots." The report states, "As far as Mrs. A's sighting is concerned, we have obtained enough data from follow-up inquiry and onsite investigation to rule out known airborne craft, meteorological and astronomical phenomena. Yet the observations are sufficiently detailed to give us adequate confidence that some sort of machine was present, behaving in a very extraordinary way." (End, quote)

The report mentions that UFOs seem to have been with us from the earliest times, but with a drastic increase in the number of sightings in the past twenty-five years.

The report then proposes the "organization of a central report-receiving agency, staffed by a permanent group of experienced UFO investigators and having on call specialists in astronomy, physics, optics, atmospheric physics, psychology. . ."

It goes on to suggest report forms to be made available in post offices, toll-free telephone lines and a link of the agency with a network of radio amateurs, local police and scientists. And there is much more.

What a pity the Rand Document was filed away instead of being adopted by our government. But it is still good to know the document was written and accepted by the corporation, and perhaps it will be given the consideration it deserves when government "policy" changes to facing facts instead of denying them.

They Were Around in 1902!

Ted Phillips' wife, Ginger, gets the credit for this one. She gave a copy of Dr. Hynek's book as a Christmas gift to the department head where she is employed in Sedalia, Mo., and the interest aroused by the book resulted in this report coming to her: Mrs. R., now 85 years of age, and a friend were on their way to visit friends across the Osage River near Ivy Bend. While they were waiting for the ferry boat, they heard a sound coming down the river. At first they thought it was the ferry boat and were watching to see it come into view.

What they did see was a silvery gray object shaped like a top, and spinning, coming down the river at about tree-top level and much faster than a boat could travel. It passed in front of them and went on up the river and out of sight. They estimated it to be about 300 feet from them at the closest point. It was observed less than two minutes.

This happened in 1902, and Mrs. R never forgot it--and we can all understand why.

Word From Canada

We were pleased to hear from John Brent Musgrave, who is conducting a UFO course at the Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (see Short Notes in January issue of SKYLOOK) and he has just become Investigations Chairman for the Edmonton UFO Society, and promises to send us any interesting reports that comes his way. Good!

Claude MacDuff, our MUFON representative in Montreal, is preparing another article for SKYLOOK.

We know our Canadian subscribers will be glad to see their UFO sightings in SKYLOOK, and we invite all of you to send in reports and/or newspaper clippings.

SKYLOOK Staff Member Weds

One of the "unidentified flying objects" hovering over the 1972 MUFON Conference held in Quincy last summer must have been a little dart from Cupid.

Joseph M. Brill, who writes our Iron Curtain articles and who was one of the speakers, met Wanda Rhodes at the Conference. They found so much to talk about, Joe was soon making return trips to Quincy, Wanda's home, and it wasn't long before they announced their engagement.

Joe and Wanda were married Saturday, February 3, in the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy. A reception at the Holiday Inn followed and many of the couples' MUFON friends were present.

We're mailing SKYLOOK to 228 N. 12th Place, Quincy, Ill., this month and with it our best wishes. The couple will make their home in Quincy and we will give Joe's new address in the March issue of SKYLOOK, page 1.

Dog Found Dead - All Hair Removed

Don Julius, one of the investigators of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, turned in an unusual report to Stan Gordon, of Greensburg, Pa., Director of the group (and also a MUFON member).

On July 18, 1972 Julius received a call from Robert Goerman, another member of the study group, and the two went to the "Smith" farm to investigate the report of a dead dog, found in strange circumstances.

The collie was found lying on its back and all hairs on the dog's body had been removed except for a few. There was no evidence of any sort of "attack" and the body was found about 40 feet from a circular area where the grass was whipped in counterclockwise direction, altho some grass lay in a clockwise direction. This circular area was 6 feet in diameter. Power lines are in the area, the nearest being about 400 feet from where the dog was found.

