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Director, Systems Analysis Division, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, 1971-72

Promoted to Vice Admiral, 1972

President, US Naval War College, 1972-74

Commander, US Second Fleet, 1974-75

Promoted to Admiral, 1975; retired from active duty, 31 December 1978

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DANIEL SHEEHAN
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 3:30 - 5:00 PM

DAN SHEEHAN IS A SOCIAL ACTIVIST WHO HAS SPENT VIRTUALLY HIS ENTIRE LIFE WORKING ON PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. He is best known as the attorney who has litigated many high profile cases, including the successful Karen Silkwood suit against the Kerr-McGee Corp. in 1979! He established the Christic Institute in Washington, D.C., which for nearly two decades was the country's pre-eminent public-interest law firm.

In 1994 Dan agreed to defend Dr. John Mack before his inquisition by an Investigatory Panel of the Harvard Medical School after John's courageous publication of "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens". This was not his first, nor his last, encounter with the important issue of Alien Intelligence and American Law! In 1977 Dan was General Counsel to The United States Jesuit Headquarters National Office of Social Ministry in Washington D.C. There he served as a Special Consultant to the United States Library of Congress' Congressional Research Office Project on Extraterrestrial Intelligence ordered by President Jimmy Carter. In this capacity, Dan was given access both to the classified portions of the United States Air Force's infamous "Project Blue Book" files and to the confidential Report ultimately prepared for the Science & Technology Committee of the United States Congress by the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Office pursuant to this Presidential assignment.

Today, Dan is General Counsel to Joe Firmage's "International Space Sciences Organization". Among his duties there, he will help oversee the formulation of a new planetary "Paradigm" designed to assist our entire planetary civilization to integrate into all of the classical fields of human knowledge (i.e. Cosmology, Theology, Philosophy, Physical Science, Psychology, Ethics, Ontology, Epistemology, Human Teleology, etc.) the now virtually-universally-accepted FACT of the existence of Extraterrestrial Intelligence in our Universe - and the growingly-accepted fact that representatives of one or more of these extraterrestrial civilizations are presently visiting our planet and are, in fact, interacting with members of our species.

Although it is true that Dan has brushed shoulders his entire life with what most of us would label factions of the "New World Order Control Group", it has most often been as adversary to them! It is even more true that he is a man with the good of all humanity in his heart! We are thankful that such an honest and loving soul is in a position to help shape the course of eventual disclosure for the benefit of mankind.....not just those in control! As the Legal Counsel on such nationally-recognized investigative cases involving government covert operations as The Karen Silkwood Case; The Iran/Contra Case; The American Sanctuary Movement Case; The Pentagon Papers Case; and The Watergate Burglary Case. Dan Believes that he brings to the important endeavor of the investigation of the issue of Extraterrestrial Intelligence and the UFO Phenomenon a unique background in investigating and exposing the world of American governmental covert operations, "black budget" operations; mind control programs; government dis-information projects and secret operations conducted in the field of covert warfare and clandestine operations.

We welcome Dan back again with great thanks! The topic for his presentation to the Congress today is: **"THE PROBABILITY OF A PUBLIC ENCOUNTER WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE 21st CENTURY AND THE PUBLIC POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, AMERICAN MILITARY POLICY AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY"**

July 10, 2000 Jeff Rense interview
Daniel Shickan

"people whose interests are being guarded"

May 1977 Library of Congress Jesuit Headquarters, chief council
New York Marsha Smith S&T, Congressional
Res C. S. Techlora President directive

Jan 21, 77 contacted CIA ET "Lush" said "NO"

"need to know" curiosity not sufficient

need S&T House Rep Congressional research

declassify

confrontation contacted S&T division

contacted

1) establish if ET int

2)

Marsha - vatican library in special consultant

contacted ^{her} Jesuit conf. section - but forbidden - research data
told Marsha

asked Dan - brief top 50 SPL ET intell 1st report 2-6 conclusions
needed classified our galaxy

vault room 2 AF guys - no briefcase

overhead microfilm downstairs Concord ^{research}

photos full scale VFO wedged into bank snow
hand copy of symbols

2nd reports drawing of shapes - sign # discount

went to President 54 religious denominations staff
council June 77

Daniel Sheehan on Govt. UFO Knowledge

by Bill Hamilton
Executive Director
Skywatch International, Inc.

Daniel Sheehan, a lawyer and social activist who founded the Christic Institute, delivered an outstanding lecture last night at MUFON-LA and I would like to comment on some astounding points he made

First, let me give some background.

"Christic Institute is an interfaith center for law and national policy in the public interest. We commit our resources to legal investigations carefully selected for their potential to advance human rights, social justice, and personal freedom--at home and abroad."

DAN SHEEHAN is a social activist who has spent virtually his entire life working on progressive social programs and initiatives. As the Legal Counsel on such nationally-recognized investigative cases involving government covert operations as The Karen Silkwood Case, The Iran/Contra Case,

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He told the story of how, during the Carter administration, in 1977 Carter requested UFO information from then-CIA Director George Bush and the request was declined by Bush. However, a confidential report was prepared for Carter and Sheehan, through connections, and a woman named Marcia (sorry, I did not write down the name, but intend to get more details on this story) he was given access to old microfilm files in a new wing of the National Archives which had armed guards stationed at the entrance. There he hand-cranked through the microfilm records.

He stated there were two primary reports, one on the UFO phenomena, and one on extraterrestrial life. He described how, rolling through the microfilm, he encountered some clear photos showing a "flying saucer" embedded in snow and surrounded by USAF personnel wearing parkas. He could even see visible name tags. The clarity of these photos impressed him. He could even make out symbols on the hull of the craft.

He did not elaborate on the other report except to say that it concluded that there were at least two and as many as six extraterrestrial civilizations in our local galaxy coming to earth.

Now this is quite a statement and indicates that microfilmed documents exist that definitely support something much more than microbes from Mars. Aside from all the issues that this may raise on the truthfulness of his statements, the authenticity of the microfilm record, etc, he went on to propose

that

we look at the implications for including the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations in a new public policy paradigm for the new millennium.

The consequence of retrievals of alien technology, back engineering efforts and covert programs to build a real Star Wars defense system and bring about a Global National Security State will affect everyone on the planet.

We can acknowledge threats to humanity as far as growing hunger and poverty, global warming and changes in our ecosystem, threats of nuclear confrontations with Asian powers, but Daniel felt we should also make public the potential threat of extraterrestrial powers (and he was not emphasizing that ETs were all a threat), but that a covert program is arming us for such an eventuality.

Something to think about on our long road to uncover the Truth.

Coast to Coast Mike Siegal July 06, 00.

Stephen Bassett (w) Alfred Weber JD.

Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

Sheehan - first exposed Oliver North - went to FBI - got special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh.

1977 Archives

Access to Process

Carter "Contacted"

proposals for 3-4 year study on UFOs for Carter

individuals pushing Carter Richard Hoagland at Goddard

Carter → Fletcher (NASA) blocked.

confirm David Webb secondary 79 told NASA blocked study

Daniel Sheehan JD

Mike Siegel Coast To Coast

Graduate Harvard Law 1967.

Carter tried very hard to get the answers "most frightening parts"
-- off shelf agency (not government) used in Iran-Contra
1977.

contacted by Marsha Smith (Cong. Research ^{Service}) U.S. Congress
tasked by House of Representatives (Comm on SET)
directive by Carter.

1st things contact DEI communicate info on UFOs

Bush refused "involve other branches" get Congressional
research to declassify

Smith wanted Vatican library material Jesuit in charge
denied - told Marsha.

- asked to give 3 hr. Set, JPK ("implications of ET")

Library of Congress (new) basement (consultant to Congressional
Research Service)

Reagan chose Championson U.S. Space Policy
official Congressional Report

(May - Sept 1977 two reports went to Carter) - never been made public

Legal Questions Harvard panicked set up firm with legal backing

Lawrence Rockefeller was going to finance gathering evidence

501C3

bank with snow all around it

Sheehan 1:38

May 20

Smith
Director of SET division

she informed me that she had been contacted by the chairman of the SET division of the House of Representatives

he communicated with congress & found out
branch, issue request

the whole process

WFC all these group are going to hold back the documents so the President much chagrined, decided that rather than having a major confrontation with Mr. Bush, he was going to follow this process. He contacted the SET Committee of H of R. They in turn contacted the L. of Cong. Congressional Research Service, and they were going to undertake these two major investigations 1) ~~to~~ determine where ET intelligence existed in 2) what the relationship of this VFO phenomena might be ^{Galaxy} to ET intelligence

So Marsh asked me as chief counsel to the Jesuit Order in the United States if I might use my good offices to contact the Vatican library in Rome, to see if we could get access, have me be a special consultant to the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, go in and get access to the confidential section of the Vatican library and get access to this data

So I contacted the Jesuit who happens to be in and charge of the Vatican library, and I gave him the

formal request to have access to the info, and much to my surprise I was forbidden to see it, I was flabbergasted. Here the Jesuit Headquarters asking the Vatican for some data and we weren't allowed in.

I contacted Marsha Smith and communicated this to her, along with my apology.

She ended up by asking if I would do a three hour seminar (briefing) to the top 50 scientists at the JPL in their SETI program.

I said if I'm going to participate in this investigation and study as a special consultant

I want to have access to the classified parts sections of Project Blue Book... in order to conduct myself in an intelligent responsible way. I didn't know what the result was going to be. Marsha ended up contacting me saying "OK, we've done it. You are a special consultant to the Congressional Research Service. You have been given clearance to be able to see those things. They are going to bring them down to the new office building to the Congressional Library of Congress across the street Constitution ave." No one was even in the building yet. I was all brand new. It hadn't even been occupied yet. I go in on a Saturday afternoon.

I go downstairs into this big vault room area they had down there. There was these two AF guys guarding it. They check all my credentials and said OK you are allowed to go in. They said I couldn't bring in a briefcase, I couldn't take any notes.

What I did is I keep one yellow pad. I had a yellow pad under my arm and I just walked in.

It was really quite primitive. What they had was one of these grey tin overhead projection things. You take the microphone in and you crank it by hand.

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prepares 3 hr sem reports to Mausha
ET int Report to President goes thro
1st ET ^{Intelligence Group} Cong Research Service of the United States Official
Congressional Library in its official report to the President
thru the S/T Committee of the House of Representatives concludes
that there are from two to 6. "highly intelligent, highly technological
developed civilizations in our own galaxy over and above ours."
- they never made reference to photos

2nd report has photographs drawing of different UFOs
that have been sighted "they believed there was a significant #
of instances" from investigations by AF and others "unable to
discount" that one of these vehicles was not from one of these 2 to
6 civilizations

They put this together and sent it over to the President and I
ended up with a copy of it.

Sheehan went to heads of all 54 major denominations
Washington Inter-religious staff council June 1977
get all churches and synagogues to develop a set of policy
positions regarding ET intell - get ahead reveal this to
American public

"They just stood there and looked at me and said
'Are there any other ideas.' Nobody wanted to do it.
That's as far as we were able to get on the 1977 effort on
this thing.

Still has the report.

SHEEHAN

skywatcher22@space.com

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Date:
30 Jul 2001 06:55:54 -0700
To:
SQUISHY@ALTAVISTA.COM
Subject:
Re: Your Sheehan Discussion

On Sat, 28 July 2001, SQUISHY@ALTAVISTA.COM wrote:

- >
- > I asked Daniel Sheehan if the photos he saw were a match or
- > similar to the KGB film. He said _no_. He has seen this film
- > and said what he saw did not even resemble what was shown.
- >
- > Then I asked if it could be from the movie, "The Thing from
- > Another World" - NO, again, as he knows the movie.
- >
- > Please come up with another candidate as he denies either of
- > these resembles what he saw in the photos.
- > Bill
- >
- > Glad to see you were able to resolve at least one item with Danny.
- > Did he clear up or add anything else?

No, he did not. In fact, he expressed his desire to take it no further as he feels this is one of those inhouse squabbles that he wants to avoid. He said if he answered some of these questions, they would generate more. I have sent him a letter with documents that bring into dispute one of his statements regarding Bush and Carter.

Don Waldrop informed me that he did get an affirmative from Danny that he would see us on Sunday and go over the questions, but that didn't happen. So, the other questions remain unresolved as of now.

Bill

The final speaker was Daniel Sheehan, an impressive man whose curly hair reminded me of judge's wig. He has degrees from Harvard in government, law, and divinity. He established the Christic Institute in Washington, DC, and has been legal counsel on many high-profile cases such as; Karen Silkwood, Iran/Contra, the American Sanctuary Movement, the Pentagon Papers, Three Mile Island pollution, and Watergate. He has gained access to many restricted government files. Today he is General Counsel to Joe Firmage's International Space Sciences Organization, and he heads the Strategic Institute to Define a New Paradigm. He wants to integrate the fact of the ET presence into all classical fields of human knowledge: Cosmology, Theology, Philosophy, Physical Science, Psychology, Ontology, Epistemology, Human Teleology, etc. He also wins the prize for the presentation with the longest title; "The Probability of a Public Encounter with ET Intelligence in the 21st century and the Public Policy Implications of Such ET Contact on American Foreign Policy, American Military Policy, and American National Security Policy." Sheehan represented Dr. John Mack, chair of Harvard's Dept. of Clinical Psychology, when the University tried to fire him after he published Abduction; Human Encounters with Aliens. Mack tried to publish an article on his research in the New England Journal of Medicine, but the editorial board would not even consider it, so he wrote the book. Sheehan, funded by Lawrence Rockefeller, resolved the case against Mack quickly. In 1987 he became Chief Counsel for the Jesuit National HQ. They asked him to get UFO information from the Vatican. While seeking information about Carter's 21 Jan 77 UFO sighting from Bush, then Director of the CIA, Bush said that a congressional committee would have to ask the Library of Congress to declassify the information for a report to the President. He once asked the Washington Inter-religious Council staff to consider the UFO/ET presence and was met with total silence. He was asked by the Gorbachev Foundation to try to clarify the UFO/ET facts that pertain to public policy. He hosted a round table at the October 1999 State of the World Forum that included 24 people, such as; John Mack, Deepak Chopra, Jean Houston, Joe Firmage, Hal Puthof, Wink Franklin of IONS, Rick Tarnis, Sam Keen, etc. They even appeared before the entire group of 1000 world leaders. Sheehan said that many members of the human family are not properly prepared for open contact with ET. He sees two major risks; some covert military group may be preparing to engage militarily and some people may be so unprepared they may become totally subservient. Neither is appropriate. Sheehan mentioned 12 separate premises that we can discuss

this year, such as:

1. We should accept the 1979 Congressional Report to Carter saying that ET exists. There are two to six highly intelligent, technological species in our galaxy.

2. If there had been contact with our government, they would not have told us.

3. People have different paradigms depending on their worldviews: authoritarian, reactionary, conservative, moderate, liberal, progressive, or mystical. You can't convince the first three to not treat ET as a threat.

Then he mentioned eight possible origins of UFOs with his assessment of probability; 51% ET civilization either positive or

negative, 40% super secret government or private contact, 5% PSY-OPS operation, 2% spiritual phenomenon, 1% time

travel, and 1% either extra-dimensional manifestations or projections into another reality. He said we are at a special time in

history. Dr. Fugiuma announced that the western civilization has a short time to fulfill its promises to the people of the world or

they will look elsewhere. Then he mentioned the high level debate between Zbigniew Brzezinski, cofounder of the Trilateral

Commission, and conservative Samuel P. Huntington, former Editor of Foreign Affairs. He closed by saying we must show ET

the major qualities of humanity. We need a public interest group with chairs for the ET presence, the environment, peace, etc.

And we must stop attacking each other's positions. He received great applause.

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nursery in the White House!**



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George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
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VATICAN THEOLOGIAN CLAIMS EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT IS REAL

ROME -- Monsignor Corrado Balducci, an insider close to the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in recent months to proclaim: Extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon. The prelate announced that the Vatican is receiving much information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with humans from its Nuncios (embassies) in various countries, such as Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. Monsignor Balducci said that he is on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters, and how to cope with the emerging general realization of extraterrestrial contact. Balducci provided the Roman Catholic Church's analysis of extraterrestrials, emphasizing that these encounters "are NOT demonic, they are NOT due to psychological impairment, they are NOT a case of entity attachment, but these encounters deserve to be studied carefully." Since Monsignor Balducci is a Vatican expert exorcist, and since the Catholic Church has historically demonized many new phenomena that were poorly understood, his proclaiming the Vatican's non-censure of these encounters is all the more remarkable. Balducci revealed he is closely following this phenomenon. Thanks to World Gathering for Truth <http://www.world-action.co.uk>

Speech Questions

- 1) Is there any documentation available on the letter from the Desert Headquarters to Vatican Library?
 - 2) Why would they send you (a lawyer) to do a scientific briefing?
 - 3)
- Any documentation on any stage meeting with Marcia, JPL, receiving of files?

Your posts (and Sheehan's utterances before them) contain many misconceptions about Washington, D.C., in general and Congressional Research Service (CRS) in particular. Apparently I need to back up and make it clear why I say this. You are perpetuating a mythology about President Carter, UFOs, and CRS.

First of all you can look at the CRS web site (www.loc.gov/crsinfo) and see a mission statement, history, and contact addresses. Then you need to understand that all of the CRS UFO and ET related publications are open public information, including The UFO Enigma both versions of which I have. There is nothing mysterious or special about them at all. In fact, they are rather superficial.

CRS does research purely for Members of Congress or Congressional committees (as the name suggests). Since UFOs tend not to be taken seriously in Congress or in the Federal Government, requests for a study or analysis by a committee or a Congressional office tend to be superficial.

Any of the hundreds of Members of Congress (some of whom at any given time in history obviously may be of any conceivable intellectual status) can request a "study" and CRS is duty-bound to comply. Sometimes CRS goes through the motions (just as another Congressional agency the General Accounting Office does).

By the way, as an aside, during my professional employment at Congressional Information Service (private company) I used to abstract CRS and GAO reports and am quite familiar with them. On many other more "acceptable" topics both agencies do a very fine job. Also, I was one of those interviewed by Lynn Catoe for the Library of Congress UFO-ET bibliography project via the University of Colorado UFO Project contract.

Clearly, Jimmy Carter made an effort after being elected to try to do something about UFOs, but basically met resistance (or bureaucratic incompetence or indifference) on every front. He reached out to various agencies. Marcia Smith logically was approached through a committee. So what? You seem to be reading something into this beyond its utter routineness.

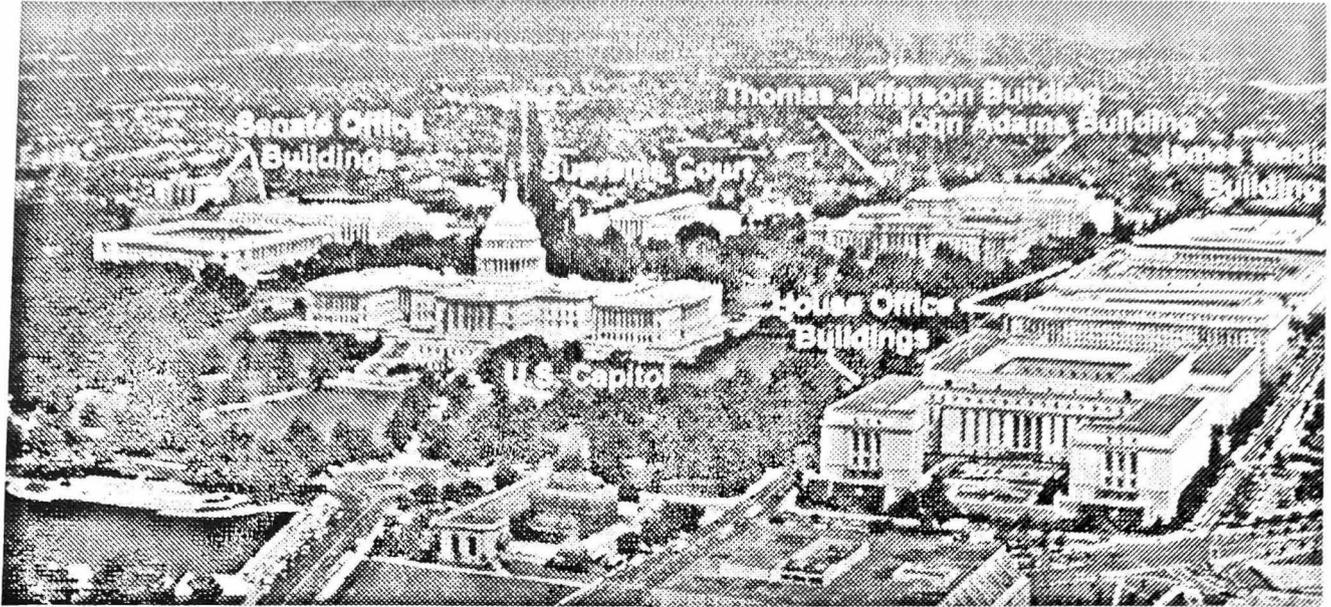
Sheehan gives the impression of not understanding what was going on, and reading into the approach to him something that was not there. Sheehan described armed guards and secret depositories at

the National Archives for which there is no evidence whatsoever.
In those years I spent a lot of time at the National Archives
and carried a researcher card.

