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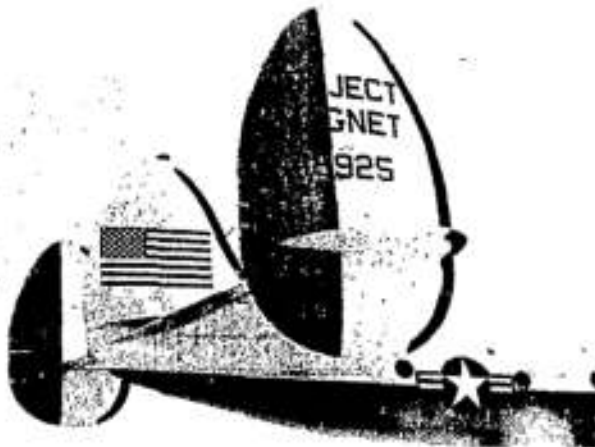
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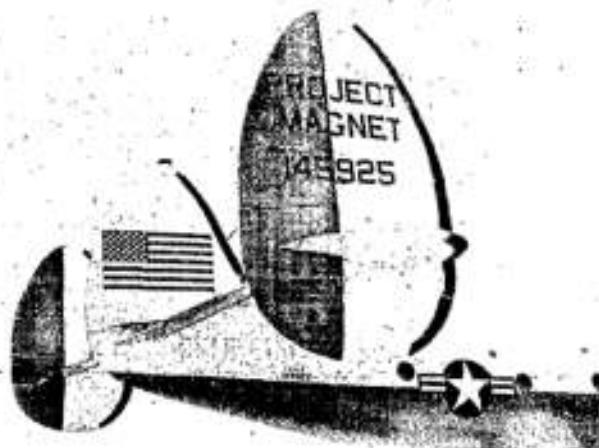
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We have an Action Plan to achieve maximum distribution of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" to all Members of Congress, the wire services, networks, over 2,000 newspapers and broadcasting stations, and to influential groups and citizens. This Action Plan requires that publications be on schedule, that NICAP be operating efficiently. We must be ready to follow up in Congress and with radio, TV and press interviews establishing NICAP as a competent national authority on UFOs. We must be able to resume accepting memberships so as to be ready for the flood of applications this nationwide publicity is certain to bring.

This entire plan is now endangered. It has been jeopardized by the incredible response to Investigator numbers 7 and 8. This double issue drew high praise from many members -- and the lowest number of renewals in over five years.

We are determined to print "THE UFO EVIDENCE" if it takes every cent NICAP has. This is the most important thing we have ever done. It will bring a Congressional inquiry. It will absolutely prove official censorship. It will shock millions of Americans misled by the secrecy and the deliberate ridicule of competent witnesses, bringing an insistent demand for the truth. It will vindicate YOU and all other NICAP members and it will open up a new, serious era of UFO investigation.

A number of members, especially some newer ones, believe NICAP's main job is producing the UFO Investigator. They are understandably annoyed when it is late. We could have taken the easy way, becoming just another UFO newsletter group, long ago. But 90% of our work is digging out hidden evidence, battling the secrecy, carefully evaluating the facts through capable Board members and scientific and technical advisers, and blocking AF attempts to bury the UFO story. Most of the membership fees go into this work, and even these have not been enough. Only repeated contributions of a small group have kept us going.

In Issues 7 and 8 (paid for by loans and donations from six members) we stressed that we were at last on schedule and that we would STAY on schedule, if given a fair response. Instead, we were forced to delay No. 9, and to use some of the money set aside for the Report, when this issue was finally printed.

If we had to suspend after "THE UFO EVIDENCE" is published it would give opponents and the censors a chance for public ridicule. The Report might be smeared as the parting shot of a dying group that knew its charges could not be backed up.

There is absolutely no need for this to happen. Immediate orders for "THE UFO EVIDENCE" by a majority of members will guarantee success -- and efficient operations on the new basis.

We are sure many of you will want this Report -- the complete UFO story, fully documented, from World War II to date, with a mass of new, important information.

If only a moderate number order "THE UFO EVIDENCE," then NICAP's future will depend on one other factor: Majority

renewals, or outright contributions. ALL members, even the newest, now have received at least three issues. Hundreds have received six issues and are now due to renew. Because our small staff is concentrating on the Report, we cannot mail out renewal notices, but the code number on the enclosed membership card indicates when renewals are due. (See code explanation on other page.)

If the majority due will now renew, and we receive a fair number of Report orders, we can follow the Action Plan without contributions. (Any who wish to contribute may mark their checks "conditional renewal donation," meaning automatic renewal when NICAP resumes publication after the Report is out.)

WE BELIEVE THIS PLAN IS FAIR. IT WILL WORK IF THE MAJORITY WISH TO GUARANTEE NICAP'S FUTURE.

"THE UFO EVIDENCE" will consist of 128 pages, the same size and format as the UFO Investigator, bound with a stiff paper cover. It will contain new, important facts never made public before. It will expose high-level censorship in numerous UFO sighting cases. This massive evidence will include factual dramatic reports from hundreds of pilots, airport personnel, rocket trackers, astronomers and many other responsible, competent witnesses.

Nothing like this has ever been attempted before. It is certain to become the "UFO bible, the complete documented story of a tremendous cover-up. The opinions and conclusions of the aviation, space, military and scientific experts who back "THE UFO EVIDENCE" will jolt millions of Americans.

