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ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER

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You are reading the first issue of a new monthly publication by the Center for UFO Studies. The ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER comes into being to broaden the range of information already available from CUFOS to those who are interested in keeping up-to-date on activities of the Center and news of UFO sightings and investigation not usually available elsewhere. If you are now or will become an ASSOCIATE of CUFOS (as described in the enclosed application form), you will begin receiving this new NEWSLETTER. It will be mailed monthly to ASSOCIATES of all "kinds," but will not be available by sale or by subscription.

This issue is being mass-distributed to potential ASSOCIATES to explain the Center and to attract new financial support for UFO information and research. We will be very grateful if, after reading this copy, you will pass it on to a friend near you or in a distant city who may wish to be involved in this very interesting work. Thank you for doing that for us.

It is our hope that the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER will grow in usefulness to those who read it and in this and future issues we plan the following articles. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Scientific Director of CUFOS, will write a regular monthly item. Allan Hendry, our Chief Investigator and Managing Editor of the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER, will report on recently investigated sighting reports not appearing in the IUR. Mimi Hynek, Vice-President for Publications, will report on new and popular items available from the Center Information Services Department. Fred Merritt and other officers and ASSOCIATES will contribute articles about UFOCAT, physical trace cases, sightings from aircraft, interesting visitors to the Center offices and a variety of other matters relating to UFOs. We will reserve space for the "photograph of the month" with commentary about it. You will be invited to send us your comments for possible publication as an ASSOCIATE CORRESPONDENT.

Besides the above, we hope to make announcements about conferences of UFO organizations which you might be interested in attending. We will publish the scheduled appearances of CUFOS ASSOCIATE speakers throughout the country, including Dr. Hynek's activities which you or a nearby friend might attend. In short, we will attempt to bring to you, through this publication, information which you might like to have, but don't have time to seek elsewhere. As an ASSOCIATE of CUFOS, we want you to stay informed and up-to-date. Welcome to CUFOS.

John P. Timmerman

1977 Nocturnal Light Photograph Reported

Between 10 and 12 PM in mid-March 1977 James Ferguson and Tom Patton were about two miles West of Tucson, Arizona in the desert preparing to take night photographs of saguaro cacti using flash-lighting effects. As they had their camera on a tripod and ready to take a photo of a large cactus, the floor of the desert around them suddenly began to brighten as if by a full moon. The shadows made them turn around just in time to see a large mass of light arise from behind a distant range of hills. This amazing sight stunned them at first and they waited for it to move higher in the sky. Instead, the mass of light hovered for many minutes just above the horizon and did not appear to move. The two photographers (Ferguson has an MA degree in Photography) quickly turned their camera on tripod toward the light, set the aperture at f.1.2, set it for a time exposure and opened the lens. Several minutes passed which can be determined by measuring the light-paths of the stars visible in this picture and suddenly the light source moved very rapidly to the North and disappeared as a point of light in the distance. The trail of light on the picture indicates the path of departure. The negative of this photograph and the sighting are under investigation by the Center. The results will be published in a future NEWSLETTER.

UFOCAT Sources

The first question asked about UFO reports often is, "Who says so?" Each entry in UFOCAT, the Center's computerized file developed by Dr. David R. Saunders, is coded according to the information given about the case by a particular source. That source is identified and the location within the source (book page number, periodical year, month, etc.) is provided for ready reference. A recent survey of UFOCAT information follows:

Type of Source	Number of Sources	Cases	% of Total
Investigative files	67	21,147	34.0
Clipping files	19	7,474	12.0
Periodicals	48	14,621	23.5
Authors' files	18	5,600	9.0
Books	105	7,221	11.6
Report catalogs	31	6,092	9.8
Totals	288	62,155	99.9

After PROJECT BLUEBOOK, the largest single investigative file source is the Center for UFO Studies files. Many individual investigators have contributed their files, with the understanding that UFOCAT will keep unpublished witness' names confidential. "Periodicals" are mostly publications of various UFO groups, past and present; generally not the publications you will find on the newsstand. Each title is counted as a single source, although it may be many individual issues. The largest source in this group is FSR (London). As you might expect, INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER is one of the publications which is kept up to date in UFOCAT.

UFOCAT accepts multiple accounts of the same case from various sources and these are blocked together under a single primary entry. As a result, high-strangeness cases are found in UFOCAT, on the average, about 2½ times each. Therefore, the user of UFOCAT data usually has a choice of sources for more detailed information on a particular case.

