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NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are distributed monthly at meetings. These contain important points derived from the National Newsletter as well as news and items pertaining directly to Mass. MUFON. A sample copy of the Newsletter is enclosed at the back of this report.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Saturday evening of every month at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, Beverly, MA. These are dinner meetings, held in a special function room, where a dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting follows the dinner at 7:45 p.m. Meeting agendas have included such items as case reports, guest speakers, videotapes, slide-presentations, discussions, working meetings, updates on newly released documents, and investigator-training sessions.

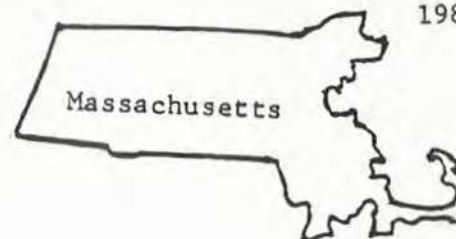
HOTLINE

We have maintained a telephone hotline for several years now, and it has been highly successful, not only in gathering reports from witnesses, or in providing the public with a place to call for information on the UFO subject, but also for providing our own Section Directors with a method for leaving one another messages during the week. Three or four persons check the Hotline throughout the day and evening every day, so that they are able to get any messages left for them by other Section Directors or by the State Director or Assistant State Director. The hotline is located at Mass. MUFON headquarters, 8 Maple Street, Reading, MA 01867.

P.O. BOX

We have also maintained a Post Office Box for a number of years now, and have found that to be very useful also. Our P.O. Box is: Mass. MUFON, Inc.

P.O. Box 176
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POLICIES OF MASS. MUFONMEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Persons submitting applications for membership in MUFON shall be required to submit in writing a résumé, with references, as well as a letter detailing reasons for desiring to join MUFON. Their applications will be forwarded to their respective State Section Directors, who will interview the applicants, and then make their recommendation to the State Director, who will then notify MUFON Hdqtrs. in Seguin, Texas of our recommendation regarding the particular applications.

ATTENDANCE AT MUFON MEETINGS

Attendance at Mass. MUFON meetings is restricted to members and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by members.

FIELD INVESTIGATORS:

Field investigators will be properly trained by State Section Directors, and will be accompanied on investigations by experienced investigators until they gain a reasonable amount of experience. Investigators are required to adhere to the guidelines in the Field Investigator's Manual, and to exhibit the highest degree of professionalism at all times. Field investigators are encouraged to draw upon the various backgrounds and variety of areas of expertise of the other members of the group for assistance and advice. In all cases in which thorough investigation results in labeling an object as an "unknown" or in more complex cases, such as abduction cases or trace cases, the investigator or investigative team is required to submit a report on the case, which adheres to the format stated in the manual. Simply completing forms or tapes of interviews is not acceptable.

In the distribution of cases, it is expected that qualified field investigators will accept cases assigned to them unless there are extenuating circumstances which prevent them from doing so. Persons who consistently refuse to accept new cases will be notified that they will be dropped from the ranks of field investigators.

CASE DISCUSSIONS AT MEETINGS:

It is recognized that there is much value in discussing cases during meetings in order to offer a learning experience for all of us. Case discussions at meetings shall preserve the confidentiality of all witnesses, however, and shall not divulge names or addresses or telephone numbers of witnesses. Locations and dates of sightings may be used for identification purposes.

I understand the above policies of Mass. MUFON, and agree to abide by them.

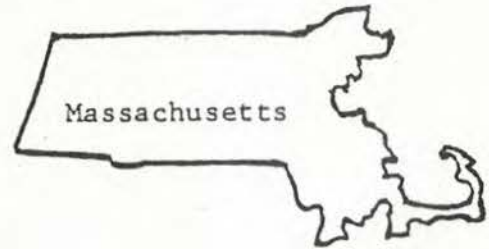
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MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

James Melesciuc, State Director
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Marge Christensen, Public Relations Director
Robert Taylor, Treasurer



PROPOSAL - NEW APPLICANTS

Policy now has it that new applicants would be recommended and be issued an investigator trainee card by the international director. I feel this is an extremely weak point in maintaining and building our credibility. New members must be interviewed and tested to prove their seriousness and dedication to the group and to the subject.

I now propose that upon receiving the application, the international director will send a copy of the application to state directors along with a blank identification card. The state director will determine what status the applicant should be given. A probationary period will be given to new members. If the state director and section directors feel the new members will prove beneficial to the organization, they will be upgraded to investigator trainee. If not, then the invitation will be terminated and they will be carried as contributing subscribers.

I would appreciate any comments you may have concerning this proposal.

Sincerely,

James R. Melesciuc
State Director

cc: Mr. Joseph Santangelo
Mr. Paul Cerny
Mr. Dan Wright
Mrs. Marge Christensen
Mr. Barry Greenwood

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

RADIO APPEARANCES

On July 10, 1985 Marge Christensen appeared on WBZ Radio; August 16: Marge Christensen, Dan Wright and John Schuessler appeared on WESX Radio; August 18: Marge Christensen appeared on WRKO Radio; September: Marge again appeared on the radio at WBCN; Sept. 15 and 29, Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett appeared on WNBC New York Radio; October 31: Jim Melesciuc appeared on WBBF Radio.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

As a result of the 1985 Mass. MUFON Forum, a number of Northshore newspapers covered the events of the forum (copies of clippings enclosed). The Boxboro, MA sightings were covered by the Middlesex News, Boston Herald, and others in the Middlesex and Worcester Counties. These sightings also made the National wires (see clippings). The Field Investigator Seminar was covered by the Patriot Ledger (a South Shore Newspaper) and the Berkshire Eagle (see clippings). The 1986 Forum press release and press release for UFO Information Week were sent to newspapers in every county in Massachusetts.

MASS. MUFON INFORMATION PAGE

Mass. MUFON has its own information page which is given to introduce our organization to witnesses or new cases, perspective new members, and often to other organizations or to the media. A sample copy is enclosed.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Evening Magazine, WBZ-TV, covered the 1985 forum. It was broadcast on September 16, 1985. Marge and Joe Nyman appeared on cable network. Jim Melesciuc appeared on WNEV-TV, Dave Finnegan Show with the Boxboro witnesses on November 2, 1985. Barry Greenwood assisted in supplying Home Box Office with various material for their production "Undercover America; UFOs-What's Going On".

Field Investigators Seminar

Field Investigators Seminar was held on March 9, 1986 (snow date was March 16, 1986) at the Unitarian All Souls Church Hall. The following topics and respective speakers are listed below:

- A. The interview, Code of Ethics and equipment - (Joe Nyman)
- B. Case forms - (Barry Greenwood)
- C. IFOs, hoaxes, celestial objects - (Vic Zeller)
- D. Public information - dealing with the media and the public (Marge Christensen)
- E. Physical traces - (Joe Santangelo)
- F. Photographs - (Bob Melesciuc)

Each segment will be approximately 30 minutes in length and there was a one-hour question and answer session. The seminar was a success as we obtained numerous casework and a few new members.

'Sighting' of UFOs prompts probe

*Boston Herald
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By ERIC FEHRNSTROM

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"They were bright lights, just pulsating. Then they disappeared again," he said.

Since the Saturday night, people have reported similar flying objects in the area over the Boxboro area.

Melesciue said he will try to identify the objects by collecting weather, air traffic, and military maneuvers.

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Trefrey and his partner, Robert Morrill, drove into the neighboring town of Harvard and stopped their patrol car at an intersection.

"We were trying to decide which way to go when all of a sudden there they were again, hovering above the tree tops about 150 yards away," said Trefrey.

"They were bright orange lights, just perfect circles. Then they disappeared again," he said.