The dog had been seen alive on July 13. At about the same time a neighbor reported their two cats had disappeared. It was noted that no scavengers had touched the dog's body which had been in the area five days. It is assumed the dog had been dead that long, as it had a friendly nature and the "Smiths" do not feel it would have stayed away from home, if alive. There had been rain during this period, and the investigators could find no tracks near the body.

Mystery Light Seen in Oklahoma

A brilliant blue-white light of undetermined origin was sighted over the Devil's Promenade area early Sept. 19, 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. George McWatters, who live on a farm near Quapaw, Oklahoma.

McWatters told a reporter from the Miami, Okla., "News-Record" that he awoke about 5:30 or 6 a.m. and was in the kitchen when he first saw the light.

"It seemed to be coming over the river and it was a bright blue-white. At first I thought it might be just some sort of reflection off the river and I went to another room to drink a cup of coffee. When I came back to the kitchen though, I saw it had moved to the east and was getting brighter."

He watched the light for several minutes as it seemed to move slowly to the east, getting brighter all the time. He then woke up his wife to come look at the light.

"It moved out just so far, and then seemed to be hanging there not too far above tree top level," he said. "It was the oddest color, sort of a bluish green and white, and too bright to look directly at it for very long."

Both McWatters and his wife stated that they saw the light clearly, even though the sun was coming up and there were no stars visible in the sky. It was bigger and brighter than any star, Mrs. McWatters said.

They watched the light until it vanished about 7 a.m.. Just before it did vanish, two more lights, not as bright, but of the same odd blue-white color, appeared to the south of the original light.

"We could see all three together, then the two smaller ones vanished."

McWatters stated that the bright light seemed to get brighter as it moved away. "It seemed to be hanging there about six to ten miles away and it got very bright before it disappeared."

A check with the flight services office at the Joplin airport this morning showed that no weather balloons were launched from there today and there were no reports from the Joplin or Miami airports of aircraft.

Source: Miami "News-Record." Credit: Lucius Farish.

Recording by the Late Dr. James E. McDonald Cites Startling UFO Reports Buried in Maxwell AFB Files-- Tape Made June 1970

Robert B. Klinn and David Branch, whose fine articles on UFOs appear in the Santa Ana "Register" (California), stated in the Dec. 6, 1972 issue they had recently heard a two-hour recording of an unpublicized UFO briefing by internationally famous physicist, the late Dr. James E. McDonald, before a small group of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers gathered at Santa Monica's Miramar Hotel, June 9, 1970. The talk was taped a few months before his untimely death and two days after he had returned from two weeks of digging into the UFO files at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

McDonald was the senior physicist at the Institute for Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona at Tucson. In 1970, after the Science Foundation had okayed the Condon Report, the Air Force decided they wanted to destroy all their UFO records. Dr. McDonald was concerned and had hopes of preserving the records and getting them into the National Archives.

He told the Engineers the records "are still alive and well and nestled deep in the archives at the Historical Division at Maxwell Air Force Base." He had just returned from the Base and said he examined about 400 cases and the number of really significant cases which, to his knowledge had never received publicity--above all the radar cases, "are very, very impressive."

"The total population of hidden UFO reports is a pool of information completely untapped," he said.

Dr. McDonald obviously believed it was Air Force policy to sweep UFO reports under the rug. The strongest argument to support a cover-up hypothesis, he said is: "They can't be that stupid. It is almost impossible to believe all those errors--the ineptness of the explanations." He was referring to the flimsy explanations offered for the UFO reports the public heard about and asked about--as well as the many reports received by the Air Force and simply buried in the files with little or no investigation.

In his lecture he cited a number of cases from the files which had never been publicized--or satisfactorily explained.

Professor Chas. Kahlert, who sends us the articles from "The Register" writes he talked to Stanton Friedman about the files at Maxwell AFB, and Mr. Friedman who has lectures scheduled in that area, is going to make an attempt to receive permission to see the files. We hope to hear more about this.

Again, we suggest that our readers write to the "Register" to see if complete copies of the McDonald report are available. This article is a very condensed version of two lengthy reports, on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, 1972. Be sure to mention the dates.

