

QUARTERLY REPORT
July - December 1989

The latter half of 1989 proved to be a period of unprecedented activity for the UFO community and for the Fund for UFO Research. In an effort to provide the most timely information possible, this report covers the final two quarters of the year.

The most significant public development was the October 9 TASS account of a UFO landing in Veronezh, USSR, about 300 miles southeast of Moscow and the appearance of unusual-looking aliens in the town park. The event was witnessed by a group of children. The Fund immediately received more than 50 media inquiries, which resulted in 22 interviews with a number of news outlets, including the Cable News Network. The Fund is attempting to establish contacts within the Soviet Union to get more information on this startling new development.

Meanwhile, Stanton Friedman's excellent behind-the-scenes research into the Roswell case received commendable attention by NBC-TV's "Unsolved Mysteries" program on September 20. The broadcast resulted in more than 50 new leads in the case, which Mr. Friedman is investigating in connection with his research into the "MJ-12" documents and personalities. His research is being supported by a \$16,000 grant provided by the Fund--the largest ever given by a private organization in UFO history. Because of these new developments, his report (which had been expected by the end of the year) will be finalized early in 1990.

Fund Chairman Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., an optical physicist and recognized expert in UFO photo analysis, is examining several videotapes of alleged UFOs shot recently on opposite sides of the world. A Japanese video of a "Saturn-shaped" UFO made during a daytime sighting has tentatively been categorized as "unidentified," and efforts are underway to compare it with a similar object photographed in 1975. In the meantime, we are facilitating the analysis of a UFO captured on videotape by a member of the Dutch Ministry of Defense while on vacation in Spain earlier in the year.

Even before the TASS account and the NBC-TV report on the Roswell case, the Fund had circulated a news column on the UFO phenomenon to more than 8,000 newspapers across the USA, resulting in scores of inquiries from the public for more information.

The Fund's Board of Directors approved two grant requests during this period: to Marge Christensen for \$1,450 to support the publication of a report, *Using Concepts From UFO Studies to Teach Science and Critical Thinking*, to the National Science Teachers Association Conference on December 2, 1989; and \$400 to Nigel Watson for an analysis of "mystery helicopters" in England. Mrs. Christensen's report, co-authored by Richard Haines, Ph.D., John Schuessler and Michael Swords, Ph.D., is now available from the Fund for a contribution of \$25 or more, as long as supplies last.

The Fund also is pleased to announce the availability for the first time of *The Gulf Breeze Sightings* by Ed Walters and Frances Walters, with a foreword

by Budd Hopkins. This long-awaited report was prepared with the assistance of Dr. Maccabee, whose analysis of the photos has received critical acclaim throughout the UFO community. Special autographed copies of this just-published work, which is likely to be a classic in UFO literature, are now available for \$21.95. See the enclosed Reply Form for more information.

The Executive Committee is pleased to welcome John Brandenburg, Ph.D., a physicist living in the Washington, DC, area, as an Alternate Member. Dr. Brandenburg has been involved in the Mars Research Project to analyze photographs of anomalous objects photographed on the surface of the Red Planet. The Executive Committee feels his scientific background will make a splendid contribution to our efforts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>3089</u>	<u>4089</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		
Checking Account	\$1,154.84	\$1,397.32
Savings & Loan	6,708.44	6,809.89
Dreyfus Account	<u>1,347.62</u>	<u>359.51</u>
TOTALS	\$9,210.90	\$8,566.72
<u>Income</u>		
Contributions	\$3,040.90	\$1,303.93
Sales	2,327.05	1,216.05
Interest	<u>119.88</u>	<u>113.34</u>
TOTALS	\$5,487.83	\$2,633.32
<u>Expenses</u>		
Mailing services	\$2,493.87	\$1,549.34
Grants/awards	2,600.00	1,481.41
Phone	182.69	106.73
Advertising	630.00	50.00
Meetings	60.00	-0-
Subscriptions	-0-	55.00
Miscellaneous	<u> </u>	<u>73.19</u>
TOTALS	\$5,966.56	\$3,315.67

As noted in an earlier fundraising appeal, the Fund for UFO Research faces the possibility of being without resources to deal with new developments in the field, such as the Soviet landing case, the availability of UFO photographs and videotapes for analysis and continuing research into the Roswell crash and government involvement in the UFO question. All of our funds are committed to ongoing projects. If you have not yet responded to the appeal for contributions, please do so as soon as possible, so we can keep you informed of exciting new developments in UFO research in the weeks and months ahead.

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August 1, 1989

Dear Media Representative:

Have hundreds--perhaps thousands--of humans been "abducted" by alien beings?

Or are we faced with some new form of mental illness, never before recognized by science?

These are some of the questions being posed by recent research into this most puzzling aspect of the UFO phenomenon: abduction cases, or "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind."

The "typical" abduction scenario usually involves one or more witnesses who experience a UFO sighting. Often there is "missing time," or a period during which the witness has no memory of events following the sighting. Frequently--but not always--these memories are retrieved through the use of hypnosis.

A surprising number of witnesses give the same account. They are taken into a craft, given some kind of medical examination and released. Descriptions of the craft, the beings and the procedures used are often remarkably similar.

Since the well-publicized case involving Betty and Barney Hill in 1961, there have been hundreds of abduction cases reported around the world. Public interest in the abduction phenomenon was renewed in 1987 by the publication of the best-seller, Communion, by Whitley Strieber, and Intruders by noted UFO researcher Budd Hopkins. (Both books are being made into major motion pictures, to be released later this year.)

And most recently, more than 2,000 readers of Omni magazine responded to a survey designed to identify possible "abductees"--with surprising results! (See the enclosed reprint for details.)

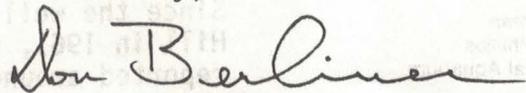
The Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit scientific organization based in Washington, D.C., has given considerable support to the investigation of abduction cases. Among our accomplishments over the past few years:

- * We provided financial support for the first scientific testing of abduction witnesses, which ruled out mental illness as a cause for their memories.
- * We commissioned a catalog of nearly 200 abduction cases to identify common characteristics.
- * We paid for a laboratory analysis of physical traces associated with abduction cases.
- * We recently sponsored the first conference of psychiatrists and psychologists to involve the mental health community in the identification and treatment of "abductees."

The Fund for UFO Research would be pleased to assist you in preparing an article or program focusing on UFOs and the abduction phenomenon. We can supply you with background information, competent researchers, mental health professionals and even witnesses.

If we can help you take a serious look at this most puzzling aspect of the UFO phenomenon, feel free to contact me at (703) 684-6032.

Sincerely,



Don Berliner
Executive Committee

Enclosures

P.S.--Please note that August 13-20 is National UFO Information Week.