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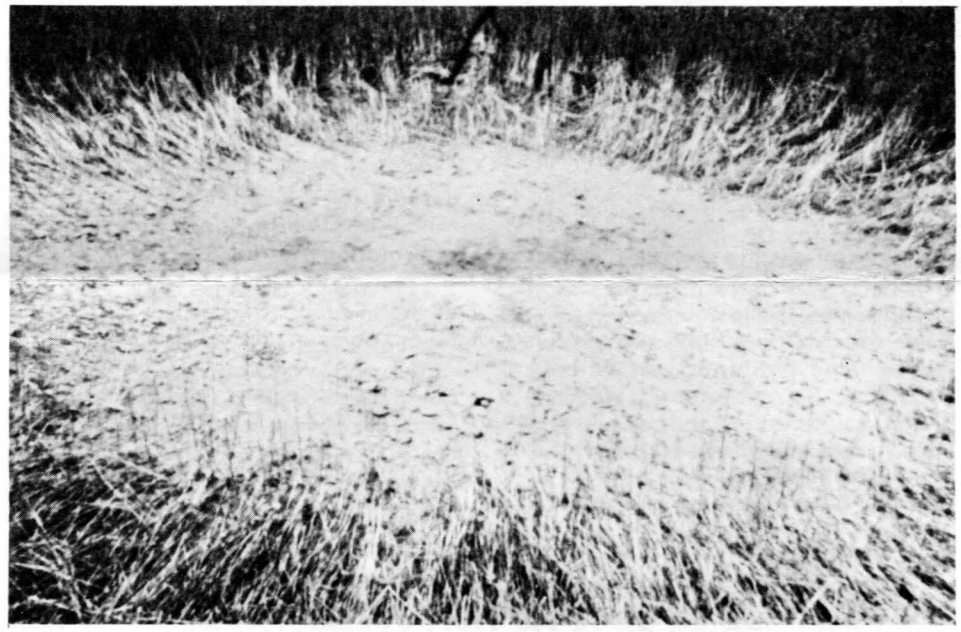
Photograph Of Carrollton, Ohio Ground Mark Received At CUFOS



It remains completely unexplained, fifteen years after the event. A call placed to the Frank Stavano family recently revealed that no explanation has been found for a very loud explosion on June 26, 1965 in the vicinity of the farm of his father Joseph Stavano or for the 52-foot diameter circular devastation which was found two days later in the Stavano wheat field near the Eastern Ohio town of Carrollton, southeast of Canton about 30 miles.

CUFOS has received from Amerigo E. "Marc" Candusso details of a very thorough investigation which he, Larry Moyers and Gary Davis then of Akron and Medina, Ohio conducted on July 5, 1965. (Copies of the nine-page report are available to researchers by sending $2.00 to CUFOS to cover costs of production and mailing.)

June 28, 1965 was a beautiful, warm day. Joseph Stavano, now 87 years old, was cutting hay when he noticed that something was wrong with an adjacent field of wheat. He quickly walked to it and was amazed at what he found . . . a strange circular formation from which the wheat was completely missing in the center and at the edges the stubble was bent or broken outward at an angle of 20 to 30 degrees from the horizontal. Mr. Stavano looked carefully and found no other path into that circle but his own. He was apparently the first to find it.

The investigating team carefully measured the site, collected soil samples, tested for radioactivity and searched for evidence of an explosive event. They sent the soil samples to the Soil Testing Laboratory of Ohio State University and the results of this testing indicated no evidence of explosives. Speculation had included the possibility of shaped plastic charges or hooded explosions. Details of the soil chemistry revealed nothing unusual about the samples tested and no abnormal radioactivity levels were read.

The site was examined as three sections. The first is a roughly circular depression about 28 inches in diameter and about 5 inches deep. In probing below the surface, they found the soil loose for a depth of an additional 9 inches to a layer of sedimentary rock. No foreign matter was found, not even wheat kernels. Also, no evidence of meteor debris was found.