That public interest is bound to be high is indicated by offers from two publishers, to print the Report as a regular book. (One would be priced at \$5.95 or above.) But for a presentation to Congress, the Report has to be a NICAP document.

The price of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" -- for members only -- is set at \$3.95, postpaid. If we receive enough orders, the unit printing cost will go down, and the difference in receipts will be applied to carry through the Action Plan. If there is an immediate and large response, we shall be able to hire temporary help to speed up the Report for release before the end of November.

In ordering, be sure to mark your check "For THE UFO EVIDENCE." These checks will be held until we are sure of enough funds to cover all printing and mailing.

If NICAP resumes accepting new members before the next issue, we shall send notices to our Subcommittees, Affiliates, most UFO publications, and press and broadcast contacts, to speed this news of NICAP's improved situation.

A number of members did not receive Issues 7 and 8 because we did not have their forwarding addresses. Since the double issue had to be sent third class (a savings of over \$200) no copies were returned to us. Please make sure we have your latest address.

The main reason we are sending this issue first class (adding over \$300 cost for envelopes, stuffing, and extra postage) is to enclose membership cards. (Interim 1963 cards were printed in Issue No. 8, p. 7.) We are sorry we could not send the regular cards sooner, but if renewals and orders for "THE UFO EVIDENCE" provide sufficient funds we shall mail next year's cards with the first 1964 issue.

YOU and every other NICAP member can be of great help in preparing the press and the general public for "THE UFO EVIDENCE." If every member will take part in this final battle to end the secrecy our victory will be overwhelming. (See page 7 for details.)

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UFO WITNESSES RELIABLE, SAYS AF EXPERT

RECENT SIGHTINGS CONFIRM ADMISSIONS

The top Air Force UFO scientist, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has completely debunked AF claims that UFO witnesses are incompetent.

"The surprising thing," states the AF's chief UFO consultant, "is that the level of intelligence of the observers and reporters of UFOs is certainly at least average, and in many cases decidedly above average. In some cases embarrassingly above average." The typical witness, he says, is honest and reliable.

The noted astrophysicist also upset AF attempts to convince the public that sightings have decreased.

"Flying Saucers' have by no means died out, as was once confidently expected. . . there are more UFO reports per year rather than less." (Compared with the early period.) "Further, for every puzzling report that reaches Air Force attention there are many that do not."

Dr. Hynek's statements appeared in an article he wrote for the Yale Scientific Magazine, Vol. XXXVII, No. 7, April, 1963.

The AF chief consultant stressed that UFO sightings are worldwide.

"Although we tend to think of flying saucers as peculiarly American, they are international in scope. England has had more reported sightings, per square mile of territory, than has the United States. France has had its share. . . one apparently major wave in the fall of 1954. Brazil, Spain, Italy, Australia, Canada and even several Iron Curtain countries have also been the sources of reports."

In some instances, says Dr. Hynek, many witnesses submit almost identical reports. Instead of the usual AF quick brush-off, the chief consultant gives three possible answers: 1. Gross collusion (which neither he nor the AF has ever considered seriously.) 2. Witnesses were "honestly but remarkably misled. . ." 3. The group did see "something truly unusual."

Dr. Hynek also admits that many cases are solved by "reasonable surmise" in the absence of the facts.

But despite his surprising admissions, the chief consultant several times reverts to the AF policy line. The results are truly puzzling. At one moment, Dr. Hynek frankly accepts the intelligence and reliability of most UFO observers. The next moment, he accepts AF public "explanations" even when contrary to fact, or without any proof. It is almost as if he were struggling between a private conviction of UFO reality and his duty as the AF UFO chief consultant to support the denial policy.

In addition, Dr. Hynek inexplicably follows AF spokesmen in attacking "UFO believers," many of whom are the very same UFO observers he calls honest, intelligent and reliable. The "believers" he labels as the "credulity boys" — the cultists, the mystically inclined, pseudo-religious, unscientific people "who give flying saucers a bad name." Never does he even hint that there are serious, competent groups who, like NICAP, are engaged in factual, scientific investigations.

In spite of all this, Dr. Hynek's admissions remain significant. It would be interesting to learn exactly what he believes—and what he knows.

You will note that this is a Special Interim Issue. In order for our limited staff to prepare the crucial Six Year Report so it can be printed this Fall, it has been necessary to hold up all other NICAP work. From members' letters, we are sure most of you agree that getting this documented Report before Congress and the press is the most urgent and important step we can take.

In the last few months, many careful UFO reports have been made by undeniably competent witnesses, including a veteran British flight instructor (formerly an RAF pilot), two U.S. Government geologists, the chief research scientist for a large corporation, a technical editor, airport tower operators, a former USAF navigator, a civil engineer, a group of professors, a newspaperman, and state, county and city police.

These reports are timely proof that most UFO witnesses are "intelligent and reliable," as the Air Force's Chief UFO Consultant now admits. (See adjoining column.)

Several cases also prove AF efforts to explain away quickly any sighting given publicity by the presses. One of the most obvious attempts, in which AF spokesmen contradicted each other, was linked with the Illinois sightings in August.

