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AF INTIMIDATES WITNESSES

The NICAP Board of Governors and staff sincerely regret the need for the following documented report. In the hope of hiding important new developments, competent, reliable observers in recent UFO cases have been silenced or subjected to methods little short of character assassination.

This report is not aimed at the millions of AF men and women who have made the Air Force so vitally important in our defense and space operations. It is not an attack on AF commanders. It is a protest against intimidation, against the UFO secrecy policy which many in the AF—including high-ranking officers—have long opposed. Many of the AF members on our Board, our Panel of Advisers and technical subcommittees believe the policy is set at a higher level, with the AF assigned the unhappy job of denying and hiding the facts.

Because we know the secrecy is dangerous—and the harsh treatment of honest witnesses is completely unjustified—we believe the following facts should be made public.

In a desperate attempt to cover up the sudden increase in UFO sightings, Air Force investigators have sternly warned a number of witnesses not to talk. The reason usually given—fear of mass hysteria. Some citizens, unsure of their rights, have been frightened into silence. In one recent case reported to NICAP, witnesses were said to be "more afraid of AF retaliation than any danger the UFO might represent."

Another silencing case, described in a signed report to NICAP, involved a frightening, close encounter with a UFO by an officer of a Federal law enforcement agency.

On the night of January 12, as he was driving his official car toward Blaine Air Force Base, in northwest Washington State, a flying disc 30 feet in diameter hurtled down at his machine. At the last moment, the disc arced up steeply, avoiding collision. When the officer jumped out, he saw the UFO hovering overhead. After a minute it began to move, then it shot up into clouds at terrific speed.

That same night, citizens near Blaine reported a UFO "touch landing"—apparently the same disc. The witnesses were quickly silenced by the AF, as was the Federal officer. In his signed report, he said the AF told him not to talk with anyone. Resenting the order, convinced by his experience that the public should know the facts, the officer asked his headquarters to approve a report to NICAP. Since the AF had no legal authority over him, his superiors agreed, provided NICAP would keep his name and the agency's confidential. (Photocopies of confidential reports cited in this issue are in the possession of our Board of Governors; originals are at NICAP headquarters. More details of the key cases on other pages.)

Note: In its latest UFO Project report, sent to Members of Congress and the press, the AF flatly denies ever silencing witnesses:

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New Sightings Put AF on Spot

In the past three months, a wave of important new sightings, widely reported by the press and in broadcasts, has caused a powerful change in the public's attitude toward UFOs.

We have been offered new support by Members of Congress, scientists, editors, pilots, members of all the armed forces, and other responsible men and women all over the United States. Over 7,000 serious citizens have flooded NICAP with letters, the majority rejecting the AF claims and asking for the facts. Scores of competent observers have sent us dramatic UFO reports, some hidden by the AF. We are still deluged with requests for interviews—press, TV and radio.

All these developments have swamped our limited staff and thrown us completely off schedule. We sincerely apologize for the enforced delay in publishing the UFO Investigator. Following this March-April issue, another—already being set up—will be mailed by April 30, another in May, to make up for the two missed issues and put us back on schedule. The November-December number had to be scrapped because a sudden influx of news made it out of date. An even greater sighting outbreak early in 1965 blocked plans for a double issue. We thank you for your patience, and we hope the unusual news in this and following issues will in part make up for the unavoidable delay.

Cases Prove UFOs Real

The following cases were selected from numerous recent sightings because of their special significance. Others are described in separate stories showing unusual aspects, reported landings and other angles.

On Jan. 5, 1965, a strange round object flying at terrific speed was sighted at Wallops Island, Va., a rocket-firing station operated by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration.)

At 5:46 p.m., an Arcas rocket was fired, burning out in about 28 seconds. Ten minutes later, the huge UFO appeared from the southwest, streaking toward the station. It was first sighted by NASA engineer Dempsey Bruton, Chief of Satellite Tracking at Wallops.

"It was a bright yellowish-orange object," Bruton later told NICAP investigator Leon B. Katchen (a NASA physicist.) "It was moving at great speed—within six to nine seconds it was overhead."

The UFO appeared circular,—about one-fourth the size of the moon, said Mr. Bruton, but its brilliance prevented seeing other details.

Two confirming witnesses were located by Wallops Station security officers. One, Dr. W.D. Lewis, said at the last moment the UFO shot straight up at tremendous speed and vanished. Working out the reported times and locations, Mr. Bruton said the speed was "several thousand miles an hour"—possibly 8,000, or higher.

(The AF, implying Bruton was careless or incompetent, rejected his report and said there was no evidence of any superior technological development.)

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Publishing Speed-up

From now on, publishing The UFO Investigator will have top priority to prevent further delays. Even if we are swamped with mail and urgent investigations, copy will go to the printer every week. With most of the issue ready, late news can be quickly added just before press time. Before this, copy was kept at the office so we could substitute important last-minute items. But sudden pressures, as in the last few months, could seriously delay publishing. We now realize that members would prefer the Investigator on schedule, even if exciting late developments are covered only briefly, the details held for the next issue.

As we said on page 1, we will publish monthly until we have made up for the unavoidable skipping of two issues. All members will receive their six issues guaranteed by membership. Meantime, we sincerely thank you again for your patience during the difficult recent months.

New Approach Pay Off

The new NICAP approach — all-out publicity via the press and on the air — has had results far beyond our first hopes. Since December, NICAP's UFO investigation and evidence have been covered on all four major networks, by hundreds of stations and newspapers, in special columns and in magazines. The director's article in January TRUE brought in thousands of letters, and they are still coming. Broadcast interviews by the staff, Board members, advisers, subcommittee heads and other members have waked up citizens all over the country. In many letters the writers are highly indignant at being misled by the AF. Silenced witnesses, resenting the secrecy, have defied orders and revealed UFO encounters. Influential citizens, Armed Services officers, have offered help in battling the censors. So have members of the press who now reject the AF "answers."

"The way this is going the whole thing could break wide open at any time," one veteran Washington newscaster told NICAP.

It is the members who have stuck with us, despite AF ridicule, and in spite of our publishing delays, who have made this advance possible. NICAP is now recognized as a powerful, respected force against UFO censorship, and all of you can take pride in being NICAP members and helping us through the rough years.