Sheehan is "consistent?" So what? The only thing I have observed
so far is how consistently mistaken you and he are about CRS,
UFOs, and Jimmy Carter.

Dick

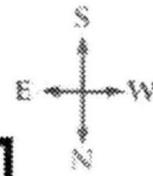
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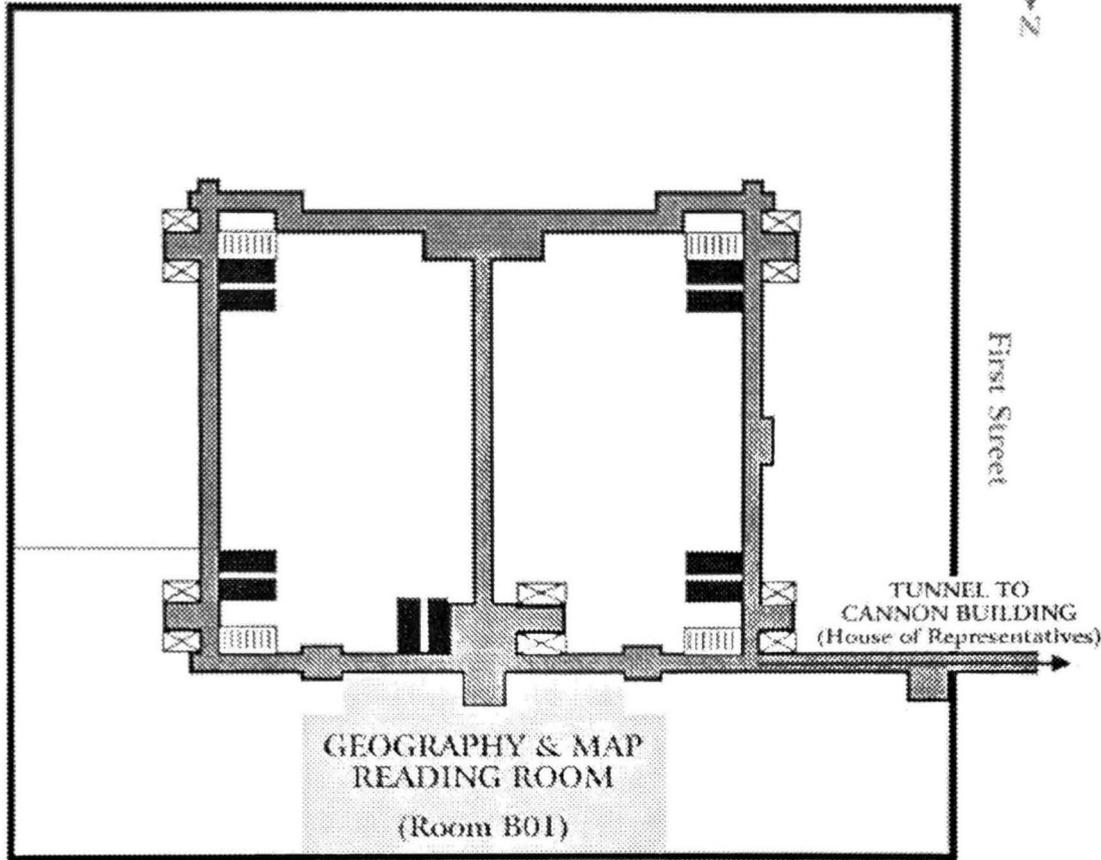
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Rush takes aim at UFO politics

By Billy Cox
A FLORIDA TODAY column

Judging from the brevity of the exchange, which was recorded by CNN on July 28, 2000, you can almost hear George W. Bush's eyeballs clicking against the socket ceilings.

Addressing the media horde as the Republican Convention in Philadelphia winds down, this one guy, Charles Huffer, manages to squeeze a response from the Texas governor. What the gov doesn't know is, Huffer's a state regional director for the Mutual UFO Network in Arkansas.

Huffer: "Half the public believes that (unidentified flying objects) are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell is going on (if elected president)?"

W.: "Sure I will."

Huffer (gesturing to running mate Dick Cheney): "This man knows. He was secretary of defense."

W.: "And a good one."

A few minutes later, off camera, Huffer catches one more Bush blurb on his audiocassette: "It'll be the first thing he (Cheney) will do. He'll get right on it."

Yeah, sure, whatever. The only reason for presenting this otherwise inconsequential snippet from the margins is that recently, \$120 million gasbag Rush Limbaugh decided that no attack on the Bush clan - not even those related to UFOs - should get a free pass. Limbaugh drew a bead on Daniel Sheehan, chief counsel for the Disclosure Project, a group of former government, military and corporate types who gathered in Washington, D.C., on May 9 to lobby Congress for open hearings on the UFO phenomenon.

Sheehan and Disclosure Project director Steven Greer argued that the recovery and exploitation of crashed UFOs has led to the development of technologies that can harness free energy, enough to end petroleum's

hammerlock on the world economy.

But they also contended the innovations were buried deep inside black budget operations to keep from destabilizing financial institutions.

Media coverage of the witness testimony was scant and yawning. Three months after the press conference, letter-writing campaigns haven't generated many blips on political radar screens. Senate heavies like Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) brush off constituents with form-letter replies referring all queries to the long-dead Project Blue Book archives. Lesser-known rubber stamps like Sen. James Imhofe (R-Okla.), who support pouring billions of dollars into National Missile Defense, write that "it would be irresponsible to spend taxpayer money on hearings and legislation related to such phenomena."

So, obviously, if you're just another brick in the wall, the smart thing to do is let this Disclosure Project thing die a slow, natural death. But then, along comes Limbaugh - you know, the guy with talent on loan from God? With half his brain tied behind his back? On the cutting edge of societal revolution? Limbaugh makes an issue of Sheehan's charge that President-elect Carter's attempts to honor a campaign pledge to declassify UFOs were stymied by then-CIA director George Bush in 1976.

"So let me get this straight," Limbaugh says. "The Bushes are at the heart of the vast right-wing conspiracy to keep the oil companies rich by hiding extraterrestrial solar panels or super-warm sweaters or whatever it is they showed Jimmy Carter."

Limbaugh's bottom line: UFOs are just another "liberals from Planet X" Bush-bashing platform. "You may be surprised to hear me say that Mr. Sheehan is half right," Limbaugh says. "There is alien life - but we are not hiding it. We see Dick Gephart plain as day!"

That's a real seam-splitter, dude.

Too bad the godfather of Republican conservatism, Barry Goldwater - Mr. Extremism In Defense of Liberty Is No Vice - isn't around to untie the other half of Limbaugh's brain. Goldwater aired his frustrations to no less than Larry King regarding his inability to access top-secret UFO data when he was chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"This thing has gotten so highly classified . . . that it is just impossible to get anything on it," Goldwater wrote to one constituent. To another, he added: "I have no idea of who controls the flow of 'need to know,' because frankly, I was told in such an emphatic way that it was none of my business that I've never tried to make it my business since."

Glib campaign sound bites to the contrary, the status quo is safely entrenched. Limbaugh attacking UFO declassification as a "liberal agenda" is like a hippo break-dancing in Spandex. He draws major-league attention to what his fellow ideologues would just as soon leave under a rock, and the

guy winds up looking like a dork.

Billy Cox's column runs every Wednesday. He can be reached at 242-3774, or Florida Today, P.O. Box 419000, Melbourne, FL 32941-9000.



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>>>Subject: X-PPAC Update - October 2, 2001

>John, you are a good-hearted person who thinks the best of everyone, a good quality in a person. A much ruder and cruder reponse to XPPAC is below.

>>Hello All,

>>I do wish to comment, in this forum, on>statements made in the >>X-PPAC Update. Steve, please feel free to>respond (or not) here >>on the UpDates List to any of my comments. I>have teed-off and >>taken my best swing. Please feel welcome & free>to do like-wise.

>>>Steve wrote:

>>>Time to Coalition

>>>With the drive for congressional hearings moved to the side by >>>world events, this is a time for organizations within the field to come >>>together with each other and possibly with receptive organizations >>>tangential to the issues at hand.

>>>Only a broadbased structure with political clout will be able to
>>>influence disclosure and post-disclosure government
>>>policies and actions.

>>Steve, this is what should have been done from the very
>>beginning! It's one of the things that myself and others have
>>been belly-aching about since day one. It's all being done
>>bass-ackwards. The witnesses are being screened after they
>>have been introduced and presented publicly. Consensus is being
>>sought after the fact.

>>C'mon man.

>>If "consensus" had been sought from the start from the major
>>UFO organizations and from the UFO community at large, the
>>effort could have been backed by many more>people. It could have
>>been much more representative and as a direct result, more
>>popular, coordinated, and bottom line 'effective' than it has been.

>>The problem with all that is; Greer would have had to give them
>>some say so in how the thing>would have been handled and
>>presented. 'Who' represented the UFO>community before our
>>elected officials would have been put up for a general vote. I
>>never would have voted for Greer. For example: put "Greer" and
>>say "Richard Hall" or "Richard Haines" on the same ballot for
>>the job. Tell me who you think>gets to enjoy a landslide
>>mandate to be our collective representative(s) before congress.
>>It's no contest. (No lo contiende) And a 'no->brainer' for
>>those voting.

>>A broad-based organization with strong consensus, internal
>>unity, and backing by its members would have been the benefit of
>>doing it democratically - as opposed to>presenting the public
>>with a monarch/dictator) from the very beginning. And that's
>>just some of the ways the whole thing should have gone down.
>>But it didn't. Now, after the fact, you have to scurry around
>>seeking the self-same>"consensus" and strong popular backing
>>which should have been the first thing on the need-to-do
>>list. Not the tenth thing. Most, if not all, of this popular
>>support that you seek should have>already been in place.

>>To get the kind of "broad-based" backing you seek, you need to
>>allow folks to have a say in things. To actively participate in
>>the process.>That's the 'American Way' Steve. A panel/group of
>>bright, experienced individuals heading up this thing, who can
>>nurture and direct it properly,>would almost ensure its success
>>on the front end.Folks who have been voted in to the
>>positions by members of the UFO community and its many
>>organizations would enjoy enormous popular support. It just will
>>not go to a self-appointed "representative" with a personal
>>political agenda. Much of which is unrelated to actual UFO
>>disclosure anyway.

>>And while there is a break in the 'action'...

>>The witnesses also need to be>thoroughly/properly screened by
>>some of the best people available in ufology. For example: If
>>you put guys like Kevin Randle, Stan Freidman, or a cop like
>>Royce Myers on a job like this, I can promise you that whatever
>>witnesses survive their screening process will be bullet-proof,
>>air-tight-certifiable, and solid gold. That isn't the case now
>>though is it?

>>Now is the time to start from scratch.

>>Seek broad-based consensus. Nominate representatives that folks
>>can then vote for. Devise a plan of attack that will actually
>>_accomplish_ something - other than speaking tours and tape
>>sales. Carefully screen the witnesses. Secure
>>signatures/petitions via the Internet with thousands of
>>subscribers all addressed to members of
>>congress _requesting_ open, public hearings. Dance naked in the
>>pale moon light... do it all. But do it _right_.

>>With the strong backing and consensus of the all the people
>>your problems will be solved. _Before_ you send anybody to
>>represent us all in front of _our_ elected officials, ask _us_
>>who _we_ would like that person(s) to be. Start by making this a
>>more democratic and representative process and watch how the
>>numbers of supporters begins to swell. Before Gersten came
>>along, the membership numbers in CAUS had been sky-rocketing.
>>This whole process could enjoy that same kind of popular
>>support too. But not as it presently exists.

>>I can't tell you how I long to throw my support>behind a
>>group-effort to secure hearings for total UFO information
>>disclosure. Like many, many, others, I am still waiting for
>>that kind of truly grass-roots representative movement>to come
>>along. In me, you have a potentially powerful, and vocal
>>advocate. And I'm not just passing gas; I have a popular and
>>busy website and I'm on the radio (50,000 Watt>station with a
>>big Internet following) twice a month. Haven't you ever asked
>>yourself why guys like me, (and there are plenty,) are giving
>>you all kinds of static - busting your chops - instead of
>>throwing strong support behind you? Do you ever _really_listen_
>>to what is being said/expressed? I sometimes wonder if you
>>dismiss it all as pure malcontent blather. If you do, you are
>>committing a serious error in judgement about some good people.

>>Regards, respectfully submitted, a 'true' friend>who cares,...

>>John Velez, speaking strictly for myself

>Speaking for myself, of course, I don't care if people have spit
>on me and beat me up and stomped me in an alley way, if they
>came up with some rational approach to Congress I would be
>leading the charge, the first one over the top.

>But not here and not now. There have been many words spoken and
>written about The Disclosure Project some in ignorance, and some
>as mis-representation, and some as complete _non-disclosure_.

>Ignorance first.

>We were treated here to the Sheehan story according to Grant
>Cameron. Unfortunately, Cameron couldn't even get the Sheehan's
>story straight. Cameron had President Carter using the
>Congressional Research Office. When Richard Hall posed some
>rather modest demures, Cameron would hear nothing of these and
>even questioned how Hall would know anything at all about the
>subject. Cameron knew how government worked by gum, and who the
>hell was Richard Hall to tell him otherwise. In the end Sheehan
>didn't say Carter contacted the Congressional Research Office
>and many other things put forward by Cameron didn't match
>Sheehan's version. As with the supposed incident of the Air
>Force officer's alleged comment, "Go shit in your hat!" in
>answer to the question on Roswell, it seem that fact checking is
>not one of Cameron's strong suits, he would rather accept

>outright as fact anything that agrees with his particular world
>view. I don't find any apology to Richard Hall by Grant Cameron
>and any messages setting the record straight.

>The whole-hearted endorsement by the Disclosure Project of his
>latest essay on the UFOs and the Clinton administration will, of
>course, cause problems in Congressional hearings. (More on this
>later.)

>Some supporters of the Disclosure Project have stated the
>following, all of which are wrong:

>1) There have never been Congressional hearings on UFOs before.
>Starting in at least in 1956, there were hearings held on the
>subject. Two public hearings were held by the 1960s, one by the
>House Armed Services Committee and the other, the Rouse
>symposium was widely published including in a book by John
>Fuller.

>Even Bassett, supposedly ace lobbyist can't get it right: "The
>only Congressional hearings held previously were conducted in
>1968 by the House Science and Astronautics Committee (90th
>Congress, 2nd Session, Committee Print No. 7. "Symposium
>Unidentified Flying Objects.");" Not very good on fact checking
>are you, Steve?

The excerpt you show here is from a Disclosure Project press release, and, yes it is incorrect. It was republished as is by X-PPAC. In retrospect, had there been more time, I would have tried to get back to the DP and get that corrected. I am well aware of the 1966 hearing. When referring to the hearing process myself, I usually say "there have been no formal hearings in Congress on the UFO/ET issue since 1966/68." You referred to a formal hearing in 1956 and others. I would love to have a list of any formal hearings prior to 1966 with the title of the hearing and the committee. It would be useful, and if you have such a list handy, could you provide it? Thanks.

>2) "Greer is the only one doing something." No not at all true,
>a complete and total insult to Dick Hall who has worked on this
>aspect for decades. In fact, exactly who was it that came in and
>tried to pass off "The Best Available Evidence" as his? Greer
>only stopped when threaten by laywers. (No respect for other's
>property, but look at the copyright restrictions on the
>Disclosure Project. Highly restrictive!)

>"Well, old experienced ufologists are just jealous." Emphasis on
>the old. No, they have been through this before and have an idea
>how things work. They also are able, from bitter experience, to
>spot frauds and yarn-spinners which seems to be beyond the
>ability of those running the Disclosure Project.

>To nail down facts in cases takes time and money. Most of us,
>use our grocery money to try to get at the facts. I know that
>many of us work overtime so that we may take a few weeks out and
>go on the road and get corroboration of witnesses' statements -
>not just completely accepting any tall-tale that comes along.

>"Collecting newspaper clippings is fine, but Greer is doing real
>work." Sorry, if I gave the impression, all I do is collect
>clippings. We are working on a number of cases which are
>important to understanding UFO history, UFOs and the government,

>and the UFO phenomenon (a) and a lot of this involves time
>consuming and expensive efforts.

>Ignorance is strength for Disclosure Project supporters.

>Misrepresentations:

>1) One of the first misrepresentation was, of course, the misuse
>of the The Best Available Evidence by Greer.

>2) In the Connecticut MUFON newsletter several years ago was a
>story about how Robert Dean, Steven Greer and Richard Hall of
>FUFOR were working on a disclosure project. When I sent this to
>Dick Hall, he, of course, demanded a correction. Seems that this
>representation was not CT MUFON's at all, but rather just
>repeating what had been put out by the Disclosure Project
>associates.

>3) Now if you look at the some of the videos in the Disclosure
>Project, you will find that they were not done by Greer at el,
>but are indeed archived films or done by others.

>4) Senator Daniel Inouye is shown on the beginning of the
>Disclosure Video, his clip is just dropped in with all the UFO
>witnesses. Of course, he wasn't addressing anything to was
>remotely related to UFOs. A serious misrepresentation.

>5) Many on the Disclosure Project have former affiliation with
>institutions such as Stanford Research Institute, but have not
>current affiliation. Advertisements purchased on Google and in
>representations elsewhere refer to such affiliations, but what
>is not mentioned is that these are in the past tense.

>Outright NON-Disclosures.

>1) Number One on this list is welding on a Far-Left political
>agenda item concerning missile defense. Was there any hint of
>such a thing prior to the press conference? Probably, but you
>couldn't find any such a thing on the CSETI website. Now maybe
>Steven Bassett will tell you different, but since a majority of
>congress are for missile defense, it seems rather daffy to
>connect this to a UFO hearing. (Many in Congress are opposed to
>Bush's missile defense, but still want a missile defense.)

It's "Stephen" with a "ph," and I mention that only
because I am often confused with Greer and it helps to
make the distinction.....

It is X-PPAC's position that the matters of SDI, ABM and space
weaponization are very significant policy decisions which should
be vigorously debated in the open, and that key information with
potential impact on such debates, which would certainly include
the presence of extraterrestrials in earth air space, should not
be withheld from the Congress or the public. The principal focus
of X-PPAC has been and will continue to be the end to the
government embargo on the truth regarding an extraterrestrial
presence and the convening of open, comprehensive congressional
hearings to address government employee testimony. How other
organizations choose to address the numerous political questions
which are tangential to the UFO/ET issue, is of course, their
prerogative.

>2) Non-disclosure to the public and press at the Press
>Conference of the fact that Greer claims he can vector UFOs in
>for communication almost at will. (Now people are saying Greer
>did this in the past and all that was from his early days.
>Sorry, the CSETI site has now changed, such material was on
>there this year and well after the Disclosure Project Press
>Conference. Nice try to push this down a memory hole. (To harp
>on this once again, if you can vector in UFOs, they can be
>inspected by various instruments that would absolutely establish
>what they were. There would be no need for such a thing as a
>Disclosure Project, one could bring absolute proof to bear, not
>'witnesses' statements.)

>3) There was no Hunger Strike for Disclosure, it was Dieting for
>Disclosure. Trying to blame the UFO UpDates List for the failure
>of this fiasco is beyond belief.

>Now to Congressional Hearings and a little war story. Many,
>including, apparently the Disclosure Project, think that
>Congressmen and Senators are boobs. Maybe they are! But their
>staffs are not and are generally made up of highly competent and
>knowledgeable people.

>When I was stationed at Fort Sill one of my tasks was to write
>enlisted Skill Qualification Tests (SQT) for meteorology. I had
>finished my SQT early, it was checked and we had tried it out
>using meteorological crewmen assigned to Fort Sill. The tests
>were at the printers.

