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CUFOS Symposium In Chicago Well-Attended

The 1981 Center for UFO Studies Scientific Conference is now history, but the full significance of the event has only begun to be felt throughout the community of serious researchers into this most interesting subject of the UFO phenomenon. Other fine meetings have and will continue to be held and each will leave its distinctive signature on the subject, but this meeting on September 25, 26 and 27 in Chicago will be remembered by those who attended it as a unique opportunity for the sharing of interesting new interpretations of scholarship and research in UFO studies through formal and informal conversations.

Since the complete proceedings of the conferences were tape-recorded and since the papers which were presented there will appear in written form in a future publication of the Center for UFO STUDIES for those who wish to review in detail the content of those papers, we will not attempt to present descriptions of their content. A very practical problem arises in the limited space available in this publication.

However, we believe it would be appropriate to produce in these pages excerpts from correpondence received from conference participants who were willing to share with us their impressions of the event and a listing of what they regarded as the most important and/or useful information acquired there. Therefore, we will devote a special section of this issue and the next several issues to some of this interesting correspondence under the heading LETTERS FROM CONFEREES.

Almost all of the sessions for the CUFOS 1981 Scientific Conference were held in the Adams Room of the Midland Hotel. This view from the speakers podium was taken during a coffee break. The 175 attendees included researchers from Sweden, Italy, England and Canada, as well as many of the United States.

There were two last-minute changes in the agenda of the meeting. The paper by Alan Holt on UFO MANEUVERS AND RADIATION was not presented due to a personal matter which prevented Mr. Holt from attending. Also, Guillermo Aldunati of Argentina was forced to cancel his trip to Chicago.

In addition to the announced papers and meeting for Field Investigators, the conference concluded with an informal open discussion by all participants with members of the CUFOS Scientific Board. Ten members of the Scientific Board held two special meetings during the three-day conference and recommendations from those meetings will be distributed to non-attending members as soon as possible.

Another special feature of the 1981 meeting at the Midland Hotel included a display of the CUFOS UFO PHOTO EXHIBIT of over 150 photographs and descriptive panels which have been on display in shopping malls throughout the country since first presented at the Prestonwood Mall in Dallas, Texas in mid-1980. Also on display was an enlargement color photograph of the MADONNA and ST. GIOVANNINO attributed to the school of di Filippo Lippi, a Florentine painter of the 15th Century, in which an object resembling a UFO appears in the sky behind the Madonna. The photographs and an article about them appears in the July, 1980 issue of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER.

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Correspondence

Dear Sirs,

I would like your newsletter to have more articles about locations where there are continuous sightings. Since I am a security guard, watching over an area comes naturally to me. I'd like to have been able to watch over certain spots near Hillsboro, N.H. at a much earlier date, if only I'd been informed. However, I recently spent about 2½ weeks in Hillsboro and apparently, as far as the month of September from the 4th to the 21st is concerned, for the first time in at least four years Mr. George Hill has neither heard of any UFO reports for September or seen any despite the fact that September is normally a very active month for UFOs in Hillsboro. Nor did I have any sightings. I understand that Mr. Hill just had another sighting about two days ago (September 24th). Perhaps the Hillsboro-Windsor area is still an active spot for UFOs. In general, I find your publication very informative.

Dennis Manning
Philadelphia

Dear fellow UFOphile:

In November, 1981 issue of OMNI magazine contains an editorially re-written version of an article I prepared on the Betty Hill UFO star map (*"UFO Update-Antimatter"*, p. 111). It contains inaccurate and unwarranted statements that I neither authored nor approved. Most importantly, I did *not* write anything about the Hill case being "reveal(ed)" as the "most elaborate UFO hoax ever perpetrated." This editorial insertion grossly represents my outlook on the matter. The breakdown of the Fish interpretation of Mrs. Hill's alien star map returns the abduction claim to unsupported anecdotal testimony . . . but hardly a deliberate hoax.

Other inaccuracies were introduced into my original text. I did *not* describe the Hills' UFO as "starlike"; in fact, they claim they saw it with large angular size. Also, Mrs. Hill never expressed a "belief" in which stars were the aliens' home. Finally, the sentiments of Terry Dickinson, precisely stated to me for OMNI, were not presented here. I regret that these errors seem attributed to me as the "author". I am taking steps to ensure that OMNI prints a suitable retraction for all of the above points, but I wanted to warn you and other important UFOlogists as quickly as possible. Most people knowledgeable of the Hill incident will conclude — falsely — that I have lost my marbles.