The series began on Aug. 5, with a report by a frightened teen-ager named Ronald Austin. According to Austin, son of a Fairfield, Ill., farmer, a huge glowing object had chased his car as he drove home from an outdoor movie. As it swooped low, he said, his radio crackled and his ignition temporarily cut out. The bright object was also seen by Austin's family after he raced home, and by Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee. By this time it was higher, Lee stated, but it still appeared at least three times bigger than a bright star, and unusual enough to set the farm dogs barking.

The first AF answer came from Scott AFB, near Belleville, after the story hit Illinois front pages. Capt. Jack Oswald, public information officer, told the press the light probably was caused by reflections from an AF bomber.

"In all probability," said Capt. Oswald, "a TAF (Tactical Air Defense) pilot was on a practice mission in the vicinity. Assuming he was flying at 20,000 feet, a light on the under belly of the silver coated ship could cause an over-imaginative person at ground level to believe almost anything, even a brilliantly illuminated saucer." (Evansville, Ind., Press, Aug. 6, 1963.)

On Aug. 7, Scott AFB stated an Intelligence officer would be sent to Fairfield to investigate.

On Aug. 10-11, three officials from Wright-Patterson AFB, described as "a team of physicists," interviewed Wayne County residents about numerous publicized sightings following Austin's report.

On Aug. 16, Scott AFB told the Associated Press that "the moon obscured by clouds" had caused Austin to believe a UFO was chasing him. That same day, a Pentagon report, released by Maj. Maston M. Jacks, gave the findings of the AF physicists' team. Austin, they reported, was frightened by the planet Jupiter, aided by the moon.

To end the growing interest in UFOs, the AF "team" then proceeded, using the "reasonable surmise" technique cited by Chief Consultant Hynek, to "explain" all the Illinois sightings.

In one case that got on the press wires, witnesses had reported a kite-shaped light that lit up the ground and caused dogs to bark. This, stated the AF men, was an aerial refueling operation, the "kite tail" being the fuel hose. The refueling, they said, created a "high frequency in the atmosphere" which upset the dogs and made them bark. (Identical reports near Chicago later were found caused by a distant advertising sign towed by a plane, a more credible and likely explanation.)

The important point here is not the sightings, but the increasing AF determination to kill off UFO publicity before it can upset the censorship.

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An English sighting by a former skeptic was reported on Aug. 1 by D. F. Ogilvy, a veteran flight instructor. About 8 p.m., Ogilvy observed a strange and very large flying object over Hertfordshire. It had a delta shape, but through binoculars he could see it was not an aircraft.

When he called the Air Ministry, an official who appeared to have been briefed to keep quiet told him it was a meteorological balloon that had drifted over from France. In Ogilvy's report he stated this was impossible "because of the prevailing north-easterly airstream."

Through the air traffic controller at Elstree Aerodrome, Ogilvy learned that Southern Air Traffic Control had logged the strange device as an "unidentified object." The Elstree controller also gave him an unconfirmed report that a USAF F-100 jet had vainly tried to climb up and intercept the UFO.

"The object was obviously very large," Ogilvy said. Rejecting the Air Ministry answer, he added, "I was a high-altitude P.R. pilot in the Royal Air Force for several years, and have been a qualified flying instructor for the last 14. I certainly know a 'met' balloon when I see one . . . I may add that 24 hours ago I was a 'disbeliever,' and now have an open mind on the subject of UFOs."

A second U.S. case in which the AF tried to offset a UFO news story occurred on June 18 at Niagara Falls. From 10 p.m. to midnight, a UFO which flashed red, blue, green and yellow was seen maneuvering above the city -- once completely reversing its course. Witnesses included FAA tower operator at Niagara Falls Airport and newsman Bill Nelson, staff writer on the Niagara Falls Gazette. The FAA ruled out ordinary aircraft, and the alternate hovering and maneuvering ruled out any orbiting satellite.

Next day, the Gazette carried a detailed story, including an evaluation by Arthur Young, staff astronomer at the Niagara Falls Planetarium. The UFO, Young stated, could not be any normal astronomical body because of its extreme brightness, maneuvers and speed.

The Gazette reached nearby Lockport AFB at 2:30 p.m. Within 30 minutes, Nelson later informed NICAP, he received a call from Lt. Col. Robert Friend, head of Project Blue Book, Wright-Patterson AFB.

For 45 minutes Col. Friend quizzed Nelson, attempting -- without success -- to convince him the UFO was some ordinary object.

"I know it was NOT a balloon, an aircraft, a temperature inversion or anything but a UFO," Nelson told NICAP.

After the Gazette story, the Associated Press checked with the AF and NASA. Both said they had "no activities that would explain the mysterious lights." After vacillating over a balloon answer, the AF finally released the conclusion that the UFO was a star or a planet.

If the AF had carefully checked, they would have found this explanation impossible, as Astronomer Young stated. Either this "answer" was quickly made public without checking the facts -- or the AF deliberately released it, knowing it could not be true.

On July 18, an attempted UFO interception by four jets was observed by Joseph Cappels, technical editor for the United Technology Center (a division of United Aircraft.) At 7:25 p.m., Cappels saw a bright disc-shaped object hovering over the area of Palo Alto, Calif. Taking a movie camera from his car (Bolex 8 mm., 36 mm. telephoto lens) Cappels caught the UFO in several frames. (Film being evaluated by NICAP and Bay Area Subcommittee No. 2, in California.)

In a signed report to NICAP, Cappels said the disc was the size of a dime at arm's length. After driving home, he and a neighbor watched the strange object until four jets appeared. As the jets approached the disc, it tilted up in a short arc, then raced out of sight in an estimated three seconds.