Since the sighting that Saturday night, eight people have reported seeing similar flying objects in the area over the past week.

Melesciuz said the group will try to identify the objects by collecting data on weather, air traffic and military maneuvers.

But witnesses say they could not explain the flying objects.

"Whether it originated here on earth or somewhere beyond, I don't know," said Lin Haire-Sargeant, 39, who also made a sighting Oct. 19 at about 9:30 p.m.



WITNESS: Lin Haire-Sargeant of Boxboro is one of several people who claims to have seen a UFO near the town.

She saw the objects while watching television with a friend in a second-floor bedroom at her Harvard home.

"I saw two orange balls, kind of close together. They looked like orange headlights, only bigger than headlights and they were pulsating," she said.

"I watched them for about 10 seconds from the window, then ran downstairs to see them from outside, but they had disappeared," she said.

But 10 minutes later, the objects "came back again, only this time they seemed farther away and there were four of them," she said.

On Friday, a Boxboro housewife and two children spotted the same objects while driving along a town road at about 7:30 a.m.

"I didn't see anything until my mom pointed it out to me. There were two big, bright orange lights through the trees. They were out over an open field," said Jenny Robinson, 14.

Sightings reported in Boxboro

Police officer reports 2 UFOs

UFO
By DONALD ST. JOHN
News Staff Writer

BOXBORO — Police officer Stephen Trefry is not going to forget two close encounters he's had this year.

Trefry says he and a partner saw an unidentified flying object while on patrol last Saturday night near the Harvard town line, his second such sighting this year.

His immediate reaction? "I'm going to keep a camera in the cruiser."

The Oct. 19 sighting came at about 10:10 p.m., as Trefry and

"They lit up the whole sky and the ground bright yellow. You could see everything right around them."

— Stephen Trefry, Boxboro police officer

patrolman Robert Morrill were driving westbound on Rte. 111, Woodchuck Hill in Harvard.

Trefry said the two had just taken a shortcut onto the road when they saw a pair of bright yellow lights hovering about 20 feet

over a grove of trees near

"They lit up the whole sky and the ground bright yellow," Trefry said. "You could see everything

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Boxboro police officer tells of spotting 2 UFOs

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right around them."

He said he and Morrill began to pursue the lights as they floated over the trees, momentarily losing sight of them and regaining it as they went up the hill.

"We were gaining on it. It took no more than 10 seconds to get to the top of the hill," he said. "When we got there, they had disappeared. They just weren't there."

Trefry said the two returned to the station, where they contacted radar monitors in the area, who had seen no trace of the object on their screens. Military police from

Fort Devens also reported no unusual maneuvers, he said.

At that point, Trefry filed a report in the police log and telephoned the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., to notify it of the sighting.

"I wish I'd known about them (the reporting center) when I saw the first one during the summer," he said. "I'd seen the number over at the Stow police dispatcher's station in the meantime, so I called them."

Trefry said his first sighting came while he was alone atop Flag Hill in Boxboro, between 1 and 3 a.m.

"That time, I observed it with

my headlights off for about 10 minutes," he said. "It was out over some trees near the intersection of Rte. 495 and Rte. 2."

In both cases, Trefry said, he got a good look at the objects.

"This one (last Saturday) was a pair of round lights, about 20 feet apart, maybe the size of a car door each," he said. "They moved sideways at a 90-degree angle."

The first sighting was even more vivid, he said.

"The lights were the same, except that there was a larger, white light between them. They also moved the same way, and pointed down once."

"After they moved back up, I

could see it was filtering something. You could see stuff floating down."

At one point, Trefry put his headlights on and shone a spotlight toward the object.

"I flipped them off fast. I thought it was coming towards me," he chuckled. "It was sort of scary for a minute."

Trefry said he doesn't doubt that "there's something out there."

"The UFO center said they're swamped with sightings from around here," he said. "I know I'll be looking to see if this happens again. I just wish I'd gotten a picture."

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Officer rejects Army's UFO theory

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A spokesman from the UFO Center said there hadn't been a second report of any sightings in the area, and said that the center only had four to five nation-wide reports coming in per day.

Robert Gribble, a UFO center spokesman, cautioned that they find 90 percent of sightings to be attributable to known phenomena, such as military or other aircraft

or atmospheric disturbance.

But he said any contact of 500 feet or closer — a close encounter — would be enough basis for an investigation.

"If there's any possibility of a physical contact, we'd definitely look into that," Gribble said. "But even if there were no landings, we'd want a very detailed sketch of the object, and any other information the person had."

The reporting center does the initial evaluation of a sighting and, if it warrants investigation, refers it to either the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz., or the Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Tex.

Gribble said the armed forces are helpful to an extent with confirmation of their activities. "They'll tell us some things, and not others," he said. "We deal with them strictly on an inquiry basis."

Army says one UFO may have been flare

By DONALD ST. JOHN
and JOHN LEANING

News Staff Writers

BOXBORO — A pair of apparent UFO sightings in the past week here have provoked:

- a) Some wonderment about their origin.
- b) A lot of people with film ready in their cameras.
- c) A possible explanation for one of the sightings.

The answer? All three, perhaps.

John Rasmuson, a public affairs officer at Fort Devens in Ayer, said a reserve unit was firing flares from mortars last Saturday night, the night two town police officers spotted a UFO over Woodchuck Hill in Harva.

Rasmuson added that Devens personnel were not doing anything which might explain a Friday morning sighting at 7 a.m. off Prescott Road.

Marcie Robinson was on her way to work with her two daughters Friday morning when she spotted "two round orange balls" high over a pasture off Prescott Road.

She said she is normally skeptical about UFO reports.

"I'm someone who always says, 'Ah, well,'" she said.

She said the lights did not go out as she passed by and went to work at Emerson Hospital.

Robinson said she mentioned what she had seen to a fellow worker, who said Ft. Devens was not far away. But Rasmuson indicated it was not clear whether any activity at the

sprawling U.S. Army base was responsible for the sightings.

"The flare hangs on a mini-parachute and floats down very slowly, creating a bright light before going out," Rasmuson said. "Harvard is right next to Ayer. It's conceivable that that could have caused it."

He said that he didn't know when the reservists stopped firing, but that it was after dark and that the shots were "fairly high-altitude."

Patrolman Stephen Trefry, one of the police officers who saw a pair of lights near Woodchuck Hill last Saturday, said there was "no way" flares could have accounted for the sighting.

"They were going up on a diagonal, and blinked on and off at one point," Trefry said. "Flares wouldn't do that."

He said representatives from a UFO investigating center were due to interview him Sunday about the sighting.

Trefry and special police officer Robert Morrill reported an unidentified object after tracking a pair of bright yellow lights at 10:10 p.m. last Saturday night.

He said the round lights, about 20 feet apart and the size "of a car door," followed a definite direction over Woodchuck Hill. When the officers reached the top of the hill, they had disappeared, he said.

The policemen searched the area for an explanation and, upon finding none, filed a police report and notified the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

More and more say they saw UFO light

By JOHN R. LEANING
News Staff Writer

BOXBORO — At least 15 people in three towns have now reported seeing those mysterious bright orange lights first reported Oct. 19 by two local police officers.

"The investigation is still going on. Every time we turn around, it seems there is another witness," said James Melesciuc, the state director of the Mutual UFO Network in Reading.

Melesciuc said one of those reporting a sighting, similar to the lights seen by patrolman Stephen Trefry and special police officer Robert Morrill, was a commercial airline pilot who lives in Clinton.

He said others who have called into his organization's "UFO Hotline" include residents of Harvard and Boxboro.

