CENTER INVESTIGATORS QUARTERLY NO. 4 (APRIL, 1978)

In this Quarterly Report to our investigators, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our new Co-ordinator of Investigations -- Mr. Robert Runser. He has long been associated with the Center and its associates -- even before the Center formally existed -- but because of his duties as a United Air Lines Captain (he was flying 747's before his retirement) he was unable to devote the time he would have liked to the work of the Center.

It so happened that his retirement from active flying coincided with the return of Douwe Bosga to Holland, and so a most fortunate transition could be effected. Captain Runser will continue the excellent programs implemented by Mr. Bosga and antic - ipates additional departures. You should all look to Bob Runser on all matters pertaining to field investigation.

It would probably be well to spell out once again the close relationship between the Center Investigators network, which works in close co-operation with the MUFON network and Mr. Allan Hendry who is, in addition to being the Managing Editor of IUR, Chief Investigator for the Center with particular emphasis on current cases. Hendry does most of his investigation by telephone (the WATS line), having developed a fine expertise for extracting a maximum amount of information by telephonic means. He will work in close cooperation with CApt. Runser on the field investigation of current cases which are the main concern of IUR as a monthly survey of the current UFO scene. Very many of the field investigation cases require a longer time for follow-up of additional witnesses, for the proper testing of soil samples, etc. The latter aspects will be the particular concern of Capt. Runser. IUR, of course, publishes follow-ups on current cases, often requiring additional fieldwork and in such cases the cooperation between Hendry and Runser will be very close. The titles of the two gentlemen fairly well spell out their respective roles Since the UFO material gathered by both is fed into UFOCAT, a close cooperation is obviously necessary.

The Quarterly Report will continue, and there will be no immediate change in the system set up by Douwe Bosga, i.e. manner in which Center investigators are recruited and accepted and in the required (even though very short) quarterly report from each investigator. Even if there has been nothing whatsoever to report (cases, newsclips, lectures, meetings, etc.) in a given quarterly report period, we at the Center still are really interested in knowing that you are alive and well.

J. Allen Hynek

Mr. Douwe Bosga.

After spending exactly one year at the Center, Mr. Douwe Bosga left on February 28 to return to his home in Arnheim, Netherlands. He has received a grant to do graduate work in parapsychology at the International University of Manternach in Luxembourg. Mr. Bosga did an excellent job of reorganizing and cross-referencing our case files and in corresponding with the Field Investigators. For this we are deeply grateful.

New Addres for CUFOS.

In March the Center for UFO Studies moved to a new office in Evanston, Please note that our new address is:

1609 Sherman Ave.
Suite 207
Evanston, Ill. 60202

We were badly cramped for space as we gradually outgrew our old office and now we finally have the space to work more efficiently. This move, however, has caused some temporary delay in the work at the Center but we are now just about settled down and back to normal.

Effect of the movie, Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Since the first part of December, the reports and correspondence have been coming in faster than they can be processed. It is of interest to note that the number of current sightings has not shown any significant change. However, the number of past sightings being currently reported to the Center has taken a large jump caused by the fact that many persons have found a place to which to report their sightings and also because they now have found the courage to report without fear of ridicule. There has also been a great increase in the number of persons who are volunteering to become Field Investigators. In November, Mr. Bosga began a survey to learn just what effect the movie would have on the number of sightings being reported. We hope to have the results of this by the time the next issue of CIQ is printed.

This CIQ is one month late.

Because of the overwhelming workload, your new coordinator began in March by being far behind and was further delayed by the problems of the move and the need to get fully acquainted with the new job. We appologize for the delay and hope to show steady improvement. We hope to get the next CIQ out in June and that in the meantime you will be sending us your reports within the next month.

Center Information Bulletins

In order to further express the appreciation of the Center for the excellent services rendered by our field investigators, we have begun to send to you the quarterly bulletin which the Center sends to those who donate $15.00 or more to the Center. This is not to discourage you from becoming donors since it is from this source that we derive our operating revenue. You should have already recieved the Fall 1977 issue. Hopefully the current issue can be mailed with this CIQ. It too was delayed by our moving to the new office. We feel that these bulletins will be informative and help you to understand more fully how the input from the investigators is put to use. The current bulletin will be also helpful for those of you who do lecturing.

SLIDES AVAILABLE.

For those who have asked about slides, we can give some good news. Edmund Scientific Co. has prepared three sets of slides using information supplied by the Center and narrated by Dr. Hynek on a cassette which accompanies the slides. There are about 30 slides in a set and sell for $15.00. The three sets are: The UFO Phenomenon
UFOs and IFOs
Close Encounters

The address of Edmund Scientific is: 7791 Edscorp Building
Barrington, N. J. 08007

Exchange of Ideas Requested.

Because there will be quite a number of new Field Investigators soon, it would be helpful if the CIQ could print the experiences of investigators. Tell us about any problems you encounter and especially tell us about techniques and proceedures which you have found to be especially helpful so that others might benefit from them.

Service Record.

In order to update the service record of our investigators, we would like each of you to include the following information in your next quarterly report:

Approximate date on which you began working as an investigator.
Approximate date on which you began with the Center. (If different)
Number of cases which you have worked for the Center. (list them if it is not too difficult)

We have this information for a few but not for all and would like to keep a current record in each man's file.

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