Sincerely yours,
Allan Hendry

Letters From Conferees

(Since no specific request or permission was discussed with the writers of these letters, no identification will be published. Those expressing a valid reason to know will be put in touch with the writers of specific letters through the Editor.)

Conference Letter #1

I'm glad I attended the conference and heard the presentations first hand. I feel that the question and answer periods were definitely an asset to the talks allowing the attendees to delve into the subject matter.

I believe that Budd Hopkins is near a breakthrough with his research. His presentation was really an extension of his book, and combined presents a well documented thesis that has to be given more serious thought.

The Cash/Landrum case was presented very thoroughly by John T. Schuessler. I believe that this case can lead to very important results.

The Narrow Band Acoustic Analysis of a recorded UFO Sound, presented by J. Allen Hynek and Howard R. Schechter was extremely interesting. Inroads could be formed by discovering similar tape recordings.

Robert Pinotti's "coincidence of UFO's in Italian Past" turned out to be fruitful which leads one to endorse Bertil Kuhlemann's call for an international organization.

"The Oregon Photo Revisited" by Irwin Wieder was very intriguing because of excellent photo analysis, and the propulsion theory behind it.

Altogether, I thought the entire conference was very well conducted, allowing for a great variety of subjects to be presented. □

Conference Letter #19

I am sending these comments in response to your request for the most important information I gained from the Chicago conference. My understanding is that you are interested in ideas other than those which will be clear to anyone who reads the proceedings, in other words matters considered informally by participants, questions raised by papers and general themes which emerged. For the sake of brevity I limit myself to four points which struck me as important, and I hope they will help your project.

I. Reports of abductees describe sights and events of an extraordinary nature, but whether the experience is otherworldly or inner-worldly remains a bone of fierce contention. Alvin Lawson's paper demonstrated that the content of abduction reports has parallels. If the psychoanalytical interpretation seems too far-fetched, then some of the same imagery crops up in mythology, folklore and religion, in accounts of descents into the underworld and mortals kidnapped into fairyland, so similar events occur in the less remote realm of cultural tradition.

The significance of these parallels is that they rob the abduction account of its uniqueness. Without a doubt (in my mind) abduction accounts are uncomfortably like accounts in cultural tradition. The unanswered questions are whether frameworks to structure an unfamiliar real experience, whether he composes fantasies from cultural elements, or whether the real answer is some combination of these possibilities.

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Investigators closest to the abduction experience, whose who have examined actual abductees, are skeptical of any notion of fantasy or suggestion. This view reflects a judgment of the sincerity of the witnesses and our tendency to trust eyewitness testimony, but also a realization that abduction cases are more than content. Circumstances of a more concrete nature surround the content. Physical injuries, the time lapse phenomenon, the conscious visibility of a UFO, the visibility of the UFO to uninvolved witnesses, or subsequent nightmares and aftereffects are matters which do not readily reduce to a *fantasy explanation*. True, the time lapse has its precedent in fairy lore and psychosomatic injuries such as stigmata occur in a religious context, which elaborate UFO reports based on IFO stimuli only demonstrate the remarkable flexibility of human perceptions and conceptions. Still, any effort to encompass both the content and the circumstances of an abduction must explain why the abduction, if objective, is so much like folklore, or how the abduction, if it is a fantasy, associates with so many objective effects.

II. No paper dealt directly with the subject of government secrecy and UFOs, but the conference demonstrated that the issue is still alive and well among ufologists. David Jacobs presented what I found to be a convincing and rational argument against any crashed saucer remaining secret for 30 years. Several listeners felt quite differently about the possibilities. The specifics of the argument, aside a theme which developed during the course of the conference reflected the belief that government agencies know more than they have told and that they maintain a keen and ongoing interest in the UFO mystery. Far from a relic of the 1950s, concern with governmental secrecy actually grows sharper in light of CAUS revelations and the involvement of army helicopters in the Texas case investigated by John Schuessler.

