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NEW UNITS BOLSTER INVESTIGATION NETWORK

The formation of five new Subcommittees in areas not previously covered, and the reactivation of a southern Indiana unit, gives NICAP a total of 30 field investigation teams. In addition, Affiliates are active in Chicago and Connecticut, semi-active in Southern California and New York City.

New units are: FLORIDA UNIT #3 covering the east coast region around Cape Kennedy. Co-Chairman: Clark C. McClelland, 4106 Trinidad Ave., Indian River City (aerospace engineer) & Wylie Robinson, 315 Johnson Ave., Apt. B-14, Cape Canaveral (Telemetry Systems Engineer). An all-Florida NICAP meeting was held in Orlando April 22, including Chairman Marshall Cleaver of Florida #2 (St. Petersburg). NEW YORK #4 covering the area around Syracuse. Chairman is James C. Harris, 4168 Makyes Rd. (Bio-Tech Laboratories). Other members are a professor, photographers, a police officer and a clergyman. The unit has standard equipment, plus mobile radios and clinical chemical lab facilities.

NORTH DAKOTA #1, based in Minot. Chairman is Donald E. Flickinger, 504 24th Ave. (U.S. Border Patrol). He is assisted by police officers, radio newsmen, attorneys.

PENNSYLVANIA #5 at Indiana State College, Indiana, Pa. Chairman is Dr. Robert Murray, Director of Instructional Resources Center. Others are a professor of chemistry and a former military and civilian police officer with a distinguished record.

TEXAS #1, in Houston. Chairman is Mrs. Krystyna Ansevin, 2127 MacArthur St. (PhD, Biology). The unit includes six other PhD scientists, two with M.S. degrees, an engineer and an M.D.

In Vincennes, Indiana, INDIANA #1 has been reactivated by Chairman Francis Ridge who has a new address: 808 North 10th Street.

The informal Headquarters Subcommittee, to cover Washington, D. C. and surrounding territory, may be enlarged following investigation of the South Hill, Va. landing case April 21. Gordon Lore and Don Berliner of the staff, and adviser Lee Katchen, investigated thoroughly, obtaining samples of the scorched road surface and three of the four actual imprints left in the road. Isabel Davis and Stuart Nixon of the staff have also assisted with investigations. Some members from private and government scientific agencies may be invited to help in future cases, and a businessman pilot in nearby Virginia is placing his small plane at the disposal of headquarters. At this point, the South Hill case appears to be the most significant since Socorro, N. M.

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Field Investigation Kit

Headquarters investigators have come up with the following suggestions for an investigation kit which could be kept handy in a briefcase or small suitcase for quick trips. (The South Hill landing is an example of a case where speed paid off. NICAP investigators were first on the scene and were able to preserve the physical evidence; later the area was overrun with curiosity seekers and investigators, official and unofficial):

✓ Notebooks and pencils; 100 foot tape measure; modeling clay; ball of twine; plastic sample bottles; paper bags; plastic wrapping paper such as Saran Wrap; magnifying glass; binoculars; portable tape recorder; chalk; flashlight; tweezers; camera; geiger counter; sighting forms; small tool kit; calipers (inside and outside). Please let us have your suggestions of items that have proved useful in the field.

----- NOTES AND COMMENTS

* Assistant Director Richard Hall was recently consultant to the University of Colorado UFO project for three days, helping with a project that should be beneficial in many ways. The basic idea is to compile a "Case Book" of the best available, hard-core unexplained cases, publish them without comment or evaluation, and circulate them to professional scientists around the country as a challenge. It is hoped that comments and evaluations will be elicited, and more people will be made aware of the hard-core evidence. Plans are for the document to be made public, which will also help to educate important segments of the public.

* Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona atmospheric physicist, gave a forceful talk to the American Society of Newspaper Editors in convention, April 22. (Other panelists were Maj. Quintanilla, Dr. Menzel, and two UFO witnesses). He urged an end to ridicule, and far more scientific attention to UFOs. Copies of the paper upon which he based his talk are available from NICAP on request (limited to Board Members, Affiliates, and Subcommittees).

✓ * Important reminder. Please remember to give us a preliminary report within 48 hours on any investigations you are undertaking. The bare facts as known to you at the time, plus your investigation plans, will help us to correlate overall activities.

✓ * Please be guided by the Subcommittee Handbook (supplemented by letters from headquarters) on all policy and public relations matters. Avoid publishing or releasing interpretations or conclusions on sighting reports. These are NICAP's responsibility with the aid of a wide variety of Advisers and Consultants.