The mass shift in public opinion about UFOs has the AF worried. If it keeps up, the end of secrecy is inevitable.

AF Intimidates Witnesses - continued

"Persons submitting a UFO report to the Air Force are free to discuss any aspect of the report with anyone. The Air Force does not seek to limit discussion on such reports and does not withhold or censor any information pertaining to this unclassified program."

Too many silencing cases are on record for this AF claim to stand up. For example, this report by George W. Monk, Jr., Hemlock, Michigan, private pilot and former USAF radar operator, who was stationed with the 666th Aircraft and Warning Squadron near Mill Valley, Calif.

While operating an AF search radar, with other veteran operators, Mr. Monk picked up a UFO moving west to east, south of the station.

"It was accurately timed at 2600 mph at 60,000 feet measured altitude," says Mr. Monk's signed report. "Another station south of us picked up the same object on both search and height-finding radar and got the same speed and altitude. We didn't bother scrambling interceptors as they wouldn't have caught it. We in the operators' room were told not to mention the incident to anyone. No reasons given." (Report secured by Charles F. Scharr, former AF pilot, Saginaw, Mich.)

In several recent cases where it was too late to silence witnesses, the AF has implied they were incompetent.

On Jan. 5, 1965, the Navy officially released a report by expert Navy radar operators at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Md. Two high-speed UFOs, said the Navy report, had been tracked at about 4800 mph. One had made a violent turn. Both the speeds and the turn were obviously impossible for any machine known on earth.

When Sen. Harry F. Byrd queried the AF, he was told the radar was faulty or there was some interference which, the spokesman implied, the Navy radarmen mistook for UFOs. (Letter from Col. L. Conques, Congressional Inquiry Division, AFHQ.)

In NICAP's possession is a signed report by Bernard Sujka, one of the operators, sent with the approval of Commander R. W. Corson, Operations Officer. This report, detailed in the sightings section, shows the UFOs were real — huge devices using some revolutionary propulsion. It also reveals that the AF never even examined the Patuxent radar equipment.

In its fight to keep the facts hidden, the AF has gone to extreme lengths to undermine UFO witnesses. On March 5, Mrs. Sara Hunt — a minor official in the AF Secretary's office — publicly implied many UFO witnesses were senile because they are past middle age. Some, according to Mrs. Hunt, are senile frauds, the others honestly deluded in their senility. This is mainly caused, she said, because they live alone, in the country. Some she added, have quite a "genius" for elaborate hoaxes — despite their aging minds.

Whoever authorized this sneering attack in the press will probably regret it. Many UFO observers — airline captains, military and naval pilots, scientists and other active, competent

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We can expect new attacks on NICAP, but if the majority of members actively join the battle, the attacks will backfire.

NICAP members working singly, or in small groups, have produced tremendous results, and you can do the same.

Keep on after hidden sightings; ask pilots you know, airport tower operators, etc. Persuade them to release their reports to NICAP. If you hear a witness was silenced, tell him there is no authority for such an order. Try to get him to talk, at least sign a confidential report to NICAP. Keep up the letters to Congress — urge open support for hearings. Contact your local libraries: Ask them to subscribe to the Investigator and to order the Report.

Please do all you can to get us new members. When we had to skip issues, we had no right to expect this — or renewals. But with issues now coming each month, until we are back on schedule, we earnestly ask your help. It is almost tragic to see important leads, from the thousands of letters, unanswered because we lack office help. A dozen urgent projects are waiting — we desperately need a full-time public relations expert, a file clerk, and another stenographer. Enough report orders, new memberships and renewals will give us this help.

Please do all you can to help us finish the job.

AF Intimidates Witnesses - continued

citizens — are past middle age. Some live alone; some even "live in the country" — and therefore, according to this newly authorized AF spokesman, they must be classed as mentally unreliable, if not downright dishonest. Such an outrageous claim is bound to alienate many other Americans, regardless of their views on UFOs.

If the stepped-up attacks were confined to proven frauds, it would not be serious. But the AF summarily rejects everyone who dares offer public proof of UFO reality, regardless of training or integrity. Recent examples: Dempsey Bruton, Chief of Satellite Tracking, Wallops Island Space Agency station; Maj. John Nayegeley, USAF, Ret., now an engineer with NASA (Space Agency); A.G. Crimmins, Jr., another NASA engineer; Paul M. Dickey, and six other Communications Specialists with the Army Security Agency, and many other reputable, well-qualified observers. (Cases detailed elsewhere in the issue.)

The Chief AF UFO Consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, is on record that the average observer reporting a UFO is reliable and at least of average intelligence, some much higher than average. Since the AF is fully aware of this, why are these competent witnesses so flagrantly attacked?

In several cases, silenced witnesses were told the AF feared mass hysteria. Dr. Robert L. Hall, professional social psychologist and NICAP Adviser, recently evaluated the apparent AF obsession with public fear and panic. Dr. Hall considers the AF suppression of information to be senseless, and more likely to be conducive to panic than to act as a deterrent.

"In my opinion," he said, "the best policy to reduce the risk of panic would be to openly acknowledge the facts and what they might mean. Then the public would be prepared for whatever UFOs prove to be."

Fear of hysteria may be the partial cause of AF frantic cover-ups. But fear of public — and Congressional — reaction at being deliberately deceived for years is undoubtedly a large factor.

In its hasty attempts to play down the big jump in sightings, the AF has made blunder after blunder:

1. AFHQ told a Virginia newspaper no AF investigators were in Virginia because no UFOs had been reported there. At this very same time, two AF Project Blue Book investigators were discussing local reports with Virginia newsmen.

2. The AF publicly refused to let "unauthorized persons" see AF Regulation 200-2. The reason: Because it contains the secrecy orders. But copies were already in the hands of Congressmen, NICAP, and various newsmen.

3. The AF told Members of Congress, the press and public it had no UFO films, photos, maps, charts, graphs of UFOs. Special Blue Book Report 14 contains numerous graphs and charts. The AF has admitted having gun-camera photos of UFOs taken by AF pilots.

4. Major Hector Quintanella, UFO Project Chief, was sent on a hurried trip to various cities, to debunk UFOs at press conferences. Several times, he tripped himself up. At Richmond, for example, he denied the AF ever silenced UFO witnesses — when it was known at least two Virginia citizens had been told to keep still.