UFOCAT data is available to interested parties at reasonable cost. The physical trace case catalog is available as a Center publication. Custom catalogs or tallies, tailored to the user's requirements, cost $40 (more for extensive or complex questions). See THE UPOCAT CODEBOOK for the kinds of data included in the file and contact Fred Merritt at CUFOS for specific questions.

Fred Merritt

CUFOS In Dallas

Due to a very fortunate series of events, CUFOS has been called upon to prepare and display an exhibit on UFOs at the Prestonwood Town Center in Dallas, Texas the week of May 19th through 23rd. We will be located in a 40 by 40 foot space immediately in front of the Lord and Taylor Store inside the mall, giving us excellent visibility by the thousands of persons who normally pass through this largest shopping mall in the Dallas area. This will be the first time CUFOS has had such an opportunity and we look forward to making many new friends among our visitors there in Texas.

New UFO Radio PSAs

A new series of 60 second and 30 second radio announcements has been produced and copied for free distribution to radio stations throughout the English-speaking world. You may know the right person at your local radio station to whom you could suggest that they write to CUFOS for a free tape. We think you will like them. They are informative and low-key, stressing the need for good, prompt sighting reports after careful, well-informed observation. Your help in putting them into wide public use will be much appreciated.

THE CENTER'S UFO INFORMATION SERVICE IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT HAS REPRODUCTIONS OF

U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
Institute of Space Research Report Pr. 473, 1979
OBSERVATIONS OF ANOMALOUS ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA IN THE U.S.S.R.
A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
by L. M. Gindilis, D.A. Men'kov and I. G. Petrovskaya

After the long silence on the subject of UFOs from the Soviet Union (except for a brief period in 1967-68), this report is both surprising and welcome, especially sponsored, as it is, by the Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The bulk of the incidents alluded to, but not described, come from the work of Felix Zigel. This translation from the Russian was made for NASA's Ames Research Center, which has made it available for distribution. 70 pages $5.00

AND A NEW BOOK OF EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST

BEYOND THE FOUR DIMENSIONS: Reconciling Physics, Parapsychology and UFOs, by Karl Brunstein. 1979.

The first intellectually plausible explanation of the UFO phenomenon appears in this book. A physicist and authority on cosmic radiation, Dr. Brunstein goes past the current limits of science to hypothesize a fifth dimension — beyond height, width, depth and the function of time — as the source of UFO sightings. Before presenting this theory the author provides an accurate and interesting review of the history of astronomy, biological evaluation and some of the philosophical and other complexities of modern physics. $14.00

AS WELL AS SOME PARTICULARLY INTERESTING SIGHTINGS DESCRIBED IN PAPERBACKS

THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS, by Kenneth Arnold & Ray Palmer $4.00
INTERRUPTED JOURNEY, by John Fuller (the Hills' experience) $3.00
THE WALTON EXPERIENCE, by Travis Walton (abduction from AZ) $3.00
BEYOND EARTH, MAN'S CONTACT WITH UFO's, by Ralph & Judy Blum $3.00
and, of course,
THE UFO EXPERIENCE, by J. Allen Hynek $3.00

(all prices on this page are postpaid)

For a CATALOG of publications available from the CENTER, which include reports and catalogs of UFO sightings, reproductions of government documents and reports, reprints of magazine articles, and a selection of responsible books about UFOs, send $1.00 to

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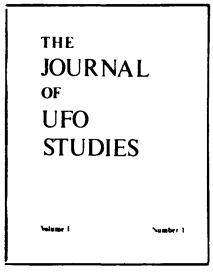
Hello, Switzerland

Two items of interest should be brought to the attention of your Swiss friends. First, Dr. Hynek will be a guest lecturer at the University of Lugano in Lugano Switzerland from June 1 to 14. He will be offering a "crash" course in Astronomy and we imagine someone there will ask him about UFOs. Second, a video-taping team from Swiss National Television (Radio-Television Swisse Romande) out of Geneva, Switzerland was in our offices in Evanston last month and we expect the program they filmed to be broadcast in Switzerland from a Geneva station sometime during the month of June. If you have friends with whom you correspond over there, you might tell them about these items.