(An AF missile shot, an hour later, caused general excitement because at high altitude its trail glowed weirdly in the rays of the sun, then below the horizon. But this shot had nothing to do with the UFO sighting.)

Lack of space prevents other examples, except these two "briefs": June 20, airport tower operators at Cordoba, Argentina, reported a strange object flying "under intelligent control"; from May to July 28, several Australian motorists reported UFO

encounters. Two were "chases" which frightened the car occupants; in two other cases, the UFOs had landed on highways, taking off as the cars approached. (Other recent cases will appear in NICAP's documented REPORT, "THE UFO EVIDENCE.")

OPEN LETTER TO HOLD-OUT WITNESSES

This is the last chance to release "hidden" information for use in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," NICAP's documented report. We refer to UFO reports and secrecy evidence given us in confidence because those involved fear ridicule or adverse effects on their business.

PLEASE JOIN THE OTHER RESPECTED CITIZENS WHO HAVE BRAVED THE RIDICULE. THIS INCLUDES:

YOU, Commander -----, U. S. N. Please release the report of your close encounter with a large flying disc, in 1956.

YOU, DR. -----, and your seven laboratory associates who privately recorded a rocket-shaped UFO sighting in New England.

YOU, Capt. -----, Delta Airlines, your First Officer and the eighteen other Delta pilots who sighted UFOs, singly or in formation, in 1962.

YOU, First Officer -----, United Airlines, who photographed a large disc pacing your DC-6.

AND YOU, THE OTHER PILOTS, TOWER OPERATORS, MISSILE TRACKERS AND SIMILAR TRAINED OBSERVERS WHO ARE STILL HOLDING OUT.

Many other witnesses in responsible positions, well known in their communities or nationally, have risked adverse effects to help break UFO secrecy.

WILL YOU HELP, TOO -- NOW? OR WILL YOU CONTINUE TO REMAIN SILENT AND LET OTHERS FIGHT THE CENSORSHIP?

The urgent plea above applies to ALL members or non-member friends of NICAP who are withholding UFO reports or added secrecy proof.

This applies not only to current reports but earlier sightings. Often, an "old" sighting helps fill a gap, confirms an unsettled case, or provides a new clue to the UFO problem.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR HIDDEN INFORMATION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

GLEASON REPEATS UFO BELIEF

In a discussion reported by Bob Consodine in his August 8th column, Jackie Gleason firmly repeated his conviction that UFOs are interplanetary machines.

"This planet," he told Consodine, "is under almost perpetual observation by vehicles and people from outer space."

"Little green men from Venus?"

"I don't know what color they are or how big they are or whether they resemble us in any way," said Gleason. "All I know is that they are there and have killed at least one pilot who tried to investigate them -- a boy flying an F-51 -- and have landed in several places."

Jackie Gleason is one of the strongest believers in the interplanetary answer, and he has never hesitated to make his convictions public. As a NICAP member he has expressed the hope that we will get Congressional hearings. We greatly appreciate his support and his interest in our investigation.

THE ARGOSY STORY

Several members have denounced an article in the July issue of Argosy Magazine, entitled "The Spacniks of Giant Rock". It was written by Max Miller, formerly a NICAP photographic adviser.

This article plays up the usual ridiculous meeting at Giant Rock, California -- a meeting attended mostly by deluded persons, screwballs and suspected frauds who claim contacts with beings from other worlds. Regardless of intent, the obvious result is to alienate the average reader from a serious consideration of the real UFO evidence.

If the writer were uninformed as to the UFO facts, we could accept this as an unfortunate story by a careless reporter. But Mr. Miller has investigated UFOs for years. He knows the massive, factual evidence from hundreds of reliable, competent observers. We consider that Mr. Miller has done a grave disservice to serious investigators, and we hope that our members, whenever possible, will help nullify this article by citing the true evidence.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO CHECK ON UFO SECRECY

The Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Mr. William E. Miller, is planning to have evidence of UFO censorship examined by the Committee's Director of Research. Chairman Miller made the statement in a letter to Elliott Hume, NICAP member, after Mr. Hume called his attention to documented evidence in "Flying Saucers: Top Secret," a book based on NICAP's investigations, written by the director.

"Under no circumstances," said Chairman Miller, "should the Government ever lie to the American people." He conceded that in time of war, confidential information which could endanger national security should be withheld. With this exception, he stated that all Administrations, regardless of Party affiliation, should take the American people into their confidence.

"I do appreciate your bringing Major Donald Keyhoe's book to my attention," said Chairman Miller, "... so that our Director of Research will have an opportunity to study it for possible utilization of your suggestion..." (regarding an investigation of the alleged censorship.)

NICAP has offered to cooperate fully with Chairman Miller and the Director of Research and to prove official withholding of many important UFO facts.

The Australian Spheres

The odd metal "space" spheres found in New South Wales and Australia, in April and mid-July, still have not been identified, according to the Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Allen Fairhall. Minister Fairhall stated that his inquiries to the U.S. AND U.S.S.R. space agencies have drawn a blank.

The first mystery ball, a 12-pound hollow sphere 14 inches in diameter, was discovered on April 8, 1963, in a desolate part of Bouilla Station, New South Wales. Mr. J. McLure, who found it, said no one else had been in the area for 50 years. Scientists failed in their efforts to open the sphere with files and hacksaws.