About one week after the police officers reported seeing the unexplained lights, Marcie Robinson, her daughter Jennifer and a friend reported seeing similar hovering, round lights in the sky over a field off Prescott Road in Boxboro early in the morning.

According to Melesciuc, the

additional reports phoned in to his organization appear to be legitimate.

"I think they are legitimate, and the witnesses are credible," he said.

He added that some people are reporting information that others reported but that was not released to the public. He would not elaborate.

"We are leaning in our investigation (for a cause) toward a natural phenomenon, but we have reached no conclusions yet," he said.

He said that, in earthquake-prone areas, where the earth is subjected to great stress, there are sometimes "discharges from the earth" that might explain the balls of light witnesses by many people.

Melesciuc said he was aware that there was an earthquake in the Boxboro-Littleton area about on Oct. 15. That earthquake registered 3.0 on the Richter scale, according to measurements taken at the Weston Observatory.

"I am hoping people will continue to come forward. We take the reports very seriously," he said.

"Usually 75 percent (of the reports) can be identified. But that 25 percent baffles the serious researcher," he said.

Boxborough UFO sighting unexplained

By Timothy McQuiston

BOXBOROUGH — A report of an Unidentified Flying Object was filed by two police officers Saturday night.

The sighting was reported by Boxborough Police Department Patrolmen Steven Trefry and Robert Morrill as they were on routine patrol Saturday night, time: 10:11 p.m. The report states that the two were driving westbound on Route 111 toward the Harvard border when, out of nowhere, there appeared two bright yellow lights behind some trees in the direction of Woodchuck Hill in Harvard.

The officers pursued the lights which disappeared behind the foliage. Keeping up the pursuit in the area the apparition was last seen, the officers regained contact as they turned up toward Woodchuck Hill. There they estimated the lights to be hovering about 20 feet above the trees.

Reaching the top of the hill "in five seconds," the officers found neither the source of the lights nor any other evidence of their existence. According to the report they had disappeared.

The Boxborough and Harvard Police Departments received no calls about the lights from official sources or from the citizenry.

Contacted at its headquarters in Seattle, Wash., a spokesman at the National UFO Reporting Center said they had received a report of a UFO in the area. Robert Gribble, via the UFO Hotline, said no determination on the UFO has been made yet. He said the investigation will continue.

Currently, the center receives about four sightings per day, which Gribble said was "light." He said heavy activity would result in 10 to 15 sightings per day. There is no way to predict when there would be a heavy day, he said.

The privately-funded center has only 12 staff members, all volunteers, Gribble said, so the actual investigation is done by two other groups: the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization based in Tucson, Az., and the Mutual UFO Network out of Seguin, Tx.

The field investigators at those two organizations return their findings to the center which then reports the determination, Gribble said. He said 90 percent of the sightings are identified as common aircraft or weather balloons or some other explainable source like the moon.

That leaves about 10 percent which retain the designation of UFO.

"Over our 30 years of investigating, we feel a good portion of UFO, page 8

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the unknowns are coming from outer space," Gribble said.

He said the developed theory is that the source of the travelers is from somewhere in another solar system, probably from "many different, highly advanced civilizations."

The time when mankind would be able to commute such distances is, Gribble said, many years in the unforeseeable future. For now, he said, it seems human beings must just watch the skies at night, and wait.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWSCLIP

UFOs? Where's the proof?

UFOs, From 1A

A week later, a woman and two children saw the same lights in the morning sky. And, suddenly, the whole town was going ga-ga over flying saucers.

Larry Glick had the police chief on his radio show. Channel 7 did its thing. Officer Trefry, responsible for the first sighting, even told a reporter that every little old lady in town was calling to report a Martian in her rose garden.

So how do I know they're phony? That's easy.

The big tipoff came when I discovered no one had taken the time to go at the problem scientifically. That is, until late last week, when I went to Boxboro to run a check of my own.

My first stop was about three miles up the road, in the town of Harvard, to a place called the Oak Ridge Observatory. They have a huge dish-like device there that sends signals into outer space, looking for alien life.

Steven Spielberg himself had dropped by recently to help celebrate the installation of some new equipment.

I walked in on a man fixing a telescope.

"Has E.T. called here yet?" I asked.

"Believe me, pal, you'd know it if it did. That would be the story of the century. The only thing to beat would be a nuclear holocaust."

He was right, of course.

"Heard about the Boxboro UFOs?"

"Yep," he snorted, "and you know what I think? Everybody who sees lights in the sky was smoking."

It was just one piece in the puzzle, but an important one. If I wasn't talking to Spielberg and company yet, it stood to reason he certainly wasn't bothering with anyone in Boxboro.

The rest of my visit was spent in the subtler, more scientific areas of true UFO investigation:

1) Cattle mutilations. If Boxboro really was in the midst of an invasion, we'd have some bodies by now. Some surgically removed lips or laser-severed cow eyeballs. My findings? Not so much as a misplaced udder. Two black angus in one field almost ran me down when I went in for a look, but they had all their parts.

2) The isopropyl, or rubbing alcohol, inventory. This one only a trained observer would catch. Aliens are forever swiping local supplies of drug-store alcohol. For some reason, it is the perfect fuel substitute for their interstellar vehicles.

I did become concerned when the cashier in Richardson's Country Store said he was out of the stuff. But just three miles down the road, in Acton, the pharmacy there had plenty. And since aliens usually work at least two towns at once for their isopropyl, I was greatly relieved.

3) Signs of colonization. If it's one thing an alien can't stand is coming to Earth to find someone else's flags all over the place. For that reason, they'll usually vaporize all overly ostentatious national banners and replace them with their own.

I'm happy to report the American flag was flying tall over Blanchard Memorial School Friday morning, as were the two flags on the little duck house in the middle of Smith's duck pond.

4) Children under the influence. One of the ugliest sides to any alien invasion. We've all seen the movies. The little green weirdos drive the kids wild.

A cursory check of the police blotter, however, showed no signs of alien-inspired behavior. Not even a mildly frenetic teen-age sex binge. Nothing.

Conclusions? The town is not being invaded at this time. And while there is no need to embarrass anyone, let's just hope the good people of Boxboro will find a more mature way of getting their town into the headlines next time.

A scientific look at the UFO reports

I have nothing against UFOs. In fact, some of my favorite people believe in little green men.

But imagine my chagrin the other day when I read all about the little town of Boxboro trying to grab some big-city publicity with those phony UFO sightings. Two of Boxboro's finest

Inside Out

Tom Moroney

reported they were driven down the highway in the cruise when they saw bright lights in the night sky. Right away they figured they had a UFO on their hands.

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of UFO's explained

By DONALD ST. JOHN
News Staff Writer

A UFO investigator says he is "leaning toward" a natural phenomenon to explain sightings of unusual orange lights in four Massachusetts counties.

Jim Melesciuc of the Mutual UFO Network said the investigation into the sightings, which "have grown much more numerous" in recent weeks, is still being conducted.

But he said his group believes the lights may result from releases of electromagnetic impulses caused by stresses on the earth's crust.

"It doesn't even take an earthquake to have the kind of stresses needed for this," Melesciuc said.

He said a geologic fault along the Connecticut River is beginning to experience shifts and stresses similar to those in the San Andreas Fault in California.

Melesciuc said local investigators for the group, whose headquarters are in Midland, Texas, have logged sightings of the orange lights in Middlesex, Worcester, Essex and Norfolk Counties within the past month.

The recent spate of UFO reports was triggered by sightings of the lights by Officers Steven Trefry and Robert Morrill of the Boxboro police on the evening of Oct. 19 and by Marcie and Jenny Robinson and Kelley McDermott, all of Boxboro, early in the morning of Oct. 25.

