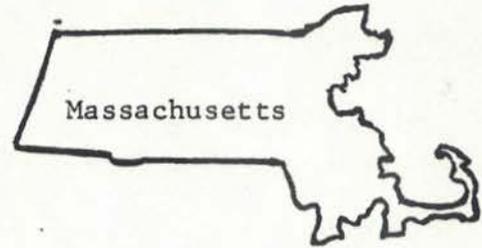


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NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are distributed monthly at meetings. These contain important points derived from the National Newsletter as well as news and items pertaining directly to Mass. MUFON. A sample copy of the Newsletter is enclosed at the back of this report.

MEETINGS

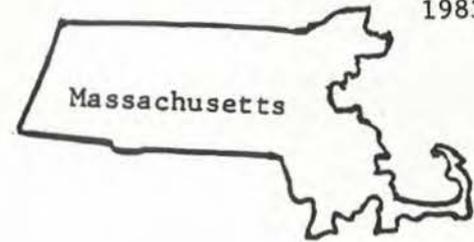
Meetings are held on the second Saturday evening of every month at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Woburn, MA. These are dinner meetings, held in a special function room, where a buffet dinner is served at 6:30, and the meeting follows the dinner, at 8:00 p.m.. Meeting agendas have included such items as case reports