* A second volume of the UFO Evidence is on again as a long-range plan, with staff member Don Berliner beginning the groundwork. Chances are we won't overlook the most important cases you have sent us of sightings since the end of 1963; but if there are ones you wish to remind us of to be sure, a list would be welcome.

* Again, we can only express our regret at not being able to correspond regularly with our field personnel, so please overlook the delays and occasional non-answers. For the benefit of Board Members reading this, we have an exceptionally dedicated and unselfish group of several hundred people in the field, accomplishing, in their spare time, invaluable investigation and public relations work. Their reports have been highly impressive to the University of Colorado scientists and to Dr. James McDonald. NICAP would be ineffective without them.

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Note: Because the sequence of numbers of this newsletter has gotten out of order (due to an incomplete master file); we are beginning a new numbering system with this issue. We shall consider the next 12 issues to be Volume II. Let us have your suggestions for helpful items that we might print, and also your comments on what we do print. This is your newsletter; what information do you want to see in it?

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

As a reminder to all NICAP investigators, we review here the salient points to remember:

- (1.) When you learn of a seemingly good sighting (or have reasons to doubt a published report), outline the case to NICAP as quickly as possible. Notify us whether you are or are not looking into a case.
- (2.) Investigate as carefully as possible, following guidelines in the Subcommittee Handbook, checking for natural explanations and gathering documentation. If the case is a complex one that cannot be wrapped up in a week or so, keep NICAP informed of your progress and any outstanding findings.
- (3.) When the report is completed, submit it to NICAP (not to the University of Colorado, and preferably not to any other groups or individuals). Quite often we have additional sources of information to be weighed in the balance, or we may wish to consult appropriate Advisers. Evaluations are NICAP's responsibility, and so are public releases of information in general.
- (4.) When pressed by local newsmen for findings on a current case, it should always be kept in mind, and so stated to the newsmen, that NICAP will be investigating further, emphasizing that the role of Subcommittees (and Affiliate investigators) is careful collection and screening of data. If a case is definitely a hoax of known error, it is permissible -- if asked -- to indicate this as your preliminary findings, again stressing that headquarters will be reviewing it. However, in most cases where findings are uncertain it would be best to pass the buck to NICAP.
- (5.) Try to minimize correspondence with people outside of NICAP, and to avoid entanglement with unnecessary paperwork or meetings. Keep in mind that your main function is investigation, not publicity work.

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(6.) We realize that in some complicated investigations, Subcommittees incur considerable expense which NICAP is unable to reimburse. To offset this, it is permissible for a unit Chairman to establish a small annual or semi-annual dues payment by unit members; to arrange lecture engagements at a reasonable fee (minimum of, say, \$25-\$50 depending on time and travel involved), a percentage of which, by prior standing agreement within the unit, goes into the unit treasury. If you have other ideas, we would be glad to consider them. However, writing or public meeting projects tend to defeat the purpose of Subcommittees.

(7.) If you encounter resistance from local authorities, or from witnesses, remember that NICAP relies entirely on voluntary cooperation. Do not press the issue. Always be careful to show your ID cards, and to avoid bluff and bluster. Your conduct in the field will reflect on NICAP.

Notice to all units: Occasionally NICAP has accepted collect phone calls in important cases, but this practice will have to be discontinued. A Summer slump and rising costs have caused a financial setback. In special cases of exceptional importance, we may authorize a collect call, but we shall have to weigh all factors and initiate the action from headquarters.

IMPORTANT PROJECT

NICAP is developing notebooks of false or faked UFO photographs for comparison purposes and to assist in evaluations. Photographers, professional or amateur, in all units are requested to submit fabricated pictures to headquarters (they will be shared with the Univ. of Colorado). Please label on the back, explaining how the picture was made, special lens settings, materials, or lighting used, date and location. Some ideas are objects tossed in the air; photos of light fixtures; reflections; double exposures; lens flares; and cinch marks. By producing sophisticated fakes under controlled conditions, we may help to expose the cleverest hoaxsters. (Photos of natural objects, such as stars, planets, balloons, meteors, that might be reported as UFOs are solicited by NICAP-S. Calif. for a worthy catalogue project. Address: Judi Anne Hatcher, Apt. 4, 1730 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90024).

CHICAGO AFFILIATE BUSY

Sherm Larsen, President of NICAP-Chicago Affiliate, reports a busy time of it, helping the Chicago Subcommittee gather UFO reports, soliciting members for NICAP (very successfully), holding meetings, and giving lectures. During the first quarter of the year, Affiliate representatives addressed 14 groups or organizations. During the same period, they obtained 30 new memberships.

