

QUARTERLY REPORT
October - December 1987

During the last quarter of 1987, the Fund continued appeals for donations to be applied to document verification and analysis of "abduction traces" (chemical samples). The Fund also prepared to take an active part in the analysis of the letters which Budd Hopkins received as a result of the article on abductions which appeared in the December issue of OMNI magazine. So far, there are about 2,000 such letters. The Fund hopes to develop a data base using as many of these letters as time and expense permits.

A videotape has been compiled which provides a one-hour review of the events which occurred at the International MUFON Symposium last summer. This tape was produced by Fred Whiting, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund, from original tapes made at the conference by Mark Friedlander and Allen Benz. It provides highlights of the conference, concentrating largely on current research into crash/retrieval cases and the abduction phenomenon. Four audio tapes are also available, which provide information not offered anywhere else: the complete abduction panel discussions, Bill Moore's dinner lecture on his MJ-12 investigations, the speeches by Juan Ballester-Olmos (Spain) and Jun-ichi Yaoi (Japan), and the complete panel discussion of government involvement in the UFO controversy in the USA, Australia, Canada and England. Please see the enclosed Reply Form for details.

In October, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the Fund, appeared on the Geraldo Rivera TV program, along with Budd Hopkins and several abductees. In December, he appeared on the "Larry King Live" TV show, hosted by Rona Barrett, along with Whitley Strieber (author of Communion), Dr. Harvey Ruben (a psychiatrist who was quoted in the OMNI article) and Philip Klass. Thanks to the psychological study of nine abductees supported by the Fund several years ago, Dr. Maccabee was able to correct Dr. Ruben's suggestion that abductees are mentally ill (Dr. Ruben repeatedly stated that mentally ill people report hallucinations, implying that abduction reports fall into the same category). Dr. Maccabee also was able to correct the impression which Mr. Klass attempted to leave with the audience that the psychological study showed that the abductees were psychologically or emotionally disturbed in a manner which could explain their abduction accounts. "The most important finding of the psychological study," said Dr. Maccabee, "was simply that a standard battery of psychological tests of nine abductees failed to find any psychological deficit that could explain why they reported abduction stories."

In late January, a UFO in Australia reportedly chased a truck, picked up a car with four passengers, and then dropped the car, leaving a residue of black ash on the roof. The object also reportedly buzzed a tuna boat. It is rare to have a daylight UFO sighting with so many witnesses, as well as the apparent levitation of an automobile and physical traces besides.

The Executive Committee of the Fund immediately authorized the payment of up to \$500 to investigate the case. We have contacted both Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, and Keith Basterfield, the principal Australian investigator on the case, with our commitment of funds, to analyze the physical evidence as well as to cover the expenses associated with the investigation.

This case points out the need for a rapid response capability for UFO investigators around the world. Unless investigators can act quickly--to interview witnesses, conduct on-site visits and retrieve physical evidence--the UFO report remains just that: a report. The Fund for UFO Research has established a Rapid Response Fund to guarantee the expenses of investigators who are involved in cases such as the one which took place in Australia. Unfortunately, our resources are limited, and we must rely on you for support. Please note on the enclosed Reply Form a place to check for contributions to the Rapid Response Fund. Contributors of \$50 or more will receive a report on the Australian physical trace case, as soon as it is made available to us.

As the Treasurer's Report indicates, the Fund continues to spend a considerable amount for printing, postage and mailing. Much of this expense is a result of sending the Quarterly Report to individuals who have requested it. However, we cannot continue to incur the costs of printing and postage if it does not result in contributions to support scientific research into the UFO phenomenon. Therefore, beginning with the 1st Quarter of 1988, the Quarterly Report will be mailed only to individuals who have contributed at least \$5.00 during the previous year. There is a space to check indicating your desire to continue receiving the Quarterly Report; please check it and enclose at least \$5.00 to ensure you will continue to receive information on new developments in UFO research through 1988. Contributors of \$10 or more will receive a special "I Support UFO Research" button as an expression of our appreciation for your support.

**Treasurer's Report
4th Quarter 1987**

Total Assets

End of 4th Quarter End of 3rd Quarter

Checking Account.....	\$2,536.78	\$1,196.38
Symposium Account.....	0.00	1,987.22
Savings & Loan.....	1,446.26	1,427.19
Dreyfus Account.....	<u>680.82</u>	<u>669.19</u>

TOTALS **\$3,363.81** **\$5,279.98**

Expenditures

Income

Supplies.....	\$1,059.11*	Donations.....	\$2,835.30
Mail services.....	3,137.19	Sales.....	2,454.80
Printing/video.....	4,543.36	Interest.....	<u>50.15</u>
Postage.....	<u>1,873.33</u>		

TOTALS **\$10,612.99** **\$5,272.74**

*includes \$897.50 for books

(Donations include \$1,837.50 for MJ-12 document verification and \$296.70 for abduction trace analysis)