
The Colorado Project Collection/E.U. Condon Papers

➤ *American Philosophical Society Library, 151 South Independence Mall East,
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Description

Edward Uhler Condon (1902-1974) was a physicist who served as director of the National Bureau of Standards (1945-1951). In 1966, the Air Force urged and sponsored his research on unidentified flying objects and in 1968 he presented his Condon Report.

The files of the Colorado Project consist of about 1/3 of the papers of Edward Condon deposited at the APL (22 linear feet). The library views this segment of the Condon papers as the "UFO Section", and, although it remains "unprocessed", these are open to researchers. There are 10 "boxes" of UFO files consisting of all manner of topical files, memos, letters, books, and a few reel-to-reel tapes. There are a further 30+ boxes labeled "office boxes" of UFO files containing similar materials including Project case files and a few "artifacts" from cases. Box O16 was missing at the time of M.D. Swords's visit in 1994. The subjects and correspondents covered here are huge and defy simple description. Although certainly in no way complete, these files will give scholars ample depth for covering the Project. No finder's list exists except for the amateurish one prepared by Swords in 1994, a copy of which was left with the library. Some UFO information also exists within other areas of the Condon papers.

Accessibility: The holdings of the APL are open to serious scholars. Notice should be given in advance of planned visits. Swords (in 1994) found Manuscripts Librarian Beth Carrol-Horracks and Rita Dockery to be particularly helpful. This is the primary source for UFO files of the Colorado Project by far. Some minor amounts of Project materials are held at the University of Colorado, CUFOS, and possibly with project members such as Saunders and Craig.

(Source: Michael Swords) ➤

The James McDonald Collection

➤ *University of Arizona, Main Library: Special Collections, 1510 E. University,
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Description

The James McDonald papers consist of 26 linear feet of archival space, consisting of case and correspondence files, notes, books, and audiotapes largely. They are designated "MS 328" in the U. of A. system, and have a 28 pp. finder's aid. The collection is exceptionally rich in all manner of UFO interest. Of particular importance are the personal notes chronicling McDonald's indefatigable reinvestigation of many cases. Even the core library books of his reading collection contain significant marginalia on cases. This collection is so deep in real content that unless one has some very delimited reason for researching it, one should allow more than a week to break its surface. The audiotapes are largely interviews by McDonald of witnesses to UFO events, sometimes quite famous. As of this writing (1999) the tapes are essentially inaccessible, but are being converted to a listenable cassette format. This is THE collection for the scientist in UFO research, done by a top-notch atmospheric physicist.

Accessibility: The University of Arizona archives are quite accessible. Out of courtesy (and due to somewhat limited seating) one suggests writing archivist Roger Myers with notice of your intentions in a timely manner.

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