CUFOS Publications

By far the most thoroughly academic publication on the subject of UFOs to become available through the Center for UFO Studies is the



new semi-annual journal which has just recently made its appearance. It is THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES, edited by E. M. Hendry, PhD., and is a collection of refereed papers by members of the scientific community whose credentials qualify them to speak authoritatively on a wide variety of aspects of the UFO phenomenon. Volume One, Number One is currently available from the CUFOS Information Services department and contains, *among other articles*, the following: VOICE STRESS ANALYSIS IN UFO WITNESSES, by Richard F. Haines; HYPNOSIS OF IMAGINARY UFO "ABDUCTEES," by Alvin H. Lawson; SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: Part 1, by Bruce Maccabee; and WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE EMOTIONAL REACTIONS OF UFO ABDUCTEES, by William C. McCall, M.D. This issue contains twelve very interesting papers and deserves careful reading by those seriously interested in the scientific aspects of UFOs.

THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES is mailed to all CUFOS ASSOCIATES who gift $100.00 or more per year to CUFOS. Separate copies are available by writing to CUFOS Information Services, 1609 Sherman Avenue, Suite 207, Evanston, IL 60201.

Dr. Hynek In Ohio

On Sunday, May 18th, the first area meeting of CUFOS ASSOCIATES is being held in Lima, Ohio. Dr. J. Allen Hynek will be the discussion leader of the meeting which will last from 2:00 to 4:30 PM at 1170 Shawnee Road, Lima. Only funding ASSOCIATES of CUFOS on our current (12 month period) list are invited, but each ASSOCIATE will be permitted to bring one guest (spouse or friend) to the meeting. There will be no admission charge and Dr. Hynek expects a rather lively discussion to develop on some of the more speculative aspects of the UFO. He has requested no tape recorders for this meeting.

If you, in your community, wish to develop sufficient numbers of funding ASSOCIATES to plan such a meeting, write to John P. Timmerman, Chairman of CUFOS Executive Board of Directors, P. O. Box 1402, Evanston, IL 60201 for detailed information. Dr. Hynek and other interesting speakers may be called upon for such area meetings of ASSOCIATES whenever possible.

Texas Meeting

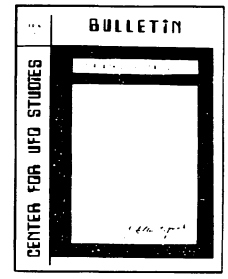
Fred Merritt, CUFOS Vice-President for Data Systems, will speak at the 1980 MUFON Symposium June 7th at Clear Lake City (Houston), Texas. Fred's paper, UFOCAT AND A FRIEND WITH TWO NEW IDEAS, describes how data from the Center's computerized file of UFO reports might be used, and presents the conclusions of two analyses. (How often do you meet someone who says he's a personal friend of a computerized file of UFO reports?) Information about the symposium is available from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Sequin, Texas 78155.

New York Meeting

CUFOS ASSOCIATE Rick Hilberg, Past-Chairman of Northern Ohio UFO Group, will address the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE in New York City on June 21st. The topic of his talk will be AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF UFOs. Information about this meeting is available from P. O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024.

CUFOS Periodicals

Besides the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER, the Center for UFO Studies publishes three other magazines



which you may be interested in reading. They are described by those who have read them as "very interesting," "informative," the best source of serious writing on the UFO subject," and they are read world-wide.

The CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES BULLETIN is published quarterly and is edited by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Scientific Director of CUFOS. To give you some idea of the type of reading you will find in the BULLETIN, the following articles were included in the current issue: "The British UFO Scene," a personal evaluation by Dr. Hynek of the UFO research organizations in England with which he has had contact, including a map showing their locations; "UFO Crashes?", an editorial comment on the recent monograph by Len Stringfield; "Odyssey Research Association," a synopsis of some of the more provocative cases reported by this dedicated volunteer organization in Maryland; "Cattle Mutilations," an article explaining some of Dr. Hynek's thoughts regarding this amazing mystery which may or may not be related to UFO activity.

The BULLETIN is available only to CUFOS ASSOCIATES through their contributions and is mailed to the list of those who contribute $25.00 or more annually to CUFOS financial support with their tax-deductible gift.

CUFOS In OMNI

In the May 1980 issue of OMNI magazine you will find on page 136 an advertisement which was gifted to CUFOS by the magazine publisher. Included in the ad is a clip-out for subscription to the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER and response has been very good as of only one week after its appearance on newsstands. Again, we hope to gain ASSOCIATES as well as IUR subscribers with this very fine exposure to an audience very likely interested in our work at CUFOS. It seems only fair to say that the staff of CUFOS regards OMNI as a fabulous publication.

