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In November 1974, The Centre for U.F.O. Studies - Australian Co-Ordination Section was officially launched. Introductory Bulletins were sent out to every major U.F.O. Organisation and independant Investigators and researchers, all over Australia. It was hoped that co-operation would be received from all these people. We are now very proud to announce that this has been achieved. The following are now members of A.C.O.S.

N.S.W.

U.F.O. Investigation Centre - P.O. Box 6 Lane Cove N.S.W. 2066.

Central Coast U.F.O. Research Bureau - P.O. Box 86 Terrigal 2260 (new address)

Mr. W. Chalker - Earle Page College, University of New England Armidale 2351.

Mr. Terry Bishop - P.O. Box 332 Orange 2800.

Mr. Bill Tarplee + Mr. D. Owen - 20 Kingstome Street Evatt A.C.T. 2617.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

U.F.O. Research - 2A Castle Avenue Prospect 5082.

VICTORIA.

U.F.O. Research (Vic.) - 32 Tobruk Crescent Williamstown 3016.

Victorian U.F.O. Research Society - P.O. Box 43 Moorabbin 3189.

QUEENSLAND.

Queensland U.F.O. Research Bureau - P.O. Box 111 North Quay 4001.

TASMANIA.

Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre - G.P.O. Box 1310N Hobart 7001.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. J.A. Bell - 84 Acton Avenue Rivervale 6103.

Perth U.F.O. Research Group - 28 Davis Road Attadale 6156.

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Western Australia (cont.)

Unidentified Phenomena Investigation Bureau (U.F.O. Branch) c/o 35 Minninup Road Bunbury 6230.

U.F.O. Investigators Organisation - 3 Sutton Road Highwycombe 6057.

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At this stage we still await word from an organisation in the Northern Territory.

As can be seen by the above list, the whole of Australia is covered, but should anyone know of any other organisation or Individual involved in the research or investigation of U.F.O's, would they please inform us of them, so that we can invite them to join A.C.O.S., in an effort to enable us all to work together in a national effort which was almost impossible to do in the past.

Professor Hynek has been informed of the success of A.C.O.S., and two despatches have already been forwarded to him. In a letter received by us two weeks ago, Professor Hynek stated that he was extremely pleased with the progress of A.C.O.S., and the co-operation everyone has given to the combined effort. He also asked us to pass on the following message to you.

"I have finally found a student assistant to begin going through the great amount of material I accumulated on my trip to Australia. I realize that much of that correspondance has gone unanswered, and I ask you to give my apologies to the area people.

A group such as yours will be of great assistance in the gathering of reports. We are working with Dr. Saunders to develop a universal form for entering all cases into his computer catalog."

Once again, may we say that we sincerely hope that this is the beginning of all groups working together on a national basis. Not only to co-operate with us, but to also co-operate and work with each other.

H. Griesberg
D. Seargent.

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A.C.O.S. and the R.A.A.F.

A copy of our Introductory Bulletin was also forwarded to The Department of Defence (Air Office) to make them aware of the existence and the purpose and function of A.C.O.S. An extract from a letter received from them states the following.

"In discussion between the Director of Air Force Intelligence and Professor Hynek it was agreed that the Royal Australian Air Force would make available selected, more interesting cases to Professor Hynek. Thank you for your interest and you may be assured that we will assist where we consider it is appropriate to do so."

During our publicity campaign, we also used the following text.

"The Royal Australian Air Force is the official investigatory body for U.F.O. reports in Australia, and it is aware of our existence and our purpose. In the past, the R.A.A.F., has provided information to interested recognised bodies on request; it is hoped that similar selected information will be made available to A.C.O.S."

In a further letter to A.C.O.S., the R.A.A.F. states the following.

"As you are aware, in Australia the Royal Australian Air Force is responsible for the investigation of unusual aerial sightings. All well reported sightings are thoroughly investigated both at the nearest Air Force base and at the Department of Defence (Air Office) in Canberra. In many cases, people have seen something and are concerned as to the cause. Occasionally people are genuinely alarmed that their experience may be extra-terrestrial in origin. The Air Force hopes that through its investigations any fears that people may have about UFO's can be allayed.

Although the majority of reports are resolved satisfactorily, the Air Force believes that there will always be a small percentage that will remain unresolved probably because of insufficient information being supplied, late receipt of the report or current scientific knowledge being insufficient to provide a definite explanation."

A.C.O.S., is very pleased to have received the co-operation to this extent from the R.A.A.F., as it is our policy to work with everyone involved in this field of investigation.