Although time is running out, the AF could still release the facts and belatedly prepare the public. It would still be blasted on Capitol Hill and by the press for the long cover-up, but it would be better than suddenly being forced to admit the facts.

Perhaps the AF should consider the following words from an Army Master Sergeant, who sent us a signed confidential report: "I had a jolting experience involving a UFO at the Army Proving Ground, Ft. _____, in 1962. After making a full report I was told to keep my mouth closed. I don't think there is a hell of a lot of time left before the entire matter will be taken out of the Air Force's hands by a contact so definite as to be world shaking."

The sergeant could be right. The UFO censorship could be suddenly and completely demolished by:

1. A proved landing, with the UFO remaining on the ground, photographed by the press, seen by hundreds of citizens and officials. Or:

2. A low-altitude approach over or near a city, a UFO or a formation seen clearly by thousands of people, with press and possibly TV news cameras fully registering all details and maneuvers.

New Sightings - continued

By coincidence, a Navy Department report on tracking UFOs went on the press wires minutes after the Wallops Island sighting. This was cited in "AF INTIMIDATES WITNESSES;" here are the details.

The signed report to NICAP was signed by Bernard Sujka, a Navy CTO (Control Tower Operator.) Its release was approved by Cdr. R.W. Cordon, Air Operations Officer, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Md. Mr. Sujka is a graduate of Air Traffic Control and Ground Control Approach Schools, and he is certified as an Air Traffic Control Specialist by the Federal Aviation Agency.

At 3:30 EST, Dec. 19, 1964, Sujka was on duty in the Patuxent tower, with two other CTO's. Suddenly two big "targets"—radar blips—were spotted—the largest the CTOs had ever seen on a radarscope. Coming toward the station, 10 miles apart, the unknown flying objects were making the incredible speed of 6,000 knots—7200 m.p.h. (By error, the speed was reported in the press at 4800 mph.)

Fifteen miles away, the two UFOs turned away. On a second approach they came within 10 miles before swerving. Finally, a single UFO raced toward the base. Eight miles distant, it whirled through a 160-degree turn—a fantastic maneuver at such high speed.

The radar was checked, found to be working correctly. All three CTOs agreed the UFOs were real solid objects. No malfunction or interference could cause such large, clear blips. Their elliptical shape indicated the UFOs were oval-shaped, and their speeds proved them far superior to our fastest aircraft. They could not be missiles; only some revolutionary type of machine could make such a violent turn and fly in our dense atmosphere without burning up.

Ignoring these expert opinions, the AF publicly blamed the UFO tracking on faulty radar or poorly trained Navy operators.

At the same time, the AF rushed out an "answer" ridiculing competent witnesses in a new UFO case. NICAP's first lead came from Edward Knapp, Commissioner, Vermont Aeronautics Board. Witnesses' signed reports followed.

About 5:15 pm, on February 16, Dr. Richard S. Woodruff, State Pathologist, and a State Police supervisory officer were driving in a police car between Bethel and Randolph, Vermont. Abruptly, a round object with a bright red light, flying at 200 feet, shot in front of the car. Holding a straight course, it raced over the trees and vanished. Seconds later, an identical UFO streaked overhead, then a third, both on the same course as the first.

The police officer, in his signed report, stated the UFOs' speed at 2000-3000 feet per second — about 2,000 m.p.h. This is an estimate based on his observing and firing tracer bullets.

The UFOs' speed, course and low altitude were confirmed by Chairman Hunt Wheatley, Randolph Center Board of Selectmen, and witnesses in separate cars.

In hurriedly debunking this report, the AF first stated:

"All sightings are objectively and scientifically analyzed . . . All personnel have open minds."

It then "explained" the UFOs as meteors — without even questioning the witnesses.

Meteor falls are haphazard. It is impossible for three meteors to descend in the same area, following identical courses and altitudes, at precise intervals.

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Increased low-level approaches indicate both of these events might occur without warning. Even if such contacts are delayed, rapidly growing UFO evidence can end the censorship; more and more cracks have appeared in the secrecy wall.

You can help speed the final break, by spreading the facts in your community. The increasingly ruthless treatment of capable, honest Americans involves all citizens — even those who laugh at UFO reports. If the censors can get away with intimidating UFO witnesses, they might be encouraged to try the same tactics on you or anyone opposing some other censorship practice.

If you agree this suppression policy is wrong, let the Air Force know. Write Secretary Eugene Zuckert, Dept. of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. Tell your Senators and Congressman about the proof in this issue. With your help, the intimidation can soon be ended, and many witnesses now fearing ridicule will be encouraged to put their evidence on record.

New Sightings - continued

In December, though many cases were hidden, NICAP had reports that sightings were increasing. Examples:

Dec. 19. At 2 p.m., Dr. Anthony W. Schrecker, biochemist at the National Institutes of Health, observed three oval-shaped objects flying west at high speed. "I am not subject to hallucinations," he stated. "As a scientist, I can judge when I have made a valid observation."

Dec. 28; report from a plane captain at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.: At 7:15 p.m., four red-lighted objects swept in over the station. "Before they turned," said the plane captain, "the second object speeded up behind the first. I waited for metal to fly — I thought then they were jets. Instead, the two objects merged. When they passed over again I saw they were too fast for any jets. Then two more of the things came together. They merged with the big lead UFO, and it took off, climbing fast." The witness mentioned that part of a space capsule, en route to Cape Kennedy, had been landed on the base that day. "I'm not saying it means anything," he added, "but both UFO passes were over the capsule."

That same night, a huge disc, estimated 200 feet in diameter, was seen hovering over a Santa Cruz mountain park, in California. In a report to NICAP, Tom Gould, head of a park maintenance group, said the giant disc descended to 1500 feet and was seen by five other men. After a minute, it tilted upward, climbing swiftly out of sight.

Early in January, NICAP received a report from the captain of an airline Electra, describing a close encounter with an enormous UFO, which frightened him and his crew. We are trying to persuade him to release his name to go with the detailed report which will appear in the April-May issue.