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Wanted: Please send clippings from newspapers, magazines etc about UFO sightings in the U. S. A. to Claude Mac Duff, 6318 St. Vallier St., Montreal 326, Quebec, Canada. In return, I will send you, free, a copy of my REPORT ON UFOLOGY. --Adv.

Editor's Note: Mr. MacDuff is our MUFON representative in Montreal. Hope you'll be a "good neighbor" and send him some clippings.

Von Daniken Show Good

If you missed the NBC TV special "In Search of Ancient Astronauts," shown Friday, Jan. 5 over much of the nation, do try to catch it when it comes around again (as we assume and hope it will).

It was based on writer Erich von Daniken's thesis that ancient astronauts influenced the creation of such things as the huge Easter Island stone heads, Stonehenge, the Egyptian pyramids and the Mayan calendar. Among the evidence offered in the TV showing was ancient drawings and sculptures depicting strange beings wearing what appear to be space suits; a 2,000-year-old clay vase, in a Bagdad museum, which is also an electric battery; and maps made by Turkish Adm. Piri Reis in the 1st century A. D. which Von Daniken says show the earth as it would have appeared to astronauts high above Cairo. His book "Gods From Outer Space" gives you the background for better understanding of the presentation.

Wants to Form UFO Club

Charles J. Wilhelm, 12109 Spalding Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45231, is organizing a UFO club and needs assistance. He welcomes reports and news clips from everywhere. If you live in his area, why not write him and perhaps become a member of his group. Ufology is a big field, and there is plenty of room for everyone. How about sending reports from your area to SKYLOOK, Mr. W?

Order New UFO Book at Discount Price

Stanton T. Friedman, who heads the UFO Research Institute, informs us they are now handling the sale of the new book "UFOs: A Scientific Debate" edited by Dr. Carl Sagan and Thornton Page. The book is being published by Cornell University Press and the price listed as \$12.50. You may order it from UFORI for \$10.50. If you want Dr. Hynek's book "The UFO Experience" (\$7.25) you may obtain both for the bargain price of \$17.00. Order from UFORI at POB 941, Lawndale, Calif. 90260. No COD orders accepted.

Carl Sagan is Professor of Astronomy and Director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University and Thornton Page, Astrophysicist, is with NASA. Their 310 page book covers the papers presented at the 1969 sessions on UFOs at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Boston. All are professional, being written by distinguished scientists, and including an article by Walter Sullivan, science writer of the "New York Times."

We quote: "While the book takes no stand on the issue of UFO reality, it shows that there are still unanswered questions regarding the physics and psychology of the phenomenon."

Lights Over Lake Michigan

Joe Brill has sent us some news clips and transcriptions of radio reports of strange lights over Lake Michigan, and we will have more on this when Mr. Brill completes his own investigation.

The lights were first reported as being orange-amber and red balls of light dancing over Lake Michigan the night of January 1st, as reported by Radio Station WIMS, Michigan City, Indiana, and further reports were made through January 13, the date of the latest news clipping from Michigan City's "News-Dispatch."

They were sighted by Coastguard headquarters at St. Joseph, Michigan and at Wilmette Harbor near Chicago, then by growing numbers of observers who gather nightly to watch the skies.

Iowa Report
By
Ralph DeGraw

On July 14, 1972, Mr. Eugene Hudson, of Waverly, Iowa, spotted what may have been a UFO while in his front yard. He immediately called to his wife to come out and look at the object which was about 30 degrees above the western horizon. It was shaped like a quarter-moon with the rounded part heading west and appeared to be "self-luminous." It was bright orange in color and remained in sight approximately 30 seconds. The sky was overcast with thick clouds, and it was calm. There was no smoke or vapor trail from the object which did not change in size or color as it was observed. Mrs. Hudson called the local radio station to report what she had seen and to ask if anyone else had called in. There were no other reports.

