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EDITORIAL

The reaction to our MJ-12 report was interesting. Most were supportive of our stand, while some were highly critical, even to the point of questioning our mental and emotional stability! Of course we expect such extremes when discussing a very controversial issue.

Some have said that CAUS criticized MJ-12 out of jealousy over a rival scoring a big coup in acquiring sensational documentation proving UFOs. We do not consider MSF rivals. We are very glad to see anyone unearth legitimate historical documentation as long as it is well-founded and factual. We have given full credit to people discovering interesting papers upon which we report. However, we will not uncritically support anything that is pro-UFO. If we see problems with it, we will say so in as much detail as we can. MSF say the documents are strong evidence of MJ-12. We say they are severely flawed as evidence. Let readers weigh both sides and come to their own conclusions.

Unfortunately, the only reaction to our report from Moore has been the comment "Sour Grapes," as reported in the November issue of Jim Moseley's SAUCER SMEAR. Friedman's response, received too late for this issue, is more substantive and we will deal with it in the next mailing.

There is still no statement from MSF regarding the suspicious CIA/MJ-5 memo and the Project Aquarius report, except that Friedman, in a recent phone con, considers the MJ-5 memo as genuine without elaborating. Again we ask: Why were these papers released by Moore as evidence of MJ-12 and why have they vanished from all subsequent MJ-12 promotions?

There have been few other new developments on MJ-12, though Moore has promised new releases by year's end. We are still waiting.

On another matter, we note the increasing demise of the Freedom of Information Act. What had started as a tool for the public to learn about their government has turned into a bag of wet oatmeal! Through persistent attacks by the Reagan administration, the FOIA has been rendered almost useless by high search fees, massive delays and bureaucratic bungling. It is obvious that this administration prefers a populace ignorant of even the most mundane of government activities. It is a sad trend that will make it more difficult for us to bring you

news about government UFO activities, past and present. Some UFO-logists have attacked the FOIA, saying that it was always useless for gaining access to very important UFO data anyway. This is true of course, but without it we would not even have the 7000+ pages we have obtained, there would have been no CLEAR INTENT and CAUS would never have been born. We know sensitive files continue to be withheld and FOIA is still quite useful in authenticating things which are released so we will have to deal with the present situation until a change for the better comes about. Write to your Congressman or Senator about the debasement of FOIA. You do have a right to know!

THE APOLLO 15 STORY - AN UPDATE

The lead story in our March 87 issue dealt with the sighting (on television) of an unidentified light over the moon during the Apollo 15 mission in 1971.

In response to that article we have received two signed letters via well-known science writer and UFO researcher James Oberg. Oberg has worked at Mission Control in Houston for many years and is close to people involved in the Apollo missions. The letters he sent were from Ed Fendell, the Instrumentation and Communications officer at Mission Control during the Apollo 15 flight, and Astronaut Joseph Allen, the CAPCON during all of the mission's EVAs.

Fendell: "I have read the article you sent me and I can honestly say I do not remember seeing anything unusual as they mention. It should be noted that the TV networks showed in real-time 100% of the lunar surface TV. NASA has tapes of it all and I am sure if anyone thinks NASA would delete tape footage they can obtain the tapes from the TV networks. I cannot believe any crap about 'getting your _____ out of here' or 'keeping your _____ mouth shut.'" "

Allen: "I recall nothing even vaguely resembling an artifact in the images we were getting from the Rover camera during these times. Of course, the camera could be remotely operated by ENCO during, between, and after the EVA exercises, and often was. However, as we both well know, everything returned from the moon was carefully recorded. Given that, and NASA's total compulsion to tell all, my personal opinion is that the chances of something strange having happened in front of hundreds of Building 30 people on shift at the time, then being kept quiet (even if CCK had ordered it) is zero, in the exact mathematical sense of that digit."

We have passed Oberg's skeptical opinion of what happened, along with the two letters, to our witness, Bill Davis. He remarked, "All I have to say is that the incident happened! Not only happened, but with enough witnesses to vouch safe what I told you." Unfortunately, his companion is now dead and the people who were on duty and are available to us have rejected the claim.

Davis' conviction on this is firm and he included a sketch of

his and others' positions within the room at the time of the sighting. We will forward this to Oberg for comment.

This editor's version of the incident, if video were available, would confirm a round, undetailed bright light moving across the lunar sky, but that is all.

We are trying to encourage Davis to resolve the conflicting stories by direct contact with Oberg and others. Our thanks to both sides for their efforts. We are taking no position on what the light was until a video record is located.

