



## A Rose By Any Other Name

A UFO by any other name is still an unidentified flying object, and perhaps that is an important point to keep in mind. Recently a State Director received over 200 news clippings on UFO-related stories from a colleague doing research at the FBI library in Washington, D.C.. Interestingly, a large number of these were filed under the heading of "transportation." Could it possibly be that the govt. has been telling the truth in saying that in response to certain FOIA requests for UFO-related documents, that they do not have any such documents, when, in fact, the researcher has known the opposite to be the case? Could it be that they don't have UFO-related documents, but they do have extraterrestrial transportation-related documents, or documents relating to UFO incidents, but categorized under different headings?

There could be no limit to the variety of categories under which an unidentified object might be classified.

The term, "UFO" is a rather nebulous, general, nondescript label at best. Of course, it is pretty difficult to be specific about an object which you can't identify and which does not behave as any conventional object familiar to us. In the long span, it may be that semantics works against the progress of the UFO subject as it struggles to gain its legitimacy as a respectable area of study. On one hand, how can a scientist study an unidentified object? And on the other hand, to too many people, the terms UFO and alien spacecraft are synonymous. The concept of alien spacecraft is too much for some people to handle, so they employ the rationale that if they shun the topic and refuse to look at it, it will eventually go away. Both of these approaches have resulted in leaving the UFO subject to thrive pretty much on benign neglect.

There's not a whole lot we can do about this, except to be aware that as far as filing FOIA requests go, a UFO by any other name is still a UFO.

### PROPOSAL FOR HYNEK SUCCESSOR AS SPOKESPERSON FOR UFOLOGY

Bob Bletchman has suggested that UFOlogy put forward the name of one prominent UFOlogist, suggesting to the establishment media, that such a person is available to speak for the UFO field, when the media finds it necessary to speak to an authority. If all major UFO organizations so agreed, and undersigned one letter to this effect, supporting one named person, perhaps the media would reference that person when indicated.

Do any P.I.P.E. Committee members have any views on this idea which you would like to share with us? If so, please send them to Marge for inclusion in next issue of the P.I.P.E. Line.

### MEDIA POLICY SENT TO MUFON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The policy for dealing with the media in offering public information, authored by Marge Christensen, Walt Webb, Jim Melesciuc, Barry Greenwood, and Ray Fowler last spring has been submitted by Walt Andrus to the Board of Directors for its approval. Upon the approval of the board, the policy will be published in the Journal, and will become MUFON policy.

### LIBRARY PROJECT

Richard Hall has drafted a letter to send to Acquisitions Librarians across the country in order to encourage public, college, and university libraries to obtain subscriptions to the MUFON Journal. In a few weeks, we will tackle the project of getting this letter and other related information out to the libraries. I have a handbook of major colleges and universities in the USA, and will attempt to obtain listings of major public libraries from a former colleague of mine who is a librarian. I also have asked the State Dirs. to please attempt to obtain listings of major libraries in their respective states. If you have any such listings, kindly let me know. I will also attempt to get these placed on computer disk so that we will be able to access them again at a later date should we need them.

If you have any suggestions as to how to facilitate the process of contacting such a lengthy listing of librarians, I would be very happy to receive them.

WATCH THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF THE MUFON JOURNAL FOR AN ARTICLE ON THE P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE.



## INFORMATION CORNER

In Nov., 1985, Science Digest ran a contest for the most convincing but fraudulent UFO photograph. Prizes offered to the winner were a videocassette and a poster of a long-tongued toothy devil with three eyes. This sham can hardly be classified as appropriate material for a publication which calls itself "Science Digest." Walt Andrus and Jim McCampbell have submitted a letter of protest to Mr. Gilbert C. Mauer, President, Magazine Division of the Hearst Corporation. A letter was also sent to Mr. Randolph Hearst. This is the sort of destructive media publicity we need to respond to and to combat. Thank you to Walt and Jim for handling this one with an excellent letter.

The award for the most outstanding contribution to UFOlogy for the MUFON calendar year of July, 1986-June, 1987 will again be awarded and presented at the 1987 symposium in Washington, D.C.. The 1986 award recipient was Budd Hopkins.

Anyone may be nominated without regard to organizational affiliation or nation. The recipient need not be a U.S. resident. In order to nominate a person for this prestigious award, MUFON members are invited to submit the name of their candidates and a short paragraph describing their contributions to the UFO field. All nominations must be received by Walt Andrus by April 1, 1987. The persons receiving the largest number of nominations will be listed on the ballot for all MUFON members to use in casting their votes.

John Schuessler is looking into the possibility of our publishing a commemorative edition of the Symposium Proceedings to be offered at the 1987 symposium in addition to the proceedings for that year. The commemorative issue would include some of the best papers ever delivered at MUFON symposia. Bruce Maccabee requested that we look into the possibility of a commemorative edition, and John kindly accepted the assignment of investigating the feasibility of publishing such an edition. We appreciate John's efforts in this regard.

Richard Hall and Bruce Maccabee both asked that we launch a national campaign to get our congressmen and senators to attend the 1987 symposium in Washington, D.C. They suggested that we provide a few sample letters to our members (all MUFON members) and ask that they send copies of them to their respective congressmen and senators. Would anyone like to volunteer to write sample letters to provide to the membership? Please let Marge know if you are willing to undertake this task. We do not have lots of time to waste, as the letters will have to be sent out with the Journals and then people will have to write their own copies. These should be mailed several months in advance of June 26, 1987, in order to allow the legislators advance time to plan.

## APRO DIRECTOR PASSES AWAY

Jim Lorenzen, founder and director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, passed away recently in Tucson, AZ, after a battle with cancer. The funeral was held on Sept. 2, and a memorial floral bouquet was sent by the Mutual UFO Network. It is not clear now what the future holds for APRO.

## PENNSYLVANIA SCORES BIG SUCCESS

### DURING NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

Pennsylvania State Director, Stan Gordon, recently submitted a very exciting report on that state's activities for National UFO Info. Week. In addition to numerous media appearances, news releases in the papers, and cable tv coverage, the group held an extremely successful display in the Westmoreland Mall, which attracted people from throughout western PA. Some traveled extensive mileage to Greensburg to see the display and to talk about their UFO sightings and experiences. The display was crowded and had people lined up to report cases from opening at 10:00 a.m. until closing at 9:30 that night.

Stan commented, "The extensive coverage and hard work did exactly what we wanted. It made the public aware that serious study of UFO cases is continuing and that sightings can be reported without fear of ridicule. Both PASU and MUFON received extensive mention in this state. The UFO clipping service will have many other clips from this event.... Most importantly, this event brought to light many past and recent UFO cases that people had never disclosed before.... Most importantly, just from having the display, we came across five time lapse cases, a close humanoid sighting, a multiple color series of UFO photographs taken in Pittsburgh and many CEI cases."

Stan's letter is filled with enthusiasm and with comments about the dividends their organization received as a result of their efforts during that week.

In an attempt to encourage others to do the same in their states, I will compile an article for the MUFON Journal and will quote heavily from Stan's letter, and also from a few others who also had successful results in their states.

## R E M I N D E R :

### WRITE ON! P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I was pleased to note that Barry Greenwood has an upcoming article in the Journal, and have been grateful to others of you on our committee (Mildred Bieseke, Walt Webb, John Schuessler, Walt Andrus, and others) who have also submitted articles to the Journal. Let's keep up the good work and keep Dennis supplied with high caliber, informative manuscripts. Thanks.