On reading one of the press articles about Mr. DeGraw, Mrs. "Brown" - a retired school teacher - wrote to him to report a sighting on Oct. 22, 1972. Mr. and Mrs. "Brown", who live in rural Fredericksburg, Chickasaw County, were on their way home from Fredericksburg on Highway No. 18, about 1½ miles west of town, when Mr. Brown noticed a bright red light to their right and about 30 degrees above the northern horizon. It was about 8 p.m. with the wind out of the north and a light, freezing rain falling.

Mrs. Brown described the light as very large and bright, and "of the peculiar shade of red of a neon sign and of great intensity at the center." She said the color was so intense, there seemed to be rays shooting out in all direction from the center. The light "as large as a bushel basket" was moving southward, toward the observers, and they expected it to pass overhead. However, it stopped when apparently an eighth of a mile distant and then just suddenly disappeared "like turning off a light."

When asked about the altitude, Mrs. Brown said it seemed to be about to make a landing in the field and the altitude was much less than a plane could maintain.

Mr. and Mrs. "X", who live a few miles southeast of St. Lucas in Fayette County, reported that at six p.m. on January 5, 1973, they saw a bright light in a stationary position in the eastern sky about 15 degrees above the horizon. They watched it for a minute and a half and then it "went off like switching off an electric light." It was a bright white in color, Mr. X said, and seemed to pulsate. The night was clear, with no clouds to become between the observers and object and it is noted that Venus and Mars were not visible in the eastern sky at the time the object was noted.

Other sightings are being investigated and reports will be made later. Mr. DeGraw asks that anyone living in his area wishing to report a UFO sighting write him at Route 1, Hazelton, Ia., 50641, or telephone 319-636-2620 or 319-283-2416.

UFO Hoax in Missouri

During the week of January 8, 1973, several residents of Warsaw, Mo., reported seeing strange lighted objects in the night sky. In a telephone conversation with Richard Guyman, Deputy Sheriff of Benton County, Ted Phillips learned that a number of young people were launching plastic bags with candles. However, some good came of this, as Sheriff Guyman promised to pass along any good reports of UFOs to Mr. Phillips.

Continuing the article published in "Magazin," No. 553, May 11, 1968, Bucharest, Romania. Prepared by Ion Hobana. Subject "Other Letters."

"I am sending you two sketches and the necessary explanations on what my colleague Vityi Ingeborg and I have seen. As my colleague from the Semenic Mountain station has informed you, the flying object was observed by him on March 29th at 4 p.m. and again on March 30th at 8 a.m. He called us and then we also observed this object. Also those from the Caransebes and the Cuntu stations observed it.

"At first glance the object looked like a meteorological balloon. The shape of it was that of a cone with the sides very much rounded, like the sides of an egg reversed. The color was a dull white with the side facing the sun extremely bright. It caught our attention because of its strong reflection, sudden movements with a slight variations on the vertical and almost directly against the direction of the wind (which is impossible for any type of a research balloon).

"We watched it for two and a half hours until it disappeared from view. Its movements were slow and alternating with rapid spurts and sudden stops.

"After thirty minutes our colleague from Berzeasca saw it. (This was about 1 p.m.) Between 1 and 3 p.m. it was not seen in our area, but at 4 p.m. it appeared again, this time much larger and closer with its shape much more clearly visible. The shape was that of an isosceles triangle with the small side facing the direction in which it was moving.

"Even though at first glance it did not appear to be higher than 7000 meters and its speed seemed to be much faster now. The speed was constant now and the object was estimated to be about thirty kilometers high. This estimated altitude was arrived at by the comparison to the altitude of two airplanes seen between 4 and 6 p.m.

"At 6:10 p.m. the flying object had passed the horizon. This time the movement was almost linear with large curves and keeping the same direction of flight. The dimensions were very large. It must have been a very huge object, since although it was at a much greater altitude than the airplanes we saw, its dimensions were about the same as that of these aircraft.