ASSORTED MATTERS

Levitation Experiments - Our thanks to Lucius Farish and Vincent White for this information. In the current best-seller THE FBI-KGB WAR by Robert Lamphere, a former FBI special agent, a curious reference appears. After discussing the 1950s case of atom spy David Greenglass, Lamphere alludes to the four major items of U.S. information which Greenglass had passed to the Soviet Union. One was described as, "the faulty and incomplete description of certain experiments called 'levitation': These latter experiments were a major secret of the postwar era, and are still classified today." Intrigued, because of the possibility that these experiments related to early attempts to duplicate flying discs, we filed a request with the FBI for a copy of their investigation. We received a reply on November 23, indicating that no records could be located on this subject. We find it hard to believe that "no records" exist after a principle in the atomic spy investigation of the 50s, Lamphere, indicated such in his history book. We will keep you updated.

Delta Airlines Incident - Our thanks to Stan Gordon for this. An FAA file has been located regarding the sighting of a UFO by the crew of a Delta 737 en route from Pittsburg, Pa., to Atlanta, Ga. on June 25, 1987. An extract from the file describes the incident:

"Reported a missile approached them from head on and passed approximately 500' - 600' below them. Delta flight 1083 was, at the time, on the 041 radial of the Charleston, West Virginia, VOR (HVQ) at 31.5 miles, tracking inbound to the VOR. The Captain reported the missile had a short 4' squatty 'Homemade' appearance. He described the projectile as approximately 4 - 6 feet long with large fins attached which ran halfway up it's length. The main body of the missile was a white to yellow color and the fins were a beige to brown color. He said it appeared to be descending and unpowered when it passed below him."

We entertain the possibility that this could have been a loose balloon, much like the ones you often see over car dealerships. The pilot's reference to it being unpowered supports this. However, it is unlikely we will ever find out for sure.

NASA and ETs - In response to a request by CAUS Director Peter Gersten for all records pertaining to NASA's plan for controlling information pertaining to the discovery of, or contact with, extraterrestrial life, NASA stated in an August 9 letter: "We are in the process of developing a protocol that specifically addresses the mechanisms for distribution of information should any discovery be made." They also emphasized that, "... detection of extraterrestrial life is a discovery with such profound implications that it transcends national boundaries." It should be said that this statement does not

represent a change in NASA's attitude toward UFOs, which is much the same as the Air Force's. We will advise CAUS readers when the report is available.

FTD UFO Papers - Our thanks to William Sullivan for this news story. After researching computer data bases for UFO documents from 1975 to date, Mr. Sullivan has located two translations of Chinese UFO articles from the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. They are:

"The 'UFO' of July 24, 1981 - A Discussion with Comrade Zhang Zhousheng" by Liu Yan. (FTD-1D[RS]T-0231-83)

"First UFO Incident for Our Country" by Long Ruyi. (FTD-1D[RS]T-1019-83)

It is rather interesting to see the FTD turn up in connection to UFOs again, considering it's long affiliation with Project Blue Book. Both reports were translated and available in 1983. Both also deal with the same incident; a sighting by several million people (!) in numerous provinces on July 24, 1981. Features of the sighting remind us of rocket launches and booster separation events in several IFO reports. Basics: A flying luminous body with a spiral shape. The central portion spun and moved slowly in an east to west direction. Most of the articles deal with possible explanations.

Flying Wing Documents - CAUS Director Peter Gersten has recently acquired two early documents which discuss experiments with "flying wing" aircraft design. They are:

"German Flying Wings Designed by the Horten Brothers" (Air Materiel Command, 5 July 1946).

"Ten Years Development of the Flying Wing High Speed Fighter" (Chance Vought Aircraft Report No. LGB 164).

We believe that these reports are particularly interesting, considering the wave in recent years of flying wing or boomerang-shaped UFOs. Could some early UFO incidents have been government experiments with such aircraft? Maybe some, but we would have to establish that the experiments went far beyond what we thought was technically feasible at the time, or even now! Instantaneous right-angle turns and 180s are not common events in aviation, and this editor has strong doubts that the flying wing experiments could have progressed to that point so quickly, yet not see evidence of it in contemporary aircraft. However, it is another area to explore.

Reagan's "Alien" Comment

The accompanying text is the full context of President Reagan's remarks about alien life, given in a speech at Fallston High School in Maryland on December 4, 1985. The remarks generated newspaper interest and threw some UFOlogists into a frenzy over the thought of his statement being a masked reference to UFOs.

(Administration of Ronald Reagan, 1985, page 1453.)

Our thanks to Ronald Anstee for a copy of the speech.

I couldn't help but—one point in our discussions privately with General Secretary Gorbachev—when you stop to think that we're all God's children, wherever we may live in the world, I couldn't help but say to him, just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings that we held if suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species, from another planet, outside in the universe. We'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries, and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this Earth together.

Well, I don't suppose we can wait for some alien race to come and threaten us, but I think that between us we can bring about that realization.

Thank you all. God bless you all.