>SQTs had become an item of Congressional interest. One of the
>important questions was, "Were SQTs measuring soldiers'
>competence in their jobs?" The subcommittee concerned had
>thought not and wanted the Army to change the tests - now. The
>Army's interpretation of 'now' was the new tests could be phased
>in over a year or longer time frame. During a hearing on certain
>military subjects, the SQT issue was to be revisited, and among
>the briefers two captains, from Fort Sill, were sent to testify.
>Later, in a conference in the colonel's office, I heard the
>outcome as it specifically concerned me.

>The two captains were only some of the officials to give
>testimony on the SQT subject, but they were up early. They
>related how behind one congressman, there was this extremely
>beautiful woman and went into the details of her physical
>perfection. They couldn't keep their eyes off her, and they
>thought she must be some congressman's mistress. Also, seated
>next to her was a former Army captain. As the Fort Sill captains
>started their testimony, the woman and the former Army captain
>started producing documents from briefcases, writing notes to
>Congressmen and whispering in their ears.

>Many things the captains said were challenged, by the
>Congressmen who seemed to know more than the military men did
>about the SQT program. The captains remembered the icy stare
>from the woman researcher. The Army took some big hits that day,
>and the word went out that now meant now, not two years from
>now. I was ordered to get my tests from the printer and re-write
>them immediately in the new format.

>So if the members of the Disclosure Project think they can bring
>some of the clowns and yarn-spinners they have on their witness
>list to Congress and they will pass muster at a Congressional
>hearing, they have another think coming. The Disclosure Project,
>despite protests to the contrary, did little in vetting their

>"witnesses". There are some good ones like Salas, but these will
>be lost in the silliness of "38 levels above Top Secret," etc.

>Here is my own conspiracy theory on the Disclosure Project - it
>is not about disclosure at all. The purpose is to discredit the
>UFO phenomenon so badly that no serious person will ever
>consider it again. It is constructed so poorly that Congressmen
>and Senators will remember how silly some of the claims were
>and will never, ever, take up the subject again.

>Some of the people on the project are obviously good-hearted,
>some may have other motives, but many are obviously duped by
>people who think you can mix bad witnesses and good together and
>when the dust settles, the Truth will come out. Sorry, you
>better bring your best team, and they better be checked six ways
>from Thursday, or you will be the laughing stock.

>As I said before about people who seem to believe the most
>outlandish claims:

>"The people who want to believe this sort of thing will never
>check dates, or facts, or history, they will just believe any
>provocative thing placed in front of them. The hunger for this
>sort of thing is insatiable, that why there are hundreds of UFO
>conspiracy theories, most contradicting all the others. That
>doesn't seem to matter. What matters is they explain things in
>nice little neat packages."

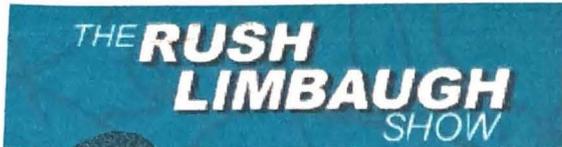
The Disclosure Project is a complex and significant political
initiative trying to impact congressional intransigence to
properly address the UFO/ET reality. X-PPAC supports this
effort. The DP is certainly not without flaws. It could be
improved.

X-PPAC and PRG fully support a working alliance between the "old
guard" ufologists with roots dating back even to the 1950s and
the newer activists and researchers. Such an alliance could be
powerful, but will require a serious effort to understand each
other's approach and viewpoint. Compromise will be necessary. It
always is. No one in this field has a monopoly on the truth or
is in sole possession of the answer to the political impasse.

If another significant political initiative emerges from an
organization or coalition to press for congressional hearings
and an end to the cover-up, X-PPAC and PRG will assist it as
well.

Also, X-PPAC supports the efforts of a number of activists. That
includes Grant Cameron. He has done some excellent work. If
there are flaws in that work, I believe Grant would welcome any
assistance offered in good faith to correct those mistakes.

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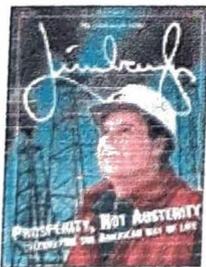
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Alien Energy

When I say the left is funny when they're out of power, I mean *political* power, but I also mean electrical power as well. Take Daniel Sheehan. This guy was one of the biggest apologists for the Sandinistas and currently heads the Gorbachev Foundation's Strategic Initiative to Identify the New Paradigm. But spinning for Communism isn't his chief passion. UFOs are.

Folks, back in 1976, he was a consultant to President Carter's Research Office on Extraterrestrial Intelligence - and he is still looking to the stars today. Recently, Sheehan held a press conference where a bunch of former federal employees accused the U.S. government of covering up evidence of alien life.

Sheehan told reporters he was shown photos of captured UFOs during the Carter administration, but then-CIA Director George Bush, would not release the evidence to the public. Why did Bush supposedly perpetrate this coverup? Because, alleged Sheehan, the liberals from Planet X wanted to solve the world's energy crisis with a powerful new fuel source. I'm not making this up.

So let me get this straight. The Bushes are at the heart of the vast right-wing conspiracy to keep the oil companies rich by hiding extra terrestrial solar panel or super-warm sweaters or whatever it is they showed Jimmy Carter.

You may be surprised to hear me say that Mr. Sheehan is half right. There is alien life - but we are not hiding it. We see Dick Gephart plain as day! No, there isn't a cover up of alien life, folks.

It's on plain view at the U.S. House of Representatives.

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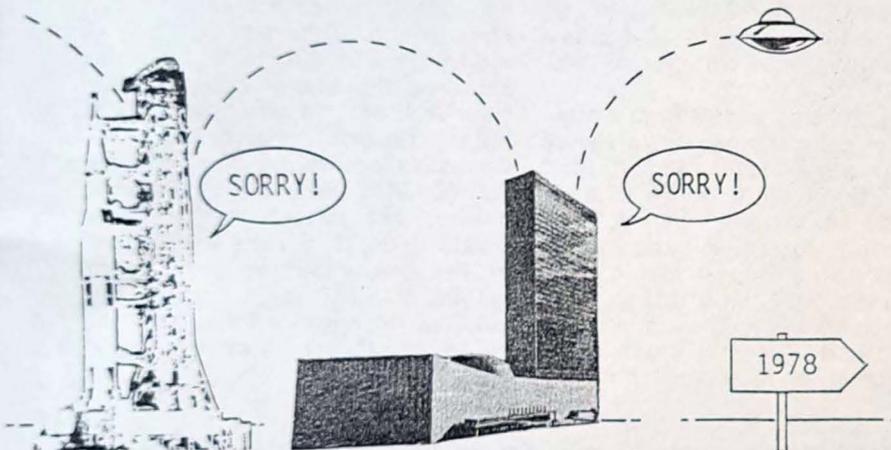
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A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON
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"There is no hope of advance in science without a paradox."—Niels Bohr

UFOs 1977—THE YEAR IN REVIEW



AN INSIDE LOOK AT GRENADA'S UFO
MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

TWO UFOS SELECTED FROM 51
U.S. CASES

Shortly after my last editorial was in press, NASA gave its answer to the Carter Administration—an answer clearly predicted—and for obvious reasons—in the editorial. The news media, however—including our own newspaper, written the very last thing before presstime, all emphasized the negative aspects of the answer: NASA had said NO! to Carter. And indeed they had, about undertaking a full scale project. Thus they upheld the principle of the political independence of science and scientists.

But NASA did not give a complete "No"—a very important crack in the door was left open. Actually, NASA said "the door was wide open to ..."

Wide open, no, but a shut door also no. Clearly, NASA does not think that there is any tangible evidence to test, and that therefore they need not be in any way involved. But conversations with NASA and other scientists demonstrate to me that these men have not overlooked the importance of the fact that NASA is on record as being willing to test tangible UFO evidence—the "effects of the tornado" as mentioned last time. They point out that the way is now open to such tests; it is now "legal" for a NASA scientist, for instance, to test soil samples, scorched vegetation, metal specimens, "angel hair" etc. In fact, one NASA scientist feels that he is on solid ground should he undertake such tests in his laboratory. And this is the interpretation given to the positive part of the NASA answer to Carter by several other scientists too. NASA undoubtedly will not assign special funds or laboratories to this, but already existing laboratories and staff cannot refuse to test bona fide specimens. The crux of the matter is, of course, what is bona fide evidence? (cont. on pg. 7)

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UFOs 1977: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 1977 will not go down in ufological history as a banner year for unusual or prolific UFO cases. Perhaps the highlight of the year was a brief flirtation between UFOs and politics on both a national (N.A.S.A.) and an international (United Nations) level. As we have seen, both endeavors basically came to naught.

Still, in IUR's first chronological year of monitoring UFO sightings in

the United States and abroad, it was a year that saw IUR investigations of 83 UFOs within the continental United States out of a total of 903 reports. Let's now take a look at the nature of these reports, and also, at some of the case and news highlights for the past year.

One note of caution: if you have tried adding up the numbers in the monthly statistics section, you will find that your numbers do not agree with those stated further on in this

article. The reason for this was the creation of the "Exclusion" category in the early months of 1977. This category was created to remove the evaluations of unavailable and unreliable witnesses, inconsistent and insufficient information, non-UFOs, and reluctant witnesses. It is statistically "unfair" to include these in IFO-UFO counts, and so, the monthly statistics have been adjusted in the following counts to account for this policy change.

THE STATISTICS

Of the 903 reports received by IUR through both the Center for UFO Studies police hot-line and the private reports of investigators and the witnesses themselves, 83 remained unidentified despite the results of as complete an investigation as could be devised. Most of these were nocturnal lights and daylight discs as can be seen from the table below. Surprisingly, there were no radar-visuals at all and only one close encounter of the second kind.*

How were these UFOs distributed in location across the country? The first figure shows the distribution by type over the various states. Curiously, the UFOs show a tendency to form a more random pattern across the states as opposed to the "band" customarily shown by IFO reports which extends from the Midwest to New England and reoccurs in California (see any IUR monthly statistic map).

Do the IUR UFOs show any seasonality? Figure 2 represents the percentage of unknowns plotted by month. It would seem from the large fluctuations that there are particular months that are favored with "genuine" UFO reports. The percentage of UFO reports seemed to vary widely around the mean 9.2% of UFOs but this is likely not to be particularly significant since we are only looking at one year's worth of data.

What about the IFOs? What other

It should be noted that because of the premium that IUR has placed on the examination of current cases, when reports were brought to our attention which had occurred beyond the current month of investigation, they were not included in the statistics unless the nature of the case was thought particularly valuable or provocative.

*The one radar-visual reported in Alaska is still under investigation.

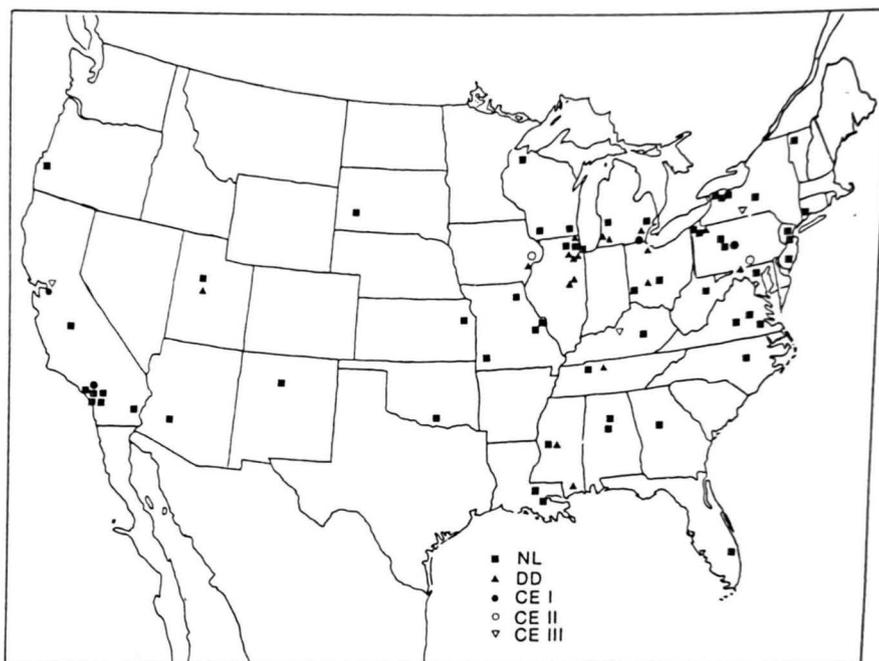


FIGURE 1—GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF UFO CASES BY TYPE

TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS BY CATEGORY

UFOs:	TOTAL—83
Nocturnal Lights	57
Daylight Discs	17
Radar-Visuals*	0
Close Encounter-1st Kind	5
Close Encounter-2nd Kind	1
Close Encounter-3rd Kind	3
IFOs:	TOTAL—781
Stars & Planets	240
Ad Planes	179
Aircraft	106
Meteors	84
Helicopters	37
Balloons	29
Satellites	20
Moon	15
Re-entries	14

Prank Balloons	11
Searchlights	7
Flares	6
Kites	5
Missile Launches	5
Ground Lights	4
Birds	4
Airborne residue	2
Reflection	2
Lightning, Contrail, Mirage, Cloud, Tower, Visual Disorder, Moondog, Test Cloud	1 each
EXCLUSIONS:	TOTAL—42
Non-UFO	12
Unreliable witness	13
Inconsistent testimony	9
Unavailable witness	4
Insufficient observation	3
Reluctant witness	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS:	903

UFO's 1977 = 9.2%

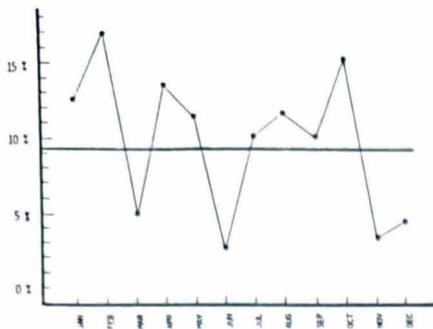


FIGURE 2—UFO PERCENTAGE BY MONTH

kinds of objects were sighted by witnesses and how did these vary over the year? The number of IFOs represented by each of the different categories is seen in Table 1. As in the Project Blue Book statistics (see IUR-Vol. 2, No. 1), the bulk of the IFO sightings were of stars and bright planets, 27% of the total, followed by ad planes and aircraft.

The total number of reports (both IFO and UFO) per month also closely resembled that of the Air Force Project. Figure 3 shows the same

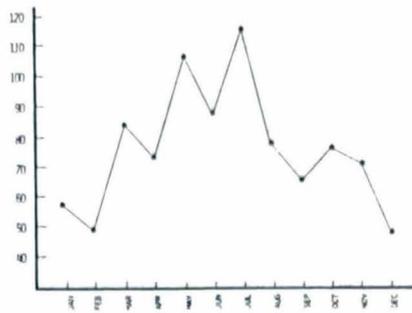


FIGURE 3—DISTRIBUTION OF ALL REPORTS (IFOs + UFOs)

summer peak, though perhaps IUR's reports peak a month sooner than the Air Force's.

Finally, let's look at the places from which the reports came. The final figure represents the most active reporting states. Bear in mind that this figure probably does not provide a "true" representation of reports. Instead, it is highly influenced by the location of the receiving end of the reports—namely the Center for UFO Studies. That is why Illinois possesses the



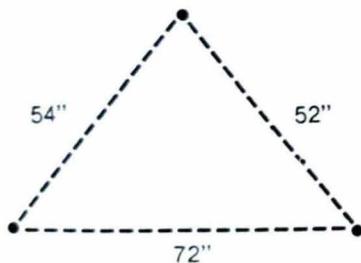
FIGURE 4- GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL REPORTS

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highest number of reports—though California is a reasonable second.† It is most likely that what is being shown here is simply the efficiency of the reporting network in these various states.

† e.g. Ground Saucer Watch, Inc.'s yearly statistics show a preponderance of reports in their home state of Arizona and virtually none in Illinois.

THE UFO CASE OF HIGH MERIT—



UNSCATHED TRIANGLE LEFT AT GATCHELLVILLE TRACE SITE

CASE 2-4-44: March 8, 1977, Gatchellville, PA. At 7:30 PM EST, eleven witnesses in six separate parties watched a red ball of fire the size of the full moon drift over their houses and fall to the ground leaving a large patch of burnt grass with an unscathed triangular area delineated by three holes at the vertices. The object was seen to be drifting for 2-5 minutes and appeared to be no more than a few hundred feet over the witnesses' houses. In the burned area, the soil was burned black to a depth of 3 inches; the holes at the vertices were 1 inch in diameter and 2¾ inches deep.

THE YEAR'S NEWS IN REVIEW

—June 24th marked the 30th anniversary of the beginning of "modern ufology". On that date, thirty years ago, private pilot Kenneth Arnold sighted nine disc-shaped objects in the state of Washington which were coined "flying saucers" by the press.

—A statement in the "Washington Whispers" segment of *U.S. News and World Report* which hinted at the release of hitherto restricted UFO information by the U.S. government, raised hopes for a while but was found to simply refer to a misunderstanding on the part of Jody Powell, the President's Press Secretary, who didn't realize that the Project Blue Book archives had already been released.

—UFOs made the floor of the United

Nations when Sir Eric Gairy, the Prime Minister of Grenada, proposed that the United Nations form a special committee for the study of UFOs and psychic phenomena. This resolution was eventually withdrawn and if there are further inquiries, the matter will be brought up at the 33rd General Assembly in September, 1978.

—N.A.S.A. undertook a feasibility study to determine whether or not it should enter the arena of active UFO research. After concluding that there was no "hard evidence" which could be analyzed and that they could develop no research framework to tackle the problem, the N.A.S.A. officials decided that there would be no official investigation, but if hard evidence should turn up, they would be most willing to look into the matter.

—The French government instituted an official study of the UFO phenomenon under the directorship of Dr. Claude Poher of C.N.E.S. This group (called G.E.P.A.N.) consists of members of most of the major French scientific organizations.

—Dr. Peter Sturrock of Stanford University released the results of a survey of the American Astronomical Society members on the subject of UFOs. 53% of the astronomers indicated that they thought that the UFO problem deserves study and about 5% described UFO sightings that they had personally made.

—An executive of Ground Saucer Watch, Inc., Harvey Brody, has brought suit against the C.I.A. in order to force the release of any UFO materials that this organization (cont. on next page)

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might have. Under the Freedom of Information Act, the C.I.A. can only withhold such information if it pertains to the national security.

—Strong evidence was brought to bear that the famous "UMMO" case, which involves alleged sightings over two decades and the entire world, is a hoax. Primary evidence of a hoax was derived from the discovery that the San Jose de Valderas photograph is that of a small model and not a large flying object.

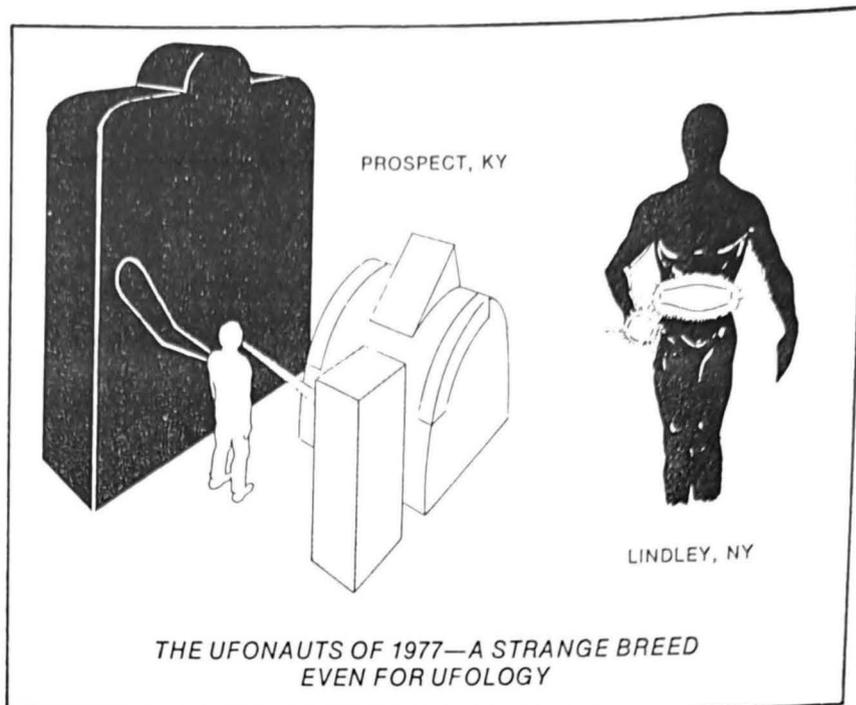
—The "First International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon" was held in Acapulco, Mexico and mostly served to point out the widely differing viewpoints of the principal workers within the field of ufology.

