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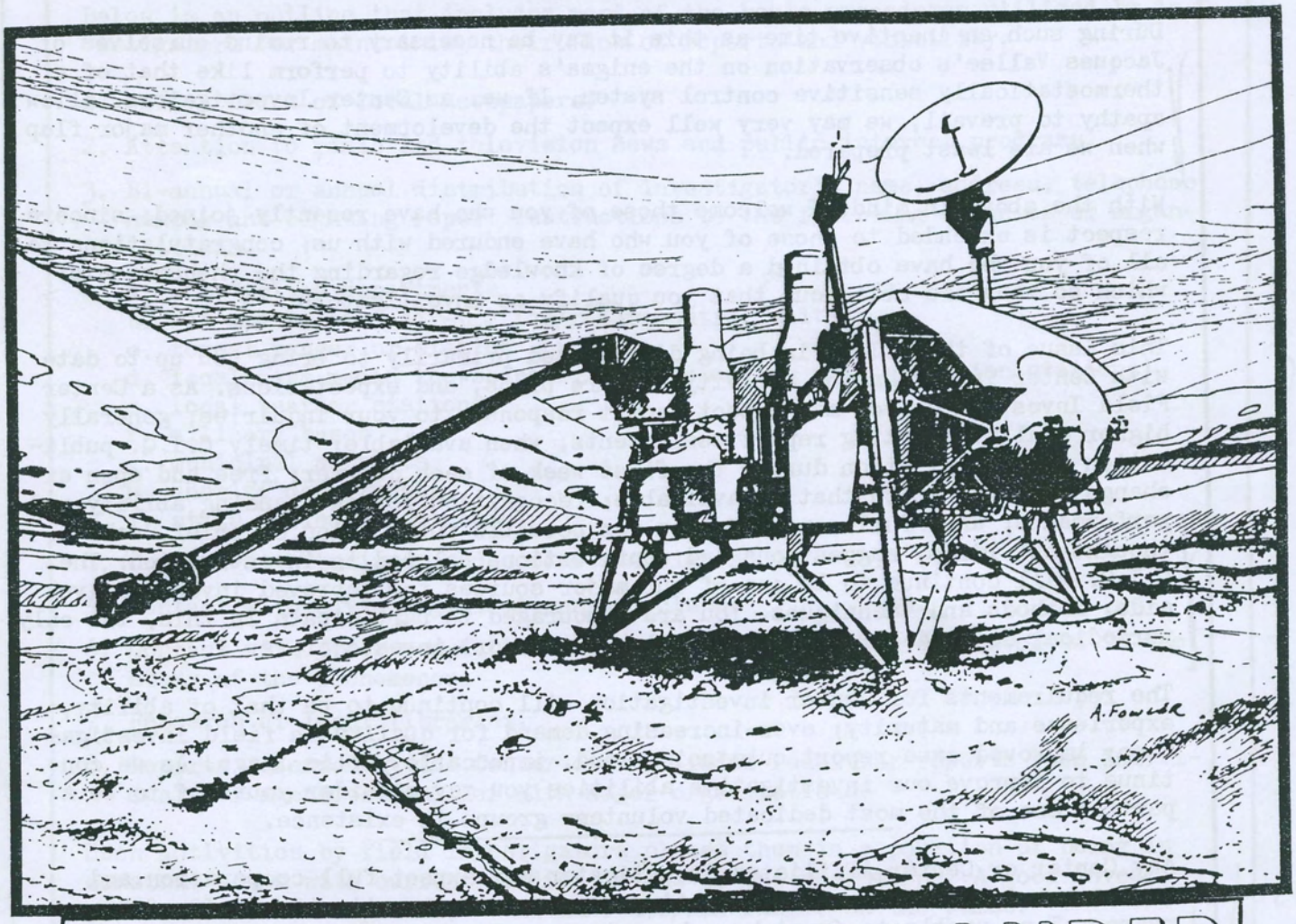

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RESUMPTION of the C.I.Q.

Fourteen quarters have elapsed since our last C.I.Q. was published in January of 1982. Resumption of the Center for UFO Studies Field Investigators Quarterly begins with this October, 1985 issue.

As most of you are aware, the Center for UFO Studies has not been inactive during the past few years. Much change has been, and will continue to be, initiated during this period of low report frequency, the longest in modern UFO history. Some changes were of necessity due to the inevitable decrease of funds associated with a not-for-profit organization that is dependent upon an unpredictable source of income.

During such an inactive time as this it may be necessary to remind ourselves of Jacques Vallee's observation on the enigma's ability to perform like that of a thermostatically sensitive control system. If we, as Center Investigators, allow apathy to prevail, we may very well expect the development of another major flap when we are least prepared.

