

FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH
October 15, 1988
Minutes

Brunch Meeting

Following the two-hour telecast, "UFO Cover-Up?...Live," the Fund sponsored a brunch meeting to discuss the question, "Where do we go from here?" Chairman Bruce Maccabee led the discussion.

National Board member Richard Haines noted that the UFO question is becoming a new social movement which may be threatening to the public. "We face an epidemic of information," he said, in reference to abduction cases, "for which psychologists are not prepared." He recommended the Fund alert the American Psychological Association as to the scope of the problem and possible guidelines for treating clients who may be abductees. He also said contacts should be established in the USSR and China.

Dr. Rema Laibow said there is a need for meetings of psychiatrists to discuss the psychological aspects of abduction cases. She recommended that the Fund sponsor a scientific symposium specifically for therapists in the near future. She also advocated support for research to be published in scientific journals.

Budd Hopkins suggested the Fund distribute papers written by Dr. Laibow and Dr. Lisa Slater to possible abductees.

Betty Cash said the medical field generally needs to be educated on the UFO subject, citing her physical injury case as an example.

Howard Hoffman said alerting Members of Congress is part of the answer to the government cover-up aspect.

Stan Friedman suggested a workshop on abduction cases.

A member of the audience raised the question of establishing a support group for abductees along the lines of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In a private meeting with members of the Executive Committee, Dr. Haines said he would soon submit a proposal to hire a professional film/video producer, Ron Lakis, to do a series of programs on a training class for abduction case investigators/counselors.

Board of Directors Meeting

Bruce called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Present were Executive Committee members Don Berliner, Rob Swiatek, Larry Bryant, Fanny Phillips, Dick Hall and Fred Whiting, and National Board members Robert Hall, John Carlson and David Schwartzman. Also present were Elaine Douglass, Bob Oechsler and Stan Friedman.

Bruce reviewed the proposals discussed at the brunch meeting. He noted there is still a need to enter the results of the OMNI surveys into a computer.

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There was a lengthy discussion on Dr. Laibow's proposal for a seminar for therapists on abduction cases. Bob Hall suggested doing a survey of clinical psychologists. No decisions were made.

Fred proposed sending a letter to the Fund's \$50+ contributors soliciting support for Stan Friedman's proposal to do follow-up research on MJ-12. There was a consensus in support for the idea, as long as it is made clear contributions would not be earmarked for that project alone.

Bob Cechsler said Allen Feinstein has asked for a letter from the Fund on goals for research projects and has indicated a willingness to solicit contributions for the Fund in his newsletter, which has a circulation of more than two million. Fred said he would draft the letter.

Dave Schwartzman raised the question of sponsoring a UFO/SETI conference. Bruce also suggested that the Fund provide support for U.S. participation in the Tunguska project with the Soviet Union.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Income:

Contributions	\$ 292.50
Sales	<u>1,405.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,697.50

Expenditures:

Mail services	\$ 988.71
Supplies	16.20
Phone	75.09
Books	250.00
Meeting	333.80
Other (refund)	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,688.80

Assets:

Checking Account	\$3,511.96
Savings & Loan	1,484.37
Dreyfuss Account	<u>715.58</u>
TOTAL	\$5,711.91

Liabilities:

Roberts grant...	\$250.00
Abduction group	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$500.00