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NEWS BULLETIN

This bulletin is not intended to be a Technical Report. It is solely to keep contributors and investigators current on the scope of Center activities. Summaries of Technical Reports will be issued when cases or projects are completed.

NATURE

Nature, an international scientific journal of considerable prestige, devoted a half page in their October 4, 1974 issue (Volume 251) to an article by Ian Ridpath discussing the Center for UFO Studies. The article begins by calling the Center "America's first scientifically-based Center for UFO Studies." It discusses the history of the establishment of the Center, growing from the "Invisible College" of well established scientists with a working interest in the problem, details the operations of UFO CENTRAL, the Center's toll-free nationwide telephone "hot-line" for the use of official agencies in transmitting UFO sighting reports, and mentions Technical Reports in progress. The article states:

> [The Center] has started a steady shift in public and scientific attitudes to UFOs which are documented in a revealing hour-long programme being screened coast-to-coast in December by NBC. "I think the programme's impact will be considerable," says Hynek. "When the next wave occurs the Center will be there to serve."

Such significant recognition is particularly appreciated by the Center. The Center's scientific credibility has accounted for the great number of responses from technically qualified persons volunteering their services to the Center, a large majority of whom have not previously become affiliated with a UFO organization.

Nature is published in England by Macmillan Journals Limited. The publication address in the United States is Wm. Byrd Press, Inc., 2901 Byrdhill Road, Richmond, Virginia 23228.

## VOLUNTEER FLIGHT OFFICERS NETWORK

The Center has distributed its toll-free number to airlines participating in the Volunteer Flight Officers Network(VFON). VFON, affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution Astrophysical Observatory, asks its members to report possible satellite reentries, bright fireball sightings, and unidentified sightings.

The Director of VFON, H.E. Roth, assisted the Center in soliciting the cooperation of the VFON member airlines. Aside from airlines in the Continental U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska, airlines in the following countries were apprised of the existence of the Center and its operations:

Argentina
Australia
Canada
Cape Verde Islands
Colombia
Cyprus
Denmark
Dominican Republic
England
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Ghana
Greece
Honduras
Hong Kong
Iceland
India
Iran
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Jordan
Kenya
Germany
Lebanon
Malawi
Mauritius
Mexico
Netherlands
Netherlands Antilles (WI)
New Guinea
New Zealand
Nigeria
Pakistan
Peru
Phillipines
Portugal
Republic of China
Rhodesia
South Africa
Spain
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Sudan
Surinam
Sweden
Switzerland
Trinidad
Tunisia
Uruguay
Vietnam

## FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is changing their Facility Management Handbook to indicate the existence of the Center, and to institute, on a workload permitting basis, cooperation with the Center. The change will take effect April 1, 1975, and a letter from the Chief of Air Traffic Controller Operations and Procedure Division of the FAA in Washington, D.C. quotes the change:

"A CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES has been established to conduct a continuing research effort to discover the nature and source of the phenomenon. You may expect calls from this scientific establishment regarding UFO reported sightings. Respond to their requests on a workload permitting basis.

Note: The address of the Center for UFO Studies is P.O. Box 11, Northfield, IL 60093."

REMINDER

NBC will air their documentary, "UFOs: Do You Believe?", Sunday, December 15th, at 10:00 EST following the Bob Hope Special.

This program was mentioned on a recent segment of the Tomorrow Show, NBC's late night talk show. The host of Tomorrow, Tom Snyder, called UFO CENTRAL while the program was on the air and spoke with Dr. Hynek and Mr. Don Logay, who directs the operations of UFO CENTRAL, about recent sightings.

SUGGESTED READING

UFOs, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (Ballantine paperback 1974)
Robert Emenegger ($1.50)

Robert Emenegger was the writer of the upcoming documentary by Sandler Films, Inc. of Hollywood. The release date of the film of the same name has not been determined. However, Mr. Allan Sandler , on October 13, told the Center that the film will be released to television rather than as a movie to theaters.

The book is based largely on the script of the film, which is narrated by Rod Serling. The book discusses many cases from the United States Air Force's Project Blue Book, and lists recent cases. An interesting inclusion is a report of five American social psychologists on public reaction to the UFO experience. A photo section includes Air Force and NASA photos.

The film and book both end by calling for a serious study of the UFO phenomenon. It points particularly to the Center, which, it states, "has already begun to attract a growing number of respected and interested American scientists."

THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY: A Biologist's Report (Devin-Adair Co., 1974)
Dr. Frank B. Salisbury ($7.95) Foreword by J. Allen Hynek

Dr. Salisbury, Director of the Plant Science Department at the State University of Utah and a member of the Center's Scientific Board, has done extensive research on the UFO phenomenon.