At the moment we know that CCUFORB and UFOIC of N.S.W., and UFO Research of South Australia are co-operating with the RAAF, and we suggest that everyone takes up liasion with the Intelligence Officer at their nearest Air Force base, and we are certain that they will get some co-operation, which will help them in their investigation. If you do not know where your nearest RAAF base is located, write to Mr. G. J. Odgers, Director of Public Relations, Department of Defence (Air Office), Russell Offices Canberra A.C.T. 2600, who will, we are sure, supply you with the information.

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ANALYSES REPORTS.

The following are two analyses reports from Tasmania (TUFOIC) and South Australia (UFO Research) showing the reports received by them for 1974. We thank both organisations for these reports, and hope to get more of these at the end of this year from all organisations.

<u>Tasmania.</u>		<u>South Australia.</u>	
Unidentified	37	Considered unknown	11
Insufficient Information	13	Insufficient information	19
Satellites	24	Possibly conventional	13
Astronomical	25	Probably "	22
Aircraft	18	definitely identified	54
Flares	6		
Possible Hoax	2		
Meteorological	6		
Noise only	1		
Weather Balloon	1		
	Total <u>133</u>		Total <u>119</u>

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It is hoped in future Bulletins to quote several good reports from Australia in detail.

Any officer from any organisation or Individual Researcher who are members of A.C.O.S., if in Gosford, is very welcome to call into A.C.O.S., to look through the reports.

We are in the process of setting up a Central Library in order, with all reports from throughout Australia. The phone numbers are:

H. Riesberg 24 2594 (area code 043) after 6 p.m. and all weekend or if unanswered, D. Seargent 32 2153 (area code 043).

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Signal and Noise.

For nearly thirty years the problem of U.F.O.'s has baffled the mind and excited the emotions. People tend to divide into two extremes over the issue; one saying that all U.F.O. are hallucinations, misinterpretations of common phenomena or just plain lies, while the other maintains with equal vigour that these strange apparitions can only be explained as craft from another planet.

Each group has its "evidence" of course. The U.F.O.'s appear in all their complexity, but the observer or reporter (consciously or unconsciously) screens out those features which seem to confirm his theory. Thus, someone convinced that UFO's are all misinterpretations will tend, conveniently, to forget both the numbers of cases reported by people whose training has been directed toward accuracy and those well-attested reports which seem genuine perceptions of unknown phenomena.

Likewise, extraterrestrial enthusiasts see "spaceships" everywhere, even in metre-wide balls of light rolling along at treetop level!

The Centre for UFO Studies represents a third group which does not hold any pre-conceived ideas as to the nature of the phenomena. It attempts to analyse a wealth of U.F.O. reports from all over the world in an attempt to find some real pattern in the sightings, not a spurious "pattern" projected by beliefs.

In other words, it attempts to separate the "signal" (the genuine, significant, pattern) from the "noise" (the wealth of non-essential details) in a report.

In theory, it should be possible to do just this, however we have a difficulty in the reports themselves which rather compounds the problem, viz. witnesses tend, as I have said, to interpret what they see in terms of a particular belief. In doing this, they may well reject, as mere "noise", something which is actually "signal".

It is important, therefore, for reports to be as comprehensive as possible. A witness must resist the temptation to prune the memory of his experience by omitting some seemingly trivial feature. He must also, of course, guard against the embellishing of a report.

Accurate, unprejudiced reports, then, are what the Centre needs if the true nature of this phenomena is to be discovered by the analysis of cases. If A.C.O.S. is kept busy with these, Australia will be playing its part toward the solution of this controversial problem.

David Seargent.

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Note.

Would all organisations and Investigators please send a copy of their current report form to us.

So far, as mentioned earlier, two despatches of reports have been sent to the Center. The following is a list of the people who have sent reports to A.C.O.S. so far and the amount of reports:

W. Chalker	2.	UFO Research (S.A.)	2.
Bill Tarplee	1.	TUFOIC (including last year)	26.
CCUFORB	2.	VUFORS	2.
UFOIC	2.	PUFORG	2.

This makes a total of 39 detailed reports that has gone to Professor Hynek. So let us keep up the good work.

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NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES U.S.A.

Up until now, no technical reports or results have been received by ACOS, but we hope that in the very near future, we are able to bring you these.

In our Introductory Bulletin, we mentioned that the Center's telephone number has been given to ALL the police in the United States. That was incorrect. It should have been:

"The WATS telephone line is operated nationwide, and has been given to over 5,000 police chiefs and sheriffs."

We apologise for that error.

The telephone number has also been given to the FBI, the Pilots organisation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The private WATS line mentioned that stretches from the Rocky Mountains to the