Since then, "scores" of people in the four counties have spotted the strange orange lights, most often described as being ball-shaped, according to Melesciuc.

But some reports have described the lights as "boomerang-shaped," he said.

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Sightings

UFO, From 1B

Melesciuc said several of those reporting UFO's have expressed anger at press columns and cartoons lampooning the issue.

"The most common fear we find in people is ridicule," he said. "They're already wondering about what they're seeing, and how seriously they'll be taken, and this doesn't help any."

He stressed that the search for an explanation of the lights has not concluded, and urged others sighting unusual phenomena to contact the network at (617) 944-0686.

Data from interviews of people reporting UFO's and field investigations is turned over to several consultants, including Walter Webb, director of the Hayden Planetarium at the Museum of Science in Boston, according to Melesciuc.

"A lot of these people have Ph.D's and M.D.'s in their fields," he said. "We try to check all explanations."

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UFO buffs seek to establish down-to-earth scientific image

By Eric Schwarz
The Patriot Ledger

BRAINTREE — Mary Holmes began her search at 16 when she saw a disc-shaped metallic craft with whirling lights emerge from a setting sun.

"It's the only time I've seen a UFO, but that's enough," said the natural sciences teacher from Whitman. "It happens once and it opens up your mind and you want to find out. You want to find an answer."

Holmes was one of many at a four-hour seminar yesterday for licensed unidentified flying object investigators.

The event, held at All Souls Church in Braintree, concentrated on facts. The UFO buffs said it was part of a campaign to replace "lunatic fringe" UFO stories with an image of hard scientific inquiry.

There was, for instance, a lecture from astronomer Victor Zeller who cautioned, "Remember, the mind can play tricks on you."

There also was a photography clinic run by State Police crime investigator Robert Melesciuc, and a talk on public relations strategy.

"You may be interested in angels or parapsychology or other borderline things, but please confine your discussions with the media to UFOs," Marge Christensen, MUFON's national public relations director told some 20 people who attended. "If you try to mix it up with ghosts or the Bermuda Triangle or Bigfoot or something, it just confuses people."

The scientific bent of MUFON's leadership, however, does not always captivate the rank and file. Take

Leonard Silverman, for example.



Christensen

He said he views extra-terrestrials as the "ultimate grandfather figure." He decried the arrogance and ego problems of scientists and religious leaders who dismiss the possibility of any life that would challenge their views of the world.

Others at the meeting frustrated the organization's move to respectability by saying they wouldn't give their names. "I'm a sculptor and a painter and my art is just getting off the ground. I don't want to be associated with anything controversial," said one man.

The basic MUFON strategy is to agree that about 90 percent of the UFO sightings reported are explainable by natural or human phenomena. From that admission, MUFON members hope to focus study on encounters — of the first, second and third kind — that haven't been explained even after extensive study.

One document that made the rounds at the meeting was acquired from the Department of Defense through the Freedom of Information Act, according to Barry Greenwood, author of *Clear Intent*, a book alleging extensive government knowledge of UFOs.

The report documents an alleged

sighting above Peru's Mariano Malagar Air Force base, passed along by what the department called a reliable source.

"Source stated that on 9 May (1980), while a group of officers were in formation at Mariano Malagar, they spotted a UFO that was round in shape, hovering near the airfield. The air commander scrambled an SU-22 aircraft to make an intercept," reads the document in terse Defense Department prose.

"The pilot, according to a third party, intercepted the vehicle and fired upon it at very close range without causing any apparent damage. The pilot tried to make a second pass on the vehicle, but the UFO outran the SU-22."

Leaders also said numerous respectable sources have reported being abducted by aliens who conducted extensive tests on them.

"We have a New York museum curator, college professors, Wall

Street executives, superintendents of schools and people high up in the military who have been abducted and studied extensively," Christensen said. She said the people would not reveal their names for fear of ridicule.

But as soon as she or others at the meeting would begin talking about "the thousands of abductions people have reported," they would step back to the data.

"We don't draw conclusions, we just study the data," said James Melesciuc, MUFON's state director. Others allowed, however, that theories involving spacecrafts from afar seem the most plausible way to explain UFOs.

"The one theory most entertained is the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. You say that, if it's not from here, it must be from there," Greenwood said.

But, he added, having a thesis is not enough. "We need evidence. We need to track something out into

space or hope that one of these days one will stick around long enough to be studied."

When confronted with the argument that alien spacecraft would have to have been launched eons ago to reach the earth now, Greenwood said that propulsion systems developed by other societies may be able to make UFOs go faster than scientists currently believe.

also should consider in the spitballs for an pitch. As GOP Senator Kassebaum of Kansas noted, the administration's tactics have destroyed hope for a reasonable and civil debate." In a democracy that is an insult to every-

I believe Dr. Fleury-Ehrhart should have received a much, much longer sentence.

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This pleases me. After all, what other way can I prove to people that I can clout a baseball 440 feet, drug-free?

189 Montgomery Ave.
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I wish to thank Donald Coleman for his March 4 letter to the editor.

It proves my contention that the
art-motif in Berkshire County

dards." As a mother of four daughters, I can assure you these are not *our* standards, and by printing the photo you took away my choice

I would like to invite your readers to participate in building Radio Bridges between our two nations. This project was described in the

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The writer is state director of Massachusetts MUFON.

Reagan is hinting that he will con-

Carlton Beal's book if you can locate it.

IT SAYS HERE that we truly re-
form as we grow older — we just
become more select in our sins.

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ONE OF the most difficult things for a busy man to realize is that the world will go on without him.

RICHARD V. HAPPEL

50 Years Ago

S. Lane Faison, assistant professor of fine arts at Yale University and a graduate of Williams College with highest honors in art and philosophy, was named to the faculty of the department of art at Williams.

25 Years Ago

Mark Belanger, co-captain of Pittsfield High's varsity basketball team, took the scoring leadership of Berkshire County for the season with a point total of 578 and an average of 23.1 points per game.

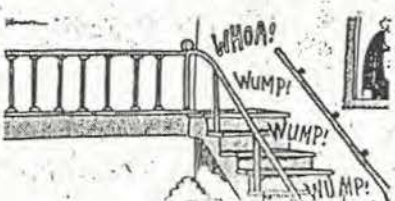
Guy A. Pellegrinelli was elected venerable of Mazzini Lodge, Sons of Italy. He succeeded Antonio J. Russetta. Rudolph A. Sacco was chosen assistant venerable.

10 Years Ago

James Meaney, Michael Benner, Craig McIlquham, Andrew Robinson, Mark Peronto, John Murray and Matthew Benner were multiple winners in the eighth annual Berkshire County swimming championships held at the Boys' Club.

Attorney Jerome J. Scully of Lee became a full partner in the Lee firm of Hannon, Dohoney & Cowhig. He previously had his own general practice in Lee.

The Far Side



"Salem Evening News" 6/18/86
UFO researchers plan summer forum here

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Pre-registration for the forum will be held until July 1. After July 1, the fee will increase.

This will be the third forum held in Beverly and will be one

of the nationwide events kicking off the country's second National UFO Information Week.

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Christensen was also scheduled to speak, but will be unable to because of her family's plans to move to Arizona in late July. She will, however, serve as keynote speaker at this year's annual MUFON UFO Symposium, to be held in late June at Michigan State University.

Flyers with information for the Beverly Forum and containing registration forms have been distributed to area public libraries. Those interested in attending should contact Massachusetts MUFON, 8 Maple St., Reading.

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In addition to the featured speakers and panel discussion during which the audience may ask questions, there will also be UFO literature and resource materials available for purchase. Also, videotaped documentaries will be shown during breaks in the program.