On Jan. 11, a hasty AF denial of UFOs over Washington, D.C. gave further indication of the censors' growing tension. According to witnesses, 12 to 15 UFOs, oval-shaped with an encircling flange, raced over the edge of the capital, vainly pursued by two jets. Observers included several Signal Corps communication specialists of the Army Security Agency. Their spokesman, Paul Dickey, is a graduate of the University of Maryland (electronics engineering), with six years in Naval Intelligence before his present position.

In a hard-boiled denial, the AF in effect called the witnesses liars:

"There was no such incident," they told the press. "It just didn't happen."

But NICAP already had confirmation from a well-known Washington writer, an authority on rockets, missiles and space. Because of his Pentagon information sources, he asked that he not be named.

This was just a few hours before AF silencing of a Federal law-enforcement officer, briefly discussed in the "intimidation" story. This officer had service in the Air National Guard, and is a graduate of his present agency's training academy. Here are the full details from his signed report:

About 1:00 a.m., on January 12, the officer was on duty, driving near Lynden, Washington, when a bright light from the sky illuminated the ground. Suddenly a large round glowing object, about 30 feet in diameter, swooped down toward the car.

"It was only 50 feet away," the officer reports, "I thought I was going to collide with it. Then it arced up over the top of the car. I got out and saw it hovering two hundred feet above me. It appeared to be disc shaped. It was emitting a bright white light except for a round black spot in the center that was possibly 10 feet in diameter.

"I could hear nothing while it hovered, but when it started to move I heard a sound like rushing air. After moving horizontally a fourth of a mile, it arced up and disappeared in the clouds in a few seconds.

"The Air Force contacted me next day and after a thorough interview admitted that they had located a UFO on radar that night. They told me not to talk to anyone — above all, not to newspapermen. This was mostly for my own protection, they said."

Because he believes the UFO secrecy is wrong, this Federal officer would have openly registered his feeling, but it was decided "not to have the ----- (agency) or me involved," the signed report ends.

(NICAP will seek a conference at the agency's Washington office and ask them to confirm this report publicly.)

On the same night, according to reports NICAP is still checking, a similar glowing UFO (perhaps the same one) touched down on a farm near Blaine, a few miles from Lynden. Reportedly, the farmer phoned the AF radar station at Blaine, but before investigators arrived the UFO took off, at high speed. Where the machine had touched down, the snow was said to be melted and the ground scorched. The farmer and his family (names in the NICAP interview report) are supposed to have been silenced for fear of panic. We hope to verify or disprove this report in the next issue.

Three days after this, in strong contrast with USAF secrecy, the Royal New Zealand Air Force frankly confirmed a UFO report in an official release to the press.

"The RNZAF is investigating the mysterious objects spotted by a Qantas Airline pilot on his radar screen last night (Jan. 14.)"

The R.N.Z.A.F. Deputy Director of Operations, Wing Commander A.F. Tucker, stated:

"The sightings were made by an experienced aircrew. We must take them seriously."

The UFOs were seen by a Qantas Airline Electra crew about 8:50 p.m., Jan. 14, when the airliner was 300 miles from Auckland en route to Sydney. The airliner's radar showed the objects were flying in a V formation at 45,000 feet. Adding to the R.N.Z.A.F. statement, the New Zealand Civil Aviation Department also confirmed tracking the UFOs by ground radar.

Instead of adopting this sane policy, giving responsible observers credit for honesty and intelligence, the USAF spokesmen have increased their harsh debunking treatment, even ridiculing AF officers if necessary.

On Jan. 27, Maj. John Nayadley, a retired AF pilot who is now a NASA research engineer, sighted a fast-moving object at Hampton, Va. At first, its speed led him to think it a "shooting star." But when it came closer, he saw it was a V shaped object with blinking red-orange lights on the outer edges. The sighting was fully confirmed by another NASA engineer, A.G. Crimmins, Jr., who saw the UFO maneuvering close to the ground.

"It was zigzagging as if searching for a landing spot," said Mr. Crimmins, in his report to NICAP. "I watched it through 20 x 50 binoculars and I could see the same flashing lights. They appeared to be on the edge or rim of a rapidly rotating disc."

After a brief touch-landing, the flying disc took off and rapidly climbed out of sight.

The AF quickly explained the UFO as a helicopter. When an investigator from Langley AFB questioned Crimmins, he said that "no helicopters were flying at that time."

But AFHQ still uses this false answer, ridiculing an experienced AF pilot and a NASA engineer as too befuddled or excited to recognize an ordinary "whirly-bird."

Soon after this case broke, Maj. Hector Quintanella, UFO Project chief, came to Richmond to debunk the numerous recent Virginia sightings. Playing up frauds, delusions and fake photos, Quintanella combined ridicule, evasion or denial of documented facts and claimed not a single UFO report had ever been proved true.

Most February and March reports are under investigation, will be covered in the next issue. One case, now evaluated, follows:

On Feb. 16, a low-flying domed UFO was seen by a group of Boy Scouts at Groveland, Mass. The witnesses, interviewed by Raymond E. Fowler, Chairman, NICAP Massachusetts Subcommittee, described the device as silver-colored, round — like two plates face to face — and as fast as a jet airliner, but larger.

The big disc was seen at 8:10 p.m., after a Scout Patrol meeting. As it passed over a nearby barn, a large white light was visible at the rear, a small blue one in front. After checking reports and comparing sketches of the object, Fowler was convinced the group had seen a typical flying disc.

The Chicago-NICAP Affiliate has elected officers and would like to hear from area members. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, 1:30 p.m., in the lower lecture hall of Adler Planetarium.

We are sorry lack of space prevents covering the very helpful activities of the other Subcommittees and Affiliates, but we hope to include these next month. We are very grateful for the UFO investigations, publicity, and other work carried out by these groups.

AF SECRETLY WARNS PILOT OF DANGER

In a startling report just received, a former Navy pilot has revealed an AF warning that he might become seriously ill after three UFOs closely circled his plane. During an interview with an AF major at Kirtland Air Force Base, strict secrecy was imposed on the pilot. Except for his wife, who had to be prepared if he were suddenly stricken, he was ordered not to tell anyone about the encounter or the radiation hazard.

Believing this possibly serious danger should not be hidden, the pilot has given NICAP a signed confidential report, with sketches of the UFOs, a map of the sighting area, and confirmation of the secrecy order. The report was secured by Paul Cerny, chairman of the Bay Area (San Francisco) NICAP Subcommittee. Members of the Board of Governors have photocopies and will if necessary certify the existence of the report.

