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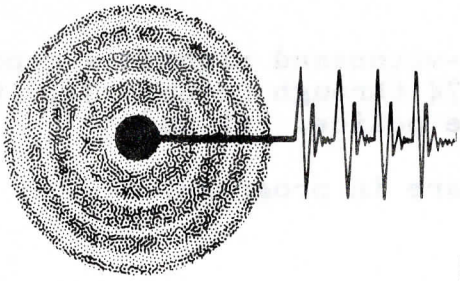

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NEWS BULLETIN

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 Reports will be issued when cases or projects have been completed.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Included with this bulletin are updated lists of material available from the Center. Additionally, in the interest of public education and to promote the exchange of information, the Center has also included a list of individuals, organizations, and publications it feels project serious efforts. All of the enclosed lists are sent in response to the hundreds of requests for information the Center receives each month from the public. When writing to the Center or to the other sources listed, a self-addressed, stamped envelope or international postage coupons help defray postage costs and help to expedite your request.

REPORT SERIES

Two operational reports, UFO CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORT, and POLICE AND THE UFO EXPERIENCE, have been completed. Summaries will be sent to donors within the next two months. Persons interested in receiving the full reports may order them from Library Services, Center for UFO Studies, P.O. Box 11, Northfield, IL 60093. Prices are indicated and include postage and handling.

UFO CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORT

This report gives an overall picture of the operations of UFO CENTRAL, the Center's toll-free nationwide "hot-line" used by official agencies in transmitting UFO sighting reports. It discusses the agencies using the number and the way in which each agency's cooperation was enlisted. The report shows the number of calls received each month, categorically, and geographically. Included in the full report are the directives sent to each of the official agencies, and a copy of the Center's report form and the forms used at UFO CENTRAL. [$4.00]

POLICE AND THE UFO EXPERIENCE

As police are the primary users of UFO CENTRAL, this report speaks of their cooperation and involvement. It concentrates particularly

on the number and types of actual police-witnessed sightings reported, and analyzes the period of January 1, 1974 through October 31, 1974 relating to the use of UFO CENTRAL by the police. [$2.00]

Other operational and technical reports are in progress.

SCIENTIFIC BOARD

Members of the Scientific Board of the Center will meet this month to discuss the immediate and long-term goals for continuing research. This meeting will take place in conjunction with a meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), at which several members of the Center's Scientific Board have been invited to present scientific papers. These papers will be made available at a future date.

"UFOs, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE"

Allan Sandler Films, Inc., Hollywood, has decided to offer its Rod Serling narrated film, "UFOs, Past, Present, and Future", as a syndicated production to television stations. The Center is looking forward to the airing of this program, which it feels will better accentuate the scientific endeavors being undertaken in UFO research than did NBC's recent documentary.

UFOs, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE is also the title of a book by the writer of the Sandler film, Robert Emenegger. This book is available from the Center and is listed with the enclosed suggested reading list.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

To increase public awareness, to educate the public as to how to report unusual sightings, and to encourage witnesses to do so, the Center is distributing a public service recording to 400 selected radio stations throughout the United States. This is a trial distribution in which the Center will conduct a controlled response study. The Center plans larger, additional distributions if the feedback from this initial message is favorable.

UFOCAT

All reports received by the Center are submitted to Dr. David Saunders, for inclusion in the UFOCAT catalog. The UFOCAT, updated in January 1975, is comprised of over 70,000 entries, representing over 40,000 cases. The catalog is regularly updated and corrected.

This definitive catalog is of immeasurable use to researchers in compiling data for technical reports. Information may be extracted from this computer reference relating to certain patterns and correlations between various UFO parameters (time, place, demographic factors,

witnesses, types of sightings, etc.)

Dr. Saunders is working with the research staff of the Center to develop a universal reporting system for researchers and organizations who wish to contribute data to UFOCAT. A standard coding system and form will eliminate much of the tedious work involved in entering sighting reports into the UFOCAT.