Yes, Virginia, There Are UFOs In Russia

We have received a most interesting report from Moscow, translated for us by NASA through the courtesy of Dr. Richard F. Haines, who initiated the process. It has now become an official NASA report. It is available (in English) through the Center's Information Services and a critique of it by Drs. Haines and Hynek will appear in a future issue of THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES, along with the report itself.

It is interesting for two highly significant reasons: first, for years the official party line of the Soviet official newspaper, PRAVDA (which, by the way, means TRUTH) has been that UFOs are a product of the Imperialistic Decadent West and are, therefore, all nonsense. This report gives the lie to PRAVDA's "truth." Secondly, this report ("observations of anomalous atmospheric phenomena in the USSR; statistical analysis") is a study of 256 UFO reports (mostly from 1967) from which the IFOs have been eliminated. Are Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena the same as UFOs? In Russia they are! The report states: "in this report we use the term 'anomalous atmospheric phenomena'. We consider the previously used term UFO to be less adequate for such work . . ." Further, in the report, the word "objects" generally replaces "phenomena", leaving no doubt whatever that it is UFOs they are talking about.

Well, a rose by any other name . . .

The report ". . . is published by direction of the Section of General Physics Astronomy, Presidium, Academy of Sciences, USSR." So there is no doubt that it is official. Further, it was written by three Academicians from the Sternberg State Astronomical Institute, the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute, and the Institute of Space Research, respectively.

I won't give away all the punch lines. However, 42 percent of the reports were made by scientists and engineers! And more than half of all the reports came from, in addition, teachers, pilots, physicians and other trained persons.

Personally, I find it both enlightening and amusing that astronomers rate the highest, percentage-wise, in reporting Soviet UFOs, higher than physicists, chemists, geologists, etc.

The report states, in this connection, "this points out the inaccuracy of the wide-spread opinion that inexperienced persons predominate among the observers, and that there supposedly are no reports from specialists. J. A. Hynek noticed the inaccuracy of this point of view as early as 1956." Nice to be acknowledged! They refer there to my letter to the magazine SCIENCE published some 14 years ago.

Next we shall be hearing from China!

J. Allen Hynek

CORRESPONDENCE

(from a correspondent during March 1980 . . . Holyoke, Massachusetts)

"In reference to telephone call to station WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut while Dr. Hynek was on, the wife and I would like to give you our authentic version of our sighting of a UFO.

"This goes back to April of 1978 while I was working in Detroit, Michigan. We stayed at a motel on Michigan Avenue, the name escapes me, but it was next door to a bar and across the street from a body shop. We overlooked the Ford Motor Plant in Dearborn.

"The landlady (whose name was Alice) had a small dog who used to inhabit our apartment more than hers. Around 10 PM during the end of April (1978), while I was snoozing and the wife was finishing the dishes, the dog let out an awful howl. That was unusual for her, as I could never get a pip out of her, be it burglars, cats or a swipe with a slipper. Anyway, the wife ran out to see who was invading the premises. The only thing worth stealing at that time were my radishes (which looked like sick onions).

"There it was, right over our radish patch! She said it stayed there a minute or two and moved toward the Ford plant. She (got) me out of the sack before it got very far away and made me a believer!

"It was low enough so we could see the complete row of windows which circled the bottom. I'd say about 500 ft. altitude and approximately 125 to 150 ft. in diameter. Perfectly round and completely silent. If it wasn't for the dog, we'd never have known it was around. It seemed to be able to stop whenever it wanted, every two or three minutes or so, and never went more than 20 or 25 mph as we observed it for a good 15 minutes after I got up. It went directly over the Ford plant, turning all the time, but with no noise. When I say 500 ft. altitude, I mean the height it was flying. It was dome-shaped and probably 50 ft. in height. It seemed as though there were windows on the bottom, but I couldn't be sure. My wife couldn't remember, either.

"We shouted for the landlady, Alice, and she was a witness to the last few minutes of our sighting. The only discrepency between my wife and I were the colors emitted from the windows. She claims they were orange, white and bluish tint. I thought red, white and blueish, but then I'm . . . more patriotic than she is.