On April 30, Minister Fairhall told the House of Representatives that the sphere had been definitely identified as part of a space vehicle. He said it had not yet been opened as it might contain "something of scientific interest." He added, "It's a million-to-one chance that a piece of orbiting hardware should survive the temperature of re-entry and be recovered in one piece." Australian scientists said later it might have been protected by a heat shield.

On June 28, the second "space ball" fell, in New South Wales, 80 miles from the first location. This one weighed 18 pounds and was 18 inches in diameter. It was made of the same puzzling metal.

The third sphere fell on July 12, near Muloorina, in South Australia. It was six inches in diameter and had an opening in it.

Earlier, Australian officials had said the first sphere would be cut in half for scientific examination. To date, so far as NICAP can learn, there has been no further announcement.

The highly technical work and cost required to build such spheres seems to rule out any hoax answer. Both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. have denied any connection. Even if the spheres were earth-made, all three would hardly fall by accident in this one area. To drop them there deliberately would require precise re-entry by remote-control, also retro-firing jets, which the spheres did not have.

If they were extraterrestrial, some more advanced control mechanism might be used. In this case, the Australian Government may have found the answer -- and possibly a clue to their purpose -- on opening the spheres. To the best of our knowledge, Australian officials have been silent as to what was discovered.

NEWSMAN REPORTS FILMING UFOs

The UFO or UFOs seen maneuvering over several Massachusetts cities on June 25 are believed to have been recorded by a star camera at Quincy, Mass., according to Richard Pothier, report on the Quincy Patriot Ledger, who took the pictures.

As detailed in the Patriot Ledger, Mr. Pothier set up a tripod-mounted 35 mm. camera at about 9 p.m. on June 25, to photograph star tracks. He opened the lens for a time exposure, closing it on his return 30 minutes later.

When the film was developed, Mr. Pothier noticed "a clear pattern of lights which moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least seven spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view."

The Patriot Ledger reported UFO sightings on the night of June 25 in East Weyland and Rockland, Mass. (There had been many other reports, on preceding nights, in various cities south of Boston.)

"In almost all cases," the newspaper said, "the object reported carried bright orange and white lights and traveled in a rectangular or zigzag pattern, making 90-degree turns without pausing."

Mr. Pothier's photographs film showed an object or objects with bright orange and white lights, maneuvering several times in sharp rectangular precision.

NICAP has taken steps to secure a scientific evaluation of the film.

VENEZUELAN UFO FILM BEING ANALYZED

An 8 mm. movie of an unknown flying object, filmed in the jungles of Venezuela last December, has been loaned to NICAP for evaluation, following a special trip to Caracas by a NICAP member.

The movie, one of the most interesting in recent years, apparently shows a brightly luminous object rising from in front of a mountain near the famous Angel Falls. Seen against a cliff background, the UFO is photographed accelerating on up into the sky. The film was taken from a DC-3 plane carrying vacationists over the Angel Falls.

Mr. Jose Cecin, president of the Castilian Company, Jamaica, N.Y., and an associate, Mr. A. J. Barben, flew to Caracas at their own expense to obtain the film for NICAP evaluation. A preliminary report and details of the UFO incident were secured from Dr. Askold Ladoenko, NICAP Adviser, Mr. Ali Dias, the owner of the film, and others connected with investigation.

A well-known professional scientist on the West Coast has agreed to make a full laboratory analysis of the film. Results will be announced when available.

Reports on other UFO films:

Two months ago, the Minneapolis-NICAP Subcommittee received for analysis a purported UFO film taken April 11, 1960, at Hazel Green, Wisc. The film reportedly showed three saucer-shaped UFOs in formation. Study by the subcommittee and later by Photographic Adviser Ralph Rankow, New York City, led to the conclusion that the film had no value as UFO evidence.

The images shown are very small, almost merging with the film grain, and a lack of reference points makes it impossible to detect any positive motion. Furthermore, the same small images and others like them appear against the ground in a farmyard scene preceding the alleged UFO sequences.

NICAP was unable to obtain two other films previously reported, which the owners refused to loan for analysis:

1. A film reportedly showing a cigar-shaped UFO near Eglin AFB, Florida, said to have been taken on Jan. 22, 1961, by a store manager on the base.

2. A Sept. 24, 1962 film taken in Hawthorne, N.J. when a UFO was seen maneuvering over a quarry by police and local newsmen. The photograph was promised to NICAP by George Della Penta, a reporter whose associate exposed the film. But the associate, when told to submit the film, refused and resigned his job. It is not known if he was asked to withhold the film or if he had a personal reason.

ASTRONAUT COOPER SILENT ON UFO ENCOUNTER

Maj. Gordon Cooper, famed AF astronaut, has refused to answer a Washington newsmen's questions about the UFO he reportedly sighted while orbiting the earth.

The blunt refusal letter, signed by a NASA official, was in sharp contrast with Cooper's usual courteous treatment of the press. It has caused speculation that it was not actually Cooper who rejected questions.

According to NBC network broadcasts from Cape Canaveral, Cooper encountered the unknown object -- seen as a mysterious green light with a reddish tail -- while over Australia on his 15th orbit. Sighting of the UFO was confirmed at the Muchea Tracking Station and by other witnesses in Australia. After the reports became public, there were inevitable suggestions that the object was an unknown spacecraft with a reddish exhaust, possibly checking on Cooper's flight.