The second section of the site analized was the area of mostly bare ground surrounding the center depression. Its radius was 13 feet. Much of the wheat had been removed, roots and all, leaving the ground almost completely bare. The remaining evidence of wheat was a very short stubble and small, finely divided fragments of wheat plants and wheat kernels. Clumps of hard soil were found in this section as if forcefully removed from the surface, but there was no sign of burning or singeing of the wheat anywhere in the area.

Section three of the site was the next 13 feet which extended beyond section two and blended into the unaffected wheat growing nearby. This section was laid down at an angle of about 20 to 30 degrees and the wheat stems were broken over as if some heavy object with sides slanted at that angle had settled there. Each stem was broken or bent over at a higher point the more distant it was from the center. There was no swirl in the wheat and very little wheat debris was found at the site circle. Some wheat was found hanging in nearby trees, however.

Of some 25 witnesses to the explosion heard on June 26th, no reports of aircraft being seen were found. In checking for B-58 flights by the military, the investigators were told that no B-58s were flying over the area at that time and that supersonic testing had been discontinued.

After compiling his report, Marc Gandusso notified PROJECT BLUE-BOOK by telephone at Wright-Patterson AFB on about July 8th. Witnesses at the scene who were visiting the mark in the wheat field said that an unmarked flat-bed truck came there and backed in over the wheat, took many samples of soil and wheat and left, not identifying themselves. About ten days later, Larry Moyers received a phone call from PROJECT BLUEBOOK and was asked if he had received any lab-test results. Larry answered that tests were not yet completed and asked the Air Force spokesman if

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Christmas Gift Idea

You may have a friend or a relative who would very much appreciate finding that they have become an ASSOCIATE of the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES as a gift from you . . . this Christmas.

For students and others who wish to receive this publication, the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER, monthly for one year, the CUFOS ASSOCIATE of the Fourth Kind (IV-E) was established. The contribution level for IV-E is $10.00 per year.

For readers who wish to have the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER and the CUFOS BULLETIN, published quarterly and written by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the contribution level is $25.00 per year.

Other levels of participation are explained on the last page of this issue and additional information is available by writing to our offices. This would be a unique gift and one which would remind the recipient each month of your generosity. MERRY CHRISTMAS. □

Department Of The Air Force Writes

Those who believe that the government is conducting a super-secret investigation of the UFO phenomena will be interested in the quotations from a recent (September 2, 1980) letter received at our offices in Evanston.

"On 20 August, several of our Security Policemen sighted unexplained objects while on duty in our missile field. We've attached their statements.

"So far, we've been unable to account for the sightings. As follow-up, we'd appreciate any information you uncover.

"I have informed my supervisors of the incidents and am providing them copies of the statements."

The above was received from the Commander of Headquarters 90th Strategic Missile Wing (SAC), Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming 82001.

We recommend, if you have any information regarding possible explanation of these "unexplained objects," that you write directly to the above Commander. CUFOS would appreciate a copy of your letter so that other readers may be aware of any response the Air Force receives to their request for assistance. □

What Is Your CUFOS Associate Anniversary Date?

Beginning with the next issue of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER, we will be mailing it to only those ASSOCIATES who have reestablished their status as a financial contributor within the past twelve months.

Many of you have sent your checks to us to become ASSOCIATES of one kind or another (see schedule on last page of this issue), but we need to have a steady flow of funds throughout the year to maintain our educational program and enlarge our research activities.

Therefore, we hope you will assure a continuing flow of our publications to your home by sending us a tax-exempt gift at least once-a-year. When your payment is received, we mark your ASSOCIATE card for a reminder one year later and you will be reminded by us that your anniversary date has arrived.

Thank you very much for your continued support of CUFOS. □

New National Board Director On Panel

Larry Fawcett of Coventry, Connecticut, newly elected to CUFOS National Board of Directors, will join attorney Robt. Bletchman and Betty and Robert Lucca in a 4-hour public meeting at Maillard Hall in Hartford, Connecticut on Nov. 7th.

WTIC Radio and television personality Brian Dow will host the meeting. □

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their test results were complete. He was told they were not testing anything from the Carrollton wheat field and had not been there to pick up samples. There was no other exchange of information between the Air Force and the local investigating team.