AFFILIATE PRESIDENT GIVES PAPER

George W. Earley, president of NICAP-Connecticut Affiliate, presented a paper entitled "UFOs--An Historical Perspective" at the Design Engineering Conference in New York May 15, 1967. Copies of the paper (postpaid) at \$1.00 each may be ordered from Mr. Earley at 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

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COLORADO ALERT NETWORK

In a new step designed to speed up investigations of possibly significant reports, the University of Colorado UFO project has established an "early warning network." A large number of Aff/Subc personnel have been invited, as individuals, to act as outposts for their areas of the country. The idea is for a team of specially trained investigators from Boulder headquarters to reach the site, anywhere in the country, within 24 hours. Colorado investigators carry special ID cards; if they show up in your area, please give them full cooperation.

At the request of NICAP, a team of Colorado investigators promptly travelled to the Harrisburg, Pa., area in mid-July. A concentration of Exeter-type sightings, still continuing after more than two weeks, had swamped George Cook's Unit #4 Subcommittee. Over 50 reports have been compiled, with nearly as many witnesses yet to be interviewed. CU also responded promptly to a call from George Earley in Conn. during July, and were on the scene of a sighting the next day.

NEWS ITEM

Front page stories July 14 described a new, highly efficient polymeric cigarette filter developed at Columbia University. The inventor, Robert L. Strickman, is a member of N. J. Unit #1 NICAP Subcommittee.

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND SURVEY

Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona scientist whose vigorous assault on the UFO problem has worked wonders, recently wound up a tour of Australia and New Zealand, interviewing numerous UFO witnesses. He found many substantial cases quite similar to those in the U. S. NICAP will publish his findings as soon as they are available.

An instrument which might aid investigators in preparing careful reports has been suggested by David Jesus of the S. Calif. Affiliate. A compact, hand-held Inclinator (instrument for measuring vertical angles visually by reading off a scale) is available from the Los Angeles Scientific Instrument Co., 2451 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. for \$24.00, postage included. The Type PM - 5/360 PC (with case) is made by the Suunto Co., Helsinki, Finland.

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A TRAINED EYE ON UFO'S

Correspondence in your columns on UFO's points to a grievous lack of trained observers. For the elucidation of these rare and mysterious objects, first-class observations are necessary, and very few people, even among those supposed to be scientifically trained, can observe. The following drill, commonly used by observers of meteors, fireballs, and so on, is applicable and deserves to be better known. It is assumed you can transfer your whole attention to the phenomenon.

On becoming aware of the object, stand still and start counting seconds. Kick with your heel to mark your position exactly. Hold a hand out at arm's length and gauge the angular size of the object. (The thumb in width subtends $2\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, the open hand, 20 degrees.) Note the brightness of the object, compared to other visible objects, and any changes that may occur. Establish the beginning and the end of the object's path with reference to marks on the horizon. Determine whether the object passes behind or in front of any landmark. Try to fix the position of touchdown on earth, if you think that has occurred. After the object has disappeared, make written notes of the above details. Transfer the seconds count to accurate time by your watch. Listen critically for sounds associated with the object and time them. Proceed to the position of touchdown and search for material objects. Notice any smell, as of ozone, at this point. Feel for a temperature gradient. Pace off the heelmark for later transfer to a map reference. Obtain a watch correction to the nearest second, preferably from a radio time signal. Forward a fair copy of the notes to the nearest observatory.

Practice this for a few evenings on meteors, to get the hang of it. And next time Venus is a daylight object, go to a busy intersection with a companion and point it out to him. (Look! A flying saucer! See how fast it goes, past those clouds!) The reports in the press the next morning will be very entertaining.

Letter to the Editor

F.P. Hughes, Ontario, Canada

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"SNIPPY" STORY BEING INVESTIGATED

Most Aff/Subc members are undoubtedly aware of "Snippy" the horse, found dead under bizarre circumstances. The story, which just broke recently, created a nationwide stir and NICAP has been busy with calls from TV and radio stations, including BEC, Voice of America, etc., inquiring about this.

