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DON'T FORGET

The meeting of the Public Information and Public Education Committee will be held on Friday evening, June 26, immediately following the reception at the symposium at American University. The room designated for the meeting will be announced by Fred Whiting or Richard Hall, of the symposium committee. The estimated starting time for the meeting is 9:00 p/m.. All P.I.P.E. Committee members are asked to be in attendance. This is the only time in the year that we are all in one place and are able to hold such a meeting, so please make every effort to be there. Thank you.

The agenda will include such items as the Media Policy proposed by this committee; a discussion of the direction we should take for the next year; a discussion of goals for 1987; a new focus for "selective public information" rather than general public information, and other topics.

PLEASE NOTE

Enclosed with this copy of the P.I.P.E.Line you will find a copy of the newly revised proposed Media Policy submitted for adoption by this committee some time ago. Recently Dan Wright rewrote the Media Policy and incorporated into it all of the input we received from P.I.P.E. Committee members and members of the MUFON Board of Directors. You are asked to study this policy and to mark with an X any section or sections which you would like to discuss at the meeting on June 26. Please be prepared to discuss any areas of concern to you, and then to vote on this policy. After a discussion at the meeting on June 26, we will vote to accept or reject this policy. It may then have to be resubmitted for approval to the Board of Directors, and if so, it might be possible to accomplish that at the Board Meeting on Sunday, June 28. Several of our committee members have expressed concern that this policy must be instituted this year, and have requested that we vote on it at this meeting in June because they feel that it is sorely needed by our organization.

SUMMER RECESS

During July and August Mildred Bieseke has graciously volunteered to publish the MUFON Newsletter. It is likely that the P.I.P.E.Line will take a two-month recess unless events at the 1987 annual meeting of our committee dictate that we need to publish an issue in August.

UFO INFORMATION WEEK

Because of the large decrease in the number of State organizations participating in the 1986 National UFO Information Week, vs the number that participated in 1985, as well as because of an increased workload here, I have decided not to send out individual packages this year to the State Directors for use with National UFO Info. Week.

Instead, I would like to see a drive to encourage more of our State Directors to take a more active role and to build up their respective organizations with a high degree of professionalism and credibility.

To this end, I have devised a State Director's Checklist which has been sent to all of our State Directors in order to determine just what areas are being taken care of and which need improvement in their states.

In a few states, National UFO Info. Week has been extremely successful in placing the UFO subject into the public eye, and in eliciting several sighting or case reports as well as new membership applications. However, in most states, because of a total lack of effort on the part of the State organization, there is little or no benefit reaped from this week's observance.

At this year's meeting in June, we will consider whether or not National UFO Information Week should be continued in the future.

WEEKEND RETREAT PROPOSED FOR P.I.P.E

P.I.P.E. Committee member, Michael Swords, has suggested that we arrange for a weekend retreat for the P.I.P.E. Committee to "think UFOlogy" and discuss the best course to pursue in the future in providing public information. As Mike admits, this idea is somewhat impractical since we are located from Coast to Coast, but with the "right brain-mix" it could be very productive. We will toss around the feasibility of this idea at our meeting in Washington, and if possible, plan just such a weekend even if only some of our members are able to make it. Be thinking of any suggestions to make it more feasible.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.: Reception, International Relations Building.
(Registration desk on-site for those not registered in advance.)

Saturday, June 27:

7:30 a.m. - on, Registration, Ward Circle Building.

8:30 a.m. Opening remarks, Bruce S. Maccabee, Ph.D., Host Chairman
and Walter H. Andrus, Jr., International Director

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon:

From Arnold to Hynek: The End of an Era by David M. Jacobs, Ph.D.

The Italian Scene, 1947-1987: A Roundup by Dr. Roberto Pinotti

Scientific Approach and Results of Studies Into Unidentified
Aerospace Phenomena in France by J-J. Velasco

Correlation Between the UFO Phenomenon and Its Associated Entities
by Captain Daniel A. Perisse (Argentina)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch Break.

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

UFO Research in Britain by Hilary Evans

UFOs and India: Ancient and Contemporary by Kanishk Nathan

A Historical Survey of UFO Cases in Chile by J. Antonio Huneeus

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.:

Contributed papers presented in two parallel sessions.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Banquet (not included in \$30 per person cost of
registration; seating limited, make reservations at \$20 per person).

Banquet Speaker: William L. "Bill" Moore, author of The Roswell
Incident and noted UFO crash/retrieval investigator.

8:30 p.m. to -- (probably when American University closes and locks
up the Ward Circle Building for the night):

Panel Discussion on Abduction Cases featuring Budd Hopkins (author
of Missing Time and Intruders), Whitley Strieber (author of
Communion), Eddie Bullard (abduction case catalogue and analysis
sponsored by the Fund for UFO Research) and others to be announced.

Sunday, June 28:

8:30 a.m.: Displays, films, book sales, etc. open.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Contributed papers in parallel sessions.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon:

History and Cultural Interpretations of UFOs in Southern Africa,
1947 - 1987 by Cynthia Hind

The UFO Mystery in Australia by Bill Chalker

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Board of Directors
Meeting. (Private).

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch Break

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.:

Forty Years of Ufology in Sweden by Bertil Kuhlemann

Ufology in Uruguay and Brazil by Willy Smith, Ph.D.

The History of UFOs in Canada by Stanton T. Friedman

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion on UFOs, the U.S. Air Force, and
other governments responses to the UFO question. Participants will
include U.S. and foreign national representatives most knowledgeable
about the actions and reactions of their respective governments to
UFO reports. Panelists will include Barry J. Greenwood (co-author
of Clear Intent); Bill Moore, Stanton Friedman, Jenny Zeidman, Bill
Chalker, and others.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Final Contributed papers.

A total of 24 contributed papers have been submitted for the three
scheduled parallel sessions. Some of these contributed papers will
be presented by: Dr. James W. Deardorff, Tom Benson, Dr. Virgilio
Sanchez-Ocejo, Vincent Di Pietro, Donald R. Schmitt, Thomas E.
Bullard, Barry J. Greenwood, Dr. Daniel H. Harris, Dr. Bertil
Kuhlemann, Stanton T. Friedman, and many others.

Note: A schedule of contributed papers will be available at the symposium