"At sunset the object began to lose its brightness, becoming a dull white, which gave us reason to think it did not have its own light source. Later, after the appearance of the first stars, the object became red in color and the edges or sides were barely visible. When it got dark, the object took on the shape of a disc or dot of light which was emitting a very strong light. (It resembled Jupiter or Venus, but much larger and a bit more brilliant.) This was very puzzling to us.

"The next morning it followed the same steps in changing its luminosity and movement of it was parallel with the previous movement it made, only this time it was in the opposite direction. "

Signed: Vasile Cotoi

Many readers will observe that the towns and the meteorological stations, from these letters are all in about the same geographic area. There are Semenic, Caransebes, Tarcau Peak, Cuntu Mountain, Berzeasca, Resita and Oravita.

In these three reports are some common elements, which force us to believe that it was one and the same object: the high altitude, the reduced speed, the manner in which it moved through the sky, the luminosity, the shape and as for the last element, the shape, we have to say that the form of a cone is not new to the UFO phenomena.

As for the comparison with a parachute, it was also mentioned of the object seen over Sofia, Bulgaria on November 21st of last year.

But, the most striking thing is the length of time it remained stationary, and the slow movements over such a small area. It is true that in April, 1942 and in July 1948 at Ouallen in the Sahara (see the book "The Truth About Flying Saucers" by Aime Michel, pages 104, 105 and 106 pocketbook editions) and respectively in Alice, Texas a UFO remained two days over those locations. But, 48 hours is less than 62 hours (and some of the citizens from Caransebes claimed it stayed over their town or was visible from their location for four days).

It is much like a world's record, taking into view the vast number of witnesses to this appearance, the classification of those witnesses (meteorologists, topographers and a few engineers) and the use of the optical instruments available to these observers (theodolite and binoculars).

So, this file remains open, waiting for new witnesses, who have seen this phenomena in the skies over Romania.

* Michel writes of a desert mystery. In 1942 ten camel-riders, two radio operators and a meteorologist comprised the garrison at the isolated fort Ouallen in the heart of the desert, 170 miles south of Aoulef. On April 4 a group commanded by Captain Louis LePriour arrived for a three weeks stay.

"We had been there a few days," says Captain LePriour, "when one morning the meteorologist N.C.O. came in and drew my attention to a kind of 'planet' which had appeared in the cloudless sky immediately above the fort. The object was visible to the naked eye and looked like a small aluminum speck. There were about forty of us and we saw it quite plainly, as the atmosphere was perfectly clear."

He went on to say the object viewed through field glasses and the telescope of a theodolite looked like a small moon with a pale metallic glint and seemed to be suspended at an altitude of 15,000 to 18,000 feet. It appeared to be motionless, but prolonged examination revealed that it was slowly rotating--three complete revolutions in an 8-hour period.

The next morning the object was immediately overhead, and the group began to take it for granted, assuming it must be a stray star or a new satellite, for at that time no one had heard of flying saucers, the Captain said. At dawn on the third day there was no sign of the object.

Captain LePriour sent a telegram to the national meteorological authorities at Algiers, reporting what had been seen and asking for an explanation. Sometime later he was informed the object was the star Vega.

"This explanation struck us as unexpected and improbable, as a star does not remain for two whole days in the same spot, immediately overhead and so close as to be examined at leisure with an ordinary telescope," the Captain said. "I have often wondered what could have been the nature and origin of the strange disc with its metallic gleam, and what could have caused it to remain in the sky above that semi-lunar Sahara landscape where nothing of interest is to be seen apart from the small fort."

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WILHELM REICH, M. D., a scientist and UFO researcher, died in prison. His books were banned and burned. His discoveries hold the key to Planetary Survival and the UFO Invasion. Read "Orgone Energy," by Jerome Eden. Exposition Press, 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y. 11753. Postpaid, \$6.30. --Adv.