Dr. Saunders was an original member of the Condon Committee while a faculty member at the University of Colorado. His work and experiences are discussed in his book, UFOs? Yes! (Signet, 1968). This book is not available from the Center, but may be located in your public library.

PUBLIC OPINION

Recently, the Roper Organization surveyed 2,000 Americans, asking the question, "From time to time in recent years there have been reports of people sighting in the sky what are called unidentified flying objects or UFOs. Do you believe that UFOs are real or don't you believe in them?" As the poll indicates, those persons more aware of the existence of the UFO problem are consistently better educated, thus being in higher income brackets and having more professional occupations. Some of the results are listed below:

	%Yes	%No	%Undecided
INCOME			
Under $6,000	24	57	19
6,000-12,000	38	49	13
12,000-18,000	47	42	11
18,000 and over	47	39	14
EDUCATION			
College	51	37	12
High School	39	47	14
Grade School	21	61	18
OCCUPATION			
Exec/Prof.	44	42	14
White collar	48	40	12
Blue collar	40	46	14
GEOGRAPHIC AREA			
Northeast	39	47	14
Midwest	42	45	13
South	31	55	14
West	53	34	13

UFO CENTRAL

Following is the continuing list of calls received through UFO CENTRAL. In this bulletin and in subsequent editions, this list is expanded to show the exact date, location, type of report, number of witnesses, and type of follow-up made. It should be stressed that this list represents reports of sightings, not actual reports determined to be UFOs. The general areas of the sightings listed are indicated on the map following this list.

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	# of WITNESSES	FOLLOW-UP
11-09	Northbrook, IL	NL	1	*
11-09	Mountainview, CA	DD	1	**
11-09	Ellicott, MD	NL	1	*
11-09	Quincy, MA	NL	3	**
11-09	Carbondale, PA	HOAX		**M
11-11	Tacoma, WA	NL	1	*
11-12	Independence, MO	NL	-	**M
11-12	McMinnville, OR	NL	-	-
11-12	Byron, TX	NL	-	-
11-13	Norwalk, CT	CE	7	*
11-13	Rockford, IL	NL	1	*
11-13	Antigo, WI	CE	2	**M
11-14	Louisville, KY	NL	-	-
11-14	Everett, WA	NL	+	-
11-15	Portage, WI	NL	-	-
11-16	Ithaca, NY	CE	2	**
11-21	Plattenville, LA	CE	1	**
11-21	Gretna, LA	NL	1	*
11-22	Cincinnati, OH	DD	2	**
11-23	Alburquerque,NM	NL	+	-
11-23	Auburn, CA	NL	1	-
11-24	Red Bank, NJ	NL	2	*
11-24	Freeman, WV	NL	11	**
11-26	Beckley, WV	NL	2	*
11-29	Auburn, CA	NL	1	-
12-01	Sterling, CO	NL	1	*
12-01	Titusville, FL	NL	1	*
12-02	Salt Lake City, UT	CE	-	*
12-02	Shawnee, OK	NL	4	**

INVESTIGATORS

On January 1, 1975, the Center sent a dispatch to all of its investigators, which included new directives to be delivered to their area police chiefs and sheriffs. It is hoped that these updated directives will increase police cooperation and also afford Center Investigators an opportunity to establish a good working relationship with their local law enforcement agencies by personal delivery of these directives. The police have proved to be of great assistance by not only transmitting UFO sighting reports through UFO CENTRAL, but also by assisting in follow-up investigations by cordoning off sites, lending investigative equipment, and in enlisting the aid of other official agencies in investigations.

Also sent to Center Investigators was a form necessary for the administrative files of the Center. Any investigator who did not receive this dispatch of January 1, 1975, is requested to contact the Center.

MUFON, Mutual UFO Network, has furnished the Center with a complete list of its State Directors, State Section Directors, and Consultants. This fine cooperation of MUFON considerably complements the areas which are equipped for investigations, as indicated on the map on the reverse of this page. This cooperation is much appreciated, and the Center has had excellent assistance from all MUFON personnel. Both MUFON and the Center receive copies of reports investigated by MUFON State Directors, State Section Directors, or field investigators.