No UFO was seen in connection with this event. However, the site detail resembles many other reports in which objects were seen at or near the physical trace. □

UFO Information Service
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TRANSCRIPTS OF TWO CONFERENCES

One, very specialized.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE ON UFO INVESTIGATION
(CONTACTEE CONFERENCE)

University of Wyoming, School of Extended Studies.
R. Leo Sprinkle, Conference Coordinator. May 23, 24 and 25, 1980.
Eighteen invited participants who had experienced some form of communication or contact, usually though not always accompanied by a UFO sighting, shared their experiences freely in person or by letter. Most of them had been solitary observers although some of the experiences had been shared by two or three people. None of them had sought publicity, all had been interviewed by Dr. Sprinkle. Dr. Sprinkle's thoughtful comments conclude the proceedings. Appended is an earlier paper of his which summarizes his previous interviews and hypnotic sessions with 53 people who reported abductions by UFO occupants. A fascinating glimpse into a strange world. $7.00 ppd.

The second, more varied.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS
sponsored by FATE Magazine, June 24-26, 1977, Chicago.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS, sponsored by FATE Magazine, June 24-26, 1977, Chicago, Curtis Fuller, Editor. The presentations range from Kenneth Arnold's account of his historic sighting in 1947 to J. Allen Hynek's predictions about the future of Ufology. Ted Phillips offers solid evidence of physical traces gathered from landing sites around the world. Ted Bloecher describes encounters with humanoids, and scientists and investigators discuss thought transference, UFOs as psychic constructs, UFO propulsion systems, hypnosis of imaginary abductees, cosmic brainwashing, "men in black," the reliability of UFO witnesses, and other subjects pertinent to the puzzle of UFOs. $3.75 ppd.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I write . . . about "15th Century Painting of UFO in Nativity Scene" in (July 1980 ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER). The "strange rays" surrounding the UFO remind us of some cryptogamic infection. Would it be possible that the "UFO" could only be some cryptogamic artefact?

Mr. Jean Bastide
Aix-en-Provence, France

Color slides of careful photography of the painting are not proof, but seem to indicate that rather than "cryptogamic infection" we may be observing "cryptogrammic infraction."

Editor

Dear Sirs,

I am moved to comment that the "UFO" in the 15th Century Lippi painting looks to me very much like a badly repaired hole in the painting. The tiny cracks and paint chips missing indicate that the canvas was perforated inward, perhaps by the tip of a sword. Perhaps you know a correspondent in Florence who could examine the painting and let us know.

Jerold R. Johnson
Austin, Texas

We like your suggestion regarding a report by a correspondent in Florence and hope that any readers knowing such a possible investigator write to them asking them to carefully inspect and report to CUFOS.

Editor □

In Search Of... UFO Coverups

We received (too late for our September edition) notification by ALAN LANDSBURG PRODUCTIONS of the dates and cities for the broadcasting of the television special "In Search Of . . . UFO Coverups."

Unfortunately, this edition will reach many of you after the date on which the program will be shown in your area.

However, with the hope that some of you may benefit by the information, the following stations, cities and dates are listed beginning with those being broadcast after October 6th:

WIXT Syracuse, N.Y. (10/19); KWWL Waterloo, Iowa (10/11);

WHEC Rochester, NY (10/11; WLWT Cincinnati, OH (10/25);

KTHI Fargo, ND (10/11); WBMG Birmingham, AL (10/11);

KOKI Tulsa, OK (10/11).

Be sure to check with your local station or newspapers for last-minute schedule changes. □

Many Sightings Reported By Nebraskans At UFO Photography Exhibit

The three-day visit of our 1980 CUFOS UFO PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT at the Conestoga Mall in Grand Island, Nebraska September 12th to 14th was a big success in several respects.

First, it was well-attended by persons traveling from many nearby communities in central Nebraska to examine the photographs and to talk about their personal experiences. The free exhibit was located in the central court of this large, new, indoor shopping mall at the edge of town.

Second, over 90 minutes of recorded sighting report information was collected from persons willing to admit and talk about their experiences. We believe that others could have given reports, but did not do so. One of the reports received was the following . . .