"When I first got a look at it, I was trying to see if there was any object or form peering from any of the windows. None whatsoever! No one-armed men, 3-headed-men or green men. What a disappointment! My wife said she thought she saw one, but I know her imagination, so disregard that part of the sighting.

I sure hope this little bit of information will help you solve this (UFO) phenomena quickly because my left ear is deaf and my right one is badly bent from listening to my wife's projections of disasters to come.

Incidentally, I didn't see any machine guns, cannons or atomic bombs hanging out of it, so I conclude they are perfectly harmless. Of course, I'm not a scientist nor have I ever ridden in one, yet. If I ever have the opportunity again of seeing one so close up, I'll put my thumb out, hang a ride, pick up their technology and come back with the smoothest riding vehicle we ever saw. Probably gasless, too!

"The above is a true statement." (signed: J.A.T. and E.T.)

"P.S.. On the back is my sorry sketch of what it looked like." J.T.

"P.P.S. We didn't report it and there was no mention the next day of any sighting in the DETROIT NEWS." J.T. (Name on file at CUFOS)

Volunteer Translators

Those ASSOCIATES wishing to join the Volunteer Translators Network to assist in handling the large volume of foreign correspondence received by CUFOS in Evanston, but which needs translation into English before reply can be made, may write to Mrs. Jan Miller, 9639 N. Dixie Highway, Bluffton, OH 45817 for information. Especially needed at this time are Swedish and Danish translators.

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The CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES was founded in 1973 as a not-for-profit educational and scientific research organization for the study of the general class of phenomena known as the unidentified flying objects. The CENTER has become an international clearing-house for the exchange and investigation of UFO sighting reports and a major source of reliable information about UFOs for school libraries, local study groups and the general public.

Funding for all CENTER activities is derived solely from interested individuals and private organizations. All such contributions are tax-deductible and a schedule for ASSOCIATE financial participation is included here. ASSOCIATES of the CENTER receive various publications, including a monthly newsletter, a quarterly bulletin, a semi-annual journal and other special mailings, according to the level of associate participation.

The CENTER operates a toll-free telephone number available to law enforcement agencies and scientific organizations for the transmission of sighting reports. The public telephone number is (312) 491-6666 and it is available to pre-paid calls on a 24-hour basis.

All reports coming to the CENTER are carefully evaluated for investigation, such investigation often involving highly technical laboratory and field tests. If the report cannot then be explained in terms of a misperception of an ordinary object or phenomenon, it is filed for statistical study into the CENTER's computer bank, which now contains over 100,000 entries.

For persons wishing information about the subject of UFOs, the CENTER maintains an extensive library at its offices in Evanston, Illinois, distributes its various publications, offers recommended publications of the CENTER and others through its Information Services office, distributes to broadcasting stations throughout the country pre-recorded public service messages, maintains a speakers bureau and is searching for additional ways to accomplish this purpose.

ASSOCIATES wishing to become personally involved in CENTER activities are encouraged to write to the office in Evanston for additional information.

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Please list on the reverse of this application form the names and addresses of persons you know who have sighted what they believe were UFOs. We will send them a sighting report form so that their experience may become a part of the basic information needed to help solve the mystery of these phenomena.

Please register the undersigned as an ASSOCIATE of the _____ KIND with the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES for one year beginning _____.
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FACTS ABOUT UFOs:

THE PHENOMENON

From time to time throughout history there have been reports of strange things seen in the sky. In 1946 a series of such sightings occurred in Sweden, and since 1947 reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have become increasingly numerous in the U.S. and other parts of the world. These reports continue in much the same form today.

UFO sightings are reported to the Center for UFO Studies by a broad spectrum of the public, particularly through local law enforcement agencies. UFOs themselves are reported by many highly responsible people, e.g. military and civilian pilots, air traffic controllers, scientists, etc.

The majority of present-day sightings prove to be misinterpretations of natural phenomena—meteors, planets, and stars—or man-made objects such as airplanes, balloons, and satellites. These are referred to as identified flying objects (IFOs). A smaller number of reports cannot be investigated properly due either to lack of pertinent details or the inaccessibility of witnesses. In any given set of UFO reports, however, there remains a residuum of about 5-10% which are truly puzzling, not only to the witnesses, but to technically trained investigators who study the reports.

While UFO reports differ in many details, there are also a number of similarities recurring in such features as shape, manuveurability, appearance and disappearance, sound and color. There are several basic observational categories into which the unidentifieds may be classified.