Investigators are reminded that the Center has no way of determining the quality of preliminary reports received through UFO CENTRAL. Therefore, no expenditures for investigations are authorized until an investigator submits a preliminary report to the Center for authorization.

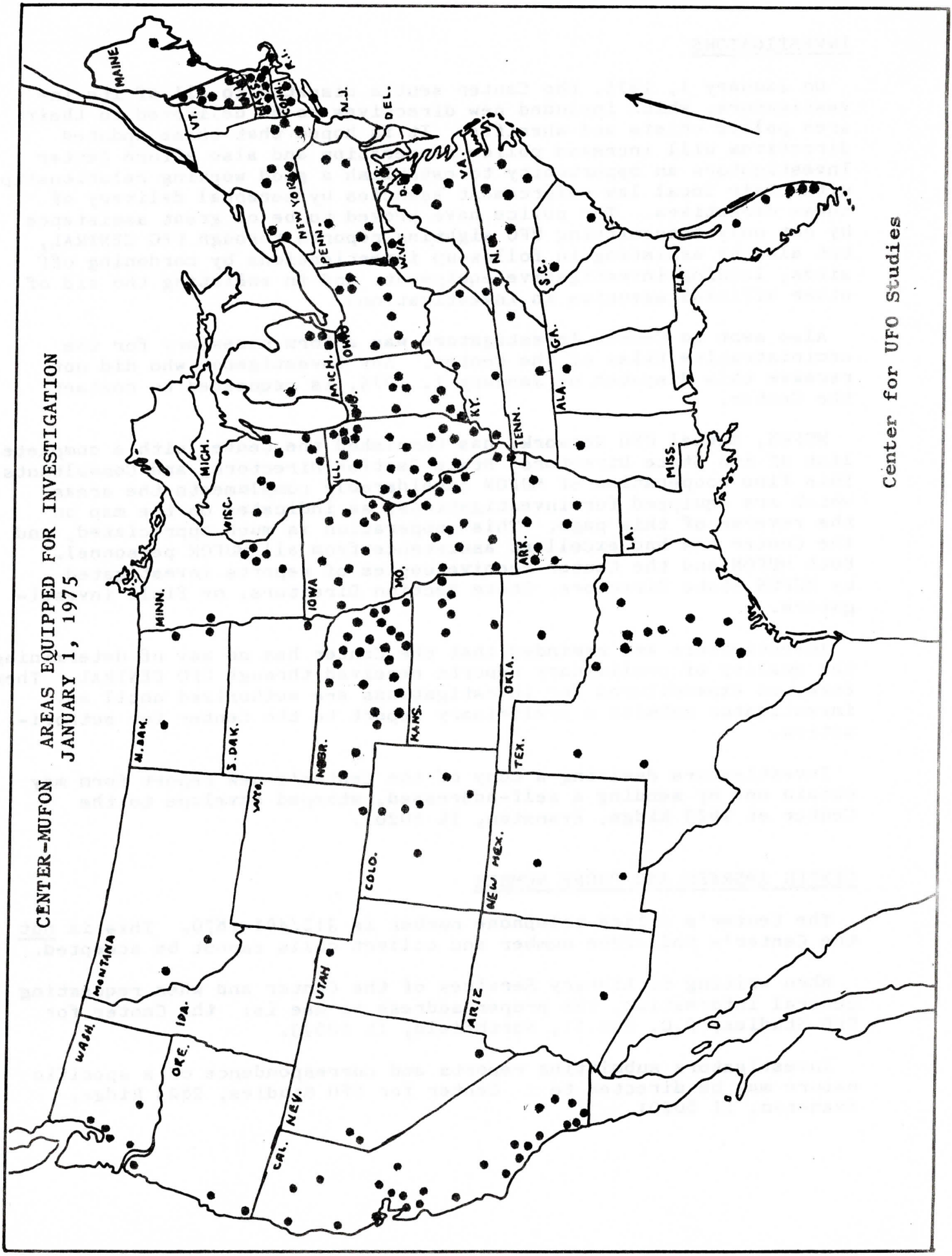
Investigators desiring a copy of the Center's new report form may obtain one by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Center at 2623 Ridge, Evanston, IL 60201.