"My name is (on file) . . . I'm from St. Paul (Nebraska) and on the night of January 19, 1980 my three children and I were going to Grand Island. We were about five miles south of St. Paul when we were watching two lights which were to our southwest and we didn't know what these were. They looked like they were a car in the sky, but they were exceptionally bright. As we watched them it came closer and closer to us and then suddenly it started across the highway right in front of us.

I slammed on my brakes because I was afraid to drive under it. My oldest boy, who is fifteen, couldn't believe what he saw. He rolled down his window and actually leaned out the window to see it. It was a dome-shaped object. It had windows . . . just a perfect saucer . . . and it moved very, very slowly across the highway to the East and then from the East it stopped and we continued on very slowly. It then came along side . . . going south as we were.

"When I saw it angle off to go across the highway again I stopped (the car) because I didn't want to drive under it or encounter it again. I was afraid to turn around . . . finally we watched it go ahead and I drove on quite fast to St. Libory . . . and reported it to the sheriff."

This report from a 34-year-old medical assistant is an example of the type of information "out there" which has not reached the files of investigative organizations. We hope you will encourage friends with whom you discuss UFOs to report any sightings they may have to our offices in Evanston. (See page one for details.)

If you know a local mall manager who might be interested in such an exhibit, please have him contact us for details. □

Allan Hendry Reports... A Spooky Experience In Indiana

TYPE: CE-I
DATE: 5-9-80
TIME: 9 PM
DURATION: 30 Minutes
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Bargersville, Indiana

31-year-old housewife (name on file at CUFOS) was driving home with her daughter in a truck from the grocery store when bright red flashes of light lit up the inside of their vehicle and the surrounding area. These red flashes were caused by red balls of light approximately the size of lemons in the empty fields around them. The bright balls would blink on and off in succession climbing up one telephone pole, moving down, and crossing the road to perform the same antics up another pole.

The witness was afraid to drive past the lights because they would approach her closely, forcing her to back up the truck. Finally, the strange phenomenon ceased and the puzzled women proceeded home. When they got there, their dog, a German Shepherd, started whining and barking. The woman's husband then stepped out on the front porch with her to investigate.

Suddenly the witness' two daughters started screaming, "Mommy, they're on you." According to both girls, red balls of light with white centers were moving across her back and behind her hair. She couldn't feel anything, but the German Shepherd ran to the barn and stayed there all night.

Ball lightning? The night was clear with no thunderstorm activity which usually accompanies such lightning.

The family underwent one more unusual experience in June this year. The husband and daughters "saw" her pull the truck into the driveway, shut off the motor and turn out the lights . . . 15 minutes before she actually got home. William Stevens is investigating this "spooky" set of events for the Center.

Editor: John P. Timmerman

(1882, November 17)
A Strange Celestial Visitor

(Reprint of a letter to the Editor of THE OBSERVATORY magazine which appeared in the May 1916 edition of that publication of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, East Sussex, ENGLAND BN27 1RP.)

In response to the invitation of the Editors of the **Observatory** to furnish some reminiscences to the 500th number of this Magazine, I tried to recall my most striking experiences during the past 43 years, and my memory has gone back to one that stands out from its unlikeness to any other.

It was a quiet and fairly clear evening in the late autumn, and the time was nearly two hours after sunset. The Moon was near her first quarter, and had crossed the meridian a little more than half an hour before. There was, therefore, a fair amount of light in the sky, and the principal stars were clearly seen.

I was at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and, as a violent magnetic storm had broken out at about 10^h15^m in the forenoon, was expecting an auroral display. I had therefore taken up my position close to the "Sheepshanks Dome," on the "Liberty Leads," as the flat roof over the smaller library was then called, whence I had a view uninterrupted in all directions except for the great dome towards the S.E. Nor was my expectation disappointed, for as the sunset tints faded away in the W.S.W. quarter, a rosy glow, at first hardly to be distinguished from them, spread itself all over the N.W. and gradually strengthened, until about 5:30 P.M. a brilliant ray, mainly of the same red or rosy colour, but with a greenish vein in it, shot up from the horizon in the north and reached the zenith. Other less conspicuous glows and rays showed themselves, but presented no features of special interest.