THE CATEGORIES

A. RELATIVELY DISTANT SIGHTINGS

1. *Nocturnal Lights* (*NL*): These are sightings of lights in the night sky whose appearance and/or motions are not explainable in terms of conventional light sources. The lights appear most often as red, orange, or white. They form the largest group of UFO reports.

2. *Daylight Discs* (*DD*): Daytime sightings are generally of oval or disc-shaped metallic-appearing objects. They can appear high in the sky or close to the ground, and they are often reported to hover. They can seem to disappear in the distance with astounding speed.

3. *Radar-Visuals* (*RV*): Of special significance are unidentified "blips" on radar screens which coincide with and confirm simultaneous visual sightings by the same or other witnesses.

B. RELATIVELY CLOSE SIGHTINGS (within 200 yards)

1. *Close Encounters of the First Kind* (*CE I*): Though the witness observes a UFO nearby, it does not appear to interact with either the witness or the environment.

2. *Close Encounters of the Second Kind* (*CE II*): In these encounters there is a reported interaction between the UFO and the environment which may vary from interference with car ignition systems and electronic gear to imprints or burns on the ground and physical effects on plants, animals, and humans.

3. *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (*CE III*): In this category entities generally of a more-or-less human-like appearance (now referred to as "humanoids") are reported in or closely associated with the UFO. There is usually no direct contact or communication with the witness, but there have been some reports, increasing in recent years, of incidents involving very close contact, even temporary detainment, of the witness(es).

THE KINDS OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

After some UFO sightings indications of the presence of something most unusual have been found.

1. *Physical Traces.* Compressed and dehydrated vegetation, broken tree branches, and imprints in the ground have all been reported. Sometimes a soil sample taken from an area where a UFO had been seen close to the ground will be determined by laboratory analysis to have undergone heating or other changes not present in the control sample.

2. *Physiological Effects.* Medical verification of burns, eye inflammation or temporary blindness and other physiological effects attributed to encounters with UFOs—even healings of previous conditions—can also constitute evidence, especially when no other obvious cause for the effect can be found by the medical examiner.

3. *Radarscope Photos.* A series of photographs of a radar screen on which a "blip" of a UFO appears is a powerful adjunct to a visual sighting because it provides quantitative evidence of the UFO's motions and velocity.

4. *Photographs.* While it might seem that photographs would constitute the best evidence for UFOs, this has not been the case. Hoaxes are common but can usually be exposed quite easily, but even those photos which pass the test of microscopic analysis and/or computer enhancement often show no more than an object of unknown nature and frequently out of focus. For proper analysis of a photo it is necessary that the original negative be available and the photographer, witnesses, and circumstances under which the photograph was taken be known.

THE RESEARCH

The persistence of the UFO phenomenon and its worldwide occurrence have led to a growing number of scientists to involve themselves in UFO research. The attitude of the scientific community is slowly changing. Cogent evidence of this is given in the Sturrock Report, a survey of the members of the American Astronomical Society, which showed that the majority felt that UFOs were worthy of scientific study.

An earlier attempt at a scientific study was made by the University of Colorado's "Condon Committee" in 1966-67. The conclusion of several involved scientists that the UFO phenomenon was worthy of further study was ignored by the project director, Dr. Condon.

Recently, a number of scientific journals are opening their pages to serious papers on UFOs. A conference featuring work of this quality was held in May, 1976 by the Center for UFO Studies and featured the work of the Scientific Board of the Center, an association of about twenty scientists from various universities and government laboratories who are dedicated to the serious scientific study of the UFO problem. The *Proceedings* of this conference and other documents are available through the CENTER.

HOW TO REPORT A UFO

If you yourself should see a UFO, first try to get as many other witnesses as possible and take a photograph of the object. Take careful note of its appearance, its motion, the time and duration of the sighting and the directions involved. To report your sighting, you can call the CENTER directly (312/491-6666) or if your local police department has the "800" number of the CENTER's UFO HOTLINE, report it to them and ask that it be called in to the CENTER. An investigator will respond to your call promptly.