III. One inescapable impression left by the conference was a sense of the growing professionalization of ufology even while it remains a discipline in exile, without funding, a university base or professionals in title. The caliber of participants, the academic quality of the papers and the sophistication of investigative techniques all affirm this impression. Another sign of maturation was the self-reflective tendency in some of the discussions. I heard the question of what are we trying to find out posed as a problem rather than taken for granted, and a concern for how simple but effective instrumentation could improve data quality. Efforts of this sort demonstrate a serious attempt to establish a more scientific framework of inquiry for ufology. A final sign of growth was the segmentation of the field now underway, as hard scientists concerned themselves with details of instrumentation or the detective work of photographic analysis, while humanists and social scientists turned to the witness as a subject of study and the UFO as a social phenomenon. The very fact that people with backgrounds in such diverse disciplines find matters of interest in the UFO phenomenon only attests to its complexity, and argues in favor of diverse approaches in ufological study.

IV. A sound point brought out in a conversation was that ufologists favor a "UFOcentric" interpretation when they try to understand mysterious phenomena as a whole. In other words ufologists commit a double sin, firstly by concerning themselves almost exclusively with UFOs and UFO-related mysteries, and secondly by regarding UFOs as the central and causative agents behind a number of paranormal phenomena. An example of these sins appears in Ann Duffel's conclusion to the excellent book she coauthored, *The Tujunga Cnayon Contacts*. She sees UFOs as a causative agent in human consciousness change, sponsored by some higher and perhaps divine intelligence. Seldom considered is the less exciting possibility that UFOs are simply an effect, perhaps of a consciousness change in society whose origins are elsewhere. A broader look at extranormal events shows parallel phenomena underway which ufologists may give a nod to, like bigfoot sightings, but more often ignored. Some people today continue to see fairies. The stories these eyewitnesses tell are like UFO reports insofar as reliable observers see an extraordinary event and vouch for its authenticity, and yet the phenomena under observation are entirely different. The lingering question is whether UFOs are the main event or only a sideshow in some larger phenomenon which encompasses UFOs, fairies, bigfoot and many other paranormal events, but a phenomenon not yet fully visualized as an entirety. □

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Now, as we approach the end of the year, is a good time to combine a holiday gift for a friend (many young people are ASSOCIATES of CUFOS and have reported sightings) with a tax-deductible item on your Federal income tax return.

Make your check payable to CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES and mail it to P.O. Box 1402, Evanston, IL 60204. Dr. J. Allen Hynek and his hundreds of volunteers investigating and studying the UFO phenomenon will appreciate your support. A gift notification letter will be sent to the person in whose name your gift is being made and you will have your cancelled check as your receipt for tax purposes. *(See gift categories elsewhere in this issue.)* □

HELP!!

Those who were hoping to do so were unable to record on VHS videotape the two recent appearances of Dr. Hynek on the television program PM Magazine. If any of our readers happens to have done so, we would be most grateful for a chance to dub off a copy for our files. Thanks very much.

Committee Against UFO Secrecy Forms Corporation

CAUS (Committee Against UFO Secrecy) has been incorporated in the State of New York as a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of securing the investigating government documentation of UFO sighting reports now unavailable to researchers in the general population.

A Board of Advisors has been appointed which includes the following persons: Stanton Friedman, Ted Phillips, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Robert Bletchman, Robert Todd, and Raymond Fowler. The Director of the organization is attorney Peter Gersten, with Larry Fawcett, Assistant Director, and Larry W. Bryant Assistant Director for the Washington Bureau of CAUS.

Directors and members of the Board met on October 27th in Washington to develop plans and procedures. Funding will be accomplished through gifts and contributions to CAUS and it hoped that each person who has seen a possible UFO will send one dollar (to: CAUS, %Larry Fawcett, 471 Goose Lane, Coventry, CT 06238) for the purpose of helping to defray unavoidable expenses involved in the legal action by this organization of volunteers against several agencies of the United States Government and in the investigation of those important sighting cases with which CAUS hopes to prove its argument that the government has been hiding such information.