The pilot, who served in the Navy in World War II, is now a service engineer for a large tool company. He has a B.Sc. degree in mechanical engineering. He uses a private plane in business; to date, he has logged over 6000 flying hours. Following is his report of the incident which occurred on August 13, 1959:

Flying a Cessna 170, en route from Hobbs to Albuquerque, N.M., he was holding a course of 313 degrees, at 8,000 feet altitude. Suddenly he was amazed to see his Magnesyn electric compass revolving instead of indicating the course. Thinking the Magnesyn must be "haywire," he looked at the standard magnetic compass.

"It was spinning so crazily I couldn't read it," the pilot reports.

A moment later, he was startled to see three oval-shaped devices in close echelon formation pass directly in front of the Cessna. They were gray in color and identical in shape — like two bowls face to face (one inverted on the other) but with bottoms rounded instead of flat. The pilot estimated their diameter at about eight feet, but they could have been considerably larger.

Since the UFOs were circling the plane at nearly 250 mph, no other details could be noted, except that they left a short, wispy trail.

As the strange objects circled the Cessna, the Magnesyn compass continued to revolve, precisely indicating the UFOs' bearing. Holding the same tight formation, the unknown devices finished another circle, passing in front and then disappearing to the rear. The Magnesyn then came to rest near its original heading, and the standard magnetic compass finally stopped its "crazy spinning" and returned to normal.

NICAP note: The abnormal compass actions obviously were caused by the EM (Electromagnetic) effect reported by other responsible observers.

Upon landing at the base, states the report, he was "hustled to an office and interrogated for about two hours by an AF major — the UFO Officer at the field."

Then came the statement that "raised the hair on the back of my neck." The AF major told him that "if anything unusual happened, if he had any unusual illness in the next six months, to get to a government hospital right away." The AF, the major said, would take care of him.

Some years ago, Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former Chief of Project Blue Book, confirmed that AF instrumentation had recorded high radioactivity when UFOs passed over the test area. Also, several apparently genuine cases of illness from UFO radiation are on record.

In the case of the former Navy pilot, the fear injected by the AF warning kept him and his wife in a state of apprehension until six months had passed, and he decided the AF was wrong to conceal the facts.

If the AF knows a UFO-radiation hazard exists, a nationwide warning should have been broadcast. Many planes have been circled or closely approached by UFOs — Service aircraft, private

planes, airliners. If this danger is real, then not only pilots and crews but hundreds of airline passengers could be exposed. And since most airplane encounters are kept from the AF, to avoid public ridicule, crews and passengers would be unaware of their possible danger.

Despite Capt. Ruppelt's admission, the AF still emphatically denies any proof of UFO radiation. A recent case shows how this denial contradicts strong evidence. On Dec. 21, 1964, Horace Burns, owner of a gun shop at Grottes, Va., reportedly sighted a huge UFO coming down near a highway. He later described a "dark, aluminum" craft shaped like an inverted top, about 125 feet in diameter and 75-80 feet high.

This "touch landing" was investigated by NICAP's Acting Director and a Washington, D.C. team. It is reported in detail because of technical proof of radioactivity and a determined AF cover-up. Following is the story related by the main witness — Mr. Horace Burns, owner of a gun shop in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

About 5 pm, on Dec. 21, 1964, he was driving east on Rt. 250, a few miles east of Staunton. In the early darkness, he saw a strange, huge machine descending. It was shaped like a giant top, upside down. As it crossed the road 200 feet ahead, his engine "conked out." Burns estimated the UFO to be 125 feet diameter, 80-90 feet high. (NICAP: Large top-shaped UFOs have been reported; however, in the dark, this one could have seemed larger than it was.)

Getting out of his car, Burns saw the UFO settle on its base in a field 100 yards away. It looked gray, metallic; he saw no ports, only a blue fluorescent band around the base. After a minute, the UFO went up some 200 feet, with a sound like rushing air, then it took off northward, swiftly disappeared.

After a week's silence, Burns reported to Prof. Ernest Gehman, at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisburg. Previously Prof. Gehman, impressed by NICAP's documented report — THE UFO EVIDENCE — had sponsored a scientific investigation of the problem by a group of serious students.

On Dec. 30, Prof. Gehman checked the field with a Geiger counter, a Model 2612 Portable Survey Meter with a Model P-15 probe, and found the "touch down" area highly radioactive. His findings were fully confirmed by two Dupont Company research engineers who work at the Waynesboro Dupont plant. Both men are familiar with Geiger counters. One of them, Mr. Larry Cook, put this on record:

"It was a 'hot' area. We spent 45 minutes in the field... this was definitely an accurate reading. It (the landing site) was 'hot' — radioactive."

Discovery of the radiation convinced many who had wondered why no other drivers had seen the UFO. One suggested answer was that if there were other cars near they were stopped before they reached the scene, by the UFO's electro-magnetic field, just as Burns was. After the UFO took off, they would have been able to start their engines, as Burns did — but not having seen the UFO, they would think they had ordinary engine trouble. An alternate answer could be that there was a lull in traffic.

Curiously, the AF delayed sending investigators until 22 days after the sighting, though Prof. Gehman had phoned Project Blue Book just after the story broke and urged an immediate visit. By the time the AF men arrived, there had been three rains and six inches of snow.

At first, the senior investigator, Tech. Sgt. David Moody, admitted the rains and snow could have dissipated the radiation. But at the site, he seemed determined to prove none had existed. According to Prof. Gehman, and another witness, Moody quickly shifted his Geiger counter probe whenever the meter needle started up.

Most significant, the AF men refused to talk with the two Dupont engineers who confirmed Gehman's readings. Later, an AF source said they rejected the engineers' reports because they did not come "through acceptable channels."

After the AF investigators returned to Dayton, several other witnesses braved the ridicule and corroborated the Dec. 21st sighting. Concealing this and other evidence, the AF told members of Congress and the press that:

1. Prof. Gehman's radiation readings had no value and were rejected. Carefully evading the Dupont engineers testimony, the AF debunkers implied the Mennonite professor was unreliable,

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attacking him as the "head of a UFO hobby club" and a publicity seeker who often appeared on UFO radio programs. (Gehman had never been on radio, and he has a sober, fact-finding approach to the subject.)