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The Constellations. Puppis (The Deck) By Mark Herbstritt

Puppis means "The Deck" and the stars of this constellation were once members of the tremendous constellation of Argo Novis. Puppis cuts across the southern horizon, culminating at 9 p.m. on February 22. The general location of this constellation is directly south of Caris Major. The brighter stars in Puppis lie in the southern part of the constellation. The brightest star in Puppis is Zeta Puppis and is magnitude 2.2. Zeta is located at a distance of 2400 light years. The Milky Way cuts across the eastern side of Puppis and there are two of Messier's Clusters within the constellation boundaries. M-46 is an open (Galactic) cluster lying south-east of Sirius. About 5 degrees south of this cluster is M-93 which is also a Galactic cluster.

A nova appeared in Eastern Puppis in 1942.

The February Sky . . . By Ted Phillips

Venus is seen briefly in the morning sky, rising at 6:30 a.m. and at 6:05 a.m. April 1st. Mars is also a morning object rising at 3:40 a.m. March 1st and at 3:00 a.m. April 1st. Jupiter is seen in the eastern sky before sunrise, as it rises at 4:50 a.m. March 1st and at 3:20 April 1st. Saturn is visible during the early evening hours, setting at 1:30 a.m. March 1st and at 11:40 p.m. April 1st.

Want to Buy a Map?

A map of the planet Mars, depicting such things as a volcanic mountain as wide as the state of New York and a canyon 2,600 miles long, is being prepared for public sale by the United States Geological Survey.

Based on thousands of photographs relayed by the Mariner 9 spacecraft, the map shows the entire surface of the red planet at a scale of one inch for every 400 miles.

The map is being done by USGS artists in shaded relief to depict the shape of surface features as they actually are. The map does not include contour lines for heights.

Included are phenomena which dwarf anything similar on earth. One volcanic mountain is about 300 miles wide with a 40-mile-wide crater on its summit. Scientists believe it reaches a height of 10 miles at some points, nearly twice as tall as Mount Everest.

Source: "Arkansas Gazette," Dec. 3, 1972. Credit: Lucius Farish.

Flashes of Light on Moon Still a Scientific Puzzle

Scientists are divided over the meaning of mysterious light flashes sighted on the moon's surface by the Apollo astronauts.

Harrison (Jack) Schmitt spotted the first near the crater Grimaldi, toward the western edge of the moon's face and just south of the equator. On Monday after Schmitt and Eugene Cernan landed on the moon, Ronald Evans in the orbiting command ship reported seeing two more flashes of light. One was near the Crater Copernicus, just northwest of the moon's center point as seen from Earth, and the other near Mare Orientale, on the western edge of the moon's face.

Seismometers have not recorded anything unusual in these areas, which seems to argue against the hypothesis that the flashes could be caused by small meteorite impacts. But scientists were not ruling this out completely.

Another theory was that the flashes were gases being vented from the moon's interior. A third, more skeptical theory was that the flashes were

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With a headline, "UFO Riddle May Be Solved Soon . . .," the Jan. 28 issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER provides an update on the ENQUIRER's "blue-ribbon panel of UFO investigators" and the \$50,000 reward for UFO evidence. The panel will meet again soon to determine if the top prize will be awarded. Anyone want to make any bets?! The \$5,000 "second prize" will be awarded to "the claimant who has supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs. . .," even though said evidence falls short of proof. Also, the panel will continue its research throughout 1973. The ENQUIRER now announces that a reward of \$1,000 will be paid, at the discretion of the panel, for information on "outstanding cases."

The Jan. 7 issue of MODERN PEOPLE contained excerpts from Jacques Vallee's first UFO book, ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON. Old stuff.

January SAGA contained a very interesting article on the research undertaken by L. G. Lawrence of California's Ecola Institute. Lawrence's equipment has detected signals believed to originate in outer space, but these are biological signals which bear no relationship to the normal electro-magnetic spectrum. This is certainly a fascinating area of research and one which should be pursued with all possible speed.

The February issue of FATE contains an article on the craters and "silver dust" found in Iowa soybean fields several months ago. MUFON director, Walt Andrus, is quoted, as well as spokesmen for other UFO investigative groups.