A news conference was held in Washington on October 27th to proclaim that week NATIONAL FREEDOM OF UFO INFORMATION WEEK and to announce that the National Security Agency is withholding at least 135 related UFO documents in their entirety. Also announced was the filing of new Freedom of Information Act law suits against agencies of the government from whom important UFO sighting information is being sought by private researchers within the general public and in portions of the scientific community here and in other countries. In the December issue of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER we will be reporting on the results of the hearing held on October 28th in the Federal Court of Appeals in Washington, occurring after press time for this issue. □

Science Digest November Issue Features CUFOS

In an article by Patrick Huyghe in the November 1981 issue of SCIENCE DIGEST Magazine, the Center for UFO Studies and Dr. Hynek appear prominently, including a photo of the soil analysis of the Delphos, Kansas case of several years ago, among others.

Also appearing in this issue is a short article and photograph concerning the very interesting encounter by Mrs. Betty Cash on December 29, 1980 in Texas being investigated by CUFOS Scientific Advisor John Schuessler.

Dr. Hynek has written a full-page article for this same issue and it appears on page 90 where one of his interesting observations is that "the distribution curve of UFO duration times peak at about 10 minutes."

This issue of SCIENCE DIGEST makes even better than usual reading. □

UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference

A Catalogue and Data Analysis

by Mark Rodeghier

This publication includes summaries of 441 reported incidents in which UFOs were sighted and vehicles (primarily, but not exclusively, autos) were affected in one way or another.

The author discusses the characteristics of the apparent phenomenon and includes a detailed statistical analysis of the data.

Price: **$9.50,** including postage and handling surface worldwide. □

Medical Injuries Study Begun Oct. 1st By Dr. Richard Niemtzow

CUFOS has been advised of the beginning of a new study entitled the National Investigation of Medical Injuries Associated With Alleged UFO Close Encounters on October 1, 1981 by Richard C. Niemtzow, M.D., of Travis AFB, California.

Dr. Niemtzow has asked Dr. Hynek to inform our ASSOCIATES and other readers of this study so that they will know to whom to refer cases involving such circumstances. We are glad to be able to do so with this mailing and hope that all other publications receiving this issue will make a similar announcement to their circulations.

The code name will be PROJECT UFOMD and will be conducted for a two year period ending October 1, 1983. In explaining his rational for the study, Dr. Niemtzow explains that "these injuries may be classified into three categories."

"The first category is of a temporary nature dealing with paralysis, dizziness, temporary blindness, headache, perception of odors, audio frequency sounds, and parapsychological activity. The second category deals with the more chronic effects usually associated with skin lesions, gastrointestinal disturbances, and abnormal psychological manifestations. The third category is slow healing and a return to normal health. The stigma of the experience may cause long term life style and socio-psychological changes that may or may not be tied to the medical injuries.

"As a private citizen, I feel justified . . . to undertake the acquisition of serious medical data. This information, respecting the privacy of the individual, would be evaluated and placed at the disposition of the scientific community.

"Hopefully, this study will assist in a better understanding of the phenomenon as it interacts both physically and psychologically with man. It may be feasible to describe physiological mechanisms that are repetitive with the phenomenon."

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New CUFOS Periodicals Description/Order Form

This issue of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER will be mailed in envelopes to permit the distribution of a new form which describes CUFOS PERIODICALS and can be used for ordering back-issues of all such previously issued publications by CUFOS.

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His specific goals include an investigation and assessment of a minimum of 12 cases dealing with medical injuries as a result of UFO Close Encounters, together with the possible production of a catalogue correlating injury and the UFO mishap.

As his experimental design and methods of procedure, a medical doctor of the patient's choice will interview and evaluate. Dr. Niemtzow will act as a consultant to the primary physician. Existing UFO research organizations will be expected to evaluate the non-medical data. The clinic evaluation must include a complete medical and psychiatric history and a physical examination, including weight. The laboratory tests must include a complete blood count with differential, serum and urine electrolytes (sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium and phosphorus), serum glucose, serum cortisol to determine 24 hour peak, urine ketones, chest x-ray, biopsides of skin lesions, and photographs of external injuries.

