

QUARTERLY REPORT

July - September 1988

This quarter was characterized by the buildup toward the two national TV UFO "extravanzas" to be produced in October: one segment on "Unsolved Mysteries," covering the Gulf Breeze sightings, and the nationally syndicated production of "UFO Cover-up?...Live." Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the Fund, was active in these endeavors and appeared in both of them. An associate of the Fund, Robert Oechsler (a MUFON State Section Director), also was helpful in providing excellent copies of "Mr. Ed's" photos from the Gulf Breeze case to the TV production crews. Various Fund representatives were also involved in conducting radio and TV interviews with approximately 100 stations across the country.

At the July meeting, we were delighted to have Timothy Goode, author of *Above Top Secret*, at our meeting to discuss his views on the worldwide cover-up of UFO information.

Many discussions during this quarter centered on our present desire to raise a large amount of money (on the order of tens of thousands of dollars) to aid in UFO research related to the government cover-up, abduction reports and other research and education projects. The need for a considerable infusion of funds into UFO research is illustrated by a proposal which Stanton Friedman supplied at our request.

We asked for his best guess as to what it would cost to significantly advance our knowledge about the MJ-12 document. He responded with a proposal for full time research which involves travelling to several Presidential libraries, visiting some people who may have important information and writing a full report of his activities. (Note: we already have approved a grant of \$500 to Mr. Friedman to cover some of the telephone costs he has incurred over the last year in his effort to investigate the MJ-12 documents). Mr. Friedman's proposal is for a four-month effort which would cost \$16,000.

It will be obvious to anyone who reads our Treasurer's Report that we cannot support this project without a considerable infusion of funds. We are presently trying to contact people who might be able to provide sizeable amounts of money for this project. If you would like to contribute to Mr. Friedman's research into MJ-12, please designate your contribution in the appropriate place on the enclosed Reply Form. Contributors of \$50 or more will receive a copy of Mr. Friedman's report before it is released to the public.

Another activity which we are supporting at a modest level of \$500 for the first year is the "DC Area UFO Abduction Project," which involves Richard Hall and Elaine Douglass. The project has two objectives: the first to help abductees who contact the project by putting them in touch with competent and sympathetic psychologists; the second is to learn the "social dynamics" involved in such an interaction, while also obtaining any UFO-related information which may come forth as a result of conscious recall or under hypnosis. Since the abductees who contact the project have agreed to pay for any professional counselling which they feel is necessary, the costs of the Fund for this project are mainly clerical and "report writing." For example, there are costs incurred in maintaining contacts with the abductees and psychologists, in transcribing interview tapes and in writing and publishing reports which can then be sold by the Fund. The necessary level of funding for this project could escalate if we are contacted by numerous people claiming abductions.

Another activity that we are supporting at a modest level involves asking a large number of scientists to sign a statement to the effect that they believe UFO research is a worthy endeavor. Our hope is that if enough scientists would sign such a statement, we could use this as a justification for approaching a funding agency such as the National Science Foundation or NASA.

Other subjects we have discussed that could require major funding have included support of one or more graduate students at universities, and one or more meetings between ufologists and others to discuss the import of what we have learned in the last ten years from abduction and government cover-up research. Such meetings could bring together well known "non-ufologists" in various fields of science in order to discuss the implications of recent UFO research. Regarding the graduate students, we would like to be able to support Masters and Ph.D. level students who could study UFO-related subjects rang-

ing from history and religion to psychology and physics.

We also have discussed the possibility of setting up an office for the Fund with a full-time staff to administer grants, keep track of research projects, handle the mailing of educational materials and coordinate our publicity through the news media. We would not consider an office, however, unless it appeared that we could raise a hundred thousand dollars or more.

If you can put us into contact with a person or persons who might be willing to provide major funding for UFO-related projects, please provide that person's name and address on the enclosed Reply Form. And if you can make a tax-deductible contribution to support any of these worthwhile efforts before the end of the tax year, please feel free to do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT

3rd Quarter 1988

Total Assets

	<u>End of 3rd Quarter</u>	<u>End of 2nd Quarter</u>
Checking Account.	\$3,281.81	\$4,961.37
Savings & Loan	1,484.37	1,474.63
Dreyfus Account	702.93	702.93
TOTAL	5,469.11	7,138.93

Expenditures

Mail Services	\$2,431.25
Grants/investigations	1,153.82
Other	1,012.72
Phone	152.15
TOTALS	\$4,749.56

Income

Donations	\$1,545.40
Sales	1,611.80
Interest	31.96

TOTALS	\$4,749.56	\$3,157.70
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We would like to call your attention to several new publications: *TRUE UFOs*, *Fantasy or Reality*, and *The Case of the Flying Christmas Tree*. These are previously unpublished papers by Dr. Maccabee. The first is subtitled "A UFO Primer." The second is his investigation of a photographic multiple witness case that occurred in Connecticut in 1981. Those of you who have enjoyed Dr. Maccabee's work in the past will find these to be fascinating reading.

Also available for the first time from the Fund is *Intruders* by noted abduction authority Budd Hopkins. This special edition in hardcover is available for the incredibly low price of only \$5.00, making it an ideal gift for the holiday season. The first 20 copies are autographed by the author.

We also would like to mention that we have a limited supply of government document packages still available as a complete three volume set (over 600 pages) for \$80. Please note that orders of \$100 or more will receive a 10% discount.