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UPDATE ON STATES' QUESTIONNAIRES

The following State Directors have sent in their questionnaires since the last summary of questionnaire results came in and was published in the past Newsletter:

State Directors planning to attend 1987 Symposium:

William McNeff- Minnesota (with 2 members)
Tom Benson- New Jersey (with 2-3 members)
N. Jean Waller- Oklahoma (with 4 members)
Mike Brein- Hawaii (with 1 member)
Fred Whiting- Virginia (with 10 members)

Ken McLean- Wyoming- not sure

If these questionnaires are accurate, it would seem that we can definitely count on an excellent attendance at the 1987 MUFON UFO Symposium. This info. has been forwarded to the Symposium Committee, and new info. will continue to be forwarded.

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK, 1987

The responses in regard to the scheduling of this year's National UFO Information Week so far are pretty evenly divided with regard to holding the event prior, during, or after the symposium. After a discussion with Walt Andrus in regard to this matter, we have concluded that it is probably best to leave the National UFO Info. Week scheduled in August as it has been for the past 2 years. During the NUFOIW, all our State Directors and their staffs need to be in their respective states in order to run the activities in their states. Thus, they could not also be away at the symposium at that time. Prior to the symposium, the percentage of people who might visit a UFO display or attend a lecture and decide to fly to Washington, D.C. for the symposium as a result, would be minute. Thus, since people are now somewhat conditioned to expecting the activities in August, it is probably best to leave them at that time.

Walt has also requested that should Mass. MUFON hold another UFO Forum next year, that it not be during National UFO Information Week, as he would like to attend, and feels that during NUFOIW he needs to remain in Seguin for activities there. If any of you have any strong objections to the scheduling of the week during Aug. this year, let me know. Otherwise the next Newsletter in March will contain the dates for the 1987 National UFO Information Week.

STATE DIRECTORS' "WISH LISTS"

The following is a list of requests from State Directors for the P.I.P.E. Committee: (also taken from Newsletter questionnaires)

Minnesota- William McNeff-

Needs a one or three-page fact sheet to hand out and a videotape to show for UFO Info. Week. (fact sheets are already available from Walt). Also- needs a list of State Directors.

Tom Benson- New Jersey-

Would like several hundred copies of MUFON flyers for Info. Week, rather than one copy for him to make copies of.

N. Jean Waller- Oklahoma-

Press releases and suggested dates to send to media with regard to UFO Info. Week. (There has been a press release provided in the NUFOIW package for the past 2 years).

Jeffrey R. Neel- Nevada-

Jeffrey is new to the post of NV State Dir., and could use some help and encouragement. If any of you know any credible people in Nevada who are interested in the UFO subject, it would be a good idea to let Jeffrey know about them. He has stated that he has no members there and would like to find some other people in Nevada who are interested in the phenomenon.

Michael Brein- Hawaii-

Would like a directory of MUFON members. Needs an updated list of State Directors.

NOTE What do you think about compiling a list of MUFON members to make available for purchase for interested persons?

Jim Melesciuc- Massachusetts-

Wants to know which states print newsletters besides PA, IN, TX, MI.

Hal Starr- Arizona-

Would like mailings to radio, tv, papers in area of spokespersons for interviews, etc. for National UFO Info. Week. Also needs a list of State Directors.

Richard Coffman-S. Carolina-

Would like flyers and videotapes for NUFOIW.

Francis Ridge- Indiana-

Would like a special video release to be copied and given to videotores, news media, etc. Also wants preliminary case reports sent to them for their computer.summary.

Donald Ware- Florida-

Get consultant participation in drafting a 2-3 pg. paper on "How the UFO Phenomenon Relates to Physics, Biology, etc." (by June)
This suggestion merits some consideration.
Paul Cerny, please refer this to Jim McCampbell, as Dir. of Research.