I will assume that members are familiar with the details of the case, but certain incorrect accounts in the news stories need to be clarified:

- (1) Herb Roth and our Denver Subcommittee did not witness the autopsy. They arrived after the autopsy was performed, took pictures, samples for analysis, and recorded several hours of tapes. Roth did talk to a member of the pathologist's party, who told him that the brain, stomach and spinal cavities had been drained as well as all the blood. There was also no visible means of entry into the brain, stomach or spinal column.
- (2) The so-called "tool" that AP reported found by a Mrs. Lewis was actually a membraneous type of sac attached to some hair about 40 feet or so from the animal's carcass. This did reportedly burn her slightly, but Roth handled the sac and experienced no effects. This, as well as other samples from the horse, was taken for analysis.
- (3) Roth believes that the exhaust-like marks reported by the papers as having been found were actually black mold-like marks.
- (4) The Denver Subc does not seem impressed by the tie-in with a UFO, but there have been sightings in the Alamosa area for the past couple of weeks.
- (5) A second dead horse, much more recently expired, was found by the Subc on or about October 8. There were no similarities except that part of this horse's flesh seemed to have turned into a gelatinous sort of mass, as was the case with "Snippy". We wanted info on this to be kept confidential for awhile, since some people in the area, fearing a new type of disease, have become somewhat alarmed, but the story has already broken over Denver and Baltimore radio programs. It has still not yet received nationwide publicity, however.

DISTRIBUTION OF SIGHTING REPORTS

Major Keyhoe has asked that all Subcommittee Chairmen and members who send sighting material to Colorado make sure that NICAP headquarters gets the information simultaneously. In several instances, this has not been done. This, of course, applies to those Subcommittees and members who are working with Colorado in their field investigation network team program.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

As you know, Richard Hall has resigned as NICAP Assistant Director, and we all shall miss him greatly. His almost unsurpassed background knowledge of the field and calm, logical approach have done much to bring about a serious look at the subject. He does plan to keep in close contact, however.

As the new Assistant Director, I look forward to a congenial and worthwhile association with all of the Subcommittees and Affiliates. I am confident that the magnificent and thorough job you all have done in the past will apply as well to future endeavors. Being asked to take over this position was a big step for me and time did not permit as complete a briefing by Dick Hall as I would have liked, so if there are any tie-ups, please be patient and understanding and we will try to work them out.

TV-RADIO-SPEECH APPEARANCES

In recent weeks, the NICAP Assistant Director has appeared on a series of television and radio programs plugging NICAP and informing listeners and viewers of the latest sightings and other news in the field. Following is a brief rundown:

- (1) September. Radio station in San Francisco did phoned interview plugging NICAP.
- (2) September 27. Filmed interview in NICAP office with NICAP Director, Sudwestfunken, national German television, 1/2-hour documentary, including interviews with members of Colorado project.
- (3) September 29. Appearance with Dr. James E. McDonald on WAVY-TV, Baltimore, Maryland.
- (4) September 29. Appearance with Dr. McDonald on WFER-Radio, Baltimore.
- (5) October 2. Filmed interview in NICAP office with Dr. McDonald. Grenada-ITV, which covers all of northern England.
- (6) October 6. WAVY-TV, Portsmouth, Virginia, covering all of Norfolk area. Two shows were video-taped, both to be played twice and one to be converted into a radio show.
- (7) October 15. KPLR-TV, St. Louis, Missouri.
- (8) October 17. WNRK-Radio, Newark, Delaware.
- (9) The Asst. Dir. also has given frequent speeches before high-powered scientific and engineering groups and has more scheduled for the future. Hopefully, this will bring in more funds to NICAP in an attempt to slightly offset the current lack of publicity.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

Two new highly qualified NICAP Subcommittees have been approved in Texas and New York.

Texas Unit #2 in Arlington is chaired by Robert G. Edwards, Project Manager, Advanced Launch Systems, Missiles and Space Division, LTV Aerospace Corporation, Dallas. An aerospace engineer, a project engineer, and a senior design specialist are among the other members.

New York Unit #6 in Kingston is directed by Norman C. Folden, an IEM Senior Associate Systems Analyst. Other members include senior associate engineers and an associate programmer.

*Pres-arrange call before 5:00pm EST
Comment
Ph. 202-667-9434*

EARLY PAPER STILL AVAILABLE

George W. Earley, president of our Connecticut Affiliate, still has copies of his paper, "UFOs -- An Historical Perspective", available. This was presented at the Design Engineering Conference in New York, May 15, 1967. Copies are \$1 each postpaid and may be obtained from Mr. Earley at 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Connecticut, 06002.

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RUSSIAN COMMISSION

Potentially, one of the most important developments in the UFO field to date is the formation of a Russian commission to scientifically study UFOs. According to NICAP member Andrew P. Tomas, of Nully, France, who was in Moscow at the time of the organization meeting on October 18, 400 people, including pilots, scientists and writers, were in attendance.