Then, when the display seemed to be quieting down, a great circular disc of greenish light suddenly appeared low down in the E.N.E., as though it had just risen, and moved across the sky, as smoothly and steadily as the Sun, Moon, stars, and planets move, but nearly a thousand times as quickly. The circularity of its shape when first seen was evidently merely the effect of foreshortening, for as it moved it lengthened out, and when it crossed the medidian and passed just above the Moon its form was that almost of a very elongated ellipse, and various observers spoke of it as "cigar-shaped," like a torpedo," or a "spindle" or "shuttle." Had the incident occurred a third of a century later, beyond doubt everyone would have selected the same simile — it would have been "just like a Zeppelin." After crossing the meridian its length seemed to contract, and it disappeared somewhat to the south of the west point. Its entire passage from rising to setting took less than two minutes to complete, and it disappeared at $6^h5^m59^s$ G.M.T.

I watched for several hours longer, but no repetition of the phenomenon occurred. A pale greenish glow, fringing the upper edge of the great London-smoke cloud in the north was observed, but it showed little, if any, structure or movement.

The "torpedo," on the other hand, was many times brighter than this northern glow, much brighter even than the Great Comet (of 1882) then visible in the early morning sky, and it had a clearly defined outline, but a plain and uniform surface. The greatest length which it presented was about 30°; its breadth was from 2° to 3°. But in colour the light of the "torpedo" was evidently the same as that of the auroral glow in the north, and this showed me in the spectroscope the familiar auroral line in the "citron-green," to which, indeed, its colour was plainly due, a line now considered to be coincident with a prominent line in the spectrum of krypton.

This "torpedo-shaped" beam of light was unlike any other celestial object that I have ever seen. The quality of its light, and its occurrence while a great magnetic storm and a bright aurora were in progress, seem to establish its auroral origin. But it differed very widely in appearance from any other aurora that I have ever seen. It was unlike auroral shafts and rays, with their glancing, flickering movements so generally radiating from the magnetic north, since its motion was a steady uniform progress from (magnetic) east to west. It was equally unlike auroral "arches" or the auroral "crown," and its clearly defined outline and restricted size differentiated it as distinctly from ordinary diffused auroral glows.

It appeared to be a definite body, and the inference which some observers drew from this was that it was a "meteor," not in the old vague sense of some object high in the Earth's atmosphere, but in the sense of a solid cosmical substance the orbit of which has brought it within the terrestrial atmosphere. But nothing could well be more unlike the rush of a great meteor or fireball, with its intense radiance and fiery train than the steady — though fairly swift — advance of the "torpedo." There was no sign of the compression of the atmosphere before it, no hint that the matter composing its front part was in any way more strongly heated than the rest of its substance — if substance, indeed, it possessed. The gleam of a search-light, focussed on a cloud and steadily swept along it, is a more accurate simile for the impression which the appearance produced upon my own mind. . . .

E. WALTER MAUNDER,
8 Maze Hill, Greenwich Park, S.E.
1916, April 26.

The above item was presented for the interest of those who are looking for historical evidence of UFO sightings. It is taken from a manuscript by George M. Eberhart, as yet unpublished. Perhaps one of our readers would be interested in funding the publication of this interesting research paper. If so, please write to Mimi Hynek at our Evanston offices. □

(1882, July 6)
A Supposed Meteor

To the Editor of the
Scientific American:

On the evening of the 6th, while engaged in "sweeping" the vicinity of Ursa Minor for double stars, my attention was drawn to a bright object about the size of a star of the second magnitude moving slowly from west to east. It passed within a degree of Polaris and continued steadily in its course eastward, disappearing from view in the neighborhood of Capricornus. In color this object, a meteor doubtless, was deep red, without scintillations or train of any kind, and its slow movement was in marked contrast with the rapid flashing of the common "shooting star." It was visible to me fully three-fourths of a minute, varying but slightly in brightness during that time. In the closeness of my attention I neglected to note the time of its appearance, but judge it to have been near half past ten . . .