CENTER ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

The Center's office telephone number is 312/491-1870. This is <u>not</u> the Center's toll-free number and collect calls cannot be accepted.

When writing to Library Services of the Center and when requesting general information, the proper address to use is: the Center for UFO Studies, P.O. Box 11, Northfield, IL 60093.

Investigators submitting reports and correspondence of a specific nature may be directed to : Center for UFO Studies, 2623 Ridge, Evanston, IL 60201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N.DAK.
S.DAK.
NEBR.
KANS.
OKLA.
TEX.
COLO.
WYO.
NEW MEX.
ARIZ
UTAH
NEV.
IDA.
MONTANA
WASH.
ORE.
CAL.

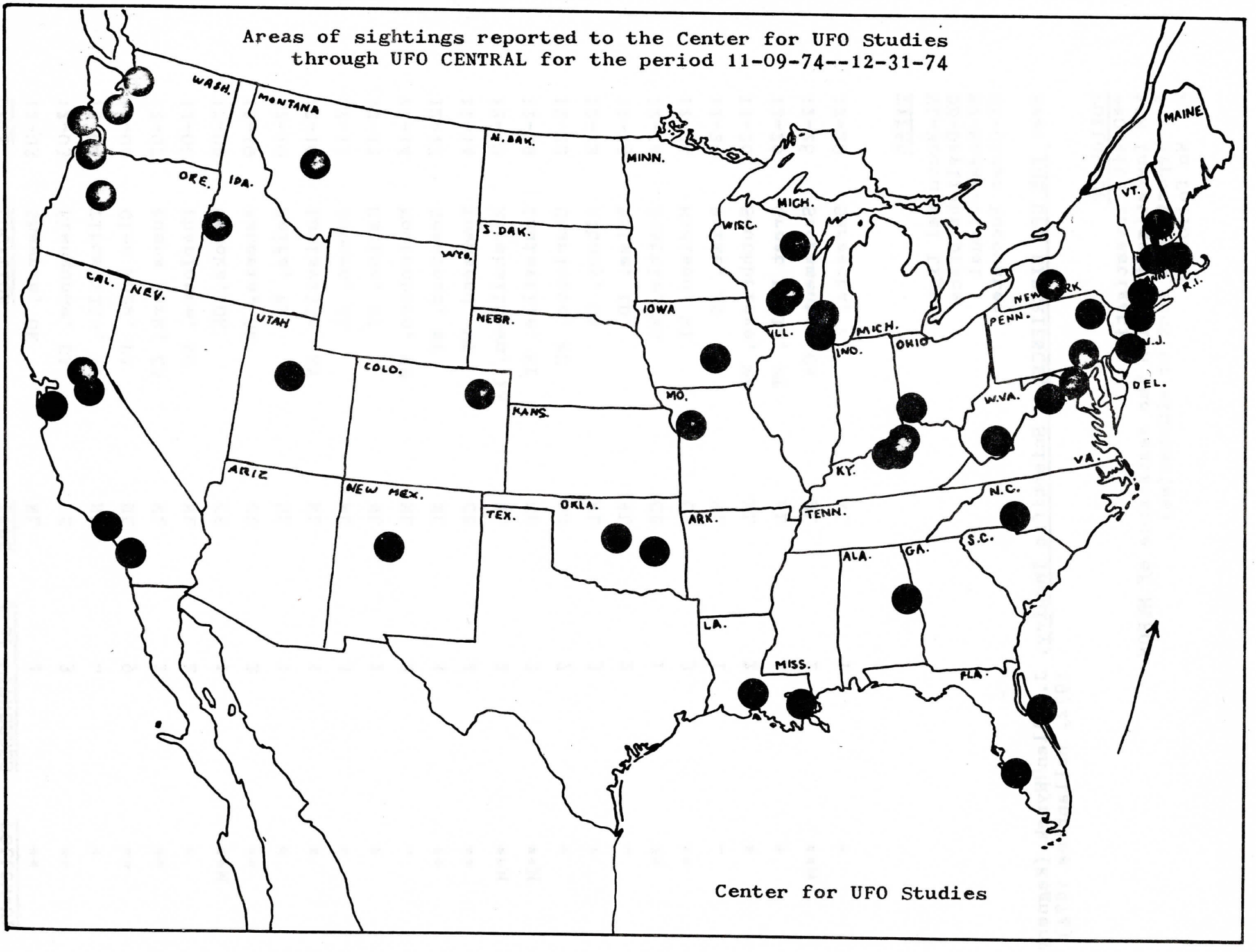
DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	# of WITNESSES	FOLLOW-UP
12-03	Shawnee, OK	NL	4	**
12-03	Elsegunde, CA	CE	3	**
12-04	Titusville, FL	NL	-	*
12-06	Glen Rock, PA	NL	9	**
12-07	Buena Park, CA	NL	2	**
12-08	Charlotte, NC	NL	2	*
12-09	Wewoka, OK	CE	1	**M
12-10	Astoria, OR	CE	2	**
12-10	Melfa, VA	NL	1	*
12-10	Louisville, KY	NL	1	*
12-11	Auburn, AL	NL	3	*
12-11	Racine, WI	NL	1	*
12-14	Moutonboro, NH	NL	2	-
12-17	Hemstead, NY	NL	4	**
12-14	Townsend, VT	CE	4	**
12-19	Marshalltown, IA	NL	2	**M
12-19	Louisville, KY	CE	2	**M
12-22	Charlotte, NC	DD	7	*
12-22	Albany, OR	NL	3	*
12-23	Boise, ID	NL	2	-
12-24	Seattle, WA	CE	1	**
12-24	Madison, WI	CE	3	**
12-25	Boise, ID	NL	1	-
12-26	Southbridge, MA	NL	2	*
12-26	Great Falls, MT	NL	2	*
12-28	Sacramento, CA	NL	2	**M
12-20	Sarasota, FL	NL	1	*