2. The lack of depressed grass or broken weed stems proved no UFO had landed. (The AF hid the fact that four inches of snow covered the ground—as proved by a published press photo showing Sgt. Moody at the site. No examination of the closely-mowed grass or weeds was possible.)

3. Mr. Burns was the only witness. In rejecting his report, the AF gave the public two options: Burns either had made up the story or he had an hallucination.

Over a period of years, citizens of the U.S., France, Argentina and other countries have reported physical effects from UFOs, including temporary blindness, burns, intense heat, numbness and "electric-like" shock. (Cases listed in Section VIII of "THE UFO EVIDENCE.") To date, NICAP has no positive proof of UFO-caused illness. The small number of reported cases is encouraging; a longer exposure or closer distance may be required for bad effects than in average UFO encounters.

A few months ago, a UFO was reported to have landed in a woods near Marathon, Canada. A local paper warned residents not to touch any strange object that might be discovered, for fear of "high radiation danger." So far, nothing has been found, but the important point is the lack of alarm from the matter-of-fact warning.

The US Air Force could learn a lesson from the Canadian incident. If there actually is a danger, they owe a similar warning to the American people.

MAN REPORTED INJURED BY UFO

A Fort Myers Florida man currently is under treatment in a hospital for eye damage after a reported encounter with a cone-shaped UFO in the Everglades, March 14. Both NICAP and the Air Force are investigating the incident.

While camped in the Everglades training hunting dogs, James W. Flynn, 45, spotted a bright yellow light oscillating back and forth between 1 and 2 a.m. He drove his swamp buggy within 400 yards to investigate, then dismounted and proceeded on foot. As he neared, Flynn saw a brightly illuminated cone-shaped object (inverted, as in the recent Virginia cases) emitting a loud whirring noise. Four tiers of windows were visible around the side.

When within about 150 feet of the UFO, Flynn suddenly felt a "sledgehammer" blow and was knocked unconscious. Many hours later, when he awoke, he was partially blinded but could see a black, oily looking circle on the ground below the position where the UFO had hovered. After stopping at an Indian village for aid, Flynn made his way back to Fort Myers and entered the hospital.

The doctor treating Flynn told the press he obviously was "hit with something over the right eye." That eye was bloodshot, and both eyes are bandaged. Full recovery is expected.

NICAP member Charles H. Foresman (Capt., USNR-Ret.) interviewed Flynn in the hospital March 19, submitting favorable character testimony to NICAP. He learned the following points: The UFO appeared to be about 100 feet in diameter at the base, 25-30 feet high. The first row of windows was about 12 feet from the base, the others evenly spaced above it. The UFO appeared shiny and metallic. Through the windows, Flynn could see a blank yellow wall, with no sign of life or machinery.

Sheriff Flanders Thompson told newsmen: "Knowing Jimmy as I know him, I don't believe he would cook up a story like this."

A man who has known Flynn for 30 years first phoned the report to NICAP, vouching for his honesty. Also, the Fort Myers News-Press editorially voiced its confidence in Flynn's honesty.

The character testimony and physical evidence seem to authenticate the incident, though NICAP's investigation will continue. If further evidence is found at the site, and the story is fully substantiated, the public should be informed to avoid any risk of injury in future near-landing cases.

UFO Encounters Over Japan

A UFO paced one Japanese airliner, disappeared, then chased another airliner on March 21, 1965.

Yoshiaki Inada, piloting a Toa Airlines plane with 40 passengers aboard, first spotted the UFO near Osaka at about 7:00 p.m. "A mysterious elliptical luminous object appeared just after passing Himeji," he said.

The object followed the plane, stopped for about three minutes, then took up a position alongside the left wing and paced the craft for 55 miles. During this time, Inaba told newsmen, it "violently" affected his automatic direction finder and his radio. He tried to contact Osaka Communications tower, but was unsuccessful. The object disappeared when the aircraft reached Matsuyama in Shikoku.

Inaba's co-pilot, Tetsu Umashima, tried to contact Matsuyama tower to report the sighting, and while trying to do so, heard the frantic calls of a Tokyo Lines pilot who said he was being chased by "a mysterious luminous object" along the northern edge of Matsuyama city.

Inaba, a veteran of 20 years and more than 8,600 hours flying, said the object emitted a greenish colored light. He also stated this was the first time he had seen such an object.

The incident was reported by Reuters and UPI from Japan.

BULLETIN — A Japanese newspaper reported March 22 a team of U.S. experts was en route to Japan to interrogate air line pilots whose planes were followed by an egg-shaped UFO. The Mainichi Daily News said members of the team were from the Defense Department, Federal Aviation Agency, and Palomar Observatory. Their interest believed caused by "several mysterious aviation accidents" possibly involving UFOs.

The Crane Show Fiasco

by

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Col. Joseph Bryan, NICAP Board Member, and I wish to thank all of you who wrote the American Broadcasting Company protesting Les Crane's failure to have a serious UFO discussion, as agreed, when Col. Bryan and I appeared on the Jan. 27 program. Your letters and telegrams played a large part in ABC's canceling the Crane show.

Crane had agreed to be neutral, asking about important cases in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," NICAP's documented report. When he began his ridicule we could have refused to continue and walked off the set. But the show was taped; he could have deleted our words and substituted some gag as we were shown leaving. It seemed wiser to go ahead, try to offset low comedy with a few facts, and get it over with.

Near the last, a guest astronomer also departed from the agreed factual discussion and personally attacked NICAP and myself. Crane cut off my answer, dropped an agreed rebuttal period, and read off the usual AF debunking claim to end the show.

This farce taught me a lesson which I'll pass along. Any of you invited to discuss UFOs on the air should get a guarantee from the star or interviewer that it will be a fair discussion, without ridicule or personal attacks. If this is refused, or you have any doubts, I hope you will be fully prepared for any kind of attack — which I was not — or turn down the invitation.

If space permits, the list of our Special Advisers will appear in the next issue.

For Canadian members: Because of the rate of exchange, our bank charges us 50¢ for each \$5.00 Canadian check — either for membership, or ordering "THE UFO EVIDENCE." We would appreciate your adding 50¢ in making out your checks.

