

Quarterly Report

July-September 1995

Overview

Compared to the relative quiescence of the second quarter, the Fund's third quarter proved to be explosive, dynamic, and busy. Although the UFO phenomenon itself remained largely out of sight, with no waves on the horizon, the U.S. government entered the picture in a big way with two major releases, both pertaining to Roswell. In July, the GAO's long-anticipated report was made public; in September the Air Force weighed in with a ponderous volume of documentation resulting from their research into the Roswell Incident. July's C-F-M meeting hit a pinnacle of sorts with the breakup of the association between the three major UFO groups and their financial sponsor. Finally, executive committee members were dogged throughout the Summer by the folderol surrounding the Santilli "alien autopsy" film. ✨

C-F-M Activity

At the very start of the third quarter, representatives of the Fund, CUFOS, and MUFON convened in Las Vegas following the annual MUFON symposium for the fifth C-F-M (Coalition) meeting. Attending on behalf of the Fund were chairman Richard Hall and Rob Swiatek. On tap for discussion during the course of the meeting were several new proposals along with one potentially troublesome issue: Negotiation with the Bigelow Foundation of an operating agreement for the new fiscal year. This last proved to be the only major item of business discussed during the abbreviated tenure of

the fifth meeting, and no satisfactory resolution was reached.

Hours of oftentimes heated debate ended when it became clear to all concerned that the Bigelow Foundation and the coalition of UFO groups had competing visions of how best to tackle the UFO phenomenon from a scientific standpoint. Early on the morning of the second day of talks, Robert Bigelow announced that only existing contracts between the Bigelow Foundation and the Fund, CUFOS, and MUFON would be honored, and that henceforth any new financial support on his part was at an end. The impact on ongoing Fund projects is mixed: Volume II of *The UFO Evidence* will be funded to completion; Jan Aldrich's *Project 1947* will receive funding only through January 1996. *Project 1947* is sufficiently advanced, however, that its completion is not in doubt.

In the final analysis, the one year of funding from the Bigelow Foundation had three benefits: (1) A number of proposals were approved, fully funded, and completed; several others in various stages of progress at worst will be partially funded. (2) The three major UFO organizations achieved a better working relationship with one another, to the point that the Coalition will continue despite the abridgment of the arrangement with the Bigelow Foundation. (3) General funds disbursed to the Fund, MUFON, and CUFOS were used to further their collective investigation into the UFO phenomenon. ✨

The GAO Report

The long-awaited General Accounting Office report detailing the results of their search for records related to the crash of an object near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 was released in late July to Rep. Steven Schiff (R-NM) and immediately made public by the congressman. The 20-page report details the extent of the largely fruitless search, which resulted in the discovery of only two documents--both already known to the UFO research community. The GAO discovered that administrative records and outgoing messages related to Roswell Army Air Field activities during the time period in question had been destroyed. The person or organization that destroyed the documents and the authority under which they had been destroyed were not apparent. Regarding what did crash at Roswell, the report notes that "[t]he debate . . . continues."

In response to the GAO report, the Fund sent a news release to members of its press list, advising them of the report's availability and summarizing its findings. Although ufologists might have been encouraged by the report's ambiguous findings, the news media were underwhelmed and the report received little play in the news and prompted very few calls to the Fund. ✪

The Alien Autopsy Film

Eight months of conflicting reports and increasing hysteria on the part of some elements of the UFO community culminated in the 28 August telecast by the FOX TV network of the "alien autopsy" movie footage (this was the first of three such telecasts, each slightly different). The film showed a being with features more in common with those of a deformed human rather than one of the smaller creatures allegedly seen by several eyewitnesses to

1947 Roswell events. This and many other inconsistencies argue for a prosaic explanation of what is shown on the autopsy footage, hoax being prominent among them. Hence, the Fund continues to regard the supposed alien autopsy footage with extreme skepticism; continued dialog on the film is, in its opinion, a waste of time pending the answers to a myriad of questions on the part of the film's promoter. ✪

The Air Force Roswell Report

As if in response to the GAO report, the Air Force in September released a massive volume entitled *The Roswell Report: Fact Versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert*. The 800-plus page book includes the text of the Air Force's September 1994 report on Roswell and the 33 attachments to it. A photograph section is appended at the end. In the Fund's opinion, the original 24-page report did little to explain what crashed near Roswell in mid-1947. The research and conclusions wheeled out by the Air Force for public consumption were highly selective in nature and at variance with much eyewitness testimony. If anything, their report highlighted the strangeness of what apparently was recovered. The hundreds of additional pages that represent the attachments do little more than bury the reader under a blizzard of paper while presenting technical details of Mogul balloons largely irrelevant to the issue at hand. Extensive transcripts of interviews with surviving members of the Mogul research team oftentimes contain insights that reinforce the gap between descriptions of what was recovered at the Brazel ranch and the components of Mogul balloon trains.

Once again, the Fund prepared and distributed a press release on the new Air Force report. Additionally, Don Berliner has

written a Fund white paper that explores in more detail the inadequacies of the Project Mogul explanation vis-à-vis the UFO crash near Roswell in 1947. The white paper was sent to selected members of Congress and the press, and has been placed on the Fund's publications list (see below). ✧

Office Activity and Announcements

Fund office activity for the third quarter of 1995 continued on its moderate course, with a relatively high number of information requests from individuals and members of the media, including TV production companies. Calls resulting from the GAO report, as noted above, and the enhanced AF Roswell report were few. Additionally, only a trickle of sighting reports and potential new abductees made its way to the Fund over the three months.

On 26 August 1995, the Fund held its second *Mysteries of the Sky* seminar at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland. Fund members and associates who gave talks included Don Berliner, Dr. John Carlson, Richard Hall, Dr. Robert Hall, Rob Swiatek, and Susan L. Swiatek. The talks spanned a gamut of UFO topics, from UFOs and SETI to physical evidence of abductions; approximately 50 people attended the one-day event.

Near the end of September, the Fund sponsored a one-day abductee resource workshop. Ms. Melanie Green coordinated the event on behalf of the Fund and served as moderator. Ms. Green arranged for the presence of Budd Hopkins as well as Dr. Peter Resta, a Maryland-based psychologist interested in the study of abductions. Attendance at the workshop was limited to abductees and their families as well as selected investigators. Between 80-100

people--the majority being abductees--were present.

A UFO sighting over New Mexico in May of 1995 that involved visual observation of a cylindrical object from an Air West airliner is under investigation by Walter N. Webb. The Fund is underwriting the cost of his ongoing investigation, which was being financed originally by the C-F-M (Coalition). ✧

Fund-Raising

Third quarter income received a boost due to donations from the Bigelow Foundation (the last of their kind) and a private individual. Although the bottom line balance is impressive, much of it is committed to proposals that have yet to come due. For example, from \$5000-\$7000 was earmarked by a donor for a proposal that will attempt instrumented abduction research. Hence, the Fund's net bank balance has a number of obligations attached to it. As always, we are indebted to all our contributors, and would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you! You allow us to further the scientific investigation of UFOs.

In order to help raise and maintain funds for various annual awards, the Fund has established a dedicated checking account for awards monies. All donations specifically contributed towards the Donald Keyhoe and Isabel Davis awards (a space has been provided on the reply form for this purpose) will be deposited in this account and used only for these awards. ✧

Roswell Premium

The International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, NM, is prepared to send a bronze medallion commemorating the Roswell Incident to contributors of at

least \$25.00 to the Fund. One side of the medal depicts a crashed UFO, the opposite side features a representation of an alien. Please check the appropriate space on the reply form if you have contributed and would like to receive this premium. ✨

New Publications

Please note two new publications being offered for sale by the Fund: *A Rebuttal of the Air Force Project Mogul Explanation For the 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, UFO Crash* by Don Berliner. Months of mounting frustration with the Air Force's attempt to explain the 1947 Roswell events finally prompted longtime researcher Don Berliner to compose this white paper analysis of the Mogul explanation and its deficiencies. *The U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book UFO Investigation* by Don Berliner. Another Fund white paper, this one looks at the history of the government's best-known UFO investigatory project and its several attempts to have outside organizations "close the book" on the strange flying objects.--Rob Swiatek ✨

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to support the Fund:

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___ *A Rebuttal of the Air Force Project Mogul Explanation For the 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, UFO Crash* by Don Berliner. The Air Force's official Roswell report totals more than 800 pages yet still provides no definitive evidence that a Mogul balloon was the cause of all the furor. We look in vain for photos of the alleged toy manufacturer's tape with the pretty figures on it, for documentary proof of a downed test flight near Corona. In considerably fewer than 800 pages this Fund "white paper" by a renowned researcher summarizes the gaping holes in the Air Force's reasoning that the Roswell crash was nothing but several dozen deflated balloons. 8 pages, center-stapled. \$5.00

___ *The U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book UFO Investigation* by Don Berliner. Project Blue Book ended 27 years ago this coming December, but its records still contain grist for the researchers' mills. Another Fund white paper, this one provides a short overview of Blue Book from its beginning as Project Sign in 1948 to its termination shortly after release of the Condon Report, and along the way reprises some of its more outlandish explanations for spectacular UFO sightings. 16 pages, center-stapled. \$6.00

___ *Connections* by Beth Collings and Anna Jamerson. The experiences of the authors of *Connections* have been explored before in two recent abduction books. This, however, is their own account, in their own words, of events that befell them--events oftentimes frightening, occasionally amusing, but most often mystifying. Surprising, too, was the number of *interconnections* they discovered they had with friends and neighbors who apparently were caught up with them in their abduction episodes. 355 pages, qual. soft (Wild Flower Press, 1996), illus., signed by both authors. \$18.00

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___ ***America West Airline Case--May 25-26, 1995: Interim Report*** by Walter N. Webb. This report, prelude to a final report due later in the year, briefly summarizes an impressive UFO sighting from an airliner last Spring. Reminiscent of the Chiles-Whitted and other pilot UFO observations from the early days of ufology, the account is buttressed by NORAD's admission that, yes, its radar system did track an unknown object in the vicinity of the airliner that same night. 8 pages, illus., center-stapled. \$5.00

___ ***A Scientific Analysis of the Videotape Taken by Space Shuttle Discovery on Shuttle Flight STS-48 Showing Sharply Accelerating Objects*** by Jack Kasher, PhD. In September of 1991, the crew of the space shuttle *Discovery* filmed weird glowing objects that maneuvered about sharply in space. With Fund assistance, Dr. Kasher, a University of Nebraska physicist, exhaustively analyzed the movements of the objects in the videotape and concluded they "were probably spacecraft." How he arrived at this astounding conclusion--the evidence behind it--is set forth here in logical, scientific fashion. 108 pages, illus., perfectbound. \$26.00

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JULY-SEPTEMBER 1995**

INCOME

Donations	\$23,241.05
Coalition ¹	\$ 8,168.72
Sales	\$ 5,607.45
PGCC Conference ²	\$ 920.00
Long-term Capital Gain	\$ 377.51
Postage & Handling, pre-paid	\$ 261.25
Dividend/Interest	\$ 144.33

\$38,720.31

EXPENSES

Grant Programs	\$14,447.88
Coalition ³	\$12,271.90
FUFOR	\$ 1,175.98
Keyhoe Award	\$ 1,000.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 4,913.77
Books	\$ 1,969.45
Publishing	\$ 1,945.75
Postage	\$ 629.82
Mailing Services	\$ 275.23
Misc. supplies	\$ 93.52
Other Business Services	\$ 1,481.18
Management Fees	\$ 750.00
Telephone	\$ 400.03
Legal & Professional Fees	\$ 190.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 50.00
Photography	\$ 31.35
Computer Services	\$ 30.00
Messenger Service	\$ 19.80
Bank Charges	\$ 10.00
Travel/Meetings	\$ 3,214.67
Advertising/Promotion	\$ 400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$24,457.50</u>

NET GAIN/(LOSS) for QUARTER: \$14,262.81

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1. UFO Research Coalition sponsor payments for jointly funded projects
 2. FUFOR conference held at Prince Georges Community College, Maryland
 3. FUFOR expenditures for Coalition funded projects

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OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1995

INCOME

Coalition ¹	\$ 5,480.00
Sales	3,407.44
Donations	2,210.58
Special Funds (Keyhoe, Davis)	1,305.00
Dividend/Interest	402.91
Long Term Capital Gain	263.20
Grant cancellation ²	250.00
Postage & Handling, pre-paid	186.10
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TOTAL INCOME	\$13,505.23

EXPENSES

Grant Programs	\$ 1,848.47
Coalition ³	\$1,140.03
FUFOR	708.44
Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,543.46
Books	\$2,129.60
Publishing	1,477.44
Postage	777.85
Misc. supplies	777.23
Mailing Services	381.24
Business Services	\$ 1,580.43
Management Fees	\$1,000.00
Telephone	494.60
Computer Services	36.00
Bank Charges	27.03
Messenger Service	22.80
Travel/Meetings	\$ 1,556.97
Fund-Raising/Promotion	\$ 151.40
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,680.73
NET GAIN/(LOSS) FOR QUARTER.....	\$ 2,822.50

1. UFO Research Coalition sponsor payments to Fund for jointly funded projects
2. Refund of grant payment due to project cancellation
3. Fund expenditures for Coalition funded projects