Much of the book is devoted to an account of a series of sightings which occured in a relatively remote region of Utah in 1966-7. There are many interesting chapters in Part II, including "Natural or Conventional Phenomena Misinterpreted", "Lies or Hoaxes", and "Psychology and the UFO". The appendices include an annotated bibliography and a discussion of the UFO wave of 1973.

Both of the above books are available through the Center at the retail price indicated plus 30¢ postage per book. (Illinois residents please add 5% sales tax.)

PASSPORT TO MAGONIA (Henry Regnery Co., softcover 1969)
Dr. Jacques Vallee ($4.95)

This book is also available from the Center. Dr. Vallee is an astronomer and a mathematician. In his own words, "This book is an attempt to build a bridge - a tenuous and fragile one - between a fancy and a myth. It is not a scientific book. It could be called a philosophical book ... an effort to provide systematic documentation and literary illustration of modern folklore in the perspective of ancient myths and traditional legendary material."

The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects
Dr. Edward U. Condon, Project Director

This report was first published by E.P. Dutton and Company in association with Colorado Associated University Press and then in a Bantam paperback. Both are out of print. The report is still available from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151. It is available in three volumes at $6.00 per volume. The publication is listed by volume as: AD 680:975, AD 680:976, and AD 680:977. [EFC]

UFOs: An Analysis of Project Blue Book Special Report 14
Dr. Leon Davidson, Fourth Edition, revised. 1971

This study covers more than 2000 sightings, has maps, tables, graphs, and charts. It is available from Stanton Friedman, UFO Research Institute, PO Box 941, Lawndale, California 90260. The price is $5.25 postpaid.

MUFON

The Center again wishes to recognize the fine cooperation we have with MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Illinois 62301. MUFON is supplying the Center with a list of their State Directors, State Section Directors, and Consultants. This enhances the number of qualfied investigators available for handling cases from UFO CENTRAL. Our association with MUFON investigators has been excellent.

MUFON's official publication, SKYLOOK, is a very good source of current sightings and in-depth investigations. SKYLOOK also includes foreign sightings, astronomy notes, and book reviews.

Please include a long, self-addressed envelope when writing to MUFON for details.

## UFO CENTRAL

In addition to the regular listing of UFO CENTRAL reports, sighting areas have been plotted on the map on the reverse of this page in an attempt to give a clearer picture of the distribution of these reports.

UFO CENTRAL is the Center's toll-free "hot-line" used by official agencies such as the police and the FAA in transmitting UFO sighting reports. This number is not available to the general public but will be supplied to any official agency upon their written request.

SEPTEMBER 20-30

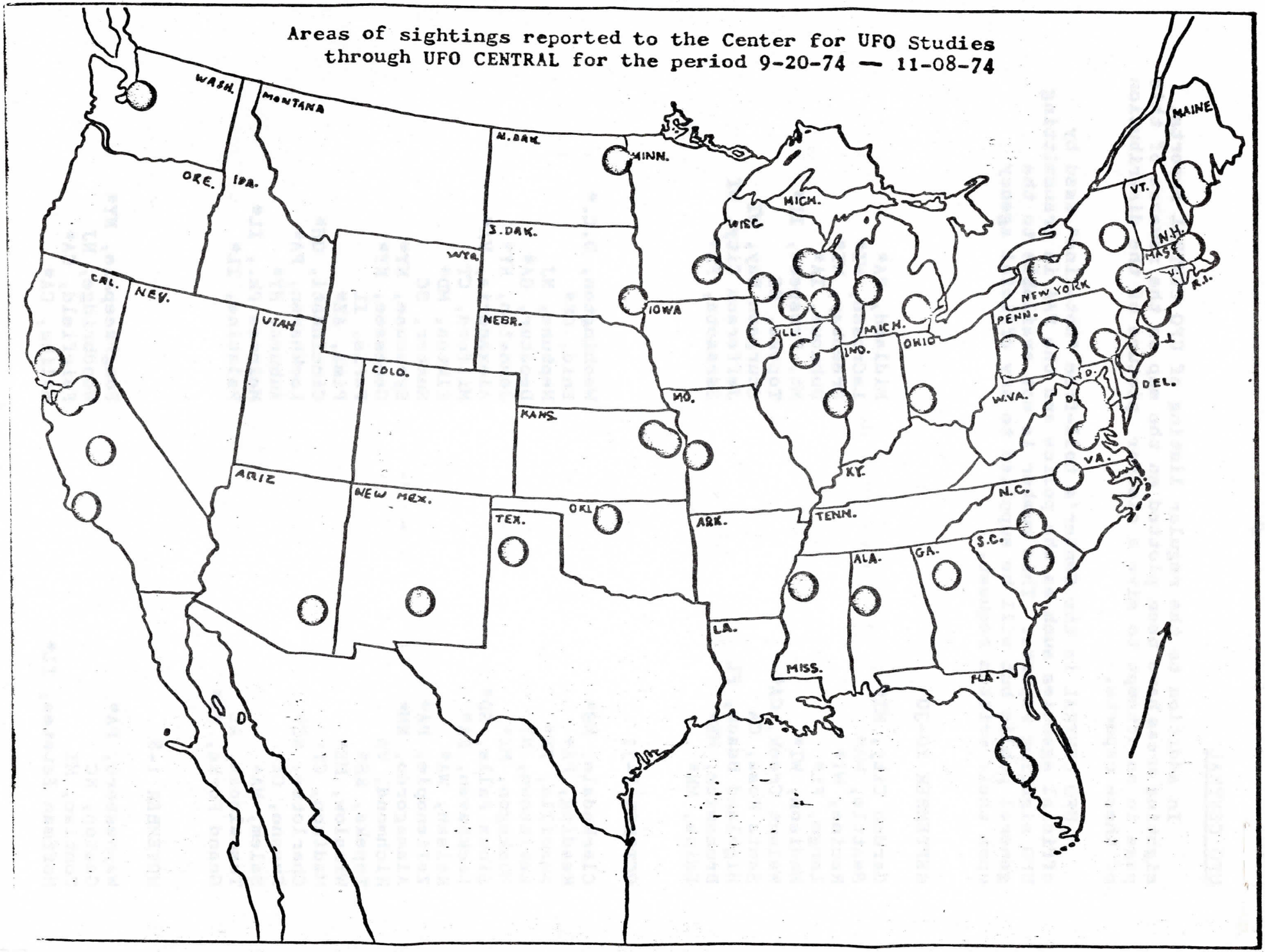
Garden City, MI*
Seattle, WA*
Racine, WI*
Largo, FL*
Madison, WI*
Walnut Creek, CA*
Santa Rosa, CA
Highland Beach, FL
Brunswick, ME*
Edina, MN*
Midland, PA*
LaCrosse, WI*
Greenbay, WI*
Dubuque, IA*
Mt. Prospect, IL*
Topeka, KS
Sturgeon Bay, WI
Jefferson City, WI
Sarasota, FL*