With the above in mind, I welcome those of you who have recently joined; sincere respect is extended to those of you who have endured with us; congratulations to all of you who have obtained a degree of knowledge regarding the phenomenon of which so many are oblivious that you qualify as investigators.

This issue of the C.I.Q. is being distributed primarily to bring you up to date with Center investigation activity, future plans, and expectations. As a Center Field Investigator you may expect prompt responses to your inquiries; generally higher quality sighting report assignments, when available; timely C.I.Q. publication and distribution during the first week of each quarter; free and open exchange of information that is available; recognition for outstanding ability and performance; and, full consideration for possible publication of brief, well thought-out ideas, suggestions and contributions related to investigation. The C.I.Q. will continue to be one of our major sources for improved investigative aids, methods and techniques. You are encouraged to participate in this, the only periodical devoted strictly to UFO sighting report investigators.

The requirements for Center investigation will continue to be that of ability, experience and maturity; ever-increasing demand for quality in field investigation; improved case report submission; and, impeccable public image. As we continue to improve our investigative abilities you may consider yourself to be a part of one of the most dedicated volunteer groups in existence.

Any Center or Center-Affiliated Investigator may expect full cooperation and assistance from me concerning sighting report case investigations. If, for any reason, I am unable to furnish such assistance I will make every effort to obtain help from other associates of the Center or from appropriate individuals and organizations.

In conclusion, the continued success of this quarterly publication depends on our dedication, talent and support. I look forward to the opportunity and privilege of working with each and every one of you.

Robert D. Boyd
October, 1985

GATHERING the EVIDENCE

Part One

The first step in gathering the evidence of a UFO event is receiving the sighting report. On occasions I have come across correspondence from investigators indicating that they had not received reports of sightings in their area from the Center or from other sources.

As any veteran investigator realizes, this is a sign of inexperience. Field investigators seriously interested in the phenomena have learned that they are usually the first to know when there is activity in their area.

Below is an outline that includes most of the basic procedures utilized by investigators for maintaining their flow of reports and visibility.

1. Daily review of local newspapers.
2. Attention to radio and television news and public interest programs.
3. Bi-annual or annual distribution of investigator's name, address, telephone number and sighting report instructions to the following agencies or organizations.
   a. city police departments
   b. FAA and related air-traffic/radar control units
   c. forest ranger or station
   d. local news media (newspapers, radio stations and television stations)
   e. local weather stations
   f. military bases
   g. municipal airports
   h. sheriff departments
   i. state police departments
4. Contact with business and social associates.
5. Contact with civic organizations and clubs.
6. Contact with other reputable individuals and organizations involved in the study of the phenomenon.
7. Research at local libraries.
8. Reports referred by the Center or affiliates receiving reports from individuals or agencies familiar with major organizations.

Such activities by field investigators places them in a position of being in constant touch with current manifestations of the phenomenon. A good investigator, to borrow a phrase, "will have his/her finger on the pulse."

Additional information concerning the subject of maintaining visibility in your community is available in "The UFO Handbook" by Allan Hendry and in "Part III - Establishing a Reporting Network (R. E. Fowler)" in the "MUFON Field Investigator's Manual." Investigators needing assistance may contact the investigator coordinator for additional information.

Future issues of the C.I.Q. will concentrate on prompt response preparation and improved data collection. Associate investigators are encouraged to contribute articles related to these subjects for the next issue. Contributions must arrive one month prior to the issue month of each C.I.Q.

Sources to Aids and Publications

The following lists of aids and publications are being provided for your convenience. Knowledge of the availability of additional items and their sources will be made known in future issues of the C.I.Q.

Soil sample bags
Compact soil sampler tool
The UFO Handbook by Allan Hendry
The MUFON Field Investigator's Manual
Zipatone Color Set (numbered for standardization)
The UFO Controversy in America by Dr. David M. Jacobs
"Jupiterscope" light analyzer (useful aid for cameras)
The UFO Experience - A Scientific Inquiry by Dr. J. Allen Hynek
The International UFO Reporter (IUR), books, magazine article reprints, technical reports, conference proceedings and documents. Contributions are also requested to be sent to the following address:

Center for UFO Studies
UFO Resource Facility - Library and Publication Sales
1955 John's Drive
Glenview, Illinois 60025-1673

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Annual MUFON Symposium Proceedings
The MUFON Field Investigator's Manual
The MUFON UFO Journal, annual subscriptions
Other items and publications

Mutual UFO Network, Incorporated
103 Oldtowne Road
Seguin, Texas 78155

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Brunton Pocket Transit
Pocket Penetrometer, Model CL-700
Adapter foot for Pocket Penetrometer
Oakfield Soil Sampling Kit, Model A-1
Sample container jars, 4 ounce, carton of 24, LT-24
Numerous other items available. Write for catalog and quotes.