WITNESSES NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

SCHEDULE OF ASSOCIATES

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS	First Kind		Second Kind		Third Kind		Fourth Kind	
	I-E	I-R	II-E	II-R	III-E	III-R	IV-E	IV-R
ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER (Monthly)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BULLETIN (Quarterly)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER (Bi-Monthly in PROBE)		X	X	X	X	X		X
THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES (Semi-Annually)			X	X	X	X		X
One CUFOS Published Book (ASSOCIATE's Choice)				X	X	X		
All New CUFOS Book Publications (During the year of Association)					X	X		
Nomination of CUFOS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS						X		

ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER: This monthly mailing, which goes to all ASSOCIATES, is a combination of news about CUFOS activities, speakers' appearances, short items by CUFOS staff, spill-over of UFO sighting reports not appearing in the IUR and other information for ASSOCIATES.

BULLETIN: This quarterly mailing, edited by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, contains articles by Dr. Hynek, special in-depth articles about UFO matters, contributed articles by members of the Scientific Advisory Board of CUFOS and translated articles from foreign researchers.

INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER/PROBE: The IUR section of PROBE, edited by Dr. J. Allen Hynek and researched and written by Allan Hendry, the Chief Investigator for CUFOS, contains a combination of condensed and expanded current sighting reports which have been investigated by Hendry, Hynek and/or members of the CUFOS international network of field investigators.

THE JOURNAL OF UFO STUDIES: Edited by Dr. E. M. Hendry, this refereed scientific journal contains papers on the subject of unidentified flying objects and related studies. Written from the perspective of formal scientific procedures, this publication is designed for the more serious reader in UFO literature.

CUFOS PUBLISHED BOOKS: These are listed in the Information Services booklist and are described in summary form in the CATALOG OF CENTER PUBLICATIONS.

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Individuals elected to this group include nationally-known business and professional persons who are willing to lend their personal prestige and high visibility to the serious scientific research and educational activities of CUFOS. They are invited to attend monthly meetings of the Executive Board of Directors in Evanston and may vote in those meetings attended. They will also receive the DIRECTORS' LETTER.

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ASSOCIATES ACTIVITIES

There are five major areas in which you may choose to assist as an ASSOCIATE. They are (1) Field Investigation of reported sightings, (2) translation of foreign mail, (3) local fund raising activities, (4) public information distribution and (5) scientific research. Some ASSOCIATES select one or two of the above areas in which to assist CUFOS. Others are able to do more and draw friends into their local team working on behalf of the Center and our associated scientists.

FIELD INVESTIGATION: Persons with backgrounds in technical investigation such as legal or police investigation, teachers familiar with research, persons experienced in social work case investigation and having the ability to prepare typed reports of their work are our best sources of UFO field investigators. This can be a very demanding and sometimes costly activity, since the Center does not reimburse the costs of volunteer activity without prior approval in each case to be investigated.

TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: A Volunteer Translators Network is maintained through which foreign correspondence received at the Center is assigned for prompt translation into English for response by our Center correspondents. You or someone you know may have a language ability which can be used by our offices.

LOCAL FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES: The Center has a continuing need for financial assistance to pay the administrative expenses and to fund research of the sighting cases, some of which can cost thousands of dollars per case. You may be willing to become a CASE SPONSOR yourself or you may be able to attract other interested persons or local companies in your area to do the same on an annual basis. Local programs, speakers bureaus, teas and luncheons can be employed to interest possible supporters of the Center. The Center has aids with which you can work to accomplish these goals.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION: You might be interested in establishing a public information group through which publications of the Center would be sold in your community and through which interested persons could acquire current information about the Center and its activities. Contact with the local news media, letters to the editor, appearances on local talk-shows, the willingness to become visible on this subject and many other possible activities are important and useful elements of this necessary function of CUFOS. It would assist the funding, the investigation and other work on behalf of the Center locally.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: Physicists, chemists, photographic analysts, psychologists, opthalmologists, historians, astronomers, agronomists and persons from a great range of disciplines are needed for area follow-up in physical trace cases, in particular. If we have a case in Arizona, it is far better to have a specialist living in Arizona than to have to send one from Pennsylvania, for instance, to do the technical field work. Therefore, back-up in depth is needed in many fields.

The above list is not complete and there are needs for volunteers to do filing, mailing and routine jobs throughout the organization. Therefore, imaginative and enthusiastic assistance can be very important wherever you happen to be..... in a suburb of Boston or in downtown Bluffton, Ohio.

Thank you very much for whatever you can do. Welcome to the team of serious supporters of public education and scientific research in this very important subject of the unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

J. Allen Hynek
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