OCTOBER 1-31

Clarksdale, MS*
Reading, PA*
Amarillo, TX*
Levittown, NY
Muskegon, MI*
Sioux Falls, SD*
Lockhaven, PA*
Kelsah, WA*
Zelienople, PA*
Alamagordo, NM*
Richmond, VA
Topeka, KS*
Winslow, ME*
Madison, CT*
Charlotte, NC*
Fresno, CA*
Salem, MA*
Tuscaloosa, AL
Grand Forks, ND*
Washington, D.C.*
Enid, OK*
Neptune, NJ
Decatur, GA*
Johnston, NY*
Alexandria, VA*
Milford, CT
Elkton, MD*
Sumter, SC
Syracuse, NY*
Genessee, NY*
Paris, IL
Pima, AZ*
Cincinnati, OH*
Lockhaven, PA*
Auburn, NY*
Melrose Pk., IL*
Palatine, IL*

NOVEMBER 1-8

Waynesboro, PA*
Gaston, NC
Pontiac, MI
Hoffman Estates, IL*
Poughkeepsie, NY*
Woodbridge, NJ
Fairfield, CA*
Malibu, CA*


Areas of sightings reported to the Center for UFO Studies
through UFO CENTRAL for the period 9-20-74 — 11-08-74
WASH.
MONTANA
N. DAK.
MINN.
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IDA.
S. DAK.
WYO.
CAL.
NEV.
UTAH
NEBR.
IOWA
COLO.
MO.
KANS.
ARIZ
NEW MEX.
TEX.
OKL.
ARK.
LA.
MISS.
ALA.
GA.
FLA.
S.C.
N.C.
TENN.
KY.
VA.
W.VA.
PENN.
OHIO
IND.
ILL.
MICH.
WISC
MICH.
NEW YORK
MAINE
VT.
N.H.
MASS.
R.I.
CONN.
N.J.
DEL.
MD.
D.C.

## NEWSCLIPPINGS

The Center wishes to thank all of those who have recently sent newsclippings. Photocopies or originals are always welcomed and the name of the newspaper and date should be included. Please understand that it is not always possible to acknowledge the receipt of each clipping.

## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Center offers reprints of documents from governments, industry, and the scientific community and a list of suggested books. Both lists may be obtained by sending a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Center.

## ADLER PLANETARIUM

Meetings are held at Chicago's Adler Planetarium on the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Irving Anderson directs these meetings which offer information developed through the Center's facilities and timely discussions of special interest items.

In hopes that you may pass this News Bulletin on to other interested persons or that you may wish to make an additional tax-deductible contribution, below is information on how to obtain News Bulletins and summaries of Technical Reports.

Detach and mail to:

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Northfield, Illinois 60093 (USA)

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