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Costly Lesson

As the **P.I.P.E. Line** goes to press, it has been a week since the fall issue of **JUST CAUSE** was mailed out. Judging by the mail and phone calls I have received, one thing is abundantly clear, and that is that the MJ-12 document issue has caused a great deal of animosity within the UFO community.

There is much talk about over-zealous egos, and the fact that several persons in the field are not willing to share information or to compare notes on mutual areas of research. There are vague promises that there is much more spectacular information (being held for later) than that which has already been made public on the MJ-12 document topic.

Two years ago, the **Newsletter** included an editorial stating that we are our own worst enemy--not the govt., not the skeptics, not even Phil Klass. **WE** are the ones who are responsible for keeping the UFO subject in the domain of those topics which are not considered to be legitimate areas for scientific research. The government does not have to worry about a cover-up of the information. It seems that good old human nature will do the work by keeping the UFOlogy less than credible in the eyes of the public.

FOCUSING THIS YEAR

The last **P.I.P.E. Line** requested your responses and comments with regard to the goals we should set for the upcoming year. To date not a single response has been received, so it is difficult to plan an agenda for this year. It would seem that if we have no goals and no plans for accomplishments for this year, that we are not really serving any constructive role for MUFON or for UFOlogy.

Any committee that exists only on paper, and accomplishes nothing, in my opinion, should be abolished. Perhaps the **P.I.P.E. Committee** has outlived its usefulness. Is it time for us to self-destruct?

In a related vein, it is becoming increasingly difficult to publish the **Newsletter** and the **P.I.P.E. Line** monthly because there simply has not been enough news to fill the pages. Perhaps we should begin publishing the **Newsletter** only bi-monthly. I really need your feedback on these issues.

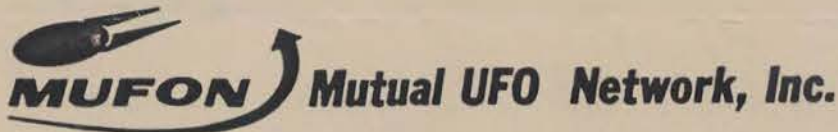
This year I have assumed a new teaching position in a highly sophisticated computerized lab, and am also coaching the Academic Decathlon team, as well as taking graduate classes. MUFON work time has been cut to the minimum by necessity. If there is no interest in public information projects and endeavors, and if there is no news for the **Newsletter**, then it makes no sense to continue these.

If I do not receive any responses to this article, I will speak to Walt Andrus in regard to discontinuing the **P.I.P.E. Line**, and to publishing the **Newsletter** on a bi-monthly basis.

Marge Christensen

SURVEY SENT TO MUFON STATE DIRECTORS

Dan Wright, our new Deputy Director of Investigations, has sent the survey form shown below to the MUFON State Directors in order to ascertain our preparedness to conduct investigations. When Dan has received all of the completed surveys, we will publish a summary of the results in the P.I.P.E. Line. We have several new State Directors, so it will be interesting to see if they are breathing new life into formerly inactive state organizations.



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MUFON STATE DIRECTOR SURVEY

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Please indicate the following items you possess:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON Field Investigator's Manual | <input type="checkbox"/> Casebook of a UFO Investigator, by Ray Fowler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Observing UFOs, by Richard Haines | <input type="checkbox"/> The Encyclopedia of UFOs, by Ronald Story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ufology, by James McCampbell | <input type="checkbox"/> The UFO Encyclopedia, by Margaret Sachs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The UFO Handbook, by Allan Hendry | <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON Symposium Proceedings: (years) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON application supply | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON resumé (statement of purpose) supply | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON letterhead supply | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State police post address/telephone listing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County/parish sheriff department address/telephone listing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major airport address/telephone listing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUFON state membership address/telephone listing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone answering machine | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Typewriter/word processor | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Video cassette recorder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio cassette recorder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with tape duplication capacity | |

Please indicate the facilities throughout the state to whom you have sent a letter of introduction within the past year:

- ☐ state police posts
- ☐ county/parish sheriff departments
- ☐ major airports

How often do you send newsletters to the state membership?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> times in the past year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> None within the past year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly | |

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