—The New Hampshire town of Wakefield was "invaded" by an object which supposedly fell through the ice into a pond and remained there, emitting radioactivity. After much media misinformation, the "object" was found to be simple shadows on the pond bottom as seen

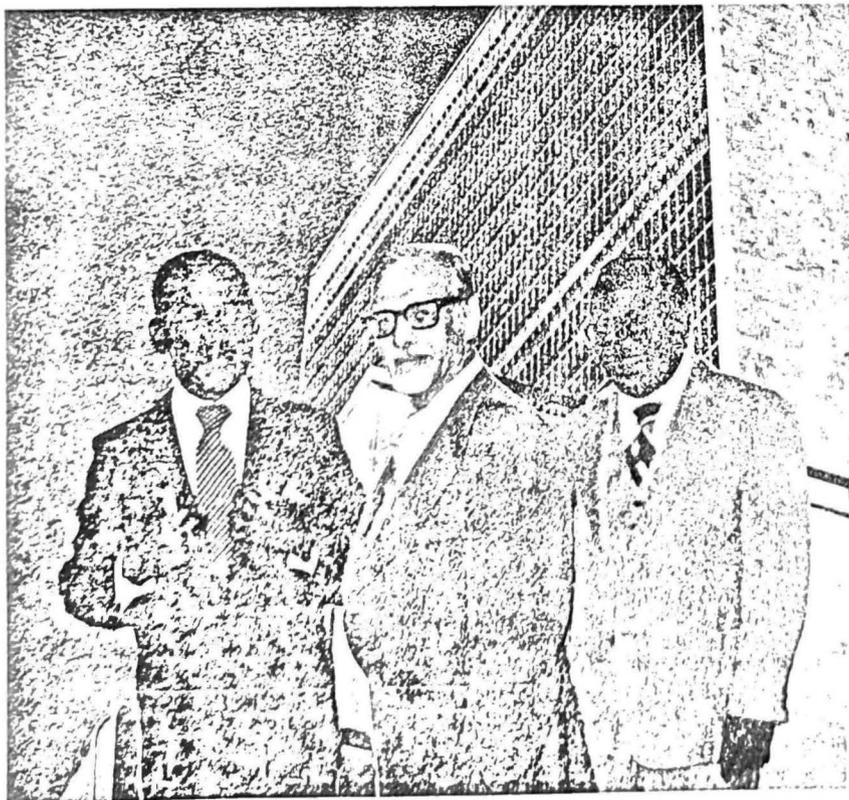
through the ice.

—The town of Chester, Illinois was "attacked" by space aliens and completely destroyed, according to OFFICIAL UFO magazine, generating

nationwide publicity. Chester is still alive and well, despite the new policy of OFFICIAL UFO to publish only fictional stories in its pages, disguised as truth.



INSIDE LOOK AT GRENADA'S UFO MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS



Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy, Len Stringfield, and Grenada Ambassador Dr. Wellington Friday—the principal characters in the United Nations UFO debates.

By Leonard H. Stringfield

Leonard Stringfield was director of CRIFO (Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects) from 1953 to 1957 and public relations director of NICAP from 1957 to 1970. He is in active contact with the major UFO research groups in the U.S. and is the author of *SITUATION RED. The UFO Siege* (Doubleday, 1977).

On November 14, 1977, I got word from Dr. Wellington Friday, Ambassador At Large for Grenada, that I was chosen to serve as his adviser at the United Nations where he was scheduled to propose the establishment of an agency within the United Nations framework to study UFOs.

As I now look back on my five days spent in New York with Grenada's Prime Minister and his delegation, and being witness to their dramatic efforts at the UN, I must hasten to say that my experience in playing a part in the affairs was rewarding. I certainly had the satisfaction of getting a good inside glimpse of diplomatic maneuvers, especially on an issue so sensitive as that of UFOs!

The man behind Grenada's UFO inquiry was Prime Minister Eric Gairy. Gairy admitting he witnessed a UFO and knowing of other UFO case encounters on his island, he addressed the UN's 32nd General Assembly October 1977 requesting that the UFO question be placed on the agenda for serious review and that steps be taken to establish an agency for "... coordinating and disseminating the results of its research."

It was prior to Gairy's October address that I first became involved as adviser. Following a meeting in New York on September 12, 1977, when the Grenada's Ambassador to the United States, Franklin Dollard, at his mission's office, was introduced to Dr. Friday. During a private meeting later at my home, Friday asked if I would submit a paper to him describing the objectives for serious UFO research. I promptly responded with a 4-page guideline which I later learned was used as the theme in the Prime Minister's address.

Shortly after my arrival in New York, got into action. Dr. Friday gave me a rough draft of his address for review and editing. Working far into the night and rising early Monday to resume, I had sharply edited the 45-page text. Parts were deleted, parts added, and statements factually corrected or mathematically rephrased. Friday, however, had done his homework well. He had searched UN files, exhuming old data from the 1950's when the late Secretary General U-Thant had expressed his interest in the worldwide UFO problem. He had also uncovered many records showing that Major General Von Klenowsky of WUFIOP had pressed the UN in 1966 to act on the UFO question.

On November 28th, the day when Dr. Friday was scheduled to make his address at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly, the phone in his room jangled all morning. One call stood out above the others, and occurred while Ambassador Dollard and I were rushing some last minute copy changes which were to be delivered to his mission office for filing. It came from Coast Guard Commander John Feigle, a member of the U.S.

delegation. In a polite manner he at first offered United States' naval support of Grenada's UFO study at the UN, but thought the text of Friday's address was unknown to him. Then Feigle inquired about Grenada's objectives which came from Friday only a rhetorical response. Feigle then stated the U.S. position was based on the Western Region. Friday, indicating some sympathy towards Grenada, but he was aware of the United States' fear of alienation of new UFO case since the agency release in 1976 which made a Central Region inquiry and that promised to call back in a matter of minutes. Feigle and I discussed and formulated Grenada's outline. We had hoped for U.S. support but hopes were fading. Our decision, stand firm.

Dr. Friday's four-page preamble, following the Prime Minister's opening statement, was in my opinion, a moment for history. Strong with the Grenada staff, matched the reaction of delegates representing certain countries which I knew beforehand would be mentioned as having a part in UFO affairs. Notably, only the Communist Chinese delegate broke during the talk, and smiling indignantly, strode out of the assembly.

The U.S., as expected, requested time for rebuttal, but an orange of debate was cut short as the delegates from Cuba had asked for adjournment to allow time to review Friday's text. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 30. Disappointingly, I had no opportunity to open my critique when I had stored UFO data to offer Dr. Friday if needed in the debate.

The next two days, November 29 and 30 were focused on extensive work on the draft resolution which was scheduled for presentation at the General Assembly at 3 p.m. of November 30. The U.S. delegation was active on both days. Calls came from delegates, Commander Feigle and John Krindler. After consulting the White House, they said they could "sympathize" with Grenada's efforts but could not support the existing draft resolution. Several items were too demanding, such as the lines italicized from the text as follows: "(1) Requests the Secretary-

General to conduct the search and serious studies on this item and to undertake for consideration by the UN Commission on the General Assembly, a survey of the UFO phenomenon which should include:

"The results of studies and such governmental and other data pertinent to this item as may be provided from records of representative governments, the Commission of the Research Case of Outer Space;

On Wednesday, November 30 the U.S. delegates, might not have taken an appointment with Gairy for a discussion of the draft resolution. In course of discussion, the meeting was concluded before noon.

In essence, the closed-door session was triggered by a maneuver by the U.S. UN delegation, making me with the U.S. team they had planned that the establishment of a UFO agency in the UN on the basis proposed by Grenada would be prohibitive in nature or cost and time. The U.S. delegates and reiterated that the draft of the draft resolution was too demanding. Once again, the objection was returned to a more moderate posture; however, the debate points remained intact.

The day, more a had before departure from New York, December 1st, was that the U.S. was in a "cooperative" mood of the draft resolution, probably knowing that Gairy had for more sophisticated maneuvers the final wording of the document would hopefully be revised more to his liking.

On December 7th, the draft resolution (with few changes) was stated until next year's General Assembly to be considered in September 1978. This would allow the delegates of member nations to consult with their home governments for an evaluation of their own UFO status quo.

The United States got off the limb at the UN without embarrassment. Perhaps, the U.S. was hoping that by the time a crucial vote would come up in September, 1978, that Prime Minister Gairy's views might change on the UFO problem. After all, President Carter had gifted him, during a diplomatic exchange in September 1977, with a copy of the Condon report...

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The International UFO Reporter and the Center for UFO Studies will assist investigators in bringing good evidence to the attention of NASA and in calling for appropriate tests. The NASA "crack in the door" should now make it less objectionable for

other government laboratories to consider such tests openly; heretofore few such tests were made, but always "under the table", sandwiched in between the regular tasks of the laboratory.

So, NASA's answer may after all

be a step forward. Is all "angel hair" merely spider webs? To what temperature was the soil at a "landing site" heated? Does the chemical composition of a soil sample at such a site differ from that of a control sample? We'd really like to know!

PROFILE: DECEMBER, 1977



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Meteors	12
Aircraft	12
Stars and Planets	10
Ad Planes	5
Moon	3
Helicopter	1
Lightning	1

EXCLUSIONS

Unreliable Witness	2
Inconsistent Testimony	1

UFOs

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Total Number of Reports	49
Average per Day	1.5
Peak activity (4 cases)	12/2

Total Number of UFOs	2
Total Number of IFOs	46
UFOs: 4.2% IFOs: 95.8%	

UFOs include 3-1-30 and 3-1-40. Verifications and complete details of these cases are on file and available

on request to our readers.

Clearly, the number of cases dropped off severely during this month, as did the number of unknowns. This is in contrast to

December, 1976 wherein despite the drop in the total number of cases, the percentage of UFOs still remained at the mean value of 9%, not the case this month.

COMMENTARY

THE GREAT 1978 UFO FLAP THAT FLOPPED . . . SO FAR BY Allan Hendry

Premise: 1978 will see the next great UFO flap, artificially stimulated by the Columbia Pictures release, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

Who thinks so?

Phillip J. Klass made the prediction months ago. Richard Haines wanted UFO investigators to arm themselves with foresight before the deluge struck; a list of precautions was prepared by him, one of which called for the monitoring of local movie theatre attendance. The Northwestern University Sociology Department had planned to perform a formal study, stopping only when cooperation with Columbia proved impractical.

Now it's widely assumed by the press that the flap is on, as judged by the number of calls I get from journalists all over the country. Typical of these was a reporter from Philadelphia Inquirer, who sounded as if her article was already half-written and all she needed were some

exact figures to show the *magnitude* of the increase in current sightings. That would explain why she got so exasperated when I told her there was *no* increase. None at all. In fact, the usual December-January seasonal low for total reports (well-known to IUR followers) was completely in effect! IUR is receiving about half the number of new reports it would normally be privy to in July-August.

Granted, it might be premature to judge the outcome of social reaction to the movie at this early date, but the newspapers are already trying to push it; thus, this early commentary. Furthermore, the public already has its "big chance," since Columbia distributed a quarter of a million brochures containing a UFO report form addressed back to the Center for UFO Studies, *postage-paid*. We're receiving a lot of these daily now, but the majority are of old cases (as Dr. Hynek predicted). There are even more "practical joke" responses than current sightings! The nature of all of these is far from exotic; candidates for Nocturnal Light status are the rule.

Now don't misunderstand . . . the

total mail delivery to the Center/IUR has jumped dramatically to an average of 300 letters a day, or so. Mostly, though, these reflect a new interest in UFOs due to the movie or its publicity. In addition, there are witnesses I talk to on the phone who see fit to tell me that they have seen "CE III", but that it didn't influence them on their current sightings. Judging by the simple IFO nature of these claims, I can believe it . . . **no abductions, no appliances going haywire, no missing Avengers showing up in the backyard, etc.**

Anticipation that "media attention to UFOs equals more UFO sightings" is a concept that will probably linger on, despite the failure of Edward Ruppelt (1956) to locate any such relationship statistically, or more recently, Joseph Blake's demonstration that annual numbers of UFO articles (in the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*) do not fluctuate logically with annual numbers of UFO reports collected by the Air Force. While it may be too early to judge, the relationship between the movie "Close Encounters" and UFO reports for 1978 may well go the same way: statistically insignificant!

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12:23 p.m. FRIDAY

TIME		PHONE P-Placed R-Rec'd	ACTIVITY
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12:23	1:22		The President had lunch with: William B. Lynch, partner with Lynch, Victory, and Young, telecommunications, procurement, and management consultants, San Francisco, California Anne Russell, fiancée
1:25	1:26	R	The President talked with his Assistant for Domestic Affairs and Policy. Stuart E. Eizenstat.
1:30	1:33		The President participated in a photo opportunity with Prime Minister of the State of Grenada Eric M. Gairy. Members of the press
1:33			The President escorted Prime Minister Gairy to the Cabinet Room.
1:33	2:10		The President participated in a meeting with U.S. and Grenada officials. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "C."</u>
2:10			The President escorted Prime Minister Gairy to his motorcade on the South Grounds. The President bade farewell to Prime Minister Gairy. Members of the press The President participated in a question and answer session with members of the press
2:15			The President returned to his private office. He was accompanied by his Assistant, Hamilton Jordan.
2:15	2:20		The President met with Mr. Jordan.
2:24	2:26	P	The President talked with Attorney General Griffin B. Bell.
2:27	2:30		The President met with Mr. Jordan.
2:30			The President and Mr. Jordan went to the Roosevelt Room.
2:30	2:35		The President participated in a swearing-in ceremony for Rodney O. Kennedy-Minott to be Ambassador of the U.S. to Sweden. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "D."</u>
2:35			The President returned to his private office.

APPENDIX "C"

Attendance confirmed by Robert
Pastor, NSC. All present.

MEETING WITH U.S. AND GRENADA OFFICIALS

The Cabinet Room
September 9, 1977

The President

Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of State

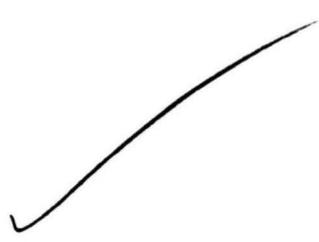
Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant for National Security Affairs

Terence A. Todman, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs

Frank V. Ortiz, Jr., Ambassador of the U.S. to the State of Grenada

Robert A. Pastor, Staff Member, National Security Council

Eric M. Gairy, Prime Minister of the State of Grenada



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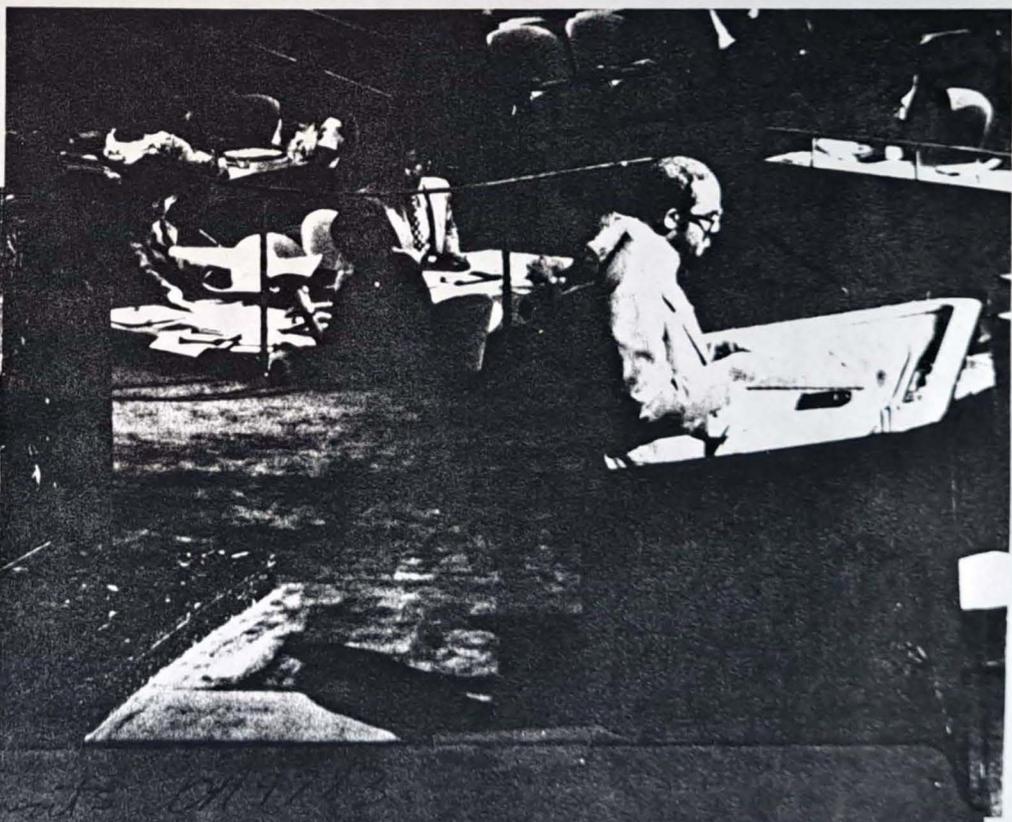
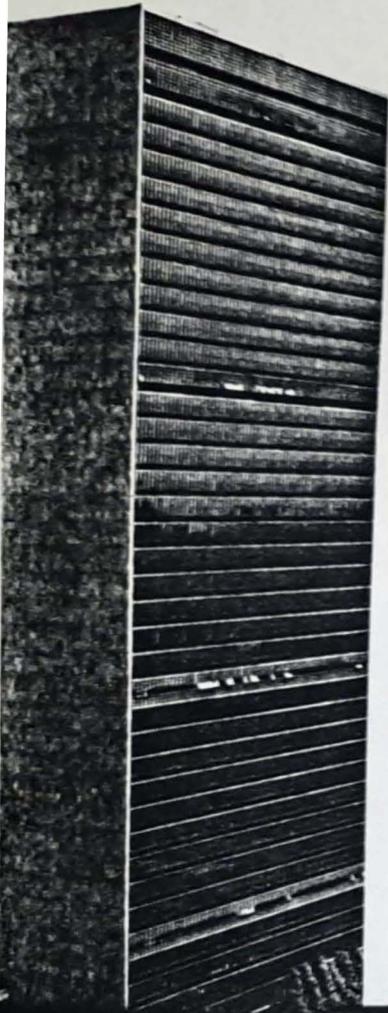
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His Excellency Sir Eric Matthew Gairy
Prime Minister of Grenada
addresses the

Thirty-First Session
of the
General Assembly
of the United Nations
on October 7, 1976



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industrialized and poorer countries have not undergone any significant change; and in recognising that sumptuous sums are being spent on the development and production of military weapons and other destructive equipment much to the aggravation of these and other world problems; we therefore feel very strongly that this session must essentially aim at greater and more significant and effective results. So often have we been justly accused of talking too much, and so too have we failed to implement important decisions taken and to convert the feeling of the general assembly into positive action.

At this juncture, Mr. President, I feel that it is incumbent upon me to say that His Excellency the illustrious Prime Minister of Luxemburg, who served as President of the last General Assembly, has brilliantly provided the necessary leadership to this organization particularly during the various crises of the past year, and we wish to place on record our admiration and gratitude for his very distinguished services.

Mr. President, we the people and Government of Grenada wish to express our sincerest appreciation to our distinguished and beloved Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, whose untiring efforts, complete dedication, and extraordinary diplomatic skill, have been of immeasurable benefit not only to member governments in the United Nations but even to many nations not yet within the ambit of our organization. His leadership has contributed greatly to the furtherance of the ideals and purposes of this world body in the preservation of peace and in promoting the freedom, the welfare and progress of all peoples. I think I am voicing the opinion of all who have come in contact with Dr. Waldheim in stating that there are few people in the world with such a distinguished background and with such eminence who remain friendly, so affable, and so very modest in his dealings with other people.

