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# QUARTERLY REPORT

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Since we have fallen behind in publishing the Quarterly Report, we are combining the issues for 1998 here and will try to return to a regular schedule in 1999. Thanks for your continued support. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1999.

## MAJOR DONOR

We have received a contribution of \$20,000 from a trust fund in Illinois, for which we are very grateful. This will allow us to support a number of important projects, and to enhance our reserve funds for the future. Please do your part and make a tax-exempt contribution of \$25 or more.

## NEW CHAIRMAN

Don Berliner assumed the chairmanship of the Fund early in 1998, following the resignation of Richard Hall. (Hall continues to serve on the Executive Committee.) Mr. Berliner's background includes journalism, as a newspaper reporter-photographer, and aviation. He has written hundreds of magazine articles and two dozen books, mainly on sporting and historic aspects of aviation.

## WEB SITE UPDATES

After a few mechanical problems, our web site is being updated on a more regular basis. (See [www.fufor.org](http://www.fufor.org)) Watch for new developments there. In addition to regular newsnotes, announcement of funding projects, and new publications, we soon will begin presenting a collection of classic UFO cases that constitute the "hard core" of the UFO mystery.

## **HISTORICAL ABDUCTION REPORT**

A grant of \$2,400 has been approved for Walter N. Webb to investigate an apparent 1925 abduction account from a family diary, first reported to Dr. J. Allen Hynek many years ago. The report includes reference to an object hovering near a barn, and horses being "beamed up." Webb has completed a preliminary investigation, which so far has failed to confirm the story.

## **MJ-12 DOCUMENTS CLAIMED**

Robert and Ryan Wood have released a bound volume of allegedly new documents which they claim support the reality of MJ-12, the purported supersecret Government interagency project created to deal with the 1947 crash in Roswell, New Mexico. In a forthcoming book, they say, they will present their "proofs" that these documents are genuine. We are aware of where many or most of the documents come from (they appeared anonymously in someone's mail box), and we remain highly skeptical of their authenticity. Among numerous other internal problems, the originators of these documents would have us believe that people of the intellectual caliber of Robert Oppenheimer and Albert Einstein would repeatedly misspell the word "celestial" as "celestial." With such dubious protocols, documents of this nature simply cannot be taken at face value.

## **HOAX ALERT**

The internet of late has increasingly harbored several superficially reasonable sounding stories of a sensational nature. We were able to check on two of them which involved Naval personnel, since several of our Board members have past or present Navy connections.

One involved a high-ranking Navy officer who allegedly told Reuters News Agency that he was mad at the Air Force and "blowing the whistle" on them for hiding the truth about UFOs. Reuters has denied any knowledge of the story, which therefore is a definite hoax. Other key points of the story also failed to check out.

Another involved a person claiming to be a former submarine sailor, who said he was involved with his shipmates in a spectacular UFO sighting off the coast of Florida. Board Member Tom Deuley, who served as an officer on a nuclear submarine, checked the records of the ship in question. To make a long story short, the sailor was at best a total novice who apparently was misinterpreting various events going on around him, and his story was not very credible. Many of the shipboard activities he described were not appropriate and did not conform to established procedures.

These constant dubious stories often are not worth the effort it takes to check them. Unless the people making the claims are willing to come forth and testify face-to-face, at least in private, and to answer questions, their stories simply cannot be accepted as serious evidence. And that includes the MJ-12 "mailbox bandit."

## **NEW AUDIOVISUAL FORMAT**

With the help of Steve Kaeser, Bill Weitzel, Max Gratzl, and a few others, the Fund has introduced a line of audiotapes, videotapes, and compact discs featuring both current and historical events. If our supporters continue to show interest in them, we will produce additional records and tapes. Let us know what you think on the enclosed questionnaire.

## **ANNUAL SEMINAR**

For a number of years, the Fund has held an annual all-day seminar at Prince Georges Community College, Largo, Maryland. Many of the presentations have been videotaped and offered to our supporters. The 1998 session was again videotaped by Max Gratzl as a contribution to the Fund. Watch for announcements of their availability.

Since the MUFON International UFO Symposium will be held in the Washington, D.C., area next year and many of us will be involved in it, the Maryland seminar will not be held in 1999. The MUFON conference is scheduled for July 2-4, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia, near Washington National Airport.

## **UFO EVIDENCE POSTPONED**

Volume II of The UFO Evidence covering the years since 1964 has been dropped by Barnes & Noble due to reported "production problems." The massive volume, compiled by Richard Hall for the UFO Research Coalition, was originally scheduled for publication in fall 1998, then postponed until 1999, and finally cancelled altogether. The Coalition has plans to publish a limited edition, and then to seek a new publisher.

## **ANNUAL AWARDS**

No Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award was made in 1998. Balloting is presently underway for the Isabel Davis Award. Nominees are Jan Aldrich, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, and Jennie Zeidman. Please be sure to cast your ballot. The competition has been close in recent years, so your vote does count.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Enclosed with this mailing is a questionnaire designed to solicit your views on a number of topics, and to help us plan our 1999 activities. Please take five minutes to answer the questions and return it to us.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. On a scale of 1-10 (with ten as the most positive), how would you rate our overall performance for 1998?
2. I do do not (circle one) own a computer; I do do not (circle one) have access to the internet.
3. I do do not (circle one) have an interest in audiovisual reports and recordings.
4. Please circle all of the following that you would like to see more of, and draw a line through all that you would like to see less of:  
historical reports    UFO sighting cases    newsnotes    public meetings  
awards    exposing hoaxes    analytical studies    web site data  
news media outreach    education of scientists    Congressional activities
5. Please add any comments here about your preferences, likes, and dislikes:

6. I pledge to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly    quarterly (circle one) in 1999

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a timely reminder when the payment is due.

\_\_\_\_\_ I enclose a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot contribute at this time, but I will support you when I am able to do so.

[Contributions are tax deductible for American citizens.]

Name & Address (please print or attach a label): \_\_\_\_\_

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