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MUFON's Board of Consultants, most of whom are PhD's or MD's, representing 45 areas of science, technology, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, engineering, communications, political science, photo analysis, etc., are readily available as an advisory group to apply their expertise to UFO cases under study and to conduct advanced research in their respective fields.

MUFON annually sponsors an International UFO Symposium, where internationally known scientists, engineers, and authors lecture on their particular specialization or contributions to resolving this perplexing scientific dilemma. In 1981, Massachusetts hosted the annual MUFON UFO Symposium, which was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MUFON Field Investigators investigate sighting reports from police agencies, as well as those received by the Center for UFO Studies hotline, and from the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington. Some states have state hotlines as well. In Massachusetts, the MUFON hotline telephone number is 944-0686. Since MUFON is the largest and most extensive network of UFO field investigators, this cooperative effort has been mutually beneficial to all involved.

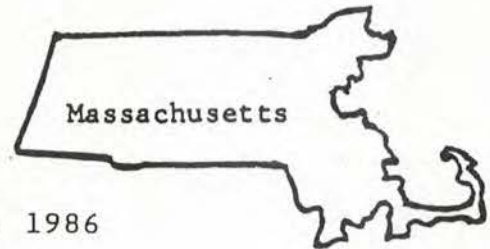
In order that only qualified, competent, and sincere people may become involved, membership in MUFON is by invitation only. Field investigators are trained, and high standards of professionalism are required by MUFON. As objective, scientific researchers, MUFON field investigators uphold the confidentiality of witnesses and case information. MUFON investigators are volunteers who conduct research at their own expense, and attempt to document sighting information in a thorough, unbiased manner. Access to large data banks in computers aids MUFON investigators in analyzing data derived from cases.

In most sighting investigations, the actual investigative process involves a telephone interview with the witness, followed by an in-depth personal interview during which time forms will be completed, sketches of the object sighted will be requested, and compass readings, or photographs of the location of the sighting may be taken. The investigator will then attempt to document the details of the sighting, and to attempt to identify the object sighted. In approximately 85% of the cases, the object is able to be identified. In the remainder of the cases, the sighting will be listed as an unidentified flying object, and further research will be involved.



MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

James Melesciuc, State Director
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February 18, 1986

TO: Massachusetts MUFON Members
FROM: James Melesciuc, State Director
RE: Seminar on Field Investigations

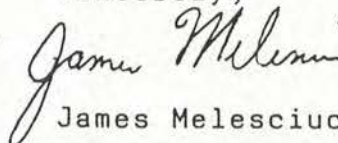
This letter is to confirm the seminar on Field Investigations on March 9, 1986. The seminar will be held at the Unitarian All Souls Church hall, 196 Elm Street, Braintree, MA. The following topics and respective speaker on each are listed below:

- A. The interview, Code of Ethics and equipment - (Joe Nyman)
- B. Case forms - (Barry Greenwood)
- C. IFOs, hoaxes, celestial objects - (Vic Zeller)
- D. Public information - dealing with the media and the public - (Marge Christensen)
- E. Physical traces - (Joe Santangelo)
- F. Photographs - (Bob Melesciuc)

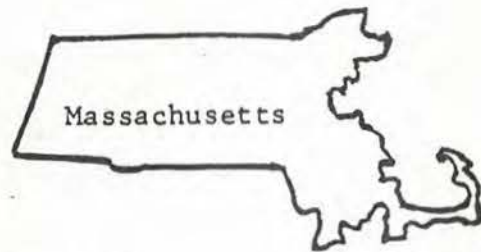
Each segment will be approximately 30 minutes in length and there will be a one-hour question and answer session and coffee break. I urge all members to make every effort to attend this seminar. Due to the rash of sightings in the latter part of 1985, we found ourselves without adequate field investigators to handle casework. Also, as representatives of MUFON, each member should be knowledgeable in the area of field investigations and public information.

This seminar will be held in lieu of the March meeting. The time will be 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 1986. Anyone that needs directions, please call the hotline (944-0686) or myself (944-9570).

Sincerely,


James Melesciuc

James Melesciuc, State Director
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January 31, 1986

TO: EDITOR

FROM: JAMES MELESCIUC, STATE DIRECTOR, MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL
UFO NETWORK

RE: FIELD INVESTIGATOR SEMINAR, SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1986
UNITARIAN ALL SOULS CHURCH HALL
196 ELM STREET
BRAINTREE, MA

The Mutual UFO Network is an international, nonprofit, scientific research organization dedicated to seriously researching the UFO phenomenon, and to investigating citizen reports of anomalous lights or aerial objects. We are referred to witnesses by state and local police depts., airports, military installations, newspaper reporters, and other agencies. We employ telephone hotlines in most states, a myriad of technical resources, an extensive manual of procedures, and a large measure of critical objectivity. Field investigators are trained, and high standards of professionalism are required. Confidentiality of both witnesses and of case material is upheld. Access to extensive data banks aids our investigators in analyzing data derived from case investigations.

The majority of our members are of scientific orientation, including NASA scientists. Our Deputy Director of Administration is also former Flight Operations Project Manager for the Space Shuttle. We hold an annual UFO Symposium, at which specialists in the various aspects of the subject present the results of their latest research. In 1981, Massachusetts hosted the Symposium which was held at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

On Sunday, March 9, 1986, a Field Investigator seminar will be held at the Unitarian All Souls Church Hall located at 196 Elm St. Braintree, MA. Along with Mass. MUFON members, this seminar will be open to all persons interested in investigating and researching the UFO phenomena. Anyone interested may call the Mass. MUFON hotline, (617-944-0686), or write to Mass. MUFON, Inc., P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180.


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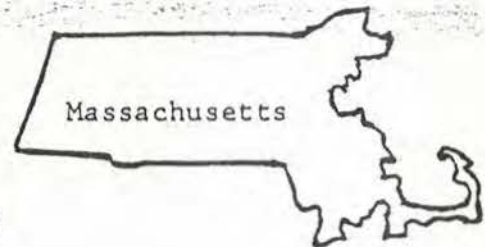
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Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your anticipated cooperation in printing this material is greatly appreciated. If there are any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 617-944-9570.

Sincerely,


James Melesciuc
State Director

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— May 4, 1986

TO: NEW ENGLAND STATE DIRECTORS OF MUFON
FROM: JAMES MELESCIUC, MASSACHUSETTS STATE DIRECTOR
RE: INITIATION OF NEW ENGLAND NEWSLETTER

I feel it is necessary that a newsletter be shared by New England State Directors to improve communications, share data, and, what, if any, activity is in the area. New England is made up of 6 comparatively small states tucked away in the extreme northeast corner. I feel that as state directors we should pull our individual resources together to improve ufology in this part of the region. I am willing to author, print and mail out this newsletter on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. All I am asking is that you mail or call in information from your responsible states.

The type of data I am particularly interested in installing into the newsletter is listed below:

- A. Radio-TV programs (UFO or UFO-related)
- B. Magazine and newspaper articles
- C. Individual presentations and public education
- D. Ideas on UFO information week
- E. Individual research
- F. Activity and update on casework (witness anonymity granted, of course)
- G. Ideas to improve MUFON's status and image (i.e., weak areas and how we can improve them)
- H. Book and book reviews
- I. Sharing of any correspondence
- J. Improving public relations (through libraries, police agencies, etc.)
- K. Obtaining and maintaining membership (trainees, subscribers, consultants)
- L. Obtaining updates from outside MUFON (CUFOS, CAUS, The Fund, APRO)
- M. Initiation of a "Classified Ad" section for UFO-related material

There is support in numbers. Let's pool our resources together and make this a successful newsletter. It will improve UFO research and will also benefit ourselves as New England State Directors. I am looking forward to publish the first newsletter by June 1, 1986. Please share this letter with your respective state membership. Your response to this letter is imperative!