UFO researcher Rex Dutta has recently had a new book published. This one is FLYING SAUCER MESSAGE, something of a companion volume to his first book, FLYING SAUCER VIEWPOINT. As in the first book, Dutta again delves into Theosophy and other occult philosophies, emerging with a complex and highly debatable theory to account for UFOs. Actually, theories such as Dutta's have little to do with the actual facts of the UFO subject. Perhaps the most interesting section of the book is the author's account of an "outer space" telephone call received by a radio station following that station's discussion of UFOs. For those who are interested, the book is priced at \$7.50 and may be obtained from Transatlantic Arts, Inc., North Village Green, Levittown, N. Y. 11756.

For anyone who has ever pondered the question of space drives and the possible propulsion systems of UFOs, James E. Cox's THE SPACE DRIVE HAND BOOK is a must. The author has collected material on his subject for almost a decade and the results of his labors are abundantly clear in the book. In ten chapters, he discusses such things as novel reaction systems, force-field propulsion, electro-gravitic systems, inertia neutralizers, space warps and teleportation. And, of course, a chapter is devoted to speculations on UFO propulsion methods. Illustrations and an extensive bibliography will also be found in the book. Cox quotes from works by Eugene Burt, Leonard G. Cramp, SKYLOOK's own John F. Schuessler and others who have specialized in UFO propulsion theories. The book is available from Mr. Cox at P. O. Box 793, Pomona, California, 91769. The price is \$3.00.

Lamar, Mo., UFO was Weather Balloon

Folks at Lamar, Mo., thought they had spotted a genuine UFO in their skies Sept. 20, 1972, as they watched a bright object moving in a westerly direction. However, those using binoculars or telescopes to observe the object were soon convinced they were watching a weather balloon released from Monett, and this was later confirmed.--"Lamar Democrat"

Whatever the truth is, it appears that UFOs created a massive wave of global reports throughout 1972, as thousands of unknown flying objects (the newest name given them this year by the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of investigations) were reported in the skies and on the ground from over 40 countries and all fifty states in the U.S.A.

The influx of new UFO reports included landings, radar trackings, photographs and movie films, occupant reports, pilot reports, auto chases, shooting incidents, electro-magnetic interferences and dramatic secondary effects on soil samples, animals, machines and humans.

The seriousness of the UFO situation was underscored when a spherical luminous orange UFO triggered an air raid alarm and attracted three surface-to-air missiles (which were unable to reach the UFO) above Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital in broad daylight on September 29. Two weeks before on September 14 two Air Defense Command F106 fighter jets (each armed with four air-to-air missiles) were dispatched from the Homestead Air Force Base near Miami, Florida to chase a UFO reported from widely separated areas by pilots, ground observers, FAA officials and flight controllers. On radar the UFO appeared to be six to eight times larger than normal aircraft. The UFO evaded the jets at a 15,000 foot altitude. On June 26 at Ft. Beaufort, South Africa, frightened farmers and police "shot at and hit" a terrifying UFO at a distance of less than 45 feet. The bullets bounced off the edge of the UFO with a 'metallic thud' and then it left the area at rapid speed.

Air Force, Navy and civilian "radar trackers" at the Patuxent Naval Station (Md.), Dover Air Force Base (Delaware), Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (Tucson, Arizona), Naval Air Station (South Weymouth, Mass.), Hanscom Field (Bedford, Mass.), Fairchild Air Force Base (Spokane, Wash.), Palm Beach and Miami International airports (Florida) were plagued with good "hard returns" on their radar screens that remained unexplained. Radarmen in England, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Japan and Finland and elsewhere were having the same problems with the mysterious UFOs. International boundaries were being violated quite often and little could be done about it, except to try to continue to classify the information surrounding UFOs detected on scientific instrumentation under security regulations.