The witness must be examined by a physician of his choice immediately following the event and that physician must call Dr. Niemtzow at (707) 446-5050 or write to him at 532 Merchant Street, Vacaville, California 95688. □

An Interview With Arthur C. Clarke

CUFOS ASSOCIATE Ananda Sirisena, editor of the Sri Lanka UFO Register, writes to us from Surrey, England, enclosing a portion of a recent issue of SILVARROW in which appeared Sirisena's interview with Arthur C. Clarke on September 9, 1981 for the Sri Lankan paper. Clarke, at 63, is very reluctant to grant interviews and on this rare occasion his remarks included a glimpse of his opinion on the subject of UFOs. The following is quoted from his interview with Sirisena.

"INTERVIEWER: Your series "MYSTERIOUS WORLD" brought Sri Lanka vividly into many homes here.

ARTHUR C. CLARKE: It's going to be repeated sometime next year. It's running all over the world now.

INTERVIEWER: I'm sure many people will want to see it again. One of the programmes was devoted to the subject of unidentified flying objects.

ARTHUR C. CLARKE: The subject is finished!

INTERVIEWER: There is growing interest in UFOs in the world, particularly among scientists. Do you think there should be serious continued study of UFOs?

ARTHUR C. CLARK: I am sorry to hear there is growing interest with regard to the subject. They are finished. There is nothing in it — not as far as visitors from space are concerned. There are some unusual phenomena — we do not know quite what they are but they are nothing to do with visitors from space and therefore I am not interested.

INTERVIEWER: I know you have been interested in Fortrean subjects much of your life. . .

ARTHUR C. CLARK: I have followed them for almost fifty years now and decided there is nothing in UFOs as far as space travel or visitors from space are concerned."

At this point the interview continued on another subject, Clarke making it quite obvious that he did not wish to continue on the topic of UFOs.

Anyone who has read very much science fiction over the past 30 years can hardly have avoided reading some of the Clarke's more than 40 science and science-fiction books, including his very popular book/film "2001: A Space Odyssey." In a recent interview for DISCOVER Magazine (May 1981) Clarke remarked about his new television series MYSTERIOUS WORLD, to be released in the United States this fall. "It's about genuine scientific puzzles," he says. "Not rubbish like the Bermuda Triangle." . . . (and UFOs? Ed.) □

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Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors of CUFOS and those who enjoyed the 1981 CUFOS Scientific Conference, we wish to thank Mark Rodeghier, the general chairman of the event, whose great energy and good judgment provided the leadership which resulted in the success of the meeting. He took a leave-of-absence from his paid employment for this volunteer responsibility and he is not yet finished with the follow-up concluding details. He recruited other volunteers to assist him and suc ceeded in presenting one of the very significant properly refereed papers of the conference. Thank you, Mark. □.

Radio Public Service Announcement For November

Six miles north of Dallas, on January 24, 1878, one hundred and two years ago, a Texas farmer by the name of John Martin saw a dark object flying through the northern sky which he described as "a large saucer and at a great height." The story appeared in the Dennison Daily News and the Dallas Herald in 1878. Over one hundred years later we are still seeing various unidentified flying objects and are unable to explain them. The non-profit CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES is accumulating reports of such sightings and is analyzing the data of thousands of them with the hope of explaining these world-wide phenomena. We hope you will learn to recognize the normal, identifiable objects in our sky so that you can accurately report a sighting you may have someday of a true unidentified flying object. Center Scientific Director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek urges you to train yourself to observe and report only those unexplainable sightings to the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES, Box 1402, Evanston, Illinois, 60204.

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The second meeting of the Scientific Board members during the 1981 CUFOS Scientific Conference in Chicago was a luncheon meeting and was attended by (l. to r.) David Jacobs, Marcello Truzzi, Sherman Larsen (Exec. Bd.), Bertil Kuhlemann, Ronald Westrum, Bruce Maccabee, Robert Hall, John Schuessler, and Irwin Wider. Dr. Hynek (back to camera) presided at the meeting. Also attending were Mimi Hynek, Fred Merritt, Robert Runser and John Timmerman, members of the Executive Board.

Dr. Hynek receiving his official notification of appointment to President Emeritus for life of the Provisional International Committee on UFO Research from emissary Bertil Kuhlemann, head of computer services for the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Services, Stockholm, Sweden, at the recent CUFOS Scientific Conference in Chicago. Details of the international committee, now in the process of organization, were presented in an article in the October ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER.