
Collections in Holland

Ufology in Holland has always been a rather poor and unsteady affair. For the early sightings primary sources are newspapers and Dutch UFO magazines published by the Dutch UFO groups in the fifties and sixties. The usefulness of these old UFO sighting reports vary, as do the more or less professional approaches and attitudes of these various groups.

Dutch UFO collections that we have been able to indentify include:

The Collection of the Nederlands Onderzoeks Bureau Vliegende Objecten (NOBOVO)

This group, which had the cooperation of official institutions, dissolved in the early 1990s. Their collection of magazines, UFO news clippings, letters and reports were subsequently stored in the Nationale Archief Friesland. It is well catalogued and available for UFO researchers. Good collection, good group. Sightings culled from that collection found their way into our database.

Collection of Plativolo

A defunct UFO group based in Amsterdam, disbanded sometime in the mid-sixties. Much of its collection of materials was dispersed and the rest fell into private hands and is unavailable for research. Plativolo also issued a small, stenciled magazine from the mid-fifties till the early sixties. Sightings described there have found their way into our database. Generally we consider this materials of less value than that of N.O.B.O.V.O., although for the more early sightings, this is a primary source aside from contemporary newspapers and magazines.

Recently, I was able to locate and secure a small part of the archives of the now defunct Dutch UFO group Plativolo. This mainly comprises correspondence from 1956-1959 including, letters from Coral Lorenzen, Leo Springfield, Gavin Gibbons and Brinsley le Poeur Trench, amongst others. Also, correspondence with Italian, Japanese and New Zealand groups. While this is only a small part (I estimate approximately 150 letters), it is a fascinating piece of early Dutch UFO history and it shows the workings of an early Dutch UFO group, founded in 1955 or thereabouts.

Collection of Nederland's UFO Contact Centrum

UFO group based in Den Hague. Mrs. Rey d'Aquila was a prominent member and accompanied Adamski on his 1959 Dutch tour. This group, long-since disbanded, issued a small A5 magazine called *Disc Digest* up to the mid-sixties. Plativolo and this group often exchanged sightings. What we have managed to find is included in our database. Whereabouts of the collection is unknown. We do not even know what the collection consisted of.

Diets Interplanetair UFO Centrum

Another early group from the fifties based in Den Hague. This group was also contactee-influenced and the whereabouts of the collection, if they assembled one, is unknown.

Space Centrum Andromeda

A late 1960s to early 1970s UFO group, with leading member Hans van Kampen, author of several reasonable UFO books in Dutch in the seventies. Published in their 'Ufologisch Informatief Tijdschrift' are several sighting reports that we managed to find and include in our database. Now defunct, the whereabouts of its collection and contents are unknown. We're still trying to reach Van Kampen, who now lives in Germany.

(Source: Theo Paijmans)