The most fascinating of all UFO reports involved such objects seen not in the air but on the ground. And such reports came from a variety of witnesses at 20 locations in eight states and seven foreign countries. Startled observers reported landed UFOs from Tokoroa, New Zealand; from Georges AFB, Ga.; from Laurens, Boone and New Sharon, Iowa; from Amy, Kit Carson County and Wyandotte County, Kansas; from Novi, Michigan; from Norton Sound, Alaska; from Burlington, Colo.; from Tucuman, Argentina; from Wiltsdown, N. Z.; from Pacy-sur-Eure, France; from Acuesoma, Mexico; from Andover Township, N. J.; from Pleasant View, Ark.; and from Port Lincoln and Queensland, Australia. Such landings left frightened witnesses, panic-stricken animals, background radiation increases, burned circles (most 25 to 30 feet in diameter), tripod landing gear marks, depressions and markings on the ground, soil changes, denuded vegetation etc.

In these UFO landings both metallic and non-metallic residues were found at such sites such as aluminum, calcium, iron, boron, magnesium, potash, copper, silicon, zinc and titanium. Most often detected scents at such areas include sulfuric and ammonia-like odors.

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an optical illusion caused by heavy particles of cosmic radiation striking the astronauts' eyeballs. All Apollo crewmen have reported seeing such flashes when they have their eyes closed during flight or when the cabin is dark.

But only one previous astronaut, Thomas K. Mattingly II on Apollo 16, reported seeing a flash on the surface of the moon. This was put down at the time to a cosmic-ray induced eye-flash. Ironically, Mattingly was the only astronaut unable to see flashes during the special experiment carried out during the flight.

Source: St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 13, 1972. Credit: John Schuessler

Organization Notes From Around the Network

Clarence O. Dargie, of O'Fallon, Ill., MUFON investigator, was the subject of a lengthy article in the O'Fallon "Progress" in a fine article by Judy Landers. Dargie is a believer in the Bible and in UFOs and says his research has made him "more religious than ever." Increasingly in demand as a speaker in southern Illinois, many of his invitations to lecture come from church groups. "When space permits, we want to quote at length from this article. Stanton T. Friedman continues to be booked for his lecture "Flying Saucers Are Real" at college after college, all over the United States, and the press clippings show he speaks to a full house every time. His December schedule sheet has bookings into June of this year, and by now he doubtless has more. This month (February) he speaks at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio; Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio; Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon; Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Washington; and Green River Community College, Auburn, Washington. In March-- 13th, 8 P.M., Pasadena City College, Pasadena, Calif.; 19th, 8 P.M., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; 23rd, 8 P.M., Central Wesleyan College, Central, South Carolina; 27th, 7:30 P.M., Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia; 28th, 8 P.M. W. Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia; 29th, 8 P.M., New Hampshire College, Manchester, N. H.; and the 30th, 12 noon, Salem State College, Salem, Mass. Ralph C. DeGraw, and his assistant, LeRoy R. Latham, continue to receive good press notices in the Hazleton, Iowa, area. We've just received clippings from "The Decorah Journal," Decorah; "The Reminder," Calmer; and "The Union," West Union. We appreciate the good publicity you're giving MUFON in your area and welcome the new SKYLOOK subscribers. DeGraw was recently interviewed in WMT-TV and, with Latham, appeared on the "Last Word" program on WMT-TV in Cedar Rapids. DeGraw has now been invited to write a monthly article on UFOs for a Cedar Rapids publication. The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met January 14 and made plans for a public meeting for February (See page 3). Larry Hanna made an interesting report on a study he is making of transient phenomena on the moon. John F. Schuessler, Director of the group, will speak at the Blue and Gold Banquet of the St. Charles Boy Scout troop on Feb. 24. The February meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group will be held on the 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the First United Presbyterian Church, 24th and Monroe Streets, in Quincy, Illinois. The public is invited to hear Joe Brill speak on "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain." Rosetta Holmes is already working on plans for the annual UFO Picnic to be held at Carlyle Lake in Illinois next summer and has just tossed us a "teaser"--something NEW is to be added at the next picnic. Watch for further announcements.

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