Sincerely,

James Melesciuc

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

UFO Forum

Mass. MUFON will kick off the activities for National UFO Information Week with the UFO Forum (see flyer on previous page), on August 9-10, 1986.

Media Appearances

Preparations are being made to attempt to book our Forum speakers on Boston area radio and television talk shows wherever possible. In addition, Barry Greenwood and others will offer to make guest appearances on the electronic media.

Mall Displays

The possibility of placing our UFO display and other related items on exhibit at shopping malls throughout the State is being explored.

Press Releases

Press releases issued by the Public Information and Public Education Committee will be sent to newspapers throughout the State.

Videotape Documentary

State Director Jim Melesciuc has brought to this symposium 15 copies of the documentary, "UFOs: A Scientific Enigma", produced by Mass. MUFON., and is available to MUFON State Directors who wish to have it aired on their local cable networks.

UFO DISPLAY

Mass. MUFON still maintains a free-standing UFO display, with four panels (3' x 4') with display materials on both sides of the panels, thus totalling 8 sides of display. The panels cover such topics as UFOs in History, IFOs, UFO Photos, Current Events, Close Encounters, Government Secrecy (documents), and Mass. MUFON information. The display has been used at our Forums in 1984, 1985, and will be used again in 1986. We are currently exploring the possibilities of placing our display, along with a VCR and videotape, at a shopping mall, with investigators present to answer questions.

Slides of the display panels are available should any other state organization desire to see them in order to get some ideas for display panels of their own.

UFO FORUM

The 1986 Mass. MUFON Forum will be held at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, Beverly, MA, on Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 10. Dr. David M. Jacobs will serve as moderator, and the speakers will include:

Dr. Richard Haines

Mr. Philip Imbrogno

Dr. Bruce Maccabee

Mr. Dan Wright

Mr. Budd Hopkins

(See flyer and Forum application attached)

S P E A K E R S

DR. DAVID M. JACOBS-----U.S. History Professor, Temple University; author of
The UFO Controversy in America. (MODERATOR)
DR. RICHARD HAINES-----Psycho-physiologist for Ames Research Center (a NASA
facility), specializing in human visual perception, and
directing a project team for the planned Space Station.
Author of Observing UFOs (handbook for investigators).
DR. BRUCE MACCABEE-----Navy Surface Weapons Research Center optical physicist;
Fund for UFO Research founder & director; photographic
expert. Maryland MUFON State Director.
MR. DAN WRIGHT-----MUFON Central States Director; author, examination for
UFO field investigators; MUFON Board of Directors and
State Director for Michigan.
MR. BUDD HOPKINS-----Author, Missing Time; noted researcher, UFO abduction
cases; internationally acknowledged artist.
MRS. MARGE CHRISTENSEN-----MUFON National Director of Public Relations, MUFON
Board of Directors.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sat., Aug. 9 ---Registration & reception - 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
2:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m.- speaker
3:00p.m. - 3:30 p.m.- break (videotapes to be shown)
3:30p.m. - 4:30 p.m.- speaker
4:30p.m. - 5:30 p.m.- break (videotapes to be shown, and audience
may meet the speakers)
Sun., Aug. 10 9:00a.m. - 9:30 a.m.- coffee and pastries
9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- speakers
11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- LUNCH RECESS (SANDWICHES AND COLD DRINKS MAY
BE PURCHASED FROM GOLF CLUB)
1:00- 2:00 - speaker
2:00-4:00- PANEL DISCUSSION -all speakers; questions from audience.
Closing remarks.

R E G I S T R A T I O N F E E S

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR BOTH DAYS OF FORUM: \$25.00 if paid by JULY 1, 1986.

FEE AT DOOR: \$30 FOR BOTH DAYS, OR \$15 PER DAY.

IMPORTANT: IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT BOTH OF THE PAST TWO UFO FORUMS WERE SOLD OUT,
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ADMISSION TO THE 1986 MASS. MUFON UFO FORUM.

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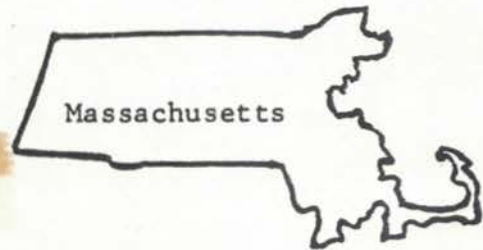
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Dear (editor)

I realize that the forum mentioned in the enclosed press release is not until August, but the cut-off date for pre-registering is July 1, so I would appreciate it if you published this prior to July 1 so that local people may have time to register at the lower price. Also, for the past two years the forum has been sold out, and once sold standing room only. Thus, if this is not published until just before Aug. 9, local residents will have virtually no chance of attending.

(Incidentally, last year Dr. J. Allen Hynek spoke at the Beverly forum, and that turned out to be his final public appearance at a conference. He recently died of a brain tumor. NY Times article enclosed).

Thank you.

Marge Christensen



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For immediate release:

UFO EXPERTS TO HOLD FORUM IN BEVERLY

Dr. Richard Haines, research scientist and team director of human factors engineering in the Space Station program, will head a cast of some of the leading UFO researchers in the United States at a two-day forum in August at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club. The conference is being sponsored by Massachusetts MUFON, Inc., and is a project of Marge Christensen, a Beverly High School teacher, and National Public Relations Director for the Mutual UFO Network. This year's forum will be the third one held in Beverly, and will be one of the nationwide events kicking off the country's second National UFO Information Week.

The week of August 10-17 has been designated by Christensen for the purpose of informing the public about the reality of the UFO phenomenon and the need for more serious scientific research into the subject. The Beverly forum will be held on the weekend of August 9 & 10.

Dr. Haines' paper will deal with the disappearance of Australian pilot, Frederick Valentich in October of 1978 during a UFO sighting. This incident is the subject of Haines' latest book.

Another speaker, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, is an optical physicist for the U.S. Navy Surface Weapons Research Center, and is also the Director of the Fund for UFO Research. A recent wave of sightings of a giant boomerang-shaped object over Putnam, Fairfield, and Westchester Counties in N.Y. and CT. will be the topic of the paper given by Philip Imbrogno, a science teacher who has been one of the chief investigators for these sightings for the past 3 years. Other speakers will include Budd Hopkins, author of the book, Missing Time, and internationally known researcher of UFO abduction cases, as well as Dan Wright, MUFON's regional director for the Central States.

Moderator for the forum will be Dr. David M. Jacobs, author of The UFO Controversy in America, and also a U.S. History Professor at Temple University.

Christensen was also scheduled to speak, but will be unable to do so because of her family's upcoming move to Arizona in late July. She will, however, serve as keynote speaker at this year's annual MUFON UFO Symposium, to be held in late June at Michigan State University.

Flyers with information for the Beverly Forum and containing registration forms, have been distributed to area public libraries. Interested persons should contact Massachusetts MUFON, 8 Maple St., Reading, MA 01867, or call the hotline telephone number at 944-0686. Pre-registration fee for the 2-day forum is \$25 if submitted prior to July 1. After July 1, the fee will increase to \$30 per person.

In addition to the featured speakers and panel discussion during which the audience may ask questions, there will also be UFO literature and resource materials available for purchase. Also, videotaped documentaries will be shown during breaks in the program.

