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AF ADMITS COVER-UP

15 August 1960 (NICAP) In what may be the strangest AF interview on record, the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center has now admitted hiding the crucial Project "Grudge" UFO report by stamping it "secret". This surprising ATIC admission - made at Dayton, Ohio on June 1 - completely disproves repeated censorship denials made by AF Headquarters.

At the same time, in an even more puzzling contradiction, the Center flatly denied serious UFO incidents previously confirmed by Air Force Headquarters and even by ATIC itself.

The Project Grudge report includes official AF Cases Nos. 1-244 and covers the Air Force investigation from 1947 to late in 1949. On December 30, 1949, a copy was temporarily declassified at the Pentagon--apparently an error during the excitement after TRUE Magazine's story that flying saucers were real and interplanetary. Before it was withdrawn, the report was seen by several newsmen and writers. Since this report suggested that we were indeed being watched by beings from elsewhere and since it disproved later later Air Force claims, it has been hidden from Congress, the press, and the public for six years.

In its June 1 statements, ATIC also denied any knowledge of the tragic Kinross case (two AF men lost in a ufo chase); the AF evaluation of the Utah UFO pictures; AF firing on the elusive objects, and other well known and documented cases.

Most of the ATIC statements were taperecorded by magazine writer Harold Salkin, at Dayton. The ATIC denials also were witnessed by a Washington radio producer, Richard Vaughn of WTTG, who was seeking material for a documentary UFO program. The dual interview, begun on May 31, had been arranged by AF Headquarters, and the two men flown to Dayton by the Air Force. The official answers to their questions were given by Deputy Chief of Intelligence Theodore Heatt, Lt. Col. Spencer Whedon, and Major Robert Friend of Project Blue Book, which coordinates the UFO investigation.

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A.P.I.S. HOLDS CLOSED CONFERENCE

18 August 1960 The Aerial Phenomena Investigations Society of Olean, New York announced today that it will hold a closed news conference for "newspaper reporters, radio and television newsmen, wire service representatives, magazine editorialists and reporters and official representatives of UFO groups in the U. S." on September 10th.

Held at the Olean House from 1 P. M. thru midnight, the conference will offer evidence to support the APIS contention "that UFOs are not from the planet Earth".

Highlighted will be an interview via tape recording with an AF radar man of almost ten years standing, relating his personal experiences tracking UFOs.

In addition, over 50 "authentic pictures" of UFOs taken by persons the world over will be on display.

Finally, there will be a tape recorded telephone-beep interview with an AF colonel, who states that an AF plane crashed, killing its crew of four, after it struck some unknown aerial object.

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ALERTED CONGRESS ORDERS UFO WATCH

15 August 1960 (NICAP) The Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee has been directed to keep a close watch on UFO developments, including the conduct and conclusions of Air Force investigations.

"At my direction", stated Senator Lyndon Johnson -- subcommittee chairman, "the staff of the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee is keeping a close watch over new developments in this field, with standing orders to report to me any recent significant sightings of UFOs along with an analysis of the conduct and conclusions of the Air Force investigation of each such sighting."

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Regional Sightings:

New York City (June 8 '60) A luminous bluish elliptical UFO moving at high speed was seen from mid-town Manhattan by Lee Ball, a biochemist, about 3:45 A.M. The UFO which "seemed to be enveloped in a bluish nebulous mist through which dark, vertical parallel markings were visible," appeared to be 8 times the diameter of the full moon. It appeared about ten degrees below and to the east of the North Star (Polaris) and moved in a westerly direction, traveling about 15 degrees before disappearing from view. (NICAP report)

Bedford, Mass. (May 4 '60) A dark red spherical UFO was observed in the eastern sky about 9:15 P.M. by Charles Oates, Boston's Hayden Planetarium chief technician, and his wife. The sphere was sighted shortly after Oates saw two bright white lights appear and disappear in the same area of the sky. The UFO appeared at an elevation of almost 50 degrees near the constellation Bootes. It pulsed from red to white to red.

Guest Editorial

THE SILLY SEASON

As anyone who has viewed any television at all in the past few weeks knows, the political season is upon us, and though it is often said that the times bring out the best in a man, this season seems to be bringing out the silliest in some members of the flying saucer field.

Not to be outdone by the Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, or the ever-popular Lardaly, saucerology has two candidates for the presidency of the United States.

One, George Van Tassel told those attending the annual Giant Rock Convention that they should feel free to write in his name as a protest against the way government is run today.

The other, running on a platform of "America Needs a Space Age President", is nationally known as director of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, and has actually gone so far as to buy advertising in the Los Angeles Mirror (July 22) and distribute buttons with the slogan "Abe in 1860. Gabe in 1960" surrounding his picture. The candidate, in case you haven't recognized him yet, is Gabriel Green, who, if one believes his advertising, will solve all the country's problems with Prior Choice Economics, which he has been expounding in the monthly "AFSCA World Reports" (formerly Thy Kingdom Come) since that publication's birth.

Running as a write-in candidate for an "independent non-partisan president of the US," Green apparently plans to start his campaign in earnest at the second AFSCA convention, August 13-14 in the Shrine Auditorium.

These announcements remind us of an attempt by Orfeo Angelucci to form a write-in campaign for president and vice-president in the July, 1956, MYSTIC. He stipulated, however, "Truly, we do not want to win office. We would not want it if we did win. It is an interplanetary diplomatic point we desire." Angelucci's ticket was Donald Keyhoe for president and Orfeo Angelucci (who else?) for vice-president.

While it is possible that a saucer ticket could win a few votes, and might even win the election, the chances of this, compared with the probable harm to ufology caused by such antics are hardly high enough to justify presenting such nonsense to the general public.

Ufology is having enough trouble gaining public acceptance without having its fringe elements heap ridicule on it with such actions.

(We add our "Amen" to this editorial from John Weigle's UFOLOGY BULLETIN, Box 1161, Route 1, Ventura, California.)

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NEWSNOTES & CAPSULE COMMENTS

In case you were wondering here is the meaning of some of our news by-lines: AP-Associated Press; UPI-United Press International; NICAP-National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena; UB- Ufology Bulletin; FSM-Flying Saucers Magazine.