CENTER INVESTIGATORS' QUARTERLY # 7 APRIL 1980

LATE MAILING OF CIQ#7

You are reading this CIQ later than I had hoped because of important changes which have been occurring recently at the CENTER. On January 10th the Board of Directors elected (me John Timmerman) as the new Chairman of the Board, increasing considerably my responsibilities just as I was hoping to get a handle on the Investigators' Coordinator activities. Therefore, some of you have written letters to me which I have become slow in answering. With other changes which we have made, I believe you will begin to have better contact with the new Coordinator. Dr. Elaine Hendry and Allan Hendry have moved during the last week of March to Atlanta, Georgia, where she will begin a new employment position in the Department of Astronomy at Georgia State University. Allan has taken with him to their new home his writing and Chief Investigator responsibilities and will assume effective with this letter the duties of the Investigators' Coordinator, as well. Future issues of this Quarterly will be written by him and mailed to you from our offices here in Evanston. Because of Allan's intimate contact with the current report detail which will continue to go directly to him from our 800 "hot line", it seemed most appropriate for him to maintain a direct contact with our network of field investigators, thereby reducing the delay in requesting field follow-up of his telephoned first contact with the reporting witnesses. His considerable experience in direct investigation of witnesses made him our obvious choice. Many of you have worked closely with him in the past and I am sure that those of you who have not will find him able to assist you materially in your field work. Please write to him regarding all case investigation and send him your reports. His address is: 902 Hemingway Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088. His phone number is (404) 469-6288.

Although you are asked to correspond with Allan Hendry on your field investigation work with the CENTER, I want you to feel free to write to me or to Dr. Hynek or others at the CENTER offices at any time about any subject. We will do our best to give you a prompt and helpful reply by mail or by phone, according to the urgency of the matter. All suggestions and ideas are welcome.

CENTER ASSOCIATES BEING RECRUITED Effective immediately, the CENTER is asking all Field Investigators to become ASSOCIATES of the CENTER. Most of you are already contributing funds to the CENTER on an annual basis in addition to the personal expenses of your investigation work for the CENTER. This CIQ is being

delayed so that a copy of the new ASSOCIATE application form can be included with this mailing. You will notice that we have added categories and slightly increased the two minimum categories. Also, we have added a level for students 18 or younger and have provided for larger individual funding as a CASE SPONSOR. If you are already an ASSOCIATE through your personal contributions, please use this application form to recruit a friend in your community. They will enjoy the mailings and the opportunity to learn more about what you are doing.

PROCEDURE FOR TAX DEDUCTION OF CUFOS EXPENSES The CENTER has authorized a new procedure to follow in establishing the tax-deductability of your out-of-pocket costs due to authorized investigative work for the CENTER. The CENTER has tied together your need for good evidence of a contribution of cash to the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES with a system of reimbursement of pre-authorized activity costs. The CENTER will not authorize Field Investigators to charge any expenses to the CENTER, but will reimburse properly-documented expenses directly related to authorized investigation activity up to an amount not to exceed 90 percent of the previous cash contributions to the CENTER by the same investigator during the same calendar year. An example of the sequence would be as follows. Investigator "A" gifts $100.00 to the CENTER in January. During April a sighting report investigation becomes his responsibility and he advises the CENTER that he will have some direct costs in traveling overnight, long-distance phone calls, motel, gasoline, and tape cassettes of the interview to be sent to the CENTER. The CENTER authorizes Investigator "A" to keep receipts for cash expenses and to submit them to the CENTER,after completing the investigation,with his case report. The CENTER will inspect the statement of expenses and will issue a reimbursement check to the Investigator "A" for an amount not more than $90.00. If the same Investigator has an assignment in August of the same year in which the authorized expenses total $135.00, he may submit his statement of authorized expenses detail together with a check in the amount of $150.00 as an additional gift to the CENTER and the CENTER will issue a reimbursement check to the Investigator in the amount of $135.00. Your tax-deductible check to the CENTER makes a clean gift transaction to report to the IRS and our files reflect the details of the investigation we have authorized and for which you have been reimbursed up to 90 percent of your gift amount for the same year. You will note on the ASSOCIATE application the CENTER's tax-exempt authorization detail.

"TEAM-MATE" INVESTIGATION It has been suggested by one of our Field Investigators that two heads are better than one, in some cases. It is often very useful to have another person with you when visiting the site of a physical trace case to facilitate measuring, securing samples and when interrogating witnesses of any type of UFO sighting. Not everyone likes to work with another person, but if you would feel more comfortable with a partner on the case, it would be a good way in which to break-in a back-up investigator or to supplement your expertise with that of another person. You might give it a try on the next investigation.

TAPE-RECORDER USEFUL IN GETTING WITNESS REPORT Many of our Field Investigators take along a portable tape recorder and use the recorder with the permission of the witness to get an exact transcript or a more accurate summary of the witness statement for filing with the investigation report. We strongly advise this procedure generally.

READ THE (NOVEMBER) MUFON JOURNAL Although we hope you are reading all of the MUFON JOURNALS as good background information for your investigation activity, we suggest that you make a point of reading the article in the November issue on page 14 by Richard Hall about THE UFO HANDBOOK by Allan Hendry.

CUFOS BUSINESS CARDS Some of you are already using personal business cards with CUFOS affiliation for use in UFO work. Others may not have thought of it. I am enclosing with this mailing a card which I had prepared using the CUFOS Logo. However, they printed the Logo too large for my taste and it is a bit overwhelming on this sample. I suggest that you use the enclosed Logo from our CENTER stationery and have it reduced, if you wish to do something similar. My enclosed card is to give you my residence address and phone in the event that you wish to contact me on those days I am not at the CENTER (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, plus the weekends). Good copy Logos are also available for the asking.

MEET YOUR LOCAL POLICE & SHERIFF Be sure to personally call on your local sheriff and police chief or appropriate official to establish a good working relationship with their offices. Let them know of your affiliation with the CENTER and make sure they have the hot-line number for immediate response. We recently received a telephone call 12 minutes after the sighting. That's prompt.

TELEPHONE AMPLIFIER PROGRAMS Radio Shack has a good model telephone amplifier (Cat. No. 43-276) which sells currently for $29.95 and which is excellent for call-in group conversations with a remote guest speaker. I have used it very successfully for small group lectures at which I make prior arrangements to call Dr. Hynek and have him speak for a short time and answer questions from the group. He can hear the people in the room and they all can hear him. If you are speaking before such groups, I recommend it highly. The hook-up is quite easily accomplished and no telephone company service call or charge are required (in our community). Check with your local telephone company before making the investment to make sure they will be cooperative and for no fee.

THANK YOU Many of you have written to me enthusiastically about your hope for more sighting reports to investigate. Others have had to return sighting reports we have sent them because they do not have time or the case is too far to travel. We were delayed in sending out the CE cases we referred to in CIQ # 6, but they are being sent to Allan Hendry for distribution from Atlanta's suburb. You should be receiving it shortly, if there is one in your area to investigate. I wish to thank you for your enthusiasm and continued support. Please write or call me if you wish to give us a piece of your mind.....a good, useful piece, I hope. But, whatever, we want to keep a good working relationship with you. I will do everything I can to help the CENTER be what you think it should be in the field of UFO education and scientific research.

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Chairman