Last year's forum played to a near sellout crowd of 300 persons, and was featured on a segment of the tv program, "Evening Magazine."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

(1910 - 1986)

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1986

J. Allen Hynek, Astronomer And U.F.O. Consultant, Dies

By JOAN COOK

J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist and consultant to an Air Force project to assess reports of unidentified flying objects, died of a malignant brain tumor Sunday at Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 75 years old.

Dr. Hynek, who moved to Scottsdale from Evanston, Ill., a year ago, was for 18 years professor and chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and director of its Dearborn Observatory, until he retired in 1978. He was involved in the Air Force U.F.O. research effort from 1948 to 1969.

Often his task for the Air Force was to examine at first hand more substantial reports of flying saucers and the like. In 1966, after a rash of sightings in Michigan, he went to the area to take charge of the investigation. After interviewing scores of people, he ascribed certain sightings to luminous marsh gas rather than something from space. Nevertheless, he said, "Scientists in the year 2066 may think us very naive in our denials."

He long asserted that U.F.O.'s should be taken seriously and he eventually became displeased with the Air Force approach. He said that its methods were slipshod and that it was not conducting a scientific study. The Air Force, in turn, concluded that there was no evidence of extraterrestrial craft and the U.F.O. project was abandoned.

He Avoids 'U.F.O. Nut' Label

In an interview in 1974, Dr. Hynek said that he had remained with the program as long as he did to retain access to Air Force data and to avoid being marked a "U.F.O. nut."

Dr. Hynek founded the Center for U.F.O. Studies in Evanston in 1973 and took it with him when he moved to Scottsdale.

He is credited with coining the phrase "close encounters of the third

kind" to describe humans meeting creatures from space. He used the phrase in his 1972 book "The U.F.O. Experience" and it became the title of the 1977 Steven Spielberg film, on which he served as technical adviser.

When a reporter once suggested that Dr. Hynek he might be remembered not as an astronomer but as the man who made U.F.O.'s respectable, he replied: "I wouldn't mind. If I can succeed in making the study of U.F.O.'s scientifically respectable and do something constructive in it, then I think that would be a real contribution."

He resigned from the center he founded a few months ago for ill health, according to the director, Tina Choate.

He Worked on Proximity Fuse

In World War II, Dr. Hynek was a civilian scientist at the Johns Hopkins Applied Science Laboratory, where he helped to develop the Navy's radio proximity fuze.

Josef Allen Hynek was born in Chicago, Ill., to Czechoslovak parents. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1931 and earned a Ph.D. degree there in 1935.

He joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Ohio State in 1936. After the war he returned there, rising to full professor in 1950.

In 1956 he left to join Prof. Fred Whipple, the Harvard astronomer, at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, which had combined with the Harvard Observatory at Harvard. Dr. Hynek had the assignment of directing the tracking of an American space satellite, a project for the International Geophysical Year in 1956 and thereafter.

In addition to 247 optical stations around the world, there were to be 12 photographic stations. A special camera was devised for the task and a



J. Allen Hynek

prototype was built and tested and then stripped apart again when, on Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched its first satellite, Sputnik.

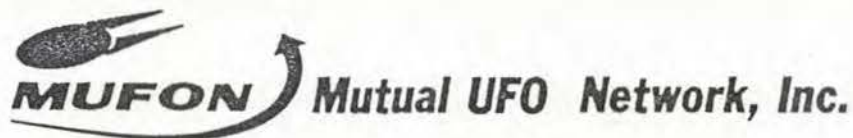
Assumed the U.S. Would Be First

"We had always assumed that the United States would have the first satellite," Dr. Hynek said ruefully at the time. "If I've ever had a traumatic experience, that was it."

Observations of the Soviet satellite were received, and with twice-daily news conferences, Dr. Hynek and Dr. Whipple began to reassure the public after what Dr. Hynek called "this intellectual Pearl Harbor, a real gutsy sock to the stomach."

Once things in satellite tracking settled down to a routine, Dr. Hynek went back to teaching, taking the chairmanship at Northwestern in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miriam Curtis; four sons and a daughter, Scott Josef, of Waltham, Mass.; Joel Curtis, of Leonia, N.J.; Paul Curtis, of Scottsdale, Ross Allen, of Lake Forest, Ill.; Roxane, of Hanover, Mass.; and five grandchildren.



For Immediate Release -

The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) has scheduled National UFO Information Week observances for August 10-17 throughout the country. MUFON is heading the drive to bring factual evidence on the UFO subject to the public's attention. As in the inaugural events held in August 1985, photographic and other exhibits will be on display at numerous locations, while speaking appearances are to be conducted on an intensive scale.

As a key feature of the week's activities, information will be disseminated concerning Government documents obtained via Freedom-of-Information-Act requests. MUFON asserts, on the basis of those materials, that military bases and intelligence agencies have been repeatedly engaged in UFO incidents since the 1969 demise of Project Bluebook, the U.S. Air Force investigation of aerial phenomena.

Pursuant to the public's right to know, MUFON principals are presently engaged in legal actions to secure additional materials from various federal sources. Among the reports withheld from public scrutiny are 135 documents in the files of the National Security Agency, the nation's largest intelligence branch.

From its founding in 1969, MUFON has grown to encompass fifty countries on all seven continents and is now the world's largest membership organization in the field of UFO research. Utilizing an extensive manual of procedures and case-specific reporting forms, a corps of trained volunteers has uncovered several thousand credible UFO events. Evidence gathered by MUFON includes computer-examined photographs of unconventional vehicles, the chemistries of material left at UFO landing sites, and the findings of several hundred regressive hypnosis sessions with UFO witnesses. A Board of Consultants comprising experts in forty-five areas has publicized advanced research based on case findings.

For further information, contact your local MUFON representative:



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MASS. MUFON RESOURCES

Equipment

Tape Cassette Copier - Mass. MUFON still maintains a tape cassette copier machine purchased with funds raised by the 1984 Forum.

Video Cassette Recorders-- Mass. MUFON now has 2 VCR units which allows us to make copies of UFO documentaries.

Microfilm Readers and Microfiche Reader-- Mass. MUFON has two microfilm readers and a microfiche reader. We also have the entire Project Bluebook files on microfilm and NICAP files as well as some OSI material on microfilm. A special file cabinet designed specifically for microfilm rolls houses all of these rolls of microfilm.

Computer Equipment--is also available at various members' homes, and is used for such things as printing address files and address labels, printing our notices, communicating via modem with UFO Networks such as the Fund Computer Network and COMPUFON in Seattle. Computers are also used for our computer catalog for all of the UFO resources we have listed at our regional collection centers. In addition, the Forum list of registrations is entirely computerized, with even confirmations and name tags as well as address lists and labels being printed on the computer printer, and being saved on disk.

Banner

Mass. MUFON still maintains a Mutual UFO Network Banner. The banner is used for meetings, seminars, and Mass. MUFON forums.

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Dear Mufon State Director,

The Mufon Field Investigators Exam closed on March 29, 1986. The Test sheets have all been carefully graded for each person from your state who participated.

Listed below you will find the persons test score, questions he or she missed, his or her weak areas, strong areas and suggestions for improvement.

We would like to thank each person who took part in the testing. It is our hope that it will help to improve the knowledge of all Mufon members and investigators.

Final results for over all test scores will be published in the Mufon Journal in the very near future.

Barry Greenwood	Stoneham, Ma	100%
Super good test score.		

Marge Christensen	Beverly, Ma	100%
Super good test score.		

Walter Webb	Westwood, Ma	100%
Super good test score.		

David Webb	Eurlington, Ma	96%
Missed #'s 34, 46, 57, 99		
No real weakness found on the ever-all test score. Great!		

Joe Santangelo	Reading, Ma	96%
Missed #'s 38, 49, 55, 100. No weakness found in any one category.		
Joe did great on the test.		

