



P.I.P.E. LINE

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P.I.P.E. HYPE

It is time to begin planning for advance publicity for the 1987 MUFON Symposium, with regard to MUFON membership. As you noted in the Oct Newsletter, I am in the process of completing a videotaped message to send to MUFON State organizations which hold membership meetings. This tape is to be played at the meetings in the hope of encouraging as many persons as possible to begin planning now for attending the 1987 symposium, in Washington, D.C.

I would appreciate it if the following persons would accept the tasks listed below and would take care of them as soon as is conveniently possible.

Dan Wright- Please draft a letter which could be sent to Senators and Congressmen in order to invite them to attend the symposium. Your letter will then be sent to State Directors and they will be asked to write similar letters and send them to their respective Senators and Congressmen.

Mildred Bieseles--Please draft a letter which might be sent to former U.S. Astronauts to invite them to attend the symposium. I have a list of the astronauts and their addresses (the ones who have had sightings, that is.)

Barry Greenwood--Please prepare a press release for UPI and AP in response to the article in the Denver Post (Apr. 20, 1986) entitled: "Whatever Happened to UFOs?" In the article, which should be an update of what has happened to UFOs, please be sure to include mention of the 1987 symposium.

John Schuessler--Please let me know how you are making out with your investigation of the possibility of publishing a commemorative volume for the symposium next year.

All P.I.P.E. Members--Please take advantage of every possible opportunity to speak to serious organizations on the topic of UFOs prior to the symposium.

Marge will get the videotapes into circulation, launch the library project, and try to inspire MUFON members to attend the symposium en force.

I would like to thank all of you for your help. I have just begun a new job, teaching at a large Tucson high school, and will soon be taking courses to meet Arizona's teacher certification requirements in order to obtain a permanent AZ certificate. This is a busy time, but I do not intend to slack off on MUFON work.

Marge

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

To Dan Wright for publishing a superb, informative and inspiring regional Newsletter for the Central States Directors.

To Jim Melesciuc and Mass. MUFON for a fantastic 8-page newspaper article in the Middlesex News on the subject of UFO investigations. This sort of publicity should help to drive up our credibility ratings considerably.

To Mildred Bieseles, whose UFO display at the library in Salt Lake City was so well received and popular that it was held by the library not for a week as originally scheduled, but for the entire month instead.

To Paul Cerny, whose organization's UFO exhibit has now been viewed by over a quarter of a million persons this year alone.

WITH REGARD TO A HYNEK SUCCESSOR

In response to the item in the Sept. P.I.P.E. Line regarding Bob Bletchman's suggestion that UFOlogy designate a national spokesperson to represent the subject credibly, only three persons sent any comments to Marge. Paul Cerny commented that he could not think of an appropriate person for the position. Mildred Bieseles feels that there is no one person who could fill this bill, as there are so many areas of specialization within the field of UFOlogy, and within each specialty there are various experts. John Schuessler feels that of all the names that are prominent, there is no real, qualified, logical & unbiased person. He suggests that maybe what we need is a UFOlogist head spokesperson with a three to five person expert staff.

TELUFONET UPDATE NEEDED

With the addition of several new State Directors, it is necessary to update the 3 regional TELUFONET systems so that we may attempt to use the telephone net with some margin of success possible. Dan Wright has already updated the Central States. It will be necessary for Paul Cerny to do the same with the Western States and for Joe Santangelo to do so with the Eastern States. Upon completion of this, we will try once more to use the net, hopefully this time, with success.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The following ideas are offered simply as possibilities for you to think about, and maybe for any of you who are willing to tackle them if you feel that they are viable possibilities.

What do you think about raising funds to pay for a sizeable ad in the Washington Post to publicize the symposium prior to June?

What do you think about trying to see what if anything may be done to publicize the UFO subject at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C.? Perhaps we could offer to provide a display or a guest speaker. This one may be a lost cause, but we won't know unless we ask.

Perhaps we should assist the Fund in compiling a special UFO exhibit to be on display during the symposium. This should include such items as a copy of the Congressional Research Service's UFO Enigma, by Marcia Smith. (Perhaps we should also invite Marcia Smith to attend.) The display should also include govt. documents released under the F.O.I.A. and letters from Congressmen, Senators, etc., as well as photographs, news clippings, etc.

P L A N A H E A D

If we should be successful in our drive to get a larger than usual attendance at the 1987 symposium, it is important that there be an announcement and advance publicity at the '87 symposium for the '88 symposium. This may seem a bit extreme to plan that far in advance, but it is not the case. If we have a large, captive audience in Washington, D.C., that is the time to get their interest piqued for the 1988 symposium. Walt, are there any plans yet for the '88 symposium? If not, do any of you have any suggestions for a location for that one?

WRITE, ON, P.I.P.E. MEMBERS!

Keep up the great work of supplying Dennis Stacy with good, solid articles for the MUFON Journal. The Journal is looking better these days, and the new arrangement with Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett whereby the Journal may use articles from Just Cause providing that some time has gone by after the articles have appeared in Just Cause, is going to make it possible for the Journal to include some outstanding reports on new information which has been received on the UFO subject.

THE GRASS MAY BE GREENER IN THE DESERT, AS FAR AS UFOLOGY IS CONCERNED

Upon moving from Massachusetts to Arizona, my greatest regret was having to leave the wonderful Mass. MUFON organization. I was well aware of the conservative views that prevail in Tucson (Goldwater territory), and I was also aware of the existence of a large, vocal skeptics group here. I thought that I would find the area skeptical and not very receptive to the UFO subject, and feared that my work would be cut out for me in having to teach Arizonans about UFOs. To date, some interesting things have happened, and I have not yet even begun to work actively in UFOlogy in Arizona.

I have met a former chaplain who was stationed at Wright-Patterson during Blue Book days. He mentioned that no one was permitted anywhere near the building where Blue Book was housed, and that even AF generals whom he questioned were not permitted inside that building. He added that rumors were rampant about crashed discs, etc.

I have met a few people in positions of great responsibility who have told me about UFO sightings they had, and who took the subject entirely seriously.

My daughter's high school includes an astronomy course in its curriculum, and one topic covered in the course is UFOs. My son's friend at the University of Arizona has turned out to be a serious UFO student, and he read Clear Intent in two days, and now wants to attempt to use the F.O.I.A. himself to file for documents.

We attended a show at the Flandrau Planetarium at the University of Arizona, and were delighted to see that the show was written by Allan Hendry (author of the famed UFO Handbook, published by the Center for UFO Studies).

And after finding the UFO climate here pretty good, in that most people take the subject entirely seriously, we just happened to be using our binoculars and then studying a Tucson map. We noted a rounded building on a mountain peak in front of our home, and have found out that it seems to be none other than Kitt Peak, which is the site of the National Optical Astronomical Observatories, the world's largest collection of telescopes. How is that for an appropriate landmark to be facing our home!

PLEASE RESPOND TO P.I.P.E. Line

Each month the P.I.P.E. Line generally contains items which request responses or feedback from you. Each month, there are only three or four persons who respond. A committee needs to work as a group in order to be effective. Our committee has 13 members. Let's have more than three or four responses each month so that we can get a realistic idea of how you all feel about various items of importance.

Thank you.