
The Michael Sword Collection

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Description

The collection consists of personal, case, and document files, books and manuscripts, journals, and audiovisual materials. Of potential interest to scholars are: The Edward Ruppelt papers (g.v, RUPPELT); The George Hunt Williamson papers (g.v, WILLIAMSON); certain original Center for UFO Studies materials, such as some early NICAP correspondence files, and books owned by Dr. J. Allen Hynek with underlining (g.v., CUFOS); a set of large 3-ringed notebooks used by Dr. Paul McCarthy to prepare his thesis on James McDonald; as well as copies of primary materials from the Colorado Project, Donald Menzel, CSI-NY, Don Keyhoe and NICAP, James McDonald, Gray Barker, Allen Hynek, Ted Bloecher, and others persons of importance and interest. These files would be considered excellent by researchers. The large book and journals collection would be considered very good, along with audiovisual materials, which include microfilms with reader, and a picture library.

Accessibility: Since these papers are in a private home, a well-in-advance notice by a responsible researcher is necessary to visit and utilize them. Papers are rarely photocopied and shipped. Some small amount of photocopying can be done on the premises.

Succession: This collection is, in part, owned or controlled by CUFOS, and, in part, by Dr. Swords. The collection will be given to CUFOS when appropriate.



The Edward Ruppelt Papers

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Description

The Edward Ruppelt papers consist of approximately 2 ½ file cabinet drawers of files, scrapbooks, manuscripts, and file cards. Some photos exist.

The majority of these materials relate to his famous book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, with lesser portions concerned with UFOs more generally or with other books he may have wished write. Although many letters were filed, the vast majorities are TO Ruppelt, and from strangers. Therefore, this aspect of the collection is not as “personal” and revealing as one would prefer.

Arguably the most ufologically interesting aspects of the collection are an early draft of his book with lined out passages, which did not make the final revision, and two large boxes of file cards that were apparently used to organize the writing of the book.

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Succession: The UFO Research Coalition under the keepership of CUFOS owns The Ruppelt papers. Dr. Swords holds the collection for CUFOS and URC until they request relocation.