To get the answer, "Science Trends" staff writer Don Berliner asked NASA for an interview with Major Cooper. After a month's delay, NASA told him to put his questions in writing.

Berliner's two main questions were: Have you had any personal UFO experiences before or since joining Project Mercury? Have any UFOs been tracked or otherwise encountered during Project Mercury operations?

The official reply from the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, was signed by Public Affairs Officer John J. Peterson.

"Major Cooper has informed us he prefers not to answer your questions."

Ordinarily, a Washington newsmen would be turned down with some polite excuse. The curt reply was even more a surprise because of Cooper's previous frank statement about UFOs. Revealing that curiosity about UFOs was one reason why he became an astronaut, Maj. Cooper wrote:

"I also had the idea there might be some interesting forms of life out in space for us to discover and get acquainted with. I don't believe in fairy tales, but as far as I'm concerned there have been far too many unexplained examples of unidentified objects sighted around this earth for us to rule out the possibility that some form of life exists out beyond our own world." The quotation is from "We Seven," (Simon and Shuster) by the first astronauts.



The sighting facts on record make Cooper's silence more puzzling:

The first NBC report came at 10:45 a.m., May 16, 1963. Broadcasting from Radio Space Central, Cape Canaveral, NBC's John Chancellor stated that over Australia Cooper had sighted a strange green light with a red tail travelling opposite to his orbit. (This ruled out any experimental light released by Cooper, since it would orbit in the same direction as his capsule.)

Ten minutes later, on NBC "News on the Hour," Chancellor again reported:

"... he (Astronaut Cooper) saw an unidentified light in the sky proceeding in the opposite direction. . . spokesman at Muchea, the station in Australia tracking this, said that the light of course had nothing to do with the capsule. . . Hours later, NBC again broadcast this report.

But after landing, Cooper made no public mention of the UFO. Later, NICAP phoned the Manned Spacecraft Center and asked for Maj. Cooper's comment. Next day a NASA official told NICAP -- without quoting Cooper -- that the report was "an error." No details were given.

On June 6, Chancellor replied to a suggestion by the Chairman of the NICAP-Los Angeles Subcommittee, Mrs. Idabel Epperson, that the strange light came from a UFO:

"You have a valid and interesting point, and I have no answer for you. I've been wondering myself about the unidentified light and have seen or heard nothing."

Since then, investigations by Mrs. Epperson and NICAP have brought proof, confirmed, among others, by an editor of the "West Australian" newspaper, who checked all reports, that:

1. The UFO was sighted as Cooper traveled north of Perth on his 15th orbit (about 8 p.m. Perth time, May 16.)

2. The object was moving east to west. (Cooper's direction was west to east.)

3. Witnesses included Muchea Tracking Station personnel, newsmen, police and many Australian citizens.

4. The UFO was visible for two minutes as it crossed West Australia. It was seen simultaneously at Muchea and by witnesses 200 miles south. In both areas, the UFO was sighted 45 degrees above the horizon, so that it had to be at least 100 miles above the earth. The course, altitude, time, angles and other data have ruled out a meteor, fireball, balloon, aircraft or earth-launched satellite or boosters, etc.

It may be true that Maj. Cooper did not see the UFO. He may have been checking his instruments and missed it. If so, a courteous denial probably would have closed the matter. Instead, his alleged refusal to talk has caused wide curiosity. There may be some obscure reason for NASA's curt treatment of Berliner's request. But if they had deliberately tried, they could not have aroused more suspicion that Maj. Cooper was officially silenced through AF pressure.

DR. MENZEL'S ATTACK

Because important items require the space, we must omit a full review of the book, "The World of Flying Saucers," by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Harvard astronomer, and Mrs. Lyle G. Boyd, part-time science fiction writer. A fact sheet listing all the errors will be available later.

Meantime, we can only regret that Dr. Menzel's hatred of NICAP and its director have led him into this attack on all UFO witnesses and those who believe the evidence. It should be noted that Doubleday had to delay publication while Dr. Menzel deleted numerous erroneous quotations attributed to NICAP's director. (Galley's showing the misstatements available for inspection at NICAP office.)

In attempting to show that ALL UFO witnesses are incompetent, misled, or are frauds, and all who believe the evidence are mentally deranged, cultists or childishly gullible, Dr. Menzel has staked his professional reputation. It is an incredible gamble and his ego is bound to suffer severe damage when the truth comes out.

The following definition of a UFO skeptic, by Gen. L. M. Chassin, then General Air Defense Coordinator, NATO, seems to describe accurately Dr. Menzel's unfortunate thinking:

"Obsessed with the notion of his own omniscience, it enrages him to be confronted by phenomena that do not agree with his conviction. Finding in his limited armory no explanation that satisfies him, he chooses to doubt anyone rather than himself, and rejects the most obvious facts in order to avoid putting his faith to the test. The mistaken pride and anthropocentrism that supposedly went out with Copernicus and Galileo make him a peril to science, as history abundantly proves."

UFOs NOT EXPLAINED, NASA OFFICIAL SAYS

The USAF has not established the nature of unidentified flying objects, according to Dr. John E. Naugle, Director of NASA's Geophysics and Astronomy program. Further UFO investigations, he states, may lead to new scientific discoveries.