Mr. President, the United Nations Declaration in 1960 on the granting of independence to colonial territories and peoples and the pressures of the United Nations itself and individual members of this body seem to be bearing fruit, and independence of the Seychelles is indeed another forward step in the history of the United Nations Organization and those who have fought to establish the principle and the declaration of decolonization. In this context, it is with a deep feeling of camaraderie that we join in welcoming the Seychelles as a fully fledged member of this organization. Those of us who have travelled the same path from the colonial servitude to freedom and self-determination, and, subsequently, have attained membership in the United Nations organization look with pleasurable expectations to this new member making a contribution to the yet continuing struggle to bring freedom and self-determination to the remaining peoples and territories still under colonial bondage. We reaffirm, without any reservations whatever, our unswerving support for the principle of full membership within the United Nations for all countries and, so, it is with respect and with humility that I appeal to all concerned to uphold that principle when the issues involving the peoples of the Unified Republic of Vietnam and that of Korea shall again be presented. In fact I feel very strongly that the United Nations is under the obligation to initiate the necessary and positive action to bring these countries into this family of nations as soon as possible.

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Mr. President, we wish to express our condolences to the peoples' Republic of China on the loss of their illustrious leader.

In my last address to the 30th session of the General Assembly, I referred to the Bermuda Triangle as but one example of the phenomena that continue to baffle man and I appealed to the United Nations to establish a department or an agency devoted to psychic research. It is with humility that I state that this subject evoked considerable interest. But regrettably, no positive action has yet been taken. However, Mr. President, I am confident that the idea has not died, and that some positive action will emanate from this world body which, I am sure, will get the full support and cooperation of universities and scientific institutions, which are in a smaller measure conducting some research and experiments in the area of psychic knowledge. I feel that it is obligatory on this world organization to give impetus and direction to those already involved in that particular field and to take positive steps in coordinating these efforts. We believe that the importance of psychic research lies not only in the purely scientific point of view, for in this area of human knowledge lie some of the answers to problems that have confronted mankind since time immemorial.

In the same way that this planet is the accepted inheritance of all humanity, knowledge is also to be shared for the benefit of all mankind, and, in this light, one wonders why the existence of UFO's, or flying saucers as they are sometimes called, continues to remain a secret to those in whose archives repose useful information and other data. While we appreciate that some countries consider this to be in the interest of military expedience I now urge that a different view be taken because it is my firm conviction that the world is ready, willing and ripe enough to accept these phenomena in relation to man and his existence on the earth planet and in relation to the earth planet and life in outer space.

Mr. President, I am submitting, with respect, that it is most urgent and vitally important for the world to take a new look at the concept of human rights. It is my strong feeling that those who propounded the principles of the rights of humanity culminating in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 must necessarily have had completely different ideas to those that seem to prevail in some quarters when one speaks of human rights today. Mr. President, let me say here and now that human rights must not, and I repeat not, be interpreted as a one way street to evil individuals and small subversive groups whose aim and objectives are mainly and simply to disrupt the peace and harmony of society in their attempt to overthrow governments and establishments. In their acts of violence, terrorism, vandalism, kidnapping, arson and other criminal acts and threats to the security of society there is always a conspicuously loud silence among individuals and organizations who spontaneously present themselves as advocates and representatives to all such terrorists, criminals, vandals and kidnapers when they come face to face with the law. These individuals and organizations, perhaps too many to mention, seem always to offer themselves as a counsel of solace thereby abetting the activities of such offenders and giving them and others of their kind encouragement to commit similar crimes. When a

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our necessary commodities and selling our primary products, thus controlling, in fact, all aspects of our lives. The Governors, Administrators, Chiefs of Police and other high ranking Civil Servants were superimposed on us and paid from our local revenue. Today even though there are agreements for token assistance, the powers have embarked upon a new strategy of "delaying tactics", creating obstacles in the path of our development programme with exquisite diplomatic skill, excuses and apologies.

There is also a milder form of economic aggression practised by some of the more affluent countries making definite commitment to give economic and other forms of cooperation to those countries in dire need. In most cases the commitments for those economic and other forms of co-operation have never been honoured, and in some cases only insignificant tokens have been given. Mr. President, the damages done to the small developing nations of the third world under these circumstances by these aggressive acts of economic cruelty are causing incalculable hardship, and obviously tend to foster frustration and bitterness against these affluent nations. It is bad enough not to offer bilateral assistance in special cases and circumstances, but it is far worse to make a commitment and not honour it.

Mr. President, please allow me to crave your indulgence by attempting to summarise the salient points of my contribution to the general debate to this 31st session. My first humble submission has been to repeat the call for the establishment of a department or agency devoted to psychic research. My second has been to ask the powers concerned to share with other governments and peoples of our planet their information and other data on UFOs. My third has been the presentation of my concept of human rights. In my fourth submission I asked for less talk and more action on women's rights. My fifth was our submission on the preservation on the human environment. My sixth has been Grenada's thought on economic aggression as waged by imperialistic powers and the dishonouring of commitments made by some of the more affluent countries to smaller developing ones; and finally Mr. President, in my seventh submission, I am proposing that the time is ripe and the peoples of the world are ready and are willing to discuss the concept, the recognition, the acknowledgement and the acceptance of a Universal God — the same Universal God we call Allah, Yaweh, Jehovah, Jah, Krishna, Shinto, Bochica or any other name.

I am not unaware however, of the fact that this subject may offer some degree of controversy. I speak without fear of challenge that there is no subject throughout this planet that is of greater significance or greater importance or greater urgency than this subject and I call upon the leaders of the world, — Political, Philosophical, Mystical Leaders, Spiritual Leaders, Doctrinal, Theological and Religious Leaders to consider its importance, its significance and its urgency. Leaders are sometimes inclined to setting aside subjects that are heavy and/or controversial for divers reasons. We accept inheritance of this planet as our natural habitat. I accept the fact that the world is divided into two main factions — those of us who accept and express the philosophy of a supreme being, universal in scope; the other faction being those who express the nonexistence of any supreme being. Nevertheless, I say here and now with firm and irrevocable conviction that every rational being, every human being accepts, perhaps in varying degrees, within his inner consciousness the existence of a power greater than man. The differences are in concept and nothing else and I repeat, Mr.

President, there is absolutely no difference within man's consciousness except that of concept.

There are many philosophies and doctrines from which have emanated numberless religions, but even within any particular doctrine, and to go further down, within any particular religion, and in many cases to go even further down within many homes supporting the same religion, there are differences in the concept of the supreme being. It is not my role here today to suggest that any Doctrinal, Religious, Mystical, Spiritual, or any other groups for that matter should accept my concept. I am simply and humbly submitting with respect that the time has long been ripe for leaders to consider this subject, unparalleled in importance and incomparable in scope, to get together with open minds and hearts in friendly discussions.

Mr. President, while it is not my intention to try to superimpose my concept of God in the general assembly, I am sure that it will not hurt if I further crave your indulgence to state in brief that man has established limitations to the concept of the universal being in all forms and fashions. Some have given him shapes and sizes, some have given him nationalities and colours in the same way that man has established time and its limitations and expansions, in the same manner that man has established an undue importance and somewhat superiority of the body of man over himself not realising, or perhaps forgetting that man's body is simply the habitat, the cloak or the vehicle within which man actually dwells. God has no shape, God has no size, God has no colour, no age, no nationality. I am sure that those who have had the experience of full consciousness outside that mundane habitat and those who have had perhaps a split second of ecstatic experience in the world of reality (for our planet is simply a world of illusion) whether by accident, prayers or meditation would have no hesitation in accepting the fact that God has absolutely no limitations for He is ever present, all seeing, all knowing, all wise, all powerful, all penetrating and ever loving in nature. God permeates pervades and occupies all things and all space in the universe. God Himself is that universal order that holds and binds all things together, He is the Source of All Existence and the Center of all creation, He is the Source and Center of all things — He is the Source and Center of All Light, of All Life, of All Love, of All Energy, of All Spirit, of All Minds and All Intelligence.

Do the astronauts, when they are in outer space or when they traverse the surface of the Moon feel themselves outside the precincts of the God we worship on earth? The God we worship is certainly the God that is present in outer space, on the Moon and all other planets for He is God of Universes, the God of Galaxies of Worlds and yet that God is also present in the minutest entity conceivable by the human mind. In other words, God is everywhere, He is within and without, around and above us in us and around us — God is now filling this room with his loving presence. Man has made great advances in science and technology and so man can construct a building or a room that is completely light-proof, completely sound-proof, completely magnetism-proof, and even by proper insulation, completely electricity-proof, but man cannot make anything that is God-Proof for God is everywhere.

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(General) San Yu will not necessarily be removed, but they say, and informed diplomats agree, that if he had harbored hopes of rising above the No. 3 position, the President wants him to forget them.

The only announced facts in this country, which is almost as secretive internally as it is toward the world, are that two ministers were dismissed in August. According to reliable sources, whose information could not be confirmed, the officials, Finance and Planning Minister Than Sein and Transport Minister Tun Lin, have also been detained.

In addition to the two ministers, the party purge has affected two other members of the 13-man Central Executive Committee, according to a reliable source. The committee is the Burmese equivalent of the Politburo in a party organized along European Communist lines. The two purged members are Tin Win Nyo and San Shein.

Also three members of the party's four-man secretariat were reported to have been ousted. They are Khin Muang Mya, Col. See Thein and Tin Aye Kyaw.

All those removed were said to be under

the conclusion among students of the politics of President Ne Win's Burma is that the fundamental objective is to reduce the importance of all possible centers of power except the President.

A Competent Official

The removal of Finance Minister U Lwin last March greatly disappointed those who had hoped for economic and consequent political liberalization in a country where nearly everything is nationalized, and an open black market meets the needs that nationalization cannot fulfill. According to diplomatic estimates, two-thirds of the official foreign trade is carried out in illegal imports and exports, and three-quarters of Burma's total internal commerce is outside official channels.

U Lwin was considered by foreign governments and international lending organizations to be an anomaly in the military-dominated government; a trained and competent official in a key post. His ouster nearly caused the World Bank to postpone indefinitely the meeting scheduled for December of the seven-nation consultative group discussing foreign aid for Burma.

U.N. Hears Call to Debate U.F.O.'s

By KATHLEEN TELTSCH

Special to The New York Times

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 7—Grenada's Prime Minister picked a drowsy Friday afternoon to share a personal revelation with fellow diplomats.

"I have myself seen an unidentified flying object, and I have been overwhelmed by what I have seen," Sir Eric M. Geary told the General Assembly today, explaining why he had asked that it discuss "U.F.O.'s and related phenomena."

The announcement did not exactly stun the delegates—possibly because when he has come here over the last few years, Sir Eric has talked about psychic research and the strange disappearances of ships venturing into the waters of the "Bermuda triangle" not too far from his own island.

In the half-empty Assembly Hall, the atmosphere was one of somnolence. One West European was seen "doing his telegrams" for dispatch before the weekend. A clutch of Arab diplomats arrived late and greeted each other in customary Middle East fashion with hugs and kisses.

The Prime Minister promised that in spite of his own experiences, he would keep an open mind, taking no "categoric

theoretical stand on the question of U.F.O.'s."

Although he really would like to see the United Nations set up an agency to monitor U.F.O.'s, he said he was prepared to begin modestly with a small committee to make a study.

The Prime Minister, in asking for a debate, had said he was convinced that U.F.O.'s were space vehicles used by "highly intelligent aliens of extraterrestrial origin."

The press, he said was "agog with interest," adding that there was burning interest in whether he had raised the U.F.O. topic when he spent 45 minutes with President Carter last month in Washington.

The minister, an elegant figure in a pearl gray lounge suit, was reluctant after his address to elaborate either on the circumstances of his personal sighting of a U.F.O. or the meeting with Mr. Carter. He might get around to talking about his U.F.O. experience later, he said.

As for the meeting with Mr. Carter, an American official said tonight that the topic had been raised by Sir Eric. What was not known was how the President had responded.

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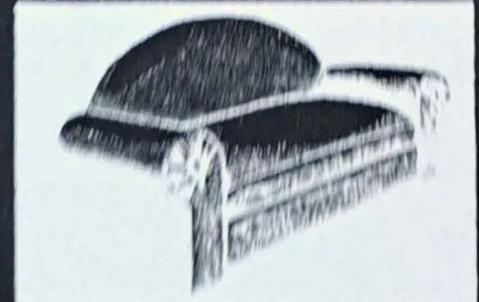
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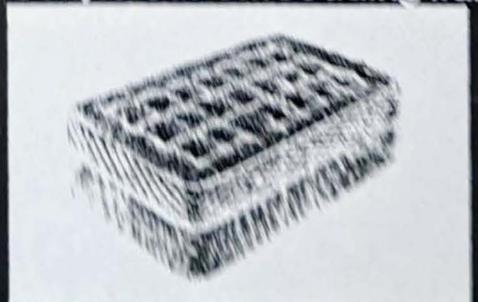


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All three women disputed that they were engaging in "political activity."

"We have never carried out political activity inside Chile or outside," said Mrs. Ortiz, whose husband disappeared three years ago. "All we want to do is to obtain answers from the Chilean Government."

Mrs. González, whose husband, two sons and a pregnant daughter-in-law were arrested, said that their journey abroad was necessary because the Pinochet regime had balked at providing information about her relatives.

Mrs. Bravo, whose husband was arrested two years ago, said that the three shared a concern that if they signed the statement demanded by the Chilean Government they would be forever forced to keep silent in Chile and their hopes of finding their relatives would be ended.

U.N. Urged to Set Up An Agency for U.F.O.

Special to The New York Times

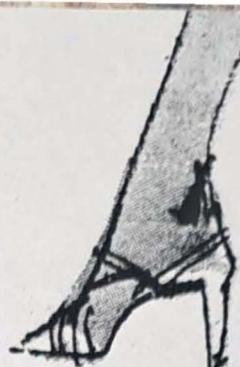
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 28—The United Nations was urged today to establish an agency to study unidentified flying objects.

The suggestion was made by Wellington Friday, a delegate from Grenada, who spoke before the General Assembly's Special Political Committee as it started a debate on U.F.O.'s and how the United Nations could contribute to research on the subject. Grenada's Prime Minister, Sir Eric M. Gairy, has for many years asked the United Nations to establish a department for U.F.O.'s.

Mr. Friday said the agency should study physical sightings of alien objects, contact with such objects and physical exchanges with alien creatures occupying U.F.O.'s.

Delegates in the conference room seemed subdued as Mr. Friday spoke. There was agreement that they needed time to prepare for a debate on the issue later this week.

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By MARCO ROSENWASSER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK AP — Leaders of other emerging nations may limit themselves to down-to-earth activities. But not Sir Eric Gairy of Grenada.

For the second time in two years, Gairy is campaigning to get the United Nations to set up an agency to collate, coordinate and corroborate information, about unidentified flying objects. The prime minister of the tiny West Indies nation says he has seen two UFOs in the last three years, the second time earlier this year from a hotel room in Grenada. And he predicts: The time is going to come . . . when everybody on Earth will have to pay attention to the UFO phenomenon.

The prime minister's vision is as grand as his nation is humble. The island nation of 100,000 people has a 20 percent unemployment rate and is beginning a major industrialization program four years after gaining its independence from Great Britain.

But Gairy, who says he is 'more mystic than politician,' refuses to confine himself to global boundaries.

In 1977, Gairy succeeded in getting UFOs on the General Assembly's agenda. The result was an agreement that any country with information or ideas on the subject could send them to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

However, in the year since Waldheim has made no public mention of cooperation from member nations. And Gairy was back at the United Nations earlier this week to make his case again.

'We've passed the stage now whether or not these things exist. I think it is accepted that these things do exist,' Gairy said at a news conference Saturday.

'I think we now want to know the nature, the origin and the intent of these saucers. Some people think they have come to do good. Some think they have come to dominate human beings.'

Gairy takes the more benign view. He cited reports that aircraft from unspecified countries have been put out of commission, but not destroyed, after attacking

'saucers.'

That, he said, 'confirms my thought on their positive intent. I believe they are coming here to help mankind because man is so self-destructive. . . . It would be very conceded for man to think that he is the most intelligent of God's creatures.'

All he has to do now is convince leaders of 149 other U.N. nations.

program, encouraged by the United States, was blocked by the far right. The death squads continued unchecked and through their brutality may have created more implacable revolutionaries than they killed. Then, on March 24, 1980, the Archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was murdered while celebrating mass in his cathedral. Death was the price he paid for daring to speak out against the government and the right. He was one of an estimated nine thousand to die in political violence during 1980 at the hands of both the right and the left.³⁸

By 1980, El Salvador had become the most difficult issue in U.S. relations with Latin America. But in the year of Afghanistan, the captivity of the hostages in Iran, and President Carter's battle for reelection, that said little about El Salvador's priority in foreign policy as a whole. The President, the Secretary of State, and the National Security Adviser had no time for El Salvador. (Neither Vance nor Brzezinski deal with El Salvador in their memoirs.) The United States muddled along—extending aid with each sign of hope and restricting it in response to new atrocities. Within the State Department, the human-rights advocates struggled, and seemed to be losing, with those who put first emphasis on suppressing terrorism. One idea considered by the latter group was to provide training for the Salvadoran army in "clean counter-insurgency," in preference to the dirty, uncontrolled terror of the right-wing death squads.³⁹

The murder in December 1980 of four American Catholic missionaries, three nuns and a lay woman worker, by Salvadoran soldiers demanded high-level attention. President Carter suspended military aid once again and sent a special mission headed by William D. Rogers, former Under Secretary of State in the Ford Administration, to investigate and report. The junta promised it would spare no effort to find the murderers and bring them to justice. But, on returning to Washington after a three-day visit, the Rogers mission told President Carter that they had heard "hand grenades and automatic rifles going off all during the night as people were killed. They don't have anybody in the jails; they're

all dead. It's their accepted way of enforcing the so-called law."⁴⁰ In January 1981, two American advisers to the ill-fated land-reform program and a Salvadoran official were murdered by a death squad while they drank coffee in a San Salvador hotel—and the Carter Administration resumed sending military aid to the government. After that, the situation was in the hands of the Reagan Administration.

GROWLING AT GRENADA

Nearly two thousand miles to the east of El Salvador, on the Atlantic frontier of the Caribbean sea, lies the small island nation of Grenada. There, on March 13, 1979, the government of a corrupt and idiosyncratic leader was overthrown by a popular leftist leader who turned to Castro's Cuba for help. Although the country was too small to command much awareness from senior American officials, the new government became the target of growling displeasure from Washington. The episode illustrated the Carter Administration's difficulty in Central America and the Caribbean in refraining from intervention and at the same time blocking Cuban influence. The episode also gained obvious after-the-fact importance as background to the Reagan Administration's military takeover of the island in 1983.

From 1951 until 1979, the dominant political figure in the British colony and (after 1974) independent nation of Grenada was Sir Eric Gairy, a corrupt dictator with a bizarre obsession with unidentified flying objects, a subject which he believed should be taken seriously by the United Nations. Gairy, who admired the strong-arm regime of General Augusto Pinochet in Chile, used intimidation and death to keep the opposition under control. But in 1979, while he was out of the country, he was ousted by Maurice Bishop, the eloquent and popular leader of the New Jewell Movement, a left-wing group. Grenadians at a rally chanted: "Freedom come, Gairy go, Gairy gone with UFO."⁴¹

Grenada fell within the diplomatic responsibility of the Amer-

ican ambassador to a group of eastern Caribbean countries, with an embassy in Barbados. In 1979, the ambassador was the staunchly anti-communist Frank Ortiz. Ortiz, while assiduously collecting intelligence concerning secret Cuban arms shipments to Grenada, visited Grenada on April 10. He found the Bishop regime fearful of an invasion led by Gairy. The tone and content of Ortiz's comments to Bishop are in dispute. Critics said he told Bishop that Grenada could receive no significant aid from the United States unless it renounced ties with Cuba. Ortiz claimed that he spoke primarily about various aid projects while simply observing, as instructed, that Grenada's relationship to the United States would be "complicated if it developed close ties with Cuba."

Bishop, however, heard a threat. "We have always striven to have and develop the closest and friendliest relations with the United States," he said in a speech three days after meeting Ortiz. "But no one must misunderstand our friendliness as an excuse for rudeness and meddling in our affairs, and no one, no matter how mighty and powerful they are, will be permitted to dictate to the government and people of Grenada whom we can have friendly relations with and what kind of relations we must have with other countries. We are not in anybody's back yard."