Soiltest, Incorporated
2205 Lee Street
Evanston, Illinois 60202

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Star Finder
Range Finder
Radiation Detectors*
Brunton Pocket Transit
Numerous other items available. Write for catalog.

*Usually, a certified radiological monitor course is available through the local office of the Civil Defense. You are encouraged to enroll into such a class and obtain the appropriate knowledge required for proper operation of such detectors.

Edmund Scientific Company
101 E. Gloucester Pike
Barrington, N.J. 08007

Sources to Aids and Publications
(continued)

Topography Map for general area use, scale of 1:250,000. Optional, more detailed scales of 1:62,500 (15 minutes) and/or 1:24,000 (7 1/2 minutes) are recommended for those investigators wanting more accurate depictions.

Topographic maps and information may be obtained locally or directly from your nearest U.S. Geological Survey Center as listed below.

Eastern Mapping Center
536 National Center
Reston, Virginia 22092

Mid-Continent Mapping Center
1400 Independence Road
Rolla, Missouri 65401

Rocky Mountain Mapping Center
Stop 504, Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225

Western Mapping Center
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

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Quality Compass (engineer type) A good quality magnetic compass is a valuable tool needed for use with topography maps and is also very helpful in determining the direction of witness observations.

Quality magnetic compasses can be obtained from various local sporting good stores, Army & Navy stores and at gun shops.

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Although investigators are not required to obtain the above items, possession and knowledgeable use of them are determinants for the assignment of quality cases. All investigators are especially urged to obtain and familiarize themselves with the fundamental items of field investigation. Those fundamental items are contained in the "CUFOS Field Investigator's Basic Equipment Checklist" on the following page.

CUFOS Field Investigator Service

General Report Forms and certain other items will be furnished at no charge. Additionally, UFO event-related information will be made available to interested individuals at the following rates (subject to change).

Number of Pages	Price per Page	Packaging & Postage
1 - 4	25¢, $1.00 minimum	0
5 +	20¢, plus:	10% of total

Note: prices are rounded to the nearest 10¢; splits to the next highest figure.

A list of available investigated case reports and other material will be published in future C.I.Q. issues. This service is provided by:

CUFOS Investigator Coordinator
P. O. Box 66404
Mobile, Alabama 36606

CUFOS Field Investigator's Basic Equipment Checklist

[ ] CUFOS Identification Card (registration required)
[ ] CUFOS General Report Forms
[ ] notebook/notepad
[ ] plain paper, 8 1/2" X 11" size
[ ] "Zipatone" color set
[ ] camera (35mm SLR recommended)
[ ] quality magnetic compass
[ ] local area topography map/s
[ ] portable tape recorder
[ ] blank recording tapes
[ ] tape measure (50 or more feet)
[ ] soil sampler extracting tool
[ ] soil sample containers
[ ] tweezers
[ ] knife
[ ] _____
[ ] _____
[ ] _____

[ ] CUFOS Introductory Letter (registration required)
[ ] MUFON/other Investigator Manual
[ ] MUFON/other supplemental forms
[ ] clipboard/other writing surface
[ ] pencils, erasers, pens, etc.
[ ] day and night film for camera
[ ] batteries for camera
[ ] heavy duty flashlight (waterproof)
[ ] batteries for flashlight
[ ] batteries for tape recorder
[ ] precise ruler (English and Metric)
[ ] string (several hundred feet)
[ ] economical tent stakes
[ ] hand trowel
[ ] carry case for equipment
[ ] _____
[ ] _____
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Optional Items

[ ] arc indicator
[ ] flash attachment/s for camera
[ ] camera tripod
[ ] "Jupiterscope" light analyzer
[ ] C.B., radiotelephone, etc.
[ ] Brunton Pocket Transit
[ ] soil sampling kit
[ ] scintillation spectrometer
[ ] quality UFO magnetometer
[ ] heavy duty cord, 100+ feet
[ ] plaster of paris
[ ] chalk lines, 100+ feet
[ ] star finder
[ ] pocket level
[ ] heavy duty gloves

[ ] back-up/Polaroid camera
[ ] back-up/Polaroid film
[ ] back-up batteries for camera
[ ] camera light meter
[ ] movie/video camera, film & acces.
[ ] Pocket Penetrometer, Model CL-700
[ ] adapter foot for Model CL-700
[ ] rangefinder
[ ] radiation detector
[ ] elevation detector
[ ] disposable polyethylene gloves
[ ] first aid kit
[ ] farmers almanac
[ ] boots
[ ] shovel

An Open Letter

Dear Fellow Investigators,

It seems appropriate to introduce myself and furnish you with some of my background and experience as you have all done for me.