The UFO Section of the semi-governmental All-Union Astronautics Commission of USSR elected the following as officers: Air Force Major General P.A. Stolyerov, President; General Ugher, Second President -- relief; Dr. Felix Zigel, astronomer, and Alexander Kajantsev, writer (Vice Presidents); and Arcady Tikhonov, engineer, Honorable Secretary.

The Russians have hitherto labeled UFOs as a product of capitalistic propaganda, but, during the summer, word came from Dr. Zigel, among others, that sightings have been frequent in the USSR since 1947. Then a series of reports earlier this year prompted the commission set-up.

The UFO Section has at its disposal 18 scientists, 200 country-wide observers, and an undisclosed number of Air Force officers. From preliminary indications, this could be the best organized, most comprehensive UFO investigation to date.

Soon after news of the commission reached headquarters, NICAP issued a press release, which was picked up by several papers, including the Washington Post and the Washington Star. We have also informed certain Congressmen of the news and offered them our assistance in supplying information. Assistant Director Gordon Lore has written to Mr. Tikhonov, who, according to Mr. Tomas, plans to officially contact us later this month.

Russia now joins the U.S. and Canada's Air Force and the Institute of Aerospace Studies at the University of Toronto in carrying on a full-scale investigation of UFOs. The Toronto project has already contacted us for information and help and it is hoped that a similar exchange can be instigated with the Russian commission. Regardless of political beliefs, international cooperation could go a long way in helping to solve what might be the greatest and most significant mystery in the history of man.

MINIEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dr. Florence Metz and Dr. Ron Butler, research physicists at the Midwest Research Institute (MRI), Kansas City, Mo., visited NICAP headquarters early in November. MRI is interested in financing an intensive investigation of UFOs and Drs. Metz and Butler are sounding out various organizations and individuals who might be helpful to a future program. So far, the project is in its initial stages, but this further points out the increasing scientific interest.

HANDBOOK/DETECTOR

Francis L. Ridge, Chairman of Indiana Unit #1, has been working on a Subcommittee handbook and a UFO detector. Interested persons may contact Mr. Ridge for further information at 3315 Washington Ave., Vincennes, Ind. 47501.

UFO EVIDENCE II

Work on the second volume of "The UFO Evidence" is now in full swing. Staff members Don Berliner, Isabel Davis and Stuart Nixon are now working on the project full-time and we are hoping for a Spring 1968 publication. Particularly now that scientific interest has picked up considerably, the report should have considerable impact.

SIGHTING REPORTS

It is important to us at headquarters that we receive sighting information as soon as possible upon completion of Subcommittee investigations. Except in cases where Colorado field personnel are working with Subcommittee members on the site, reports should be sent to NICAP before or at the same time they are forwarded to Boulder. Please address the information to the attention of Miss Emilie B. Sinkler, so she can begin immediate processing.

INVESTIGATION KITS

Any suggestions for items to be included in a portable field investigation kit would be most welcome. Address any ideas to Gordon Lore for inclusion in the next issue of the Aff/Subc Newsletter.

WYMAN-NICAP TV BROADCAST PLANNED

Congressman Louis Wyman (R-MH), who in October introduced Res 946, calling for the Committee on Science and Astronautics to launch a full-scale UFO investigation, has contacted NICAP for help in preparing a 15-minute nationwide television broadcast to urge passing of the resolution. We have agreed to give him our full cooperation although, at this time, there is little likelihood that the resolution will be passed because most Congressmen are awaiting results of the Colorado project. Mr. Wyman seems aware, however, that the UFO gap between Russia and the United States may become an important question in the future.

LORE-DENEHAULT BOOK

The book on the historical aspects of UFOs by Assistant Director Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr. and former staff member Harold H. Deneault, Jr. has been delayed several times by the publisher, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Re-entitled Mysteries of the Skies: UFOs in Perspective, the work is now scheduled for publication in April 1968. The tentative price is \$5.95 (hardcover). Many old newspaper accounts, ship's logs, diaries and scientific and nature journals as well as first-hand witness accounts were used to compile the first book on UFO sightings before 1947. Such institutions as the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office, the Thomas Alva Edison Historical Site, etc., were extensively used for sighting and related information. Many people too numerous to mention helped tremendously in supplying data. Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona acted as scientific critic and former Assistant Director Richard H. Hall was the initial editor. The book will be fully documented with footnotes, an index, appendices, an introduction and epilogue, photographs and airship patent reproductions.