Bishop—while carrying out improvements in health, education, welfare, and agriculture—did postpone elections, suppress dissent, jail some opponents, and celebrate his admiration for Castro. Cuban military advisers came to the island with shipments of arms. Cuban construction workers began to build a new airport. In Washington, hard- and soft-liners contended—and the hard-liners won. The State Department carried out a campaign to isolate Grenada diplomatically and took every opportunity to condemn Bishop's apparent journey into the communist camp. The National Security Council staff considered the possibility of imposing a blockade.⁴²

One of the soft-liners within the Administration, Richard E. Feinberg, wrote subsequently that the way the United States handled the Bishop regime was a classic example of how to create

enemies. It would have been better, he said in 1983, to have ignored Bishop; but "Bishop's importance was inflated and he gained some justification" for his military buildup.⁴³ Did the Carter Administration's hostility actually push Bishop toward Cuba? Ambassador Ortiz in 1984 said no. "It is a great pity that Bishop brought confrontation and totalitarianism to one of the most accommodating, gentle, and democratic regions of this hemisphere. But . . . a Marxist-Leninist like Bishop is not 'driven' into the Communist camp; that is where he started out to go."⁴⁴

TROUBLE WITH THE ABCS

United States relations with the three largest and most powerful nations of South America—Argentina, Brazil, and Chile—have throughout history been significantly different from relations with the small, weak countries of Central America and the Caribbean. The ABC powers have maintained close ties with Europe and have often been resistant to pressure from Washington. Resentment reached one of its several historical peaks during the Carter Administration when the military governments in all three countries reacted bitterly to criticism of human-rights violations and, in the case of Brazil, to an attempt to prevent a contract with West Germany for the construction of nuclear-power plants. But the three countries were not without an ally in Washington. Brzezinski saw the human-rights policy as biased against the right-wing regimes and warned the President in 1978 that we were "running the risk of having bad relations simultaneously with Brazil, Chile, and Argentina."⁴⁵

The violations of human rights perpetrated in the 1970s by the ruling military junta of Argentina were by far the worst in the Western Hemisphere. There were no political freedoms or civil rights. An estimated fifteen thousand people suspected of criticizing the regime had simply disappeared—murdered by the military without a trace, with no information ever provided to the grieving families.

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Psychic Vibrations

For the past several years, the government of the tiny Caribbean island nation of Grenada, under Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy, had waged a one-island campaign to create an official United Nations committee to deal with the "urgent global problem" of UFOs. Gairy had made numerous trips to New York to coordinate his UN UFO strategy, parading before that organization such prominent UFO proponents as J. Allen Hynek, Jacques Vallee, Stanton T. Friedman, and former NASA astronaut Gordon Cooper, all of whom emphasized the great wisdom of Gairy's position. (However, the UN's reaction was invariably a colossal yawn.) Grenada had even issued UFO postage stamps, bearing UFO contactee George Adamski's famous but discredited flying-saucer photo, which is widely believed to be a slightly out-of-focus photo of a chicken brooder

This past March, without any warning, during one of Gairy's many trips to New York, a coup deposed Grenada's esteemed Prime Minister, and a new government was installed under Maurice Bishop. No squadron of UFOs swept down from the sky to defend their champion in his hour of need. The new government claimed to have discovered in Gairy's residence the bodies of small animals and other paraphernalia associated with witchcraft

and voodoo. *The Washington Post* reported that the new government had pledged to give up the "mysticism, magic, and flying saucers" that made Grenada "a laughing stock" under Gairy.

But believers in UFOs should not despair: the government of yet another fledgling world superpower, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, has recently issued its own postage stamps bearing the famous Adamski Chicken Brooder UFO, under the banner "*Colaboracion Interplanetaria*."

We've seen quite a number of explanations for the famous vision of Ezekiel in the Old Testament. The late astronomer Donald H. Menzel suggested meteorological optics, but a flurry of recent explanations have been of the "ancient astronaut" variety (von Däniken, Blumrich, etc.). Now Waukegan, Illinois, accountant Ronald A. Pokatiloff has turned up a new wrinkle in the old question, with his privately published book, *Was God a Future American Spaceship?* Pokatiloff suggests that Christ was in fact an American astronaut who traveled back in time in a not-yet-developed NASA time machine and preached of the Kingdom of God (which, it turns out, is none other than

the United States of America). His reasoning is thus: The ancient Hebrews possessed some apparently sound concepts concerning diet and hygiene. Modern medical science has learned of these things by studying the practices of the Jews. NASA's astronauts have thus gone (or maybe will someday go) back in time to give this knowledge to the ancient Hebrews, who will thus pass it on to later ages, et cetera. Pokatiloff refuses even to try to grapple with certain obvious questions, such as what if one of these "astronauts" killed his own direct ancestor—would he then vanish in a puff of smoke, only to reappear when his ancestor comes back alive due to the fact that the man who killed him has never existed? "My theory is like Charles Darwin's," says Pokatiloff. "His was radically different, at the time, and so is mine."

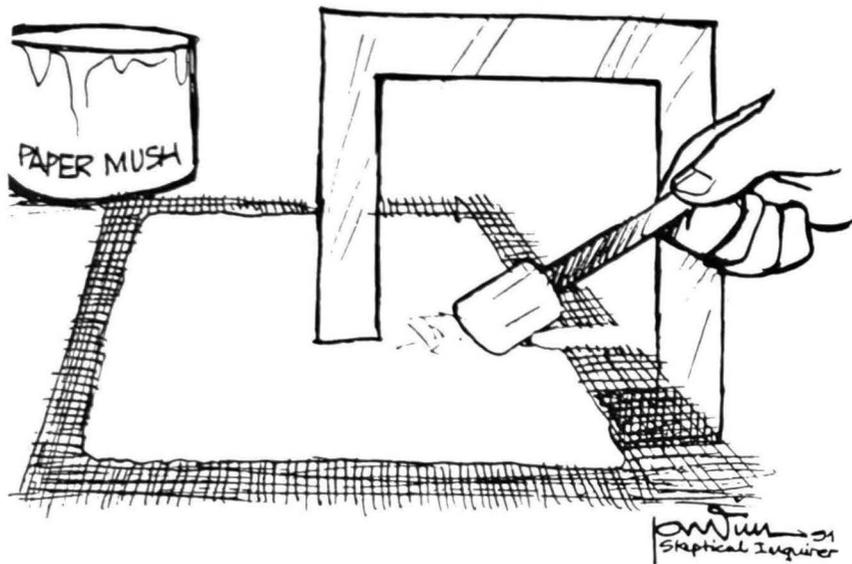
The latest news from Erich von Däniken: That celebrated proponent of "ancient astronauts" now claims to know the whereabouts of certain South American underground cities, where the lights never go out, containing the "living dead" bodies of four ancient astronauts, each encased in a translucent sarcophagus. "This should be the ultimate proof," von Däniken told the *National Enquirer*. Furthermore, it seems that some extraterrestrial hardware in these underground sites has begun signaling that the "gods" are now on their way back to earth. Von Däniken has revealed that this summer he will lead an expedition to this region and bring back the ultimate proof. Everyone here is waiting anxiously.

"Scientific" parapsychologists D. Scott Rogo and Raymond Bayless have recently discovered a startling fact: that

dozens of people have had telephone calls from the dead. "The weight of evidence has convinced us that there are surviving spirits making attempts to contact living people" through the telephone, Bayless told the *National Enquirer*. Their new book, *Phone Calls from the Dead*, describes fifty such cases. Unfortunately, if the person receiving the call realizes that he is speaking to a spirit from the Beyond, the call is usually over within seconds, they say. Some postmortem calls arrive, appropriately enough, over dead telephone lines. Rogo believes that these calls occur when a spirit manipulates electrical impulses in the phone to reproduce the sound of its own voice. "We've stumbled on a whole new method of psychic communication!" says Rogo.

What was the mysterious ailment afflicting the workers at a shoe factory in Huntington, West Virginia? On the first day, four workers fainted. Soon they were "dropping by the dozens." Could it be the mysterious Legionnaire's Disease? Workers thought they were being overcome by toxic fumes from a new





n and therefore provide positive proof of the reality of psi powers. Beloff should have been suspicious Meyer's linkage because the paper in his PPO bore no watermark printing. It would have been just as easy for him to slice and "heal" a piece cut from a printed page or from a photocopy. The fact that he used only cheap paper should have given the

game away, and it would have saved Beloff from the embarrassment of trumpeting a fake PPO in what purports to be a scientific journal. Meyer is the spoon bender of Switzerland, and Bernhard Wälti, who wrote the paper about Meyer's PPO, is a parapsychologist too gullible to comprehend that Meyer is no more than a magician. ■

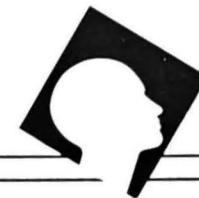
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ROBERT SHEAFFER

Wouldn't you jump at the chance to buy a set of stamps for \$135 that, according to the fellow offering them for sale, might soon be worth \$10,000? Not if you have any common sense you wouldn't, because you would realize that any investment sounding that good literally is too good to be true. (Besides, if the stamps were really going to become that valuable, he'd never sell them to you!) Why are these stamps supposedly such a gold mine? Because they depict the famous "face on Mars" that is claimed by some to have been erected by a vanished Martian civilization. *SI* previously reported on the claims of an investment firm, Alan Shawn Feinstein Associates, that the so-called "face" shown on the Viking photo may represent "the greatest discovery of the century" (Summer 1988: 340; Fall 1988: 22). Feinstein is now suggesting a way for his clients to cash in on the amazing discovery. Recently the tiny West African nation of Sierra Leone issued a "face on Mars" stamp as part of a series saluting the upcoming Observer mission to Mars. The respected *Linn's Stamp News* of December 10, 1990, reported that Feinstein is selling the set for what he calls "only" \$135, even though that set is "one of a handful just blacklisted



by a Swiss-based combine of international stamp organizations" for allegedly violating the "philatelic code of ethics" of the Universal Postal Union.

Feinstein published an interview with New Age space consultant Richard Hoagland, who, when asked to justify the figure of \$10,000 suggested for the stamps' value, replied, "Because that's what I believe." He added, "I know basically nothing about stamps." But Hoagland went on to explain that the face on Mars is a relic of an intelligent civilization and that when the world realizes this "it will have an unprecedented effect on people everywhere, and on the value of the Sierra Leone set." Editor Michael Laurence of *Linn's* replies: "Those who believe such breathless nonsense probably deserve financial disappointment. And that's the likely reward in store for anyone who expects speculative profit from

this overpriced and highly manipulated stamp set."

The rulers of Sierra Leone are perhaps unaware that the last national leaders who issued stamp sets promoting pseudoscience must have regretted it soon afterward. In the late 1970s the tiny Caribbean nation of Grenada issued a set of stamps depicting UFOs (this column, Summer 1979). That island's then-Prime Minister, Sir Eric M. Gairy, was a staunch believer in alien visitors. He spent much of his time in New York attempting to convince the United Nations of the threat he believed UFOs posed to the planet. He spent so much time promoting UFOs and ignoring his *real* problems that in March 1979 during one of his many absences he was deposed by a radical faction led by Maurice Bishop. Bishop was in turn deposed, then executed, by an even more radical faction in 1983, leading directly to the U.S. intervention. And all because of UFOs! Soon after Grenada issued its UFO stamps, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea issued its own stamps, bearing the likeness of the famous Adamski Chicken Brooder UFO, under the banner *Colaboracion Interplanetaria* (this column, Spring 1980). About a year later, the Nguema regime in Equatorial Guinea was

MAYBE WE'RE TO BE USED ON INTERPLANETARY MAIL



toppled in a coup. Sierra Leone, beware!

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Just because the Gulf War has ended without triggering Armageddon, as some had feared or hoped, it still doesn't prove that the eschaton isn't practically upon us. Indeed, one small group of ultra-Orthodox Jews expects the long-awaited Messiah to reveal himself before the Jewish New Year, which begins September 9, sending the Jewish people back to Jerusalem "on clouds of glory."

On April 15 the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on Rabbi Menachem Schneerson of Brooklyn, the 89-year-old leader of the Lubavitcher sect of Hasidic Jews who made the prediction. Since Schneerson was said to have scored some bull's-eyes in previous predictions, his approximately 40,000 followers eagerly expected the fulfillment of this one. Schneerson is credited with predicting last fall that a war would be fought in the Gulf region, but would take few Jewish lives and would be over by the holiday of Purim, February 28. Both were exactly correct. Some are calling it "miraculous" that, although Iraqi Scud missiles damaged 10,000 Israeli apartments, only a few people were killed. As for the end of the war, President Bush ended Operation Desert Storm at midnight, February 27.

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By now there is a small army of saucerers investigating the absolutely unbelievable story about a UFO crashing in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. They continue to make incredible discoveries, but mostly about one another. A new book on the subject by Roswell newcomers Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle has just been

published. (See the review in this issue.) In the 1970s, Randle made a circuit of UFOdom touting his discovery that the celebrated "cattle mutilations" were not performed by saucer aliens as everyone had thought, but by "Satanic cults." Reportedly, Schmitt and Randle have discovered that, when the saucer crashed near Roswell, it left behind a trench 500 feet long, which had previously escaped notice. Not surprisingly, oldtime Roswell-digger William L. Moore and his colleague Jaime Shandera don't like these new kids on the crashed-saucer block, especially since certain key witnesses, when interviewed independently, are having trouble keeping their stories straight. Also, the two teams keep stepping on each other's toes over such matters as whether certain military photos show *real* debris from the crashed flying saucer or just balloon debris that was supposedly used as "disinformation" to mislead the public. Looking at a particular photo taken in General Ramsey's office, Moore and Shandera proclaim it to be debris from an extraterrestrial craft, while Schmitt and Randle insist that the photo actually shows aluminum foil and sticks, the *real* extraterrestrial debris having been cleverly hidden away. The late Mac Brazel, who was first to find the now-famous debris in the desert, described it as "tinfoil, paper, tape, and sticks . . . [weighing] maybe five pounds." (That was, of course, what the government *made* Brazel say; it was really unearthly saucer metal, claims Bill Moore.)

In 1990 Stanton Friedman, who calls himself "the flying saucer physicist," broke his longtime association

with Moore and Shandera, ostensibly because of their criticisms of Schmitt and Randle; but the increasingly wide recognition of the MJ-12 papers—which Moore and Shandera "discovered"—as a crude hoax, must surely have influenced Friedman's decision.

Early in 1991, a new witness stepped forward with a sensational firsthand account of stumbling upon a crashed saucer near Roswell in 1947. Forty-eight-year-old Gerald Anderson recounted how, when he was five years old, he and his family spotted two live aliens and two dead ones beside a disabled spacecraft before the military arrived and rudely chased the Andersons away. Friedman was impressed with Anderson's story. However, Randle calls the account a hoax, noting that "a diary Anderson supplied is on pre-1947 paper but used post-1970 ink."



And as if the stories surrounding the Roswell Incident were not already remarkable enough, a man who calls himself Jerry Willis has been turning up at UFO conferences claiming to be the reincarnation of one of the saucer aliens who died at Roswell. ■

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Thirty-third General Assembly
Special Political Committee
35th Meeting
AM SUMMARY



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GRENADA PROPOSES APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT GROUP TO SET GUIDELINES
FOR UN STUDY ON NATURE AND ORIGIN OF UFOs

Grenada proposed this morning that the Secretary-General appoint a group of experts, under the aegis of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to define guidelines for a United Nations study of "the nature and origin of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena".

The Prime Minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, speaking this morning in the Special Political Committee to introduce the discussion on an item submitted by his delegation on this subject, introduced the draft resolution.

Other speakers this morning were Wellington Friday, Grenada's Minister of Education, and three experts who appeared as part of the delegation of Grenada: J. Allen Hynek, Jacques F. Valley, and Lieutenant Colonel Larry Coyne.

A documentary film was then presented, showing a number of reported sightings of UFOs, with Mr. Hynek narrating as the film was shown.

The Committee will meet again at 3 p.m. today to continue consideration of the item, which is entitled "Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, co-ordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena".

The draft resolution, which will be circulated before this afternoon's meeting, asks the General Assembly to recommend that the United Nations, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies, "initiate, conduct and co-ordinate research into the nature and origin of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena".

The Secretary-General would be requested to invite Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to transmit to him by 31 May 1979 information and proposals which would facilitate the proposed study.

He would also be asked to appoint, at the earliest possible date, a three-member group of experts, under the aegis of the Outer Space Committee, to define guidelines for the proposed study. The group of experts would meet during the sessions of the Outer Space Committee and would report on its work, through that body, to next year's General Assembly session.

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Thirty-third General Assembly
Special Political Committee
47th Meeting
ANN SUMMARY



GA/AH/1490
8 December 1978

SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVES RECOMMENDATION

ON EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL MATTERS

Member States Invited to Co-ordinate Investigations

The Special Political Committee decided by consensus this morning to recommend to the General Assembly that it invite interested Member States "to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate, on a national level, scientific research and investigation into extra-terrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects".

These States would be asked to inform the Secretary-General of "the observations, research and evaluation of such activities".

In addition, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space the statements made by the delegation of Grenada on the item concerning unidentified flying objects, which was submitted for the agenda by Grenada. The relevant documentation would also be transmitted to the Outer Space Committee, for its consideration next year.

It will be dealt in June, 1979

Grenada had earlier submitted a draft resolution (document A/SPC/33/L.20) proposing that the Secretary-General appoint a group of experts, under the aegis of the Outer Space Committee, to define guidelines for a United Nations study of "the nature and origin of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena".

The consensus statement approved this morning envisages the presentation by Grenada of its views on this subject to the Outer Space Committee at its 1979 session, with the Committee to include in its report to the Assembly next year its deliberations on the matter.

George A. Griffith (Grenada), in a statement this morning urging support for the consensus statement, said it was not intended in any way to supersede the draft resolution submitted by his delegation. Rather, it was the hope of Grenada that "some interim measure" could be formally adopted, through which guidelines could be obtained for future consideration of the item "in a measure reasonably palatable to all Member States".

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 126: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (continued) (A/33/141, A/33/268; A/SPC/33/L.20)

1. Mr. FRIDAY (Grenada)* read out a letter from L. Gordon Cooper, a former astronaut, expressing the belief that unidentified flying objects were extraterrestrial vehicles whose crews were visiting Earth from more technically advanced planets. Mr. Cooper had himself spent two days in 1951 observing UFOs of different sizes flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe. A top-level co-ordinated programme was needed to collect and analyse data from all over the world concerning all types of encounters and to determine how best to make friendly contact with such visitors. Man might have to prove to the visitors that he had learned to solve his problems by peaceful means rather than by warfare before he could be accepted as a fully qualified universal team member. Such acceptance would have tremendous possibilities for the advancement of the world in all areas, and it would certainly seem that the United Nations had an interest in handling the subject properly and expeditiously. If the United Nations agreed to pursue the project, many more well-qualified people might agree to provide help and information.

2. Mr. FRIEDMAN (Grenada)* said it was important to remember that men throughout the world had something in common: they were all earthlings, a fact which tended to be forgotten when man's many differences were aired. After 20 years of study, he believed that there was overwhelming evidence to suggest that the planet was being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. The evidence took the form of eye-witness testimony from responsible persons, physical trace cases producing changes in the environment observable long after the UFO had left, radar visual sightings, photographs and abductions, apparently by aliens of earthlings and the subsequent return of the earthlings, although there was no knowledge of cases where earthlings had not been returned.

3. Every large-scale scientific study of UFOs had provided a substantial number of cases in which the observations clearly indicated that the UFO was a manufactured object behaving in ways which could not be duplicated by manufactured objects on Earth. The ability of UFOs to move and manoeuvre at thousands of miles an hour, without any visible external engine, wings or tail, indicated that the spacecraft had been manufactured by someone other than man. Many people wished to know why UFOs should visit Earth and what was happening on Earth that could be of interest to an advanced civilization. Probably there were many things of interest to someone concerned with the development of a primitive society. However, one thing was guaranteed to be of interest to another civilization and that was the fact that within one hundred years men would be going to the stars. He himself, as a nuclear physicist, had worked on fission and fusion propulsion systems which would be capable of transporting man to nearby star systems within reasonable periods of time, and it would be obvious to any alien in the neighbourhood that man would be doing so within a hundred years. Since the end of the Second World War, with the development

* The full text of this statement will appear in document A/SPC/33/PV.36.

(Mr. Friedman, Grenada)

of nuclear weapons, rockets and electronics, man had become of interest to other, advanced civilizations. Naturally, such civilizations would be concerned with their own survival and security and would therefore wish to be informed of the activities of another civilization which was just beginning space travel; it was therefore clear that the UFOs were obtaining data for their own purposes, acting as a kind of galactic federation intelligence agency.

4. People also wondered why UFOs did not make contact. He suggested that there was no one leader with whom such alien beings could make contact. Whereas the smallest reasonable political unit on a galactic neighbourhood basis was a planet or a solar system, from the alien viewpoint man's was a primitive society whose major activity was tribal warfare; it would make no more sense for alien beings to speak to individual countries than for the United Nations to address individual cities.