Jersey City Heights, July 8, 1882.
N. S. DRAYTON.
(**Scientific American**, v. 47, July 22, 1882, p. 53) □

Excellent Photograph Of "Flying Saucer" Received

One day recently at the CUFOS offices we opened an envelope and out dropped a set of excellent close-up photographs (in color) of a landed "Flying Saucer." At first, we thought we had the find of the year.

Upon searching the envelope for an explanation, we found a letter from Raphael Butler of Matteson, Illinois and a clipping of an article which had appeared in the Park Forest STAR on July 31, 1980 describing this 7-ton, 16-foot diameter concrete-coated work of art by sculptor Jene Highstein an internationally-known 38-year-old artist.

This re-creation of his massive work, which is black and seven feet in height, is part of the continuing campus exhibition of sculpture at Governors State University in Park Forest South, Illinois, near Chicago.

This one quickly became an IFO, but it caused a flurry of excitement in CUFOS offices for a few moments. □

Smithsonian UFO Symposium Major 1980 Event In Ufology

Before a very attentive audience of approximately 300 in Baird Auditorium at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. on September 6, 1980, three defenders of serious scientific research into UFO sighting reports and related phenomena responded to and counter-challenged three avowed skeptics of the seriousness of the phenomena.

Arch-critics Philip J. Klass (senior avionics editor for AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY) and Robert Sheaffer (computer technologist) were supported by James E. Oberg (space engineer with NASA and writer for OMNI magazine) who does not eliminate the possibility of strange things in our skies, but insists that those involved in their UFO research clean up their act and maintain the highest quality of investigative procedures.

Proposing and representing that "highest quality of investigative procedures" were Dr. J. Allen Hynek (astrophysicist retired from Northwestern University and Scientific Director for CUFOS), Allan Hendry (Chief Investigator for CUFOS) and Bruce S. Maccabbee (Department of the Navy physicist and Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research).

In the November issue we will reprint an interesting review of the proceedings (if permission is received) which appeared in the WASHINGTON POST on September 8th. Also, we hope to have returned in time for the next issue photography which was requested by TIME magazine for a possible article in that magazine.

By next issue we hope to be able to announce a decision regarding publication of the proceedings and remarks of the speakers. □

Meandering Lights In Iowa

TYPE: NL
DATE: 7-12-80
TIME: 11 PM
DURATION: 20 minutes
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Urbandale, Iowa

A professor and his social-worker wife (names on file at CUFOS) were getting ready for bed when the wife happened to look out a bathroom window. High in the southern sky, about 65 to 70 degrees up, were three round sharply-defined light spots in a triangular formation. Excited and curious, the social-worker called for her husband to come and watch. The lower two were like bright stars, the upper one seeming larger. These smaller ones were seen zig-zagging and coming together under the larger light for twenty minutes until all three abruptly disappeared in the partly cloudy sky "like turning off a light."

Investigator Desmond Bragg found no other witnesses in the area. □

White Tube Over Louisiana

On September 25, 1980 a telephone call was received from a twelve-year-old sixth grader in New Orleans, Louisiana who finally summoned the courage to call CUFOS to report a sighting previously unreported, even to his parents or friends. In fact, he hung up quickly at the end of his report, as if someone was returning home and he didn't wish to be caught on the telephone.

The witness says it was March 1979 at about 10 minutes before 8:00 AM. It was a slightly cold day with no wind and little humidity. He was near his school and looking up saw what looked like a white paper towel tube closed off at both ends. For about two minutes he watched this 25-foot-long by 8-foot thick silent object before it disappeared. □

Physical Traces Of UFO Sightings

(a computer printout of 5633 entries)
159 pages (Second Edition 1980)

This publication is an index in code of all known UFO sightings for which physical traces were reported, listed from the 288 sources of publications and research files which describe them verbally. Access to a UFOCAT Codebook is essential for interpreting this material and access to the sources would be necessary for further investigation. Date, time, location, number and names of witnesses and type of trace and of UFO are listed on this printout, however, along with other details. Price: $11.00 ppd. (For comparison, the First Edition included 3200 entries on 75 pages.) □