"Unidentified objects are indeed very intriguing," Director Naugle wrote NICAP member Elliott Hume. "In the history of science, important progress has often resulted from careful study of inexplicable experimental results and small irregularities in observations. A continued study of the unidentified flying objects may well prove to be a similar opening wedge that expands science."

Although he said unknown upper atmosphere phenomena might explain some sightings, Director Naugle did not rule out the possibility that UFOs are intelligently controlled extraterrestrial objects.

"If one assumed that this was a problem concerned with non-human creatures," he said, "one would begin to study communication with non-human intelligence. Obviously, we should have to begin the terrestrial studies by trying to develop means of communication with the 'setting up' of conditioned reflexes in the lower animals."

SCIENTISTS REPORT SATELLITE MYSTERY

A strange blackout of four U.S. satellites which later mysteriously resumed operations was officially disclosed in the latter part of August. Scientists connected with the four satellites admitted they were baffled.

Two of the satellites came back to life within three days of each other. One was the geodetic sphere ANNA, the other Communications Telstar 2.

Launched last October, ANNA was equipped with four flashing lights to be photographed against the stars, to gather information about the shape of the earth. Called the "Firefly" satellite, it was tracked and photographed for two months by the Air Force.

Then, unexpectedly, the lights went out. Believing ANNA was dead, the AF packed up its equipment. In August, seven months later, the lights inexplicably came back on and the puzzled AF resumed tracking.

Scientists linked with the four off-and-on satellites were asked their opinions. One was Richard B. Kershner of the Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, which developed ANNA.

"This sort of thing is hard to believe," said Kershner. "We have no explanation for the lights coming back on."

Another mystified scientist was Doren Mitchell of Bell Telephone Laboratories, which built Telstar 2. The communications relay satellite was launched May 7, 1963, stopped transmitting on July 16, and suddenly resumed on August 12, within three days of ANNA.

"There's no indication of what caused the failure," said Mitchell, "though a collision with a meteorite has not been ruled out."

But if it was a meteorite, what repaired the damage? The only suggestion to date is that wires were broken and later soldered back together by the sun's heat. But the odds against such broken connections being soldered back correctly are extremely high, and for the sun to resolder wires correctly on all four satellites is practically impossible.

HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE BATTLE

In the next few weeks, attacks on UFO "believers" -- and especially NICAP -- undoubtedly will be increased, in the hope of upsetting our plans.

YOU and all other NICAP members can play an important part right now in offsetting false claims. This issue and previous UFO Investigators contain all the ammunition you need. Following are the most frequent mis-statements, and facts to expose them.

"The UFOs are a dead issue. Flying saucers are never reported any more." Answer: Select several recent cases in this and preceding issues, with names, dates, locations and factual details. Include cases proving worldwide UFO operations. Also point out the AF is concealing reports the press would otherwise use.

"No serious, intelligent person ever reported a flying saucer." A. Quote Dr. Hynek, AF expert, on witness intelligence and reliability. (Page 3, this issue.) Indicate the large number of highly responsible, competent observers--military and airline pilots, FAA tower operators, scientists, engineers, business men, doctors, etc.

"The AF says it has never hidden UFO information." A. Quote the statement, "The AF has withheld and is still withholding information on UFOs, including sighting reports," by NICAP Board members, including Col. J. Bryan III, USAF, Ret., former AF Maj. Dewey Fournet, who was the AF UFO Project Monitor, and other AF officers who confirm that the Air Force IS hiding the truth. Cite AF Reg. 300-2 ordering AF personnel not to reveal or discuss UFO sightings.

"All UFO believers are cultists, frauds or crackpots." Cite the names of NICAP Board members and advisers, Members of Congress, scientists, and other responsible citizens ON THE RECORD as believing UFOs are real and a serious problem.

"The whole flying saucer business was started by people claiming contacts with spacemen." A. Hundreds of pilots and crewmen reported UFOs in World War II. Contactees later seized on the subject, some to exploit themselves, others through delusions. NICAP has found no verified cases; it has exposed and will continue to expose "contactee" frauds.

"Dr. Menzel, a professional astronomer, says flying saucers are reflections, mirages, shooting stars, etc., which most people don't recognize. The AF says Menzel has even explained cases they couldn't."

A. The AF itself, before censors took over completely, said Dr. Menzel had not explained any important cases-- had not even seen their records of cases he claimed to answer. In his book, Dr. Menzel belittles ALL witnesses who believe what they saw -- veteran pilots, rocket trackers, even other astronomers. Starting with a determination to debunk UFOs, he omits, evades or distorts all factual evidence he cannot explain away. The statement by an AF spokesman is nothing less than an insult to Dr. Hynek -- a superior astrophysicist -- and the many other scientists involved in the AF UFO investigation.

These are but a few examples of how to hit false statements and ridicule -- with facts.

YOU can join the scores of members have carried on one-man crusades resulting in new facts and new support. Ask the support of your Senators and Congressmen. Write the AF; ask questions on specific sightings and secrecy cases. Write letters to editors; hammer home the facts of this huge UFO cover-up.

Remember, censors are not invulnerable. Strong public pressure can topple them quickly. You and all NICAP members can speed the end of the secrecy if you jump in the join this battle.

Our blueprint for action includes offsetting any attempts by contactee groups or known frauds to capitalize on "THE UFO EVIDENCE" with wild tales of rides in spaceships and meetings with spacemen.

