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UFO DOCUMENTARY

There is a possibility that PBS will be producing a UFO documentary which will serve as a sort of rebuttal to the recent "NOVA" program on UFO's. The program producer has been in contact with Barry Greenwood, and has asked for Barry's assistance in documenting the UFO portion of the program. He has also requested that Barry lend him certain documents and other sources of information for use in the program. It is gratifying to see that PBS is considering a second attempt at a UFO documentary; this time, hopefully, the result will be an unbiased, objective presentation of the subject.

The program proposal has already been accepted by PBS, and is awaiting sponsorship. It is likely that Dr. J. Allen Hynek will appear on the program.

NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY

The UPI news release which was scheduled for release on Feb. 19, was not released by Walt Andrus until March 1. Hopefully, this will gain nationwide publicity.

Peter Gersten, Larry Fawcett on ABC NEWS

We still have not been given a specific date, but are told that Larry Fawcett and Peter Gersten will appear on ABC News at 7:00 p.m. sometime in March, and will discuss the Kirtland documents.

UFO Literature for Sale

Barry Greenwood has announced that he has a large assortment of UFO literature which is now available for sale to interested persons. The material, which is comprised of duplicates of items in Barry's collection, includes books, periodicals, and assorted other items. Anyone interested should contact Barry in order to make an appointment to see the items.

\$ Chipping in for \$ Clippings

Fred Chaffee, Mass. MUFON Treasurer, reports that he has already received monthly checks for the clipping service from four persons. Because of the monumental monthly cost of maintaining the clipping service, we feel that it is unfair to place the entire burden on Barry Greenwood. All of us do benefit either directly or indirectly from access to the clipping files. Thus, if you are able to contribute, it would be very much appreciated if you would do so. Remember that your checks, made to Mass. MUFON are tax deductible as contributions.

The Hazards of Orbital Flight

TIME magazine, Feb. 28, 1983, has an interesting article in the column on SPACE, regarding "The Hazards of Orbital Flight." Read it to see some intriguing possible reasons for the common descriptions of "small entities with large heads."

New Refreshments Chairperson

We would like to thank Joan Nyman very much for volunteering to serve as our new Refreshments Chairperson. Joan will be calling upon everyone in the group in alphabetical order to help in providing refreshments for meetings, and to assist in setting up the kitchen and cleaning up after the meeting. When Joan calls upon you, please give her your complete cooperation. The refreshment break during the meeting gives us all a good opportunity to get to that informally and to get to know one another better. We all appreciate the efforts of those persons providing the refreshments for each meeting, and we will certainly appreciate Joan's efforts.



As a result of a recent influx of application for membership from several less than serious individuals, the State Director and State Section Directors, together with Special Advisor, Joe Santangelo, met to compile a policy regarding membership requirements as well as requirements for investigators. These requirements are intended to be fair to everyone and to maintain the professional caliber and high level of credibility of the Mass. MUFON organization. Copies of the new policies will be distributed at the March meeting, and these will be explained at that time. The cooperation of all members in instituting these policies will be greatly appreciated.

Get Well Soon

We extend best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to MUFON member, Mrs. Nancy Brown, who has been hospitalized for serious surgery. If you would like to send a Get Well card to Nancy, her address is: 7 Friend St.

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Computer File of Resources Proposed

During a meeting of the Section Directors and State Director before the Feb. meeting, Bob Gildea and Joe Santangelo proposed a directory format which might be used in compiling a computer file listing all of the resources which Barry Greenwood has available in his "mini UFO Smithsonian Institution" and which would be helpful to us in attempting to locate specific items. This material includes books, files, clippings, reports, audio tapes, video tapes, movies, slides, cassettes, paperbacks, microfilms, etc., etc., etc.. This task will most likely be tackled in the summer after Barry has completed the work on his book.

It will involve a great deal of man hours indexing and cataloging, and anyone who would like to assist, especially if you have a background in computer programming, should let us know that you are interested and willing to work on this project.

Such a computer file would be of great value to investigators as well as to persons researching any aspect of the phenomenon.

Current Cases on New Computer File

At the suggestion of David Webb, we are now maintaining a computer file of all cases which have been assigned to our investigators since Jan. 1, 1983. This information will enable us to see at any time, how many cases are under investigation; what types of cases they are; how many cases a particular investigator has and how many people may need assistance as a result of a large case load, etc. At each meeting, a print-out of these cases will be available.