

UFO INVESTIGATORS LEAGUE



FIELD MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

All around the world today, people are seeing strange things in the sky -- moving lights, glowing objects, discs that sometimes touch down to earth and leave marks in the soil----- all a part of the great modern-age mystery: what are these Unidentified Flying Objects -- or UFOs -- or Flying Saucers?

As a person of intelligence and scientific curiosity, you are now about to join the ranks of the UFO Investigators. Ahead of you lies challenge, hard work, and adventure. You will meet interesting people, go to intriguing places, and perhaps even come up with some new evidence that will help solve the ever-expanding mystery of the skies.

Study this Manual very carefully -- apply it wherever possible, and let us hear the results. Good luck -- and "good hunting"!

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HOW TO BE ALERTED FOR UFO REPORTS

If you live in a large city and read a daily newspaper, the chances are you haven't seen anything about UFOs lately. But that is only because the metropolitan dailies do not print UFO stories, in general. Smaller papers in the actual area where an event takes place, will print it. However, your best media source of UFO news will probably be your radio and TV -- listen to the news there, always with a sharp ear.

To become a "live wire" in this field, alert your friends and neighbors that you are now an official UFO Investigator. This establishes your own private "network" of information sources. When anyone in your area hears of a UFO report, he will call you first, as the local expert.

Next, contact your local newspapers and radio/TV stations. List your name and phone number with them as a UFO referral number. Do the same with your local police headquarters, and with any military bases that may be in your area. In most cases, they will be glad to have someone to refer UFO calls over to.

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INTERVIEWING THE UFO WITNESS

When entering a case, it is important that you identify

yourself properly. Use an approach such as this:

"Hello, my name is _____. I'm a member of the UFO Investigators League and would like to talk with you about your experience."

Your tone of voice should express sincerity, no matter how strange the person's experience might seem to be. You might also point out that you have been interested in UFOs X number of years, and have a good background in this field. Your aim is to make the witness confident that you are a credible investigator who will not scoff at the case.

If similarities exist between this case and others that you are familiar with, say, "You know, Mr. Brown, other people have experienced similar phenomena," and go on to relate the highlights in order to put him at ease.

Once you have opened the channels of communication, get the witness to "start at the beginning" by describing all the circumstances surrounding the event. This data must be recorded as accurately as possible. It is best to take notes, as well as to tape record the interview. Thus you will have a two-way "back-up system".

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SOME OPENING QUESTIONS TO ASK

Start out with this line of questioning:

_____ What were you doing just before the sighting (or contact) took place?

_____ What was the weather like?

_____ Who else was present, or were you alone?

_____ Did you feel any different from your normal self -- either uneasy or overly tranquil?

_____ When you first sighted the UFO, how large was it compared to a dime held at arm's length?

_____ Was it as large as the full moon?

_____ If a light was seen, was it as bright as the brightest star?

Allow the UFO witness to tell his story in its entirety, and then go back and have him elaborate on each phase. Be a sharp "cross examiner", but always in a friendly, polite manner, never overbearing or rude.

Ask about any previous involvement the witness may have had with UFOs (sighting, contact, etc.) or that anyone related to them may have had. Also, find out if they have any ESP ability -- ask about telepathic experiences, or perhaps they had seen ghosts in their childhood, etc. Psychic individuals tend to make extremely good UFO witnesses. Check into any strange dreams they might have had recently, or any "out-of-the-body" trips.

Some contactees will even admit, "off the record", that a voice inside their head told them to go to a particular area, where they experienced a UFO encounter.

To be properly equipped, you should always carry a camera on an investigation. Take photographs of the witness or witnesses, and if possible go to the actual locale and get pictures of the area, with the viewer pointing in the direction he saw the craft.

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OTHER WITNESSES

Try to uncover additional witnesses, by asking throughout the neighborhood to see if others may have experienced anything related to the incident. Even if no one actually saw the UFO, there may be other evidence, such as radio or TV interference, the barking and howling of dogs, power failures, strange sounds, etc.

If you locate other witnesses, have them give their testimony apart from the first witness, so as to get an independent version of what happened. Thus there is no chance of one person's story being "colored" by another's.

Aside from the direct questioning of UFO witnesses, we must get background material on them. We want to know whether they are respected members of their community, whether they have a reputation for honesty, sincerity, a balanced outlook -- in short, are they reliable witnesses?

This can be done in a discreet way, by holding friendly conversations with people in the area who know the witness. While discussing the UFO event, you can indirectly get character appraisals by asking the friend, "What do you think? Would Mr. Brown be the kind of person you could trust to tell it exactly as it happened?"

If any photos have been taken of the UFO, obtain prints of each one. These can later be analyzed and tested for authenticity -- whether double exposures, or a small model of a UFO has been used to make a hoax photo.

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MAKE SKETCHES

Ask the witness to make sketches and diagrams, including the location (surrounding terrain, mountains, trees, etc.), the direction the craft moved, the details of the ship itself---every possible bit of detail, such as:

1. The outline of the object.
2. The color of the body: was it glowing as if lighted from within?
3. Was it reflecting light from the sun?
4. Were there any visible features, such as portholes, landing gear, tail fins, flanges, antennas, insignia or markings of any kind on the craft?
5. What sort of material did it seem to be constructed of -- aluminum, plastic, crystal, etc.?
6. If only lights are seen, get data as to color, brightness, shape, patterns of pulsations, if any, motion, etc.
7. If any beams were observed coming from the ship, get description of color, apparent width, what objects were spotlighted on the ground, etc.

There may also be reports of "E-M" or electromagnetic effects, whereby the UFO causes car radios to go dead, engines to stop, compasses to whirl, or any electrical equipment to go haywire. Look for all these angles.

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OTHER STRANGE REACTIONS

Be on the alert for any unusual physical or mental reactions the UFO witness may have had during the episode. Were there any burns on the body, or skin rashes; any impaired vision (even temporarily); any rapid pulse beats; headaches, dizziness, hallucinating, loss of consciousness?

In a number of UFO cases, there was an apparent "loss of time" on the part of the observers. There have been gaps of up to several hours, totally unaccounted for. Later, under hypnosis, strange stories

come out, detailing events caused by the UFOs. In your questioning, be sure to bring out this aspect.

One other sensual item -- were there any strange odors during the time of the event? (Many have been reported in past cases.)

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IF THE UFO HAS LANDED

In the event that a landing has taken place, procedure would call for a Geiger counter to be brought to the scene to see if any radiation can be detected. The sooner you can reach the site, the better your chances of picking up a reading.

If there is evidence of a landing, such as pressed-down reeds, sharp imprints in the soil, etc., secure the area. Do not allow anyone to disturb the ground around the landing site.

Soil samples should be taken, as follows: Scoop up the top-soil, place it in a jar and fasten the lid tightly, so that no air can penetrate the container. Samples should include vegetation, and even insects, since previous studies have shown that strange reactions (such as phenomenal growth in insects and vegetables) frequently take place right after a UFO landing has disturbed the tranquility of an area.

A tape measure should also be employed if any markings have been made in the ground, seemingly by the landing gear of a UFO. The distances between these indentations, as well as the depth and dimensions of the imprints, should be measured immediately, before the soil has a chance to settle or be disturbed. Care should be taken to look around for any device that might have been capable of making the impressions, in the case of a hoax.

If rocks have been struck by the UFO in touching down, get scrapings of the affected portions, so that they can be tested in the laboratory for metallic particles.

Occasionally, trees will be involved. If so, get samples of burnt or broken branches, tree bark, leaves or other damaged foliage. Preserve them carefully, as with soil samples.

If anything has appeared to have dropped from the UFO, such as liquids, burnt slag or "angel hair" (fine-spun filaments like spider webbing), get whatever residue is available.

For laboratory testing of any such physical evidence listed above, locate a reliable laboratory in your area and bring the material to these experts. Be sure to get everything back at the conclusion of the testing.

RELATED OCCURRENCES

As a follow-up, you will definitely want to find out if any UFO-related occurrences have taken place, such as animal mutilations, often reported in areas of UFO activity. Over the past several years, the number of such cases throughout the U.S. has risen dramatically, to a total of over 8000 reports.

The fact that the situation is taken seriously by our government was proven recently when the Federal Bureau of Investigation officially entered the picture. At a specially called conference in Albuquerque, N.M., the local FBI director declared that his agency intends to probe into all cases of mutilations, using the most up-to-date methods available, including computer analysis.