The UFO censors would try to exploit this to the fullest, hoping to link NICAP with these groups and distract attention from our documented facts. Contactee attempts to seize the spotlight could also confuse the public and embarrass our supporters in Congress.

You can prevent this by making sure NICAP remains in full operation, prepared to expose and block any such contactee moves.

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U. S. Special Project

During the fruitless Navy investigation, it was brought out that radio conversation between the flight leader and another of the missing pilots had been heard, indicating that the compasses on all five planes had ceased to function correctly. It was suggested that this strange interference might have kept the flight from finding the way back to Ft. Lauderdale, though this did not explain how the planes vanished.

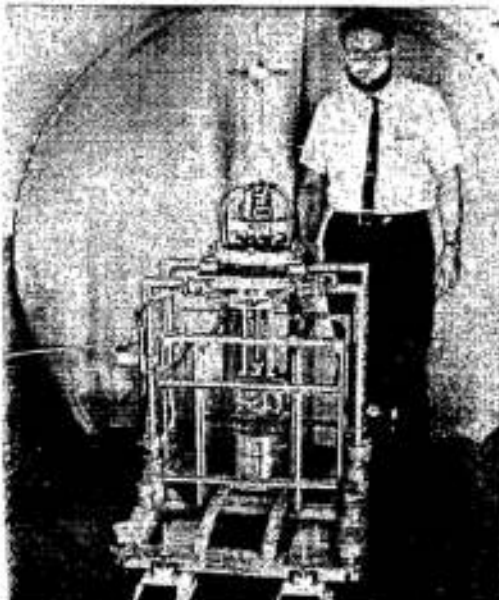
Adviser Beck's Report

On Aug. 22, 1963, Adviser Beck, attending a conference of electronic manufacturers at San Francisco, noted a Super Constellation on an auxiliary runway at the airport. Its tail bore the words "Project Magnet" with the identification number 145025. Using his Lockheed background (he had tested Constellations) he managed to enter into a discussion with the plane's three pilots.

"Does 'Project Magnet' signify the same type of research by the Canadian Project Magnet?" he asked.

"Yes, it is closely related," one pilot told him.

When they boarded the plane, Beck was introduced to a civilian scientist named Crow (first name not stated) who was in charge of the research equipment.



This Constellation, stated Engineer Crow, was one of a number equipped with highly sensitive magnetometers. Technical comparisons with World War II types are omitted here, since even the WW II equipment is still classified as secret. The Project Magnet fleet, said Crow, was covering most of the globe, searching for magnetic "anomalies" — unusual variations.

During the discussions, Beck reported, it was obvious that Crow and the pilots were aware that this project was part of the overall search for UFO information. Beck learned that Project Magnet had a "cover story," like the famous U-2 spy-plane flights. (The U-2's, prior to the forced landing in Russia, were explained as high-altitude weather observation craft.) The Project Magnet planes are supposed to search for unknown errors in the earth's magnetic field, to correct navigational charts.

While this undoubtedly is a by-product, it can hardly explain such a huge program. Existing magnetic charts are generally accurate enough for safe navigation, and they are well supplemented by radiobeacons, radar, Loran (long-range radio guidance) and other aids.

In addition, Engineer Crow disclosed that several of our satellites are equipped with special magnetometers which, like the Project Magnet types, can detect interference from above the earth. (Such as might be caused by UFO operations.)

MEMBERSHIP CARDS ENCLOSED

The code on your membership card indicates the first UFO Investigator you received.

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THANK YOU, GEORGE TODT

George Todt, noted columnist of the Los Angeles Herald Express, has for six years given invaluable support to NICAP in his columns and in TV and radio broadcasts. Time and again, he has urged his readers and listeners to join NICAP, contribute to its support, send in factual reports and urge their Congressmen to back an investigation of the UFO problem.

Mr. Todt's interest in the UFO subject dates back to World War II, when with other military men he sighted a number of round, unknown objects maneuvering over the European theater.

Since the war, several of his columns on UFOs and NICAP have been reprinted in the Congressional Record, adding to the number of Senators and Congressmen seriously interested in the problem.

Besides reporting on UFOs, George Todt's columns and broadcasts cover a wide field. One of his chief contributions to the national interest is his continued expose of Communist and other subversive activities in the United States. Many of these columns also have been selected for reprinting in the Congressional Record. For his courageous fight against enemies of the American way of life, George Todt has three times won the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedom Foundation.

NICAP is indeed fortunate to have the advice and support of a man like George Todt.

According to Engineer Crow and the pilots, their Super Constellation operations were arranged and paid for by the U.S. Navy. Whether all are Navy controlled, Beck did not learn; possibly NASA or the AF may also be involved.

If no other agency is concerned, it could mean that the Navy, barred by the AF from routine UFO evidence, has launched its own program to discover how the UFOs are powered and controlled, and if they are able to interfere with earth-made aircraft. The project may also include gravity research, since according to Einstein's Unified Field Theory electricity, magnetism and gravity are the same force, but in different forms.

The discovery by Adviser Beck raises the possibility of similar programs, projects created for behind-the-scenes UFO research while the AF automatically denies all UFO evidence. If any members have proof of such operations, or added Project Magnet facts, we would appreciate receiving the information as soon as possible.

Adviser Beck obtained several photos, besides those shown, showing the magnetic detector, control panels, etc. No details of value to an enemy power are shown. The photographs may be inspected at the NICAP office.