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PR OFFICE PREPARES FOR MEDIA IMPACT

In the face of at least two major network programs reportedly planning to focus on the UFO subject, preparations are being made here to respond to possible requests from the media for further information on the subject. If the programs do not come to pass, we will have lost nothing by being prepared, and if they do get aired and are as significant as they are reportedly going to be, we will be ready to furnish the necessary information at a moment's notice. A list of qualified spokespersons along with their areas of expertise, their addresses and their phone numbers is being compiled to be furnished to media personnel requesting information on various aspects of the subject. These lists will be sent to the major networks and major newspapers in the country. Also, MUFON is listed in a media directory under the topic of UFOs, so that media persons should be able to quickly contact Walt Andrus to obtain further information on the UFO subject.

MUFON BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

As reported in this month's Newsletter, it has been decided that this year's corporate meeting will be replaced with a meeting of the MUFON Board of Directors. At this meeting many of the concerns recently voiced by various members of this committee will be discussed and hopefully ironed out. An important note is that everyone involved is going to communicate, and that is a positive sign. A straightforward dialogue regarding these issues of concern will hopefully result in making our organization a stronger one, with many significant improvements. Richard Hall will serve as a mediator for this meeting.

NEW P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE MEMBER

Richard Hall has joined the P.I.P.E. Committee at my invitation. Richard has served as former editor of the MUFON Journal and is currently our Director of Publications. In addition to his leadership roles in MUFON, he also served for 10 years as Asst. Director and Acting Director of NICAP, and editor of NICAP's The UFO Evidence. His experience is a welcome addition to the P.I.P.E. Committee. Our committee now has 17 members.

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK will be held during the week of Aug. 10-17. This will be the third year of this event. Do you have any good ideas for improving it?

P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For those of you who are new, the following is a list of the members of this committee:

Walt Andrus	Dr. David M. Jacobs
Mildred Bieseke	Jim Melesciuc
Bob Bletchman	John Schuessler
Paul Cerny	Dennis Stacy
Marge Christensen	Dr. Michael Swords
Raymond Fowler	Walt Webb
Barry Greenwood	Fred Whiting
Richard Hall	Dan Wright
Budd Hopkins	

TIME-LIFE UFO SEGMENT UNDERWAY

A number of persons in our organization have been contacted by a representative of Time-Life in conjunction with a new article being written for the Time-Life series on the UFO subject. Both Barry Greenwood and Dr. Richard Haines have been contacted for information and for interviews, as perhaps others in the UFO field have, but have not notified us. It is gratifying to see a major publication attributing literary respectability to the UFO subject and allotting it an apparent sizeable amount of print space in the Time-Life series.

MEDIA POLICY TO BE VOTED UPON

The media policy submitted by this committee to the MUFON Board of Directors several months ago is being rewritten by Dan Wright who is incorporating the comments and suggestions of everyone (P.I.P.E. Committee and Board of Directors) into the policy. When the final version is ready you will be sent a copy of it to study prior to our meeting in Washington, D.C.. At this year's P.I.P.E. Committee meeting, we will have a vote on the final version of the media policy. Please read it carefully and be prepared to cast your vote in Washington.

CONGRESSMEN TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND SYMPOSIUM

Dan Wright has authored a letter inviting members of Congress to attend the 1987 UFO Symposium or to send representatives on their behalf to the symposium. Dan's letter is being sent to the 500+ Senators and Congressmen by Walt Andrus. Even if one or two members of Congress attend, it will be one or two more than we have ever had in attendance at a symposium in the past.

For your convenience, below is a map of the area of Washington, D.C. in the vicinity of American University. Please plan in advance to attend the annual P.I.P.E. Committee meeting. This meeting is currently scheduled for Friday evening following the opening reception at the symposium. However, I plan to recommend that the MUFON Board of Directors Meeting be held on Friday evening and that the P.I.P.E. Committee meeting be held on Sunday morning when the Board Meeting was originally scheduled. As soon as the time and location of the meeting is definite, I will notify you. It is imperative that all of our committee members be present at the meeting since it is the only time of the year that we are all in one location and can consider important issues for the ensuing year.