5. Some people were worried at the significance of flying saucers and wondered why, in the light of the importance of questions of peace, survival and hunger, people should concern themselves with such matters. He suggested that man's very survival might depend on his taking an earthling orientation. The easiest way of doing so was for him to try to see himself as others saw him. From up above, coming into the planet Earth, there were no boundary lines. Acceptance of oneself as an earthling would become natural when it was recognized that the planet Earth was being visited.

6. There were also practical aspects such as the significance of man's acquiring motive propulsion which would enable him to travel and to transport goods from place to place without using the traditional means of transport and without expending valuable resources which were normally burned and thrown away. It was clear that aliens had solved problems such as the development of new and better means of producing energy. In addition, the Earth might well have some resources which could be exported to alien civilizations; as the densest planet in the solar system, the Earth had more valuable heavy metals than any other planet in the neighbourhood and might also have plant life and other materials which would be of interest to aliens.

7. Modern astronomy frequently assumed, in relation to the possibility of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences, that all other solar systems were isolated in the same manner as our own, in which the nearest star to the sun was four light years away. However, within our own galactic neighbourhood there were approximately 1,000 stars, of which 46 were similar to the sun and might well be expected to have planets and life; some of those planets would be much older than Earth. In addition, research into UFOs had revealed the existence of two sun-like stars, Zeta I Reticulae and Zeta II Reticulae, which were separated by only three light weeks; such close proximity would suggest that interstellar travel and communication might have been developed much earlier than on our isolated planet. Three recent professional publications had expressed the view that our entire galaxy had probably already been colonized. Perhaps the most important thing to recognize was that the next generation would grow up in a drastically different situation; unless something was done to prevent it, another dozen countries would soon have nuclear weapons and the world would be further divided into groups instead of becoming the earthling civilization which was necessary for its survival.

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8. Mr. FRIDAY (Grenada) invited members of the Committee to make suggestions and recommendations concerning the draft resolution submitted by his delegation (A/SPC/33/L.20); his delegation was very flexible as to the actual mechanism to be decided on by the Committee for monitoring and co-ordinating research into UFOs and would be interested to hear the ideas of other delegations on the matter. He assumed that the vote on the resolution would take place at a later date.
9. The CHAIRMAN said that the substantive consideration of and vote on the resolution would be deferred until a later meeting.
10. Mr. TUBMAN (Liberia) requested that the statements made by the members of the delegation of Grenada should be reproduced in extenso in the records so that delegates could study them more closely.
11. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Assembly, at the 4th plenary meeting of its current session, had decided to maintain the option that had traditionally been approved for the Special Political Committee to obtain transcriptions of debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof.
12. Miss HARDEN (United Kingdom) asked what the financial implications of such action would be.
13. The CHAIRMAN said that such expenditure as might be incurred by the provision of transcriptions of the Committee's debates was considered to be part of the normal work of the General Assembly; there were no direct financial implications. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the request made by the representative of Liberia.
14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.



by J. ALLEN HYNEK

United Nations/Photo by M. Grant

The scene is Conference Room 4 at the United Nations. It is Nov. 27, 1978. Seated along curved long concentric circular desks are many of the delegates of the 147 Member States of the United Nations, comprising the UN Special Political Committee. Each delegate is at his assigned place marked by his country's name—Seychelles, Japan, Mexico, France, Tanzania, and so on. And each is listening, with earphones, to the speaker addressing the microphone at the desk of the Grenada mission. The speaker's words are being simultaneously translated into five major languages, and each delegate has his earphones switched to the appropriate language channel.

Now this would be an impressive and memorable experience for anyone seeing this for the first time, and even more memorable for one invited to speak to this assemblage for the

first time . . . but on this occasion it was especially memorable . . . even historic. The delegates were listening to a serious exposition on UFOs!!

Such a presentation would have been almost unthinkable a decade ago. Unidentified Flying Objects discussed at the United Nations? Impossible! But it was actually happening!

Three invited speakers were scheduled for that morning: Dr. Hynek, Dr. Vallee, and Lt. Col. Coyne, in that order. This was followed by a short presentation of UFO film footage. Then, after lunch, the meeting continued. A letter from former astronaut Gordon Cooper was read (Cooper had been invited for the morning presentation but was unable to attend). Cooper's opinions expressed in the letter were so positive that of all the proceedings, only this

was highlighted in the Press. Stanton Friedman then asked to be heard. The texts of the invited, prepared papers are presented in full in this issue.

As exciting as all this may seem to those deeply interested in progress in UFO studies, one must not get too elated or worked up about all this. There are some who have felt: "Now we're really getting someplace. The United Nations is going to set up a special department or Commission to do UFO research". It would be delightful if the United Nations, in view of the global nature of the UFO phenomenon, would at least be able to facilitate the exchange of information on UFOs between countries and make scientific investigations done in one country easily and quickly available to those in other countries.

While it is conceivable that something like that might happen much

farther down the road, the situation at present is by no means all that rosy. As explained below, how rosy it might become depends almost entirely on how citizens of various countries contribute, not money, but effort in calling to the attention of their own Ministries of Foreign Affairs the scope of the UFO phenomenon in their own countries.

Nonetheless, a major forward step has been taken. The very fact that UFOs were introduced on the floor of the United Nations to the delegates of the Special Political Committee is of historic significance in the long run. As you will see, all three of the papers presented were well thought out and seriously delivered. The delegates could not have helped but notice the sincerity and the qualifications of the participants.

The occasion was undoubtedly far more exciting to the participants than to the listeners . . . or at least so it seemed. To the delegates this was probably just another of the many talks about the many topics that come to the attention of the Special Political Committee. Still, they were attentive, and it would be most interesting to know what the various delegates transmitted back to their respective governments.

We shall have some feedback on this at a later time. These delegates, if so instructed by their own governments, will report to the Outer Space Affairs Division of the UN Secretariat [this is not to be confused with the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, sometimes just called the Outer Space Committee. This is an inter-governmental group; the Outer Space Affairs Division is a part of the Secretariat of the UN itself]. Dr. Lubos Perek, Chief of the Outer Space Affairs Division, will then prepare a report for the CPUOS scheduled for June 1979, based on whatever reports are received from the various governments. The gist of the report will be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations as a part of the report of the OSAD to that body when it convenes next fall.

Clearly, if any positive action is to be expected, it will come only if the Outer Space Affairs Division report is one that calls for action. This can only happen if the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in each country are prodded into real action by those interested in the UFO phenomenon to make these groups aware of UFO activity and investigations in their respective countries, and particularly what interest is taken by scientific groups. Thus, the French delegation should present a strong report because of the work of GEPAN (see

IUR, Feb. '78) and it can be hoped that strong reports from Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chile will be received before the June deadline.

Left to itself, little if any action can be expected from the United Nations in this matter. There is a strong tendency to let sleeping dogs lie unless the dog gets mad and bites them. The delegates to the Special Political Committee and the Outer Space Affairs Division will be extremely busy with other matters, notably the matter of nuclear power stations in space. Unless emphatically prodded, nothing will of itself be done. Actually, it has been learned from reliable sources that the delegates addressed on Nov. 27 are reluctant to become involved in the UFO subject. They must, however, follow instructions from their respective governments which in turn will take their leads from the pressures put upon them. Those interested in seeing the United Nations take positive action MUST therefore communicate with their own govern-

ments, addressing their letters and data to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Addresses of the Foreign Ministries of the countries in which IUR has subscribers are listed in this issue.

It is discouraging that no one at the United Nations appears willing to move on this matter with the enthusiastic exception of Grenada, whose Prime Minister, Sir Eric Gairy, first brought up the matter in the General Assembly some three years ago.

We emphasize: the critical deadline is this coming June when reports from member countries are due in the offices of the Outer Space Affairs Division. If the consensus of these reports is that the UFO phenomenon is of significant interest and potential value to the peoples of the world, then the United Nations will be obligated to take positive action.

So then, readers everywhere—
Contact the delegation of your own government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and make yourself heard! Here are the addresses:

HERE'S WHERE IUR READERS CAN WRITE TO HELP SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION:

All UFO ideas, information and research proposals have to be submitted to your respective governments prior to the May 31 deadline. It would be a good idea to preface your letter "RE: UNITED NATIONS UFO RESOLUTION", and offer a reminder that your material is ultimately targeted toward Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. IUR's calls to a number of UN consulates revealed a woeful lack of acquaintance with the terms of the resolution.

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U.N. BACKGROUND

The following materials have been adapted from United Nations press releases and verbatim copies of the participants' speeches.



Grenada, in a letter dated 7 July, requested inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly of this item which was also considered by the assembly last year, at Grenada's request.

Last year, the Assembly approved a consensus statement to the effect that a draft resolution submitted by Grenada, calling for research into "unidentified flying objects and related phenomena", together with the statements made by Grenada on this subject, be transmitted to Member States and to the specialized agencies for their views (13 December 1977).

The replies received from Governments and specialized agencies were circulated by the Secretary-General in a report dated 6 October.

The draft resolution submitted by Grenada last year on this subject would have had the Assembly request the Secretary-General to undertake, for consideration by the Assembly, "a survey of the UFO phenomenon which should include:

"(a) The recent history and current status of the UFO phenomenon;

"(b) The results of studies of such documentation and other data pertinent to this item as may be provided from records of Member Governments, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Committee on Science and Technology and other intergovernmental bodies;

"(c) Past and current activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental bodies with regard to this item, and of existing international agreements concerning possible contact and communication with extraterrestrial beings;

"(d) An account of the scientific, technological, economic, legal, political and other aspects of this item;

"(e) An analysis of the benefits, problems and dangers which might be faced by mankind should contact in any form be made with extraterrestrial life;

"(f) An indication regarding practical means of promoting international co-operation in the furtherance of research into UFOs and possible contacts with alien life as contemplated in the title of the item."

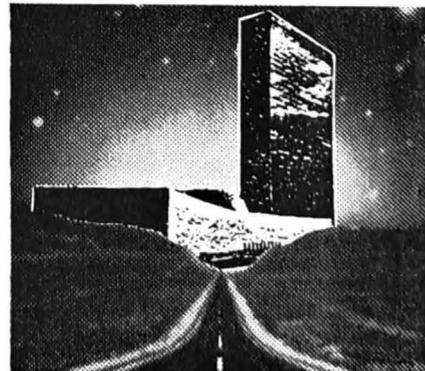
Grenada, in an explanatory memorandum attached to its letter of 7 July requesting consideration of the matter by the Assembly again this year, said that, in bringing the matter before the Assembly in 1977, it was seeking to bring about "open discussions on the very important subject of unidentified flying objects, a matter of great significance at this time for all mankind."

The letter said that Grenada, in accepting the consensus statement last year, had made clear its position as follows:

"As had been shown by the studies recently commissioned by some countries, many States were deeply concerned with regard to the UFO

phenomenon and recognized the urgent need to bring up to date research in the field and to examine the potential repercussions of that phenomenon on security, technological progress and the well-being of individual nations. Since the small nations did not have the technological expertise or resources necessary to undertake that task, all information and data on the phenomenon must be made generally available to all Member States."

For that reason, the letter went on, Grenada regretted that its draft resolution had not been put to the vote so that the Secretary-General could have been invested with the authority to proceed as recommended. "However, in view of the fact that many countries, especially small ones, needed more time to study the UFO phenomenon, Grenada had agreed to the text which had been adopted by consensus. Grenada was convinced that, within a year, after Member States and the specialized agencies had made available scientific and other up-to-date information on the status of research into UFOs and had familiarized themselves with the latest literature in that field, the international community would be anxious to push consideration of that important matter one step further."



THE MORNING MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Agenda item 126: Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, co-ordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena

MR. GAIRY (Grenada) said that the fact that he was heading his country's delegation and leading discussion on the subject of unidentified flying objects was proof of his deep personal conviction that it was a matter of world-wide importance which warranted very serious consideration by the Special Political Committee. The recent report of the abduction of a Cessna aircraft in Australia seemed to be a compelling reason for the United Nations to assume its responsibilities and take a serious look at the UFO phenomenon. The incident in Australia, which had been given world-wide publicity, was only one of tens of thousands of such incidents reported by persons in nearly every corner of the globe. UFOCAT, a computerized catalogue of reported sightings, had listed over 60,000 cases drawn from virtually all parts of the world. It was very important to bear in mind that the phenomenon in question was evident everywhere on earth and was causing serious concern, not only to national Governments and scientists, but also to ordinary men and women, especially younger and better educated people who were yearning for sensible explanations of the phenomenon from those in a position to provide the answers.

His delegation, which had raised the matter of unidentified flying objects and other related phenomena in the General Assembly every year since 1975, again emphasized the urgent need for an agency to study the origin, the nature and intention of that particular phenomenon. When that item had first been included on the agenda of the General Assembly and discussed in the Special Political Committee, his delegation had made it clear that it was flexible as to the mechanism to be established for conducting and co-ordinating the type of research envisaged and that it was concerned about the newness of the item within United Nations

circles, as well as the high cost of establishing an agency or department.

Many people might wonder about Grenada's preoccupation with the subject, instead of with matters directly affecting world development. The entire world was so preoccupied with international problems affecting their individual countries—and understandably so—that they often seemed to forget or put very little emphasis on international matters relating to the earth as one planet. It was presumptuous and a gross fallacy for men to believe that they were God's only intelligent beings and that no intelligent life existed on other planets. Everyone was no doubt aware of the increasing number of attempts being made through the use of high-level technology to confirm the existence of extraterrestrial life.

bring the UFO phenomenon to the attention of the United Nations and demonstrate the need for its active involvement in conducting and co-ordinating research in that vital field. Many countries had expressed tremendous interest in the item and had promised to support Grenada's proposal. His Government was fully aware of the different views among Governments, scientists, researchers and the public in general regarding the origin, nature and intent of that particular phenomenon. It was not his intention to ask the Special Political Committee to decide on concepts or to find an immediate solution. In view of the concern expressed by many Governments regarding the costs involved in establishing new United Nations organs and positions adopted by certain friendly and well-respected Governments regarding the matter of

“ . . . individual countries often seemed to forget international matters relating to the earth as one planet.”

Leading scientists, researchers and experts in the field of ufology had unanimously signed a resolution at the First International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon in April 1977, endorsing and supporting the initiative taken by the Government of Grenada in regard to UFO research, and offering to join in its effort to bring the matter to the attention of the United Nations. That was very encouraging because those same scientists had, for many years, been actively involved in UFO research and had had the courage to bring their findings to the attention of the public. That interlocking relationship between Grenada and the scientific community in a common enterprise had given the scientific world a new stature and entirely new dimensions with regard to UFO research. The fact that several scientists currently formed part of Grenada's delegation to the General Assembly and had been invited to make statements in support of the item was sufficient evidence of their commitment to

UFOs, his Government had decided to suggest to the Committee a new course of action and to present a very modest draft resolution, the support of which could cause no embarrassment to any Member State. Under the new draft resolution, a three-man committee would be set up by the Secretary-General and would work within the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The work of that smaller committee would coincide with the normal activities of the latter, and its report would be submitted as a report of that Committee. He hoped that the draft resolution would find ready support from all Member States. Although a small country, Grenada had a deep interest in the welfare of all nations and peoples of the earth, and as such was genuinely concerned about any phenomenon which might interfere with the fulfillment of man's aspirations towards the maintenance of peaceful coexistence.

He then read out the text of the following draft resolution:

draft decision, which was now before the Committee.

"The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly adoption of the following consensus:

"The General Assembly has taken note of the statements made, and draft resolutions submitted by Grenada at the 32nd and 33rd sessions of the General Assembly regarding unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

"The General Assembly invites interested member States to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects,

and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research, and evaluation of such activities.

"The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to transmit the statements of the delegation of Grenada and the relevant documentation to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, so that they may consider them at their 1979 meeting.

"The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will permit Grenada, upon its request, to present their views to the Committee at its next session. The Committee's deliberation will be included in its report which will be considered by the General Assembly at its 34th session."

The CHAIRMAN said he took it that the Committee was now prepared to act on the working paper, the text of which he read out.

He said that, unless there were objections, he took it that the Committee approved the working paper by consensus.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN said there were no more speakers on this question.

He said he hoped the Committee could conclude its work this afternoon by taking decisions on the two remaining items: questions relating to information and the item concerning the composition of United Nations bodies.

The meeting ended at 12:05 p.m.

UFO + UN = A WORKABLE EFFORT?

The sponsorship of the UN proposal has been the sole responsibility of the State of Grenada, southernmost of the Windward Islands in the West Indies. Only 133 square miles in area, the island has an English-speaking population of 100,000, an agricultural economy, five radio stations, one daily newspaper and no television. The "Isle of Spice" is an exporter of nutmeg, cocoa and cinnamon.

Politically and economically, however, Grenada is currently the scene of unrest. To quote from the 1978 CBS NEWS ALMANAC, "The controversy has centered around Prime Minister Eric Gairy's rule, considered by many Grenadians to be dictatorial. Rioting broke out in 1973 and

The Almanac also takes note of the governments inability to balance the budget, meet recurrent expenses, and cope with 20-60% unemployment estimates and 20-25% annual inflation. Thus, it came as no surprise when protestors were reportedly picketing outside the UN on the morning of the UFO conference with signs that read "Human Rights: YES, UFOs: NO". It is interesting to note also that Grenada gained admission to the United Nations in 1974; hence, they began campaigning repeatedly for consideration of the UFO issue almost as soon as they gained the floor of the General Assembly. How does Sir Eric justify his motives, in view of his own country's pressing economic and political problems? Gairy, who claims to have seen UFOs himself on two separate occasions, said that his motivation was "belief in a Supreme Being, and recognizing that this phenomenon

was one of His ways of relating to mankind. I knew that it was mankind's task to study and understand these messengers better".

As of the time of this writing, however, support for the expenditure of any UN money on UFOs seems limited to Grenada as well. One U.S. spokesman said, "we are having trouble enough with UN appropriations. All we need is to have somebody get up on the Senate floor and complain that American funds for the UN are going for the study of UFOs." Another UN official noted that Grenada's efforts were being entertained because sheer protocol would preclude any member nation "stepping on" a new, tiny member. Nonetheless, should Grenada's efforts fall short even at this juncture, the meeting of the minds—governmental and UFOlogical—marks a novel moment, indeed, in the 30-year history of global UFO research.



1974, with retaliation by a secret police squad employing strong-arm tactics. Subsequently, tourism declined and many Grenadians fled. In late 1976, Gairy was narrowly re-elected with rural support, but discontent continues over his alleged corruption and mismanagement."



UFO IMPACT: GOVERNMENT/MILITARY



UFOS IN THE U.N.

Sir Eric Gairy, prime minister of the Caribbean nation of Grenada and promoter of the need for a United Nations UFO study group, requested a meeting between the U.N.'s Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and a number of UFO researchers who will serve as a "steering committee" to advise on the planning for the U.N.'s possible role in UFOlogy. Pictured here at the July 14 meeting from left to right: astronaut Gordon Cooper, Dr. Jacques Vallee, Dr. Claude Poher, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy (behind Hynek), Sec'y-Gen. Kurt Waldheim, Morton Gleisner of the Special Political Committee, Producer E. Lee Spiegel, and researcher Leonard Stringfield. Not shown is Dr. David Saunders. Dr. Hynek stressed for Kurt Waldheim the global nature of the UFO phenomenon, that the 60,000 cases in the Center for UFO Studies' UFOCAT files come from 133 countries and that the mere translation of such foreign material is a burdensome task. Hynek is here proposing that the U.N. provide a mechanism to facilitate the ex-

change of UFO information among scientists of various countries.

GSW + FOIA + CIA = 1,000 PAGES OF UFO INFORMATION

Todd Zechel, research director of Ground Saucer Watch and director of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Central Intelligence Agency on July 13, including an inquiry about the reported recovery of a crashed spacecraft. On August 10, CIA Information & Privacy Coordinator Gene F. Wilson asked Zechel to suspend his request until after he has reviewed 1,000 pages of UFO documents which the CIA said were recently surfaced and currently under review. Discussions between GSW attorney Peter Gersten and assistant U.S. Attorney (District of Columbia) William Briggs (as well as information from Wilson's CIA deputy, Charles Savige) reveal the content of the material to be mostly files of the OSI (Office of Scientific Intelligence) from the 1950's. CAUS's Brad Sparks previously interviewed OSI officers in charge of the UFO files from 1949 to

1956, and this leads CAUS to feel that the files will consist mostly of Air Force and Navy UFO reports plus some records of unauthorized CIA domestic UFO investigations. There is no guarantee that the material will have any real connection with Zechel's request; indeed, the material is anticipated to be fragmentary and lacking in historical context.