I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 3, 1943. The majority of my time has been spent along the Gulf Coast region including Mobile, Alabama; Laurel, Mississippi; Pensacola, Florida and Tallahassee, Florida. I served in the U.S.A.F. communications intelligence field from 1965 through 1969 including duties overseas at Turkey and England.

My educational background includes two years college with primary interests in anthropology, archaeology and geography. My work experience has been in sales, retail management and banking. Presently, I am employed with Central Bank of the South in Mobile, Alabama.

During 1973 my attention was grasped by the intensity of reported UFO events in and around Mobile, Alabama. In 1974 I became dissatisfied with the lack of accurate information concerning the UFO phenomenon and joined MUFON as the State-Section Director for Mobile and Baldwin counties in Alabama under the direction of Walter H. Andrus, Jr. In 1975 I became associated with the Center for UFO Studies as a field investigator. During 1975 I attended the MUFON Symposium at Des Moines, Iowa and in 1976 I attended the first CUFOS Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

From 1974 to 1979 I accumulated over one hundred sighting reports in the south Alabama area. While living in England from 1979 to 1982 I prepared a 350 page report of those sightings, titled "A Comparative Unit." That report was completed in January of 1985.

My local activities have included a class lecture at the University of Alabama; a presentation to the Mobile Amateur Radio Club; several guest appearances on local radio talk programs and a number of article contributions for local newspapers.

During the past twelve years I have been a proponent of detailed anomalous characteristic research and worldwide standardization of investigative and research methods. I consider myself to be an early "second generation" student of the UFO phenomenon. To date, I have yet to see any proposed theory capable of properly addressing the many conflicting characteristics exhibited by the UFO phenomenon.

During the spring season of this year I was appointed Investigator Coordinator for the Center by John P. Timmerman, Chairman of the CUFOS Board. My responsibilities to CUFOS Field Investigators and the CUFOS Board are supervised by Mark Rodeghier.

As a fellow investigator I will do everything possible concerning the free exchange of information in regard to the UFO phenomenon. Please feel free to contact me concerning our common goal of obtaining the needed information and evidence for the advancement of our studies.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Boyd
October, 1985

Case Reports

Investigated sighting reports should be sent to the following addresses.

Center for UFO Studies
Corporate Offices
1955 John's Drive
Glenview, Illinois 60025-1673 U.S.A.

CUFOS Investigator Coordinator
P. O. Box 66404
Mobile, Alabama 36606 U.S.A.

Additional copies should be sent to your appropriate affiliated organizations and one or more copies should be retained in your local file. Instructions concerning preparation and completion of case reports are available in C.I.Q. issue #1 and through correspondence with the investigator coordinator. Changes in report submission will be explained in future C.I.Q. issues.

UNICAT

Associates wishing to furnish their case reports for possible UNICAT entry are requested to prepare their files chronologically as demonstrated in the Pre-UNICAT/MAYBECAT List Outline.

If you do not have a copy of the above-mentioned outline or require any assistance in such preparation please contact the investigator coordinator. Contributors to UNICAT will receive priority once readout results are available.

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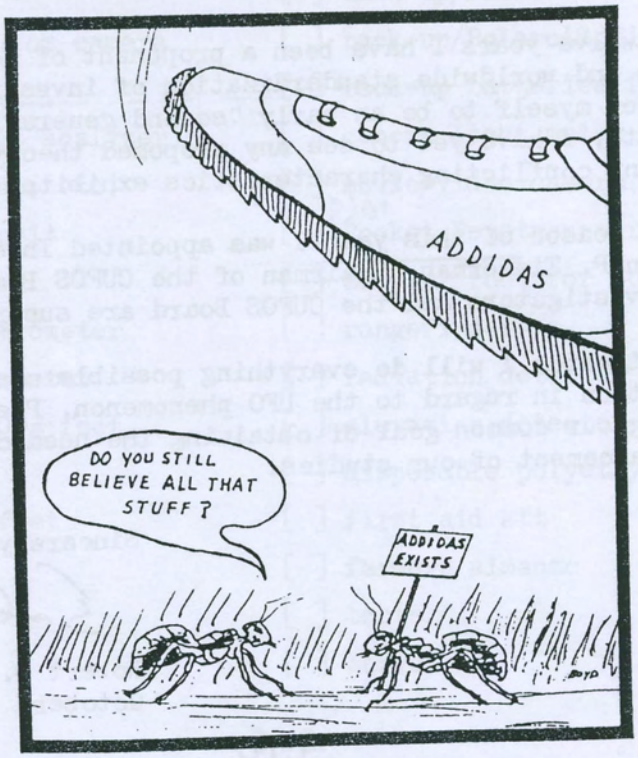
Requirements for CUFOS Field Investigator representation will be more stringent for present and future associates. Additional information concerning the field investigator's examination by Dan Wright (MUFON Regional Director) and other pre-requisites will be made available as soon as possible.