TYPES

NL-Nocturnal Lights
DD-Daylight Discs
RV-Radar-Visual
CE-Close Encounter

See: THE UFO EXPERIENCE, A Scientific Inquiry, J. Allen Hynek (Regnery, 1972, Ballantine 1974)

FOLLOW-UP
**Onsite investigation
**M Investigation with the assistance of MUFON
* Report form sent to witness(es)
- No follow-up


Areas of sightings reported to the Center for UFO Studies
through UFO CENTRAL for the period 11-09-74--12-31-74
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MONTANA
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CAL.
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UTAH
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COLO.
MO.
KANS.
ARIZ
NEW MEX.
TEX.
OKLA.
ARK.
LA.
MISS.
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FLA.
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NEWSCLIPPINGS

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

DONORS

The groundwork for the administration ot the Center has been made possible due to the contributions of private individuals. As a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization (under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3), private donations allow the Center to remain a public organization and this continuing support will help the Center to be selective in accepting and applying for funding for scientific research. One such grant was received by the Center May 7, 1974, from the Research Corporation of America. This grant is specifically for use in investigative analyses of physical trace cases.

Illustrated below if the distributions of donations received by the Center for the year 1974:

Contributions of over $10.00 (21.6%)

Contributions of $10.00 (69.6%)

Contributions of under $10.00 (8.8%)

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

DETACH AND MAIL TO:

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P.O. Box 11
Northfield, Illinois 60093 (USA)

I would like to actively support the work of the CENTER. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of $_____.

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