New Advisers Named

Three well-qualified specialists in fields relevant to UFO investigation have agreed to serve as NICAP Advisers. Their appointments to the Panel increase the number in the Science & Technology section to twenty-one (An additional 15 serve as Aerospace and Public Relations Advisers).

Dr. Magoroh Maruyama, a consultant for the Institute for the Study of Human Problems, Stanford University, accepted an invitation to serve as an Adviser, stating "The matter of UFO is an urgent one and I am happy to contribute." Dr. Maruyama (whose education includes a B.A. in mathematics from University of California; studies in several European universities, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Lund, Sweden) has varied experience in anthropology, psychology, social psychology and communications. He served in the U.S. Navy (aviation electronics) to obtain American citizenship.

In a letter to NICAP Dr. Maruyama stated, "I think we should prepare instructions for every citizen how to behave and how not to behave when he happens to meet a UFO, in order to avoid misunderstandings or war."

Mr. William H. Hall, an RCA Field Engineer presently assigned to a Marine Corps Air Wing in North Carolina, also agreed to serve as an Adviser. Mr. Hall has over nine years experience in radar, communications systems, jet fighter fire control systems, and general electronics. He has held overseas assignments in the Far East under contract to the U.S. Air Force, including official trips to Thailand (for SEATO maneuvers—mobile communications unit); and Okinawa (Air Force rocket meet). He has instructed American and Chinese military personnel in the operation and maintenance of many types of electronic equipment.

Miss Susan Quinn, Director of the Pan-American School, Richmond, Va., has been appointed the first woman adviser to NICAP. Miss Quinn has a B.S. degree in Education, from Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., and has almost completed final work for a Master of Science Degree in Applied Psychology. Prior to her association with the Pan-American School, she served for a period of years as an editor on the Richmond Times Dispatch. Although she is well qualified as a Public Relations Adviser, she has been appointed, at her request, as an adviser in the Science and Technology Section (Psychology.)

"Scientists are supposed to be open-minded," Miss Quinn said in accepting the appointment, "but we find (some) asserting with assurance that things seen are not 'flying saucers' but something they interpreted to be . . . Personally, the various implications of UFOs are exciting to contemplate, and I would think that intelligent people would welcome such a new adventure as knowing about other life in the universe, if that is what the UFOs really mean."

"THE UFO EVIDENCE"

"THE UFO EVIDENCE" — NICAP's documented report — has been one of the biggest factors in convincing the press and public that UFO's are real and the AF is hiding the truth.

For new members, here are a few facts: This documented, illustrated report contains 750 reports selected from about 5000 in our files — serious and often dramatic sightings by Service and airline pilots, tower operators, missile trackers, hundreds of other especially trained observers and competent citizens all over the U.S., and also abroad. It covers NICAP's investigation from early 1957 to the end of 1963. (If funds become available, we will publish a supplement covering all the important developments in 1964 and up to printing date in 1965.) The Report also contains documented proof of official censorship.

Copies have been sent to all Members of Congress, the networks, wire services, and to hundreds of stations and newspapers. This 184-page publication, price \$5.00, contains over 200,000 words, numerous sketches and illustrations. Combined NICAP membership and Report, \$9.00.

Please spread word about "THE UFO EVIDENCE" — NICAP's 200,000 word documented UFO report. Urge your friends to order — or loan your copy to help get the facts widely known.

IF THEY TRY TO SILENCE YOU

The only legitimate excuse for UFO secrecy would be endangering national security by making reports public. Scores of recognized authorities on national and military security have carefully considered this angle, they have decided no security was involved and have gone on record as opposing the censorship. Among them:

Vice Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Col. J. Bryan, III, USAFR, Ret.; Lt. Col. James McAshan, USAFR; Adm. Delmer S. Fahrney, former Navy chief of guided missiles; Maj. John McLeod, USAFR; Adm. H.B. Knowles; Col. R.B. Emerson, US Army Reserve; Dewey J. Fournet, former AFHQ Monitor of the UFO Project. (In addition, the AF has repeatedly denied national security is involved.)

It is vitally important to get all good UFO reports on record.

If you sight a UFO, please mail a report to us at the earliest possible moment — if possible, before any AF interview. (A NICAP investigator may contact you; if so, ask to see his credentials.)

You may be approached by an AF Project Blue Book investigator, an agent of the AF Office of Special Investigation, or other officials — Federal, state, county, municipal. If so, these steps may be helpful.

1. Ask for credentials first. Be courteous; many investigators oppose the secrecy, are only following orders. Write down names, official agency, key data on identification cards, and the date and time. If credentials are refused, you can refuse to talk — even if investigators are in uniform.

2. If informed of the interview ahead, have one or more witnesses present, and/or a tape recorder. If agents order witnesses to leave, ask for the legal authority involved. Since there is none, you can politely insist on witnesses or taping, or both, to keep the record straight. If they still refuse, you can end the interview.

3. Before reporting details, tell the investigators you reserve your rights as an American citizen to make this information public if you wish. If they object and order you to keep silent, ask by what legal authority. Also, cite the statement quoted in "AF INTIMIDATES UFO WITNESSES," in which the AF denies silencing observers and states they are free to talk.

4. If the agents agree to your provisions, then carefully give them all sighting details. However, if you have photos of a UFO or UFOs, DO NOT GIVE UP THE ORIGINALS. If possible, have copies made before any interview. Offer the investigators a copy. They have no legal right to take the original film, and there are recorded cases where owners never got their originals back. If you do give up a picture, original or copy, be sure to get a signed receipt showing name, title, agency involved, and date, with brief description of the photo and condition.

5. If the agents insist on silence, you should ask the specific reasons, besides the legal authority. If you are convinced, despite the lack of authority, then the decision is up to you — not the AF. We suggest that if you do agree, you insist on their writing out the silencing order, and signing it, with an explanation.

6. If you don't agree, and no authority or good reason is shown, you would be free to release the report to NICAP, the press, or broadcasting stations. However, if agents ask you merely to delay publicity a short time — for a fair reason — you could agree. (This would not prevent a temporarily confidential report to NICAP.)

7. Regardless of interview results, get photos, if possible, of the investigators as they leave, also their car and the tag number. This is very important if agents are in civilian clothes, and vitally so if they refuse to show credentials.