The GSW/CIA lawsuit recaps as follows: on Sept. 21, 1977, GSW filed a complaint based on the Ralph Mayher film incident and the Durant Report of the CIA Robertson Panel (see IUR, Jan. '78). An agreement was reached on July 7, 1978 to allow GSW to amend its original complaint to include requests for virtually all CIA-related records. On Aug. 17, Assistant U.S. Attorney Briggs asked Gersten to go one step further. The CIA wanted Gersten to identify broadly *all* categories of UFO documents to enable the CIA to search for all of its UFO records. Based on a draft by Brad Sparks, Gersten prepared a stipulation which requested the CIA to conduct a reasonable search of 22 CIA component branches.

Remarkably, the CIA has agreed to

abide by the new suit stipulation, and their search is underway. Indeed, U.S. District Court Judge John Pratt made the order a binding one, giving the CIA until mid-December to complete the task. Such a feat would, in itself, be a remarkable event in the history of UFO research in America.

FBI UFO FILES LOST

A general file destruction program at all FBI field offices resulted in the destruction of UFO-related material on April 1-2, according to Todd Zechel of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy). A CAUS "confidential informant" spoke with an agent at an FBI field office who indicated that as many as 10,000 pages were destroyed at that office alone. The "clean-up campaign" was part of a general program authorized by the National Archives and Records Service to dispose of field office closed files containing investigative reports, inter- and intra-office communications and related evidence. This does not apply exclusively to UFO data, naturally—other categories, such as organized crime files are also slated for the shredder.

Another, more exhaustive, file purge is due in the near future, pending Congressional approval. According to CAUS, sufficient public interest can serve to preserve certain records before NARS gives the FBI the green light to dispose of still more material. CAUS is urging the concerned public to save remaining UFO files by writing to:
Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the U.S.
National Records and
Archives Service
Washington, D.C. 20048

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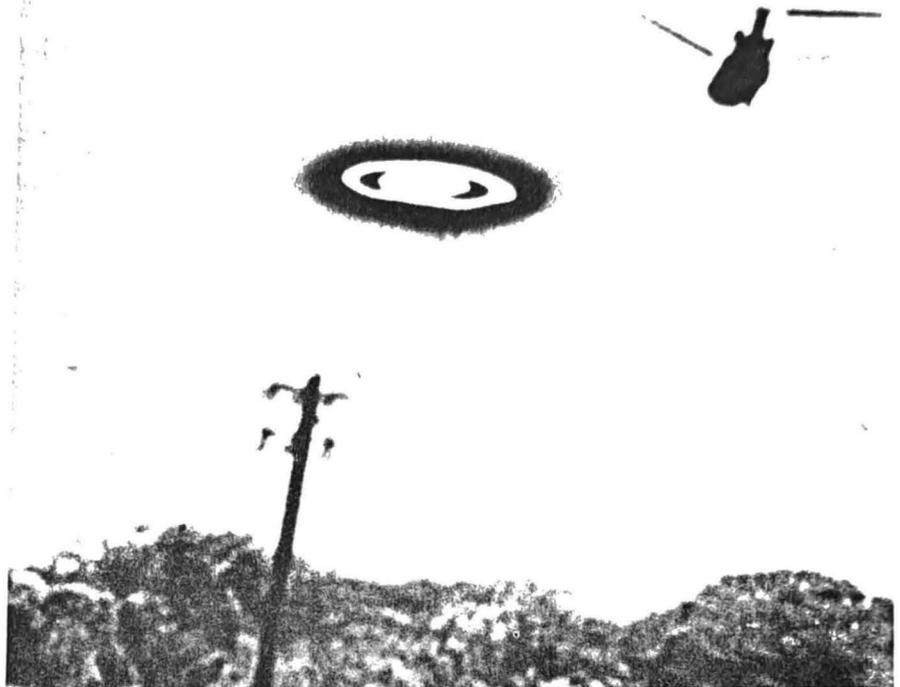
I am presently doing a research project into "Human Reactions to UFOs". Will anyone desiring to contribute to this project send their information to me:

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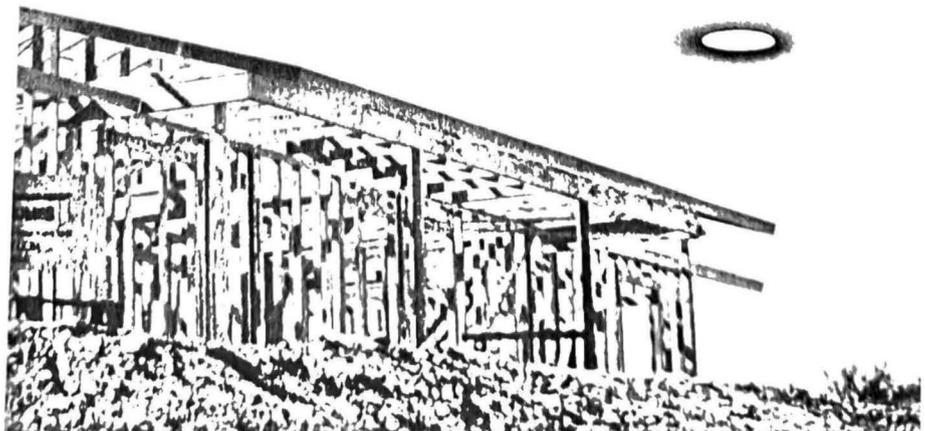
Thank you very much and continued best wishes to you for the future.

George D. Fawcett

IS A UFO BUZZING THE PRESIDENT'S HELICOPTER?



On Saturday, June 17 at 1:20 PM, Linda Arosema, employed by the Defense Mapping Agency Inter American Geodetic Survey as the Visual Information Officer, took this picture of President Carter and the White House news media departing from Fort Clayton to Tocumen International Airport in the Republic of Panama. She shot it on a motor-driven Nikon with Tri-X film at f/16, 1/250 second. The picture seen below was taken in New Braunfels, Texas on March 18 at 11:00 AM with a Canon AT-1 and was sent to the Center for UFO Studies. Both have something in common: neither photographer actually saw the UFO with their eyes; they were only photographing the helicopter and the house framework and the "UFO" image appeared after development. The explanation is the same for several identical pictures in the Project Blue Book files and the UFO literature: they are film flaws, caused by a migration of emulsion grain that results in the clear, barren ellipses and the concentration of darkness from the grains clustered together. Yet the picture of the President's helicopter "pursuit" has been given some press coverage as a "UFO" incident.



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UNITED NATIONS AND UFOs

The subject of UFOs occasionally is raised at the United Nations, and at least one of its Secretaries General—U Thant, who served between 1961 and 1972—had some interest in the matter. In early 1966 writer John G. Fuller and Northwestern University astronomer/**Project Blue Book** consultant J. Allen Hynek met Thant in the latter's office to discuss UFOs and their implications for the human race (Fuller, 1969). It was through U Thant's efforts (McDonald, 1967b) that University of Arizona atmospheric physicist **James E. McDonald** was able to address the UN's Outer Space Affairs Group on June 7, 1967. McDonald urged that "all possible steps be taken immediately by the United Nations Organization, through its scientific staff and through the scientific facilities of all its member Nations, to undertake a systematic global study of the UFO problem immediately" (McDonald, 1967a). The group did not act on McDonald's recommendation.

Ufological discourse was next sounded at the UN on November 3, 1971, when the Ugandan representative asked the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to encourage astronauts who encountered UFOs to treat them respectfully. He wanted to insert a statement to that effect into a UN statement

on space exploration, but his colleagues were unmoved (Story, 1980).

In 1975, 1976, and 1977 the delegation from Grenada brought up the subject of "unidentified flying objects and other related phenomena" in the UN General Assembly. The impetus was the strong personal interest of the tiny Caribbean island-nation's prime minister, Sir Eric Gairy. On July 7, 1978, the Grenada delegation issued a statement calling for "open discussions on the very important subject . . . a matter of great significance at this time for all mankind." On the fourteenth Gairy, accompanied by ufologists Hynek, Jacques Vallee, David R. Saunders, Leonard H. Stringfield, and Claude Poher, met with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to organize a steering committee which would develop plans for possible UN involvement in UFO research.

On November 27 Hynek, Vallee, Stanton T. Friedman, UFO witness Lawrence J. Coyne (see **Coyne CE2**), and Grenada Ambassador at Large Wellington Friday spoke before a special UN committee. Grenada sought to interest the UN in a three-member panel to initiate a formal UFO-study program, but its efforts were unavailing. Beyond newspaper publicity, the episode made no impact, and no other nation backed Grenada.

Under Gairy's rule many Grenadians complained of corruption, human-rights violations, and economic inequality. Gairy was overthrown in the spring of 1979 and went into exile for a period, returning only after the American invasion of October 1983 threw out the successors to Gairy's successors. His continued unpopularity, however, foiled plans for a political comeback.

Aside from occasional discussion of UFOs within the confines of the UN building, an unidentified aerial object figures in one account of the plane crash that killed Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) on September 18, 1961. According to the *London Daily Telegraph* (January 20, 1962), an eyewitness, Timothy Kankasa, told an official inquiry that just prior to the crash, he had seen a small, unlighted craft flying above the larger passenger aircraft carrying Hammarskjöld and 15 others. The latter was "beaming lights" on the former. It then flew off to the northeast shortly before the crash ("Mystery," 1962).

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO UFO PROJECT

By the late 1950s the U.S. Air Force was ready to shed itself of its UFO burden. To many Americans **Project Blue Book** had lost all credibility. Some thought its explanations for UFO sightings reflected an official desire to "solve" reports at any cost. Others charged that Blue Book was deliberately trying to discredit the

subject as part of a scheme to cover up its powerlessness in the face of visitation by advanced intelligences from elsewhere. A Washington-based organization, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), drove the Air Force to distraction with its relentless cover-up allegations and lobbying efforts with Congress. NICAP had the support of a number of prominent citizens, including some high-ranking retired Army, Air Force, and Navy officers.

Within the project some felt that UFOs were a scientific, not a military, problem and thus not something with which the Air Force ought to concern itself. Yet they also feared a public backlash if they dropped Blue Book precipitously. That left one alternative: the Air Force had to find another agency which would take UFOs off its hands. As it would learn, however, none was interested, though over the next few years it would ask **NASA**, the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Brookings Institution. Meanwhile members of Congress were registering occasional expressions of unhappiness with Blue Book, though the project managed to fend off the major congressional hearings NICAP sought.

In early August 1965 a nationwide UFO **wave** erupted, catching Blue Book off-guard. This time its explanations, even less believable than usual, were openly disputed by astronomers, meteorologists, journalists, and witnesses. A chorus of editorial writers and individual scientists called for a new study. Blue Book's own principal scientific consultant, Northwestern University astronomer J. Allen Hynek, was growing ever more visibly uncomfortable with the project's shortcomings. Hynek urged that Blue Book assemble a panel of civilian scientists who would take a fresh look at the problem and suggest where, if anywhere, Blue Book should go from there. In a September 28 letter to the Military Director of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (AFSAB), Maj. Gen. E. B. LeBailly, the Air Force Director of Information, essentially endorsed Hynek's recommendation.

On February 3, 1966, six scientists, calling themselves the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Project Blue Book (also known as the O'Brien Committee after Chairman Brian O'Brien), met to discuss what the project should do about the UFO phenomenon. Five were

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE SUPPORTS UFO STUDY

(In meetings held November 27 and December 8, 1978, the prestigious Special Political Committee of the United Nations heard a presentation sponsored by Grenada and passed a resolution asking the General Assembly to take action. The text of the resolution follows, along with excerpts from the Summary Records of the meetings and from UN press releases.--Editor)

The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly adoption of the following consensus:

The General Assembly has taken note of the statements made, and draft resolutions submitted by Grenada at the 32nd and 33rd sessions of the General Assembly regarding unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

The General Assembly invites interested member States to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research, and evaluation of such activities

The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to transmit the statements of the delegation of Grenada and the relevant documentation to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, so that they may consider them at their 1979 meeting.

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will permit Grenada, upon its request, to present their views to the Committee at its next session. The Committee's deliberation will be included in its report which will be considered by the General Assembly at its 34th session. (UN Press Release GA/AH/1490, 8 December 1978)

November Meeting

The Special Political Committee met this morning to take up the item entitled "Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, co-ordinating, and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena." Grenada, in a letter dated 7 July (document A/33/141), requested inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly of this item which was also considered by the Assembly last year, at Grenada's request. Last year, the Assembly approved a consensus statement to the effect that a draft resolution submitted by Grenada (document A/SPC/32/L.20), calling for research into "unidentified flying objects and related phenomena," together with the statements made by Grenada on this subject, be transmitted to Member States and to the specialized agencies for their views (decision 32/424 of 13 December 1977). The replies received from Governments and specialized agencies were circulated by the Secretary-General in a report dated 6 October (document A/33/268). . . .

This morning's meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Special Political Committee, Rodolfo Piza Escalante (Costa Rica), at 11:01 a.m. After reviewing the documents before the Committee on this item, he welcomed the presence of the Prime Minister of Grenada, who thus took the floor to introduce the item.

Sir Eric Matthew Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, said he had come here to present the item because of his "deep personal conviction" that the subject of UFOs was one of "world-wide importance and significance", and, indeed, one which warranted very serious consideration by the United



Dr. J. Allen Hynek addressing UN Special Political Committee (United Nations photo by Y. Nagata)

Nations.

The recent report of the abduction of a Cessna aircraft in Australia seemed to him to be a compelling reason for the United Nations to come alive to its responsibilities and take a serious look at the UFO phenomenon to which planet earth has been conspicuously exposed since 1947," he said.

However, the recent incident in Australia, which had been given world-wide publicity, was only one of tens of thousands of such incidents reported by persons in nearly every corner of the globe "who have demonstrated some measure of courage," he went on. UFOCAT, a computerized catalogue of reported sightings, had listed over 60,000 cases drawn from virtually all parts of the world. This listing, he added, undoubtedly excluded, perhaps in equal number, many sightings "that people have failed to report for fear of being ridiculed."

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Press conference at United Nations, November 27, 1978. Left to right: Stanton T. Friedman, Lee Spiegel, Dr. Wellington Friday, Sir Eric Gairy, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallee, and Lt. Col. Larry Coyne. (Photo by Peter Tomikawa)

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matter of UFOs and other related phenomena in the General Assembly with a view to having the United Nations take the necessary action to co-ordinate research in the field, he said. Again in 1976 it had raised this subject. In 1977, it has emphasized its concern because of the rapidly growing interest manifested in the subject all over the world, the magnitude of which had been gathering momentum.

Earlier this year, in the General Assembly, Grenada had again re-emphasized the need for establishing an agency to study to origin, the nature and intention of that particular phenomenon. However, his delegation had made clear that Grenada was flexible as to the mechanism to be established for conducting and co-ordinating the type of research envisaged. It was concerned about the "newness" of the item within United Nations circles, and also about the high cost of establishing an agency or department.

Sir Eric went on to say that many people might wonder about Grenada's preoccupation with a subject such as UFOs. The answer, as he had stated before, was that the world was so pre-occupied, with international problems affecting individual countries that it often seemed to forget "international matters relating to earth as one planet."

"It is presumptuous for men to believe that they are God's only intelligent beings and that no other intelligent life exists on other planets," he remarked. "Such a belief is a gross fallacy. Indeed, we are all, no doubt, aware of the increasing number of attempts being made, by the use of high-level technology, to confirm the existence of extra-terrestrial life." (UN Press Release GA/AH/1478, 27 November 1978)

The Special Political Committee met this afternoon to continue consideration of the item submitted by Grenada, on unidentified flying objects. Consideration of the item began this morning, with statements by the Prime Minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy; the Minister of Education of Grenada, Wellington Friday; and three experts who appeared as part of the delegation of Grenada: J. Allen Hynek, Jacques F. Vallee, and Lt. Col. Larry Coyne . . .

Statement by Gordon Cooper

This afternoon's meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Special Political Committee, Rodolfo Piza Escalante (Costa Rica), at 3:42 p.m. Wellington Friday, Minister of Education of Grenada, read out the text of what he called "a very informative document" sent to his

delegation by Gordon Cooper, former United States astronaut, who was to have appeared here today as part of his delegation but who had been unable to be present:

"I believe that these extra-terrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets, which obviously are a little more technically advanced than we are here on earth. I feel that we need to have a top level, co-ordinated program to scientifically collect and analyze data from all over the earth concerning any type of encounter, and to determine how best to interface with these visitors in a friendly fashion. We may first have to show them that we have learned to resolve our problems by peaceful means, rather than warfare, before we are accepted as fully qualified universal team members. This acceptance would have tremendous possibilities of advancing our world in all areas. Certainly then it would seem that the United Nations has a vested interest in handling this subject properly and expeditiously. . . . I did have occasion in 1951 to have two days of observation of many flights of them, of different sizes, flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe. They were at a higher altitude than we could reach with our jet fighters of that time. . . .

"There are several of us
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THE GROENDAL RESERVE AFFAIR

By Cynthia Hind
(MUFON Representative for Rhodesia)

My first knowledge of the sighting in Groendal came from the headlines in the Port Elizabeth *Week-End Post*. They read: SPACE VISITORS IN EASTERN CAPE. The story gave details of a humanoid sighting in the Groendal Reserve not far from Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

I arrived in Uitenhage just before 5 PM on the 25th October, 1978, and went straight to the police station. However, when I learned that the Reserve was 20 kms from Uitenhage, I decided to check into an hotel in Port Elizabeth for the night and pursue the matter in the morning. Before leaving Uitenhage, I got onto the phone to the

Warden of the Reserve, Mr. D.P. Zeelie, as I thought he would be able to give me information about the Reserve. To my surprise, the girl who answered the phone would not let me speak to him; she said that Zeelie had been instructed by his Department to talk to no one else about the sighting. I have been unable to obtain a reason for this.

The following morning I contacted Keith Ross of the *Week-End Post*. Previously skeptical, he was now puzzled by what was going on. He invited me to his office and we had a long chat when several reporters and photographers gathered around, so I was able to give them a lot of information about UFOs, a subject

about which they seemed patently ignorant.

The story concerned the sighting by four young boys of three "silver men" in the Groendal Reserve, and the subsequent discovery of what could have been a landing site by Keith Ross and members of the South African Police. It was obvious that I would have to start with the boys who had witnessed the "silver men," and I made my way immediately to Despatch, about 5 kms from Uitenhage, where the boys all lived. Four young school-boys had been involved. Peter Simpson, 16; tall, pale and fair, a Standard 9A student. Jannie Bezuidenhout, 15;

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(astronauts) who do believe in UFOs and who have had occasion to see a UFO on the ground, or from an airplane. There was only one occasion from space which may have been a UFO. . . . If the United Nations agrees to pursue this subject, and to lend their credibility to it, perhaps many more well qualified people will agree to step forth and provide help and information." (UN Press Release GA/AH/1479, 27 November 1978)

Mr. Hynek (Grenada) said that the scope and extent of the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects was not generally recognized. It was a phenomenon so strange and foreign to man's terrestrial mode of thought that it was frequently ridiculed by persons and organizations unacquainted with the facts. Contrary to the expectations of many, the phenomenon had persisted and had touched the lives of an increasing number of people

throughout the world. . . . A surprisingly large number of individual scientists had expressed to him in private their involved concern with the challenge of the UFO phenomenon. . . . No intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization existed to enable such persons to pool the results of their research. All that was needed was a

The Special Political Committee decided by consensus this morning to recommend to the General Assembly that it invite interested Member States "to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate, on a national level, scientific research and investigation into extra-terrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects." -- United Nations press release, December 3, 1978

mechanism whereby such interchange could be accomplished. . . . The creation of a mechanism within the United Nations to facilitate the exchange of UFO reports and studies conducted in various Member States would hasten the day when such opinion would be translated into firm scientific knowledge. (Summary Record of the 35th meeting, Special Political Committee, 27 November 1978. Also contains summaries of statements by Jacques Vallee and Larry Coyne.)

(Editorial note: On the same morning, Dr. Hynek narrated the showing of several UFO movie films and still photographs. When the Committee reconvened that afternoon, Mr. Friday read the letter from Gordon Cooper and Stanton Friedman made a statement. Summary Record of the 36th Meeting, Special Political Committee, 27 November 1978)