K. Holmes	Lakeville, Ma	86%
Missed 1, 10, 14, 16, 31, 32, 43, 49, 53, 61, 75, 86, 93, 100.		
10, 14, Sounds, 31, 32, Physical Traces, 86, 93, 100, UFO Exp.		
This persons weakest category was the UFO Exp., missing 3 of the questions. Was Strong in Electrical/Magnetic, Photography, Radio/Radar, Atmosphere/Weather. Should do some basic reading in the weak areas listed.		

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Diane Desemone

-12=86%

Missed 11,22,32,36,49,52,56,58,74,88,93,100. Her really weak area is in the UFO Experience category. She should also do some reading in the Celestial Objects area. 86% isn't a very bad score for the test.

Jim Melesciuc

Reading, Ma

98%

Missed #49,74. Great Test score Jim. I surely did not find any weak areas for you.

Rich Giordeno

96%

Missed 32,46,61,99. Good test score, no weakness found over all.

Steve Firmani

96%

Missed 16,24,64,99. Good Test score, no weakness found over all.

Shirley Coyne

Shirley Coyne
Asst State Director
Michigan Mufon, Inc.

Your state did well Jim. Calif had the most response, Texas was second, Ma third, Mich fourth. Hope to see you in June. In August for sure. We will send our forms back for the Forum by the First of May.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

UFO FORUM

The 1984-1985 Forums have proven to be very successful as the 1986 Forum plans to be. There were so many requests for this to become an annual event that we have decided to hold it annually, unless the MUFON Symposium is to be held on the East Coast, in which case we would not hold a Forum that year. (The 1987 Symposium will be in Washington, D.C., so a Mass. MUFON Forum will not be held in 1987).

INDEXING THE JOURNAL

Mass. MUFON is mid-way through completing its work on indexing the MUFON Journal. This will be very instrumental for researchers locating individual categories of the phenomena. Some of these categories are listed below:

Abductions	IFOs
Analysis of Data	Movies (Reviews, Commentaries)
Ancient Astronauts	Periodicals
Astronomical Aspects	Physiological Aspects
Conferences, Symposia	Public Opinion
Contactees	Religion
Design and Construction	Sightings (General Commentary)
Education, UFO Classes, Courses	Societies, Institutions
History (pre-1947)	Statistics
Hoaxes	Theories (Origin, Existence)

TRIVIA BOOKLET

State Director Jim Melesciuc authored a UFO Trivia Booklet containing approximately 200 questions, broken in categories such as Freshman, Graduate and Ph.D. It is educational and informative and most particularly, entertaining!

In order to build and maintain the credibility of the Mutual UFO Network, and of the UFO subject, the following guidelines must be stringently adhered to:

I. PROVIDING PUBLIC INFORMATION AS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MUFON

- A. Since MUFON is a UFO research organization, any lectures, presentations, or media appearances must be limited to the UFO subject. While the paranormal or other borderline subject matter may have a relationship with the UFO phenomenon, it is not wise to present such a vast amount of varied information to an uninformed public in a limited amount of time such as a one-hour presentation or radio or television interview. Such a situation merely serves to cause confusion for the audience and to erode our credibility.
- B. Providing inaccurate, undocumented, incomplete, or exaggerated information to the public or to the media, printed or electronic, must be avoided.
- C. Speakers must be prepared with the facts and supporting data on UFO cases and on the various aspects of the UFO subject. The bottom line is: DO YOUR HOMEWORK before you discuss the UFO subject publicly, and, in particular, before making any radio or television appearances or giving a newspaper interview. Do not be afraid to admit that you do not know an answer. Never fabricate one. Avoid letting tv or radio talk show hosts intimidate you or cause you to be on the defensive. Be ready to counteract their charges and their misinformation.
- D. When speaking before school or college groups or teaching UFO classes, the speaker must exercise care to present the facts objectively, both pro and con sides, and not try to push his/her own personal viewpoint or theories.
- E. When quoting government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, be sure to explain that the document was obtained via the F.O.I.A. (i.e., legally obtained), and quote the document verbatim. Do not read into the document information that isn't there. Absolutely refrain from fabricating information, and research the document to make sure that it is, in fact, a bona fide document, and is not a hoax document.
- F. Inform your respective State Director prior to any speaking appearances you make, and if appearing on an out of State radio or television program, notify the State Director in that location prior to your appearance.

II. DISSEMINATION OF CASE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC OR TO THE MEDIA

- A. The identity of a witness of a UFO case must be kept confidential unless written permission is obtained from the witness.
- B. Incomplete or unsupported case data should not be released to the media. A thorough investigation must be completed, and a unanimous agreement on the part of all investigators and witnesses involved must be made prior to any contact with the media.
- C. Since it is the tabloids, unfortunately, which are apt to offer remuneration for a UFO story or case information, and since the tabloids tend to be irresponsible, it is strongly recommended that no representative of MUFON have any official dealings with the tabloids whatsoever.

III. PERSONAL GAIN FROM UFO INFORMATION

- A. Lecture fees from educational or civic organizations or institutions, or remuneration paid by reputable publications or periodicals are acceptable.
- B. Remuneration paid by disreputable publications or questionable organizations are frowned upon. Providing UFO information to such organizations merely serves to undermine our credibility and sincerity as serious UFO students.

Official Recp.

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in one or more of the following actions:

1. Possible dismissal from the organization or revocation of MUFON membership.
2. In cases of inaccurate data being published in newspapers or periodicals, MUFON's P.I.P.E. (Public Information and Public Education) Committee will assign one of its members to publish a correction in the form of a letter to the editor ~~of~~ the publication involved.

These guidelines are not intended to be dictatorial or to infringe upon the personal rights of MUFON members. Instead they are designed to enhance our credibility and our professionalism as serious UFO researchers and investigators.

SUMMARY OF CASES

October 11, 1985 --Tom Pierpont, Boston, MA. Flying wing, no lights. Investigated by Diana DeSimone. (Report enclosed)

October 19, 1985 --Lynn Sargent and Yvette Grimes, Patrolmen Trefrey and Morrill. Spheres of light. Investigated by Joanne Bruno, Jim Melesciuc and Barry Greenwood. (Report enclosed). Boxboro, MA case.

October 26, 1985-- David Stern, Brighton, MA. Daylight disc with orbiting satellites. Investigated by Diana DeSimone. (Report enclosed).

November 3, 1985--Colins Liebick, and James Mack, Boston, MA. Black triangle-shaped object. Investigated by Diana DeSimone. (Report enclosed)

November 5, 1985--Cathy DeMarco, Winthrop, MA. Sparkling spheres of light. Investigated by Jim Melesciuc, Joanne Bruno and Marge Christensen. Objects identified as transformer overload.

November 8, 1985--Margaret Trisdan, Framingham, MA. Silver disc with 2 balls of light. Possible aircraft landing lights.

January 11, 1986 --Chris Cote, Erin Mylette, Tara Minahan. Whitman, MA. Whitman Middle School. Two objects appeared to be 3 spheres attached to the objects. Investigated by Karen Holmes. (Report enclosed)

August, 1978--Alleged abduction of L.P. Investigated by Joe Nyman and James Melesciuc. Witness claims to have had 3 close encounters in his and his wife's lifetime. (Investigation continuing). (Anonymity granted to witness) Investigation initiated January 5, 1986.

March 3, 1986--Michael Mercier, Danvers, MA. Vibrating nocturnal lights. Investigated by Joanne Bruno. (Summary enclosed.)

March 29, 1986-- Paul Ambler, Danvers, MA. "Diamond shadow". Investigated by Joanne Bruno. (Summary enclosed)