NEW BOOK COULD PUT UFOLOGY CREDIBILITY AND RESPECTABILITY BACK BY LIGHT YEARS

A new book entitled, Light Years, by Gary Kinder, could plunge the credibility of the UFO subject back considerably, not only because of its focus, but because of the massive publicity campaign its publisher has planned. The book, published by the Atlantic Monthly Press, deals with the Eduard (Billy) Meier case involving the encounters of a Swiss farmer with extraterrestrials from the Pleiades. AMP has planned a 50,000 copy first printing, with a \$50,000 promotion budget for the book. A 22-city national author tour is planned to include such major cities as Boston, N.Y., Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Phoenix, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Denver, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Nashville, St. Louis, Cincinnati. Also planned are network tv appearances for the author, including film footage taken by Billy Meier, coast to coast radio advertising on the CBS Radio Network. The book will be illustrated with color and black and white photographs, and is slated for release on April 10, and for publication on May 8. The price will be \$18.95.

According to Publishers Weekly, of Jan. 23, 1987, "Since then his evidence has been analyzed by experts and leading scientists--including an American security team headed by a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and scientists from NASA. Even the most die-hard skeptics have been unable to disprove Meier's claims. It remains the best documented, most carefully studied, most credible UFO case ever."

It is very difficult to comprehend how such a prestigious publisher could be so gullible and so superficial in its assessment of this case. The book will undoubtedly present a serious problem for serious researchers attempting to offer credible public information in the UFO field. Both CUFOS and MUFON have plans to inform the media that serious UFO researchers do not support this case. Given the reality that generally dollar signs speak louder than facts, one has to be very nervous about this book.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Briefly, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. The past couple of months have been extremely distasteful and uncomfortable for me with the tabloid controversy situation. I think that now that everyone's views have been clearly expressed, it is time to go on with more pressing matters, and to maintain our policy of no contact with tabloids. As you, no doubt, inferred from the past two issues of both the Newsletter and the P.I.P.E. Line, I came close to resigning as P.R. Dir. out of frustration both from this and from the lack of communication from our State Directors, which made it nearly impossible to coordinate any type of national projects. Fortunately, the State Directors have since responded to my pleas for action, and I have had my batteries recharged with enthusiasm for this work, and for the subject itself, and am eager to move on to some projects of major importance, such as the library subscription campaign, the symposium publicity, etc. I hope that you share my feelings. It is of vital importance that we as an organization be able to communicate honestly, but I think it of equal importance that we do not get so bogged down with disagreements that we lose sight of our mutual goals and programs.

Marge Christensen

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WORK

This year we will again have a recipient of the award for outstanding work in the field of UFOlogy for the past calendar year. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 28. The MUFON Journal in the spring will include the ballot for members to use to vote for the candidates of their choice.

P.I.P.E. Line Recess Ahead

Because of two travel periods in June and July and because of some new business commitments, it looks as if I will have to plan to not publish the P.I.P.E. Line in the months of June, July, and August this year. I hope to be able to publish the Newsletter during that period, but may also have to stop that for 3 months as well. If any of you would like to take over the task of publishing either or both of these newsletters during that time, let me know, and I will clear it with Walt. I regret any inconvenience that this may cause, but it cannot be helped.

Marge Christensen

HOPKINS' NEW BOOK TO BE RELEASED

We can all look forward to a new book which will undoubtedly be a milestone in UFO literature, and which will be released in hardcover by Random House in early April. Budd Hopkins' second book, Intruders, deals with a family's abduction experiences which span a few generations. After Missing Time, Budd said that he would not write another book unless he had made some important new

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findings in the area of UFO abductions as a result of his research. Budd feels that this condition has been more than sufficiently met in this book. Budd's past record speaks for itself. His research methods are thorough and scientific. He shares his findings with a number of highly qualified persons in a variety of disciplines including the medical field. It is safe to say that this book is a must for any serious UFOlogist, and it should shed a new light on the entire abduction scenario.

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