If you are in a "sensitive" position, or in some business where your superior tells you to obey silencing orders, NICAP certainly does not want you to risk your job. But if you are free from pressure, you have every right to report silencing attempts to newspapers or broadcasting stations.

If you can't risk publicity, send us a confidential report of the entire affair.

But unless you are compelled to remain anonymous, please make your report public. If more witnesses hit back and reveal silencing attempts, the censorship soon will collapse.

NEW NICAP SUBCOMMITTEES

Two new NICAP Subcommittees — investigative units — have been formed, making a total of 16. Others are being organized to increase field investigations. The new units are:

Florida Unit 2, covering the Tampa — St. Petersburg — Clearwater area. The Chairman is Capt. John Honour, Merchant Marine, 1004 Wellington Drive, Clearwater. Robert Spencer Carr, noted author, was a prime organizer. Members include the head of a construction company and the president of a local astronomical society.

New York Unit 2, covering Chautauqua County. Chairman, Marshal S. Martz, 139 So. Main Street, Jamestown. Mr. Martz is Instructor and Lecturer in Astronomy, Jamestown Community College. Members include NICAP Adviser Dr. Fred C. Fair, professor emeritus of engineering, N.Y. University, and several teachers.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The latest addition to the NICAP staff, hired in February, is Harold Deneault. He will serve as Associate Editor. Mr. Deneault 27, is an Air Force veteran with radio operator experience, currently majoring in English and Journalism at a local university. He is employed by NICAP 20 hours a week.

In addition to his writing duties, Mr. Deneault will be supervisor of the NICAP Youth Council and an Amateur Radio network which we hope to tie into a Washington area station in the near future. In the absence of file clerks, he will also be called upon to record and file UFO sighting reports and other documents.

We also wish to acknowledge the invaluable volunteer help of the following local members over the past three months: Mr. Samuel Coe; Miss Carmen Johnson; Mrs. Joan Lusby; Mrs. Betty Moran; Mrs. Myrtle Stewart; also Mrs. Lelia Day, our secretary, who had to work long hours to process the mail; and Mr. Don Berliner, who doubles as NICAP Adviser on aerospace matters and general staff assistant. Without their unselfish help, we would be unable to handle the massive mail.

We are sorry we had no chance to wish our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you had a happy holiday season, and we thank all of you who sent us Christmas and New Year's cards.

Please help get the UFO evidence on TV or radio programs in your area, and in your local papers.

Please tell us your opinion of "THE UFO EVIDENCE," and give us permission to quote you with other members.

Display Art Needed

The growing publicity on UFOs has caused visual aids to be in great demand for TV and display use. A number of member artists have generously offered to help and as soon as possible we will prepare a list of specific needs. Meanwhile, we will appreciate whatever you can do in the way of slides (35mm), sketches, posters, and paintings (minimum size 12" by 16").

If you have "THE UFO EVIDENCE" you can select key cases, for example: Section I, Salt Lake City case; Section II, Capt. Jack Adams case; Section III, Hamilton AFB, 8-3-52; . . . Section VI, Redmond, Oregon case; etc. You can find many cases with strong illustration interest — planes and UFOs, etc. Don't worry about duplicates — we can use all the art we can get.

Simple authentic line drawings are preferred for most purposes. Diagrams of maneuvers also are very welcome. As you undoubtedly know, black ink and off-white cardboard of heavy paper are best for display purposes. We would like the date-line and identification in lower left-hand corner (added details will be printed on the back.)

We shall be very grateful for your assistance.

Help Block Wild Claims

In a previous issue we warned that the so-called "contactees" (people claiming regular liaison and conversation with spacemen) would attempt to ride any wave of UFO publicity, adding to public confusion on the subject. This is now happening.

George Adamski, self-styled "professor" who claims many trips into space, recently held a press conference in Washington and is embarking on a speaking tour of the country. Other contactees are similarly capitalizing on the publicity generated by "The UFO Evidence," the recent wave of sightings, and the article in January TRUE.

The sensational, unverified claims—often extremely dubious—becloud the serious, established facts about UFOs and discourage influential people (including members of Congress) from probing deeper into the subject. If Mr. Adamski or other contactees show up in your area, please urge news media representatives to ask us for information sheets or statements to offset the harmful publicity.

Next Issue

The April-May issue, now being set up, will include the newest significant sightings, landing reports, and latest developments in the fight against secrecy. Unless newer, vitally important discoveries crowd them out, the issue will also contain previously hidden reports of special interest. Most of the observers decided to release their sightings after NICAP urging in TRUE Magazine and in press and broadcast interviews. Also discussed will be one sobering implication of UFO landings seldom fully considered.

Congress Support Increases

Since the wide publicity over recent sightings, Members of Congress, in increasing numbers, are showing new concern over the secrecy.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen: "The Air Force, of course, continues to deny the allegation that it withholds or censors any information on UFOs. However, there is an increasing interest in this whole situation on the part of various Members of Congress and I can assure you the matter will not be ignored."

Sen. Harry F. Byrd: "I will be glad to discuss with my colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences your suggestion in regard to a Congressional investigation. Meanwhile, I am communicating with the Secretary of the Air Force."

Sen. William Proxmire: "I am very much aware of the activities of NICAP. It has always been my position that the Air Force and other responsible authorities should take a long, hard look into the reported sightings of UFOs. It seems to me that the public has a right to know. There should be no censorship of these reports. I will continue to press for a thorough investigation of all UFOs."

Another well-known senator recently sent his chief investigator to NICAP, stating that he is considering pushing for UFO hearings. During the discussion, the chief investigator agreed to suggest private NICAP briefings of Congressional groups.

Lack of space prevents a full list of legislators who have supported NICAP. We hope to print it in the next issue.

From AF letters to Congress, it is plain they are worried over growing pressure for hearings. Too many legislators have seen NICAP's documented evidence to be taken in by AF denials. We urge all members to keep writing their Senators and Congressmen asking their support. Please send us their answers; we will copy and return, if you wish.

By error, several broadcasters have listed the director's books as available. "Flying Saucers Are Real" has long been out of print. "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" and "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" (Holt, Rinehart, Winston) also are out of print. "Flying Saucers: Top Secret" (Putnam) is nearly out of stock. If any of the last three are reprinted, we will print a notice.