If you live in the area stretching from Texas to Minnesota, and as far west as Colorado and Wyoming, you may be close to one of the "action zones". So be prepared. At the first warning of such an event, get to the scene as quickly as possible. You can expect a gory sight -- definitely not for the squeamish. Mutilations all bear the same trademark: blood is drained from the animal; organs, such as the tongue, eyes, heart and reproductive organs are removed with surgical precision. In fact, the skill shown is often beyond our earthly technique, because the internal organs may be removed without the skin being noticeably cut, proof that some alien force is at work.

What you can do at the scene is to interview all the experts present, such as the veterinarian or State Police investigators who may be on hand. Get your photos, as in other UFO cases. Then follow up with the persons who do the scientific analysis, and compile as complete a dossier as possible. Also, do research on other similar mutilation cases, and keep them in one file for future comparisons.

As for the tie-in with UFOs, use the previously stated techniques in tracking down eye-witnesses to sightings in the general vicinity of the mutilations. Get all testimony, photos, tape recordings, etc., and add them to your Mutilations file. A recent case in the Western area tells of the bodies of such animals being found on snow-covered ground, with no sign of footprints or auto tire-marks in the vicinity; and the bones of the animals have been broken as if they had been dropped from a great height. This is merely one more link in the chain of evidence looping together the mutilation mystery with the UFO conundrum.

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BIGFOOT

You are doubtless familiar with tales of the hairy monsters

known in various parts of the world as "Sasquatch" or "Yeti" or (in this country) simply as "Bigfoot". The name, of course, comes from the footprints that have been found -- measuring more than twice the size of human prints, and deeply impressed in the soil, as if the creature above the feet weighed in at some inordinate amount. Reports tell of creatures measuring 8 to 10 feet in height, whose powerful bodies are covered with hair similar to an ape's, but who walk totally upright with a human-like stride and in fact seem to have human bone structure around the head and neck.

From the Himalaya Mountains of Asia to the west coast of Canada, all the way to the Florida Everglades, they have been seen, photographed and even had their voices tape-recorded. The evidence is generally limited to footprints, but there are also tales of a hunter who was "captured" by a group of creatures -- including some younger ones, evidently offspring of the senior members of the tribe -- and held in a cave for four days before being "allowed" to leave. He later described them as being "friendly, curious, and cooperative among themselves" -- not in the least like the typical Hollywood teeth-gnashing beast.

If you are lucky enough to be in the area when a Bigfoot is sighted, take all your normal investigative gear, plus a supply of plaster of Paris to get exact plaster casts of the indentations left by the Big Feet in the soil. Also take photos of the prints, the surrounding ground, and any broken bushes or tree branches that may have been smashed when the monster came crashing through the underbrush.

There is a great deal of evidence now building to the effect that UFOs are seen about the same time and in the same locations as the Bigfoot creatures are spotted. Add to this the fact that no Bigfoot has ever been captured, and you may reach the conclusion that these humanoid characters are somehow tied in with the spacecraft; could it be that they are "scouts" who are placed in our environment by superior beings on board the ships, just as we first sent up dogs and monkeys in our early space rockets to see how they would survive in strange environments? According to this line of reasoning, when the furry emissaries get into any trouble on earth, they could be rescued from above -- plucked out of danger from above, and escorted in safety back to the Mother Ship in the skies.

But returning to you, as the fearless investigator on the trail, you are actually looking for two things: Bigfoot evidence and UFO evidence. For the latter, you may have to scout over a wide area for eye-witnesses, as the territory will generally be sparsely settled (such as the Pacific Northwest, where much of the activity has been taking place). Go to the Forest Ranger stations; park in the tourist camps, have a drink at a local tavern -- anywhere people congregate to chat about the latest happenings.

And, if you can return to civilization with a big, glossy photo of a strange Saucerian "beastie" alighting from curved vehicles suspended six feet off the ground, you will really have it made!

THE MYSTERIOUS "MIBS"

And don't forget the mysterious "Men In Black" -- those human-like characters that have been known to appear after an encounter with a UFO, dressed in black and out to cause trouble. These "MIBs", as they are known in the field, will often try to prevent the witnesses from telling their experiences. Or they may come to the door, introduce themselves as being secret government operatives, and demand to have all the film or other evidence from a recent sighting. Once they came dressed as Air Force officers; upon checking, it was found that their credentials were totally faked.

If possible, get a photo of these men -- or get their license plate number, for checking out. Then go to your local police headquarters and see if they are known criminals, by going through the "Wanted" files. Above all, be extremely careful when dealing with MIBs, as they may be armed and thus potentially very dangerous.

These MIB cases are not uncommon, and can be very significant in the final analysis.

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR REPORT

When all your investigations have been completed and every possible avenue of approach has been pursued to the fullest extent, get your report in order by neatly typing up the testimony. Make Xerox copies of all papers, including lab reports if any, sketches, photos or whatever visual material you have. Keep duplicates of everything.

All this, plus physical samples, you should then forward to:

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NEW YORK, N.Y.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation!

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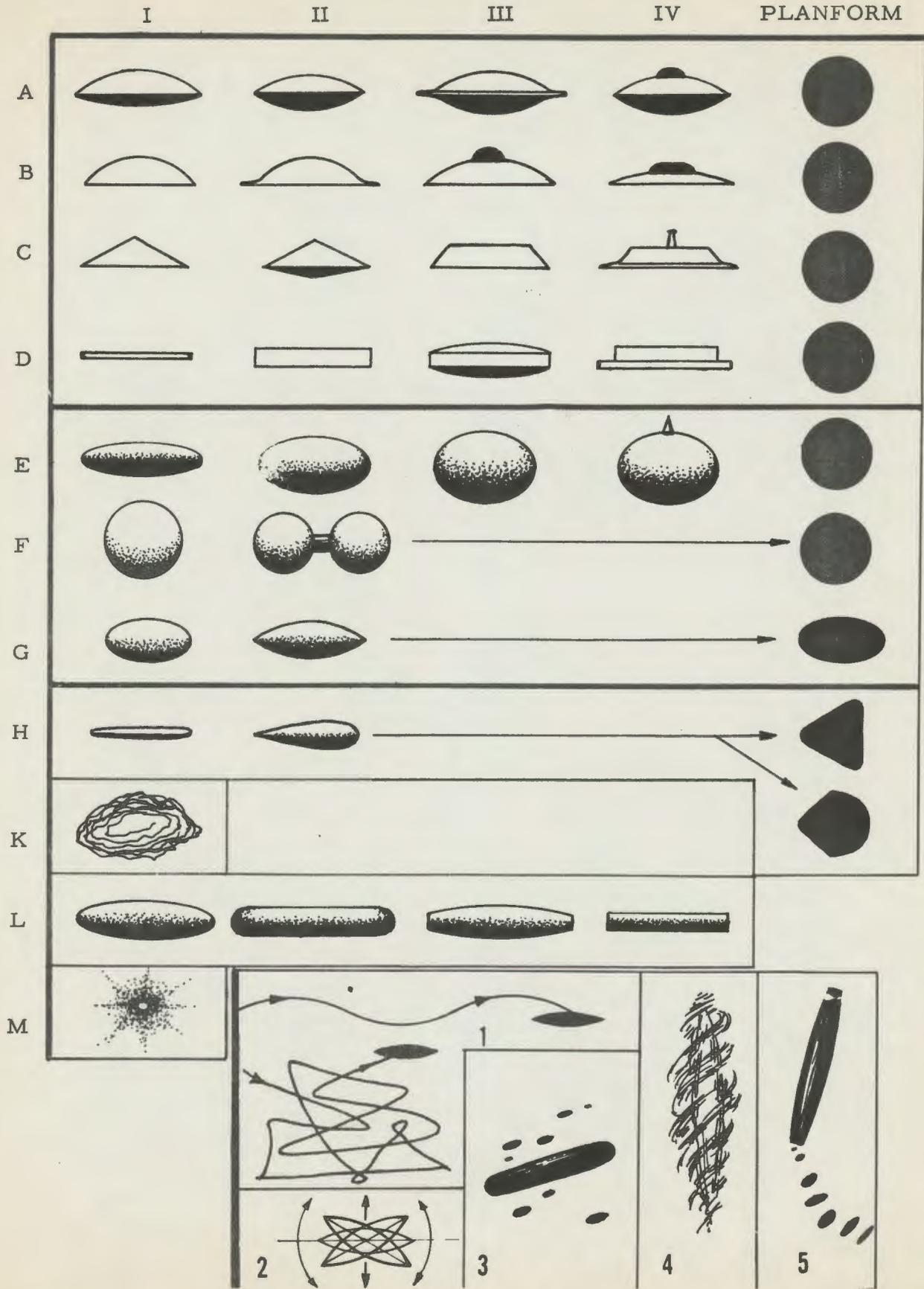


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