

Quarterly Report

April-June 1996

Overview

Several events dominated the Fund's calendar during the Spring months: Ongoing UFO Research Coalition projects; dissemination of news releases regarding the 1996 Keyhoe Journalism Award winner; completion of Jerry Clark's research project. As always, media interest in UFOs continued, with Don Berliner doing numerous radio and TV interviews and Richard Hall providing ideas and information to producers of several upcoming television specials delving into the UFO subject. For the twenty-third straight year, there was no major UFO wave occurring in any part of the United States. ✧

The UFO Research Coalition

During this period, the Coalition concentrated on distribution of *Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*. Written by Don Berliner with Marie Galbraith and Antonio Huneus, the book is a broad overview of the UFO phenomenon, and the initial run of one thousand copies was intended for giveaway, rather than sale, to influential members of the government, media, and academia. Its various sections summarize the visual, radar, and physical evidence that the best sightings provide, evidence that defies easy placement into boxes labeled "Astronomical," "Manmade," or "Hoax." Also touched upon are the shapes UFOs assume, the terminology of the subject, the characteristics of "true" UFOs versus those of *identified* flying objects, and recommended reading; the bulk of the book is dedicated to case histories of specific

UFO sightings from around the world. By the end of June, most of the briefing books had been given out.

The first "official" publication of the Coalition also was completed during this period and was set to be placed on sale by CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund. Entitled *Final Report on the America West Airline Case, May 25-26, 1995* and written by Walter N. Webb, it is an account of Webb's investigation of a UFO sighting made above New Mexico by the flight crew of an airliner. The report supplements an earlier preliminary report by Webb on the same case. In early Spring, Fund chairman Richard Hall finished the massive draft of *The UFO Evidence, Part II*. Like its predecessor volume, *The UFO Evidence*, the new work will focus almost exclusively on UFO sighting reports made between 1964 and 1993. A vast number of cases ranging from CE-1s to radar-visual reports to abduction accounts will be set forth, along with analyses of underlying trends and patterns. Hall notes that "I have found very fascinating patterns in the data, including relationships between certain appearance features and performance, and clues about propulsion."

For the past several years Coalition members have been discussing the need for instrumentation that could detect the onset and ending of abductions (presuming they can indeed be detected) and the form such instrumentation would take. The discussions have since evolved into a Coalition project--the abduction monitoring project--that will result in the assembly of one or more

instrument packages in the next 18 to 24 months. A private sponsor has promised funding for the effort. Each package will consist of an array of both active and passive sensors able to monitor ambient conditions--temperature, perhaps, or light levels--in a room and store the information or send it to a remote location. The instrument cluster will have a low profile so as not to attract attention, need no daily servicing, and will operate during periods when abductions are believed to occur. It is envisioned that a number of units will be up and running after the prototype unit has been tested and research protocols established.

In addition to the complex instrument package, simpler instruments, such as litmus paper, electrostatic detectors, or dosimeters--all devices that respond quickly to ambient conditions--also might be employed as part of the overall instrumentation project. Being relatively inexpensive, the devices could be dispersed among a larger group of abductees and could help "point the way" to households that have unusual amounts of abduction-related events. These houses could then be outfitted with the larger electronic arrays. ✧

Project 1947

The massive research effort by Jan Aldrich to acquire UFO sightings from 1947 is approaching its end. Jan's project--monies for which were administered by the Fund during the period of time the project was supported by the Coalition--involved travel to archives, newspaper morgues, libraries, and other document depositories throughout the United States and Canada. Ultimately, Jan and several assistants screened four thousand newspapers for reports, making this by far the most extensive look into the 1947 wave.

Release of the report is scheduled to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of

Kenneth Arnold's sighting; it will contain new reports retrieved by Jan and build upon Ted Bloecher's original accounts as well. Jan will continue to provide periodic updates to the Fund as occasions warrant. ✧

1995 Keyhoe Journalism Award

Every March, Fund executive members convene to choose the winner of the Keyhoe Award for excellence in investigative reporting on the UFO subject. Each entry must: 1) have a publication date or air date within the previous calendar year; 2) have an origin in a mainstream publication or news show rather than a UFO venue; 3) stress investigation and the reporting of new information; 4) be submitted to the Fund no later than 15 February of the following year.

The winner of the 1995 Keyhoe Award was Ms. Gillian Sender of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her article "Out of This World," which appeared in the February 1995 issue of *Milwaukee Magazine*, looked into the background and education of well-known author and investigator Don Schmitt. In short, Sender found that Schmitt had misrepresented himself to his friends and co-researchers in the UFO field for some years. Second place honors went to Mr. Robert Galganski of West Seneca, New York, for a newspaper article entitled "Scanning the Skies." The piece was published in the 20 August 1995 edition of the Dunkirk, NY, *Evening Observer* and focussed on an alleged UFO landing in Cherry Creek, NY, in 1965. During the course of his investigation, Galganski found several additional witnesses who claimed to have seen UFOs shortly after the famed landing. Cash prizes of \$750 and \$250 went to the first and second place winners respectively. ✧

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Profit and Loss
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| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Awards Income | 380.00 |
| DONATIONS | 4,373.84 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 365.53 |
| Long Term Capital Gain Income | 186.99 |
| MID-ATL. MUFON SYMPOSIUM | 1,100.00 |
| Postage/Handling | 322.00 |
| SALES | 3,484.45 |
| | 10,212.81 |
| Expense | |
| BANK CHARGES | 3.00 |
| BOOKS | 600.71 |
| COALITION EXP. | 2,562.71 |
| COMPUTER SERVICES | 66.13 |
| FEES GOVERNMENT | 30.00 |
| FUND RAISING/PROMOTION | 225.00 |
| GRANTS | 1,121.33 |
| L&P Fees | 400.00 |
| MAILING SERVICE | 371.20 |
| MANAGEMENT FEES | 1,000.00 |
| Messengers | 59.40 |
| MISC | 0.00 |
| MUFON Conference | 202.00 |
| Office | 1.50 |
| POSTAGE | 707.62 |
| PUBLISHING | 2,250.00 |
| Supplies, bus. | 82.52 |
| Telephone Service | 493.33 |
| Travel/Meetings | 259.04 |
| | 10,435.49 |
| Total Expense | 10,435.49 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -222.68 |
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Publication Note

Please note that the Fund publication entitled "Documents and Supporting Information Related to Crashed Flying Saucers and Operation Majestic Twelve" by Bruce Maccabee is **no longer** available for purchase despite its presence on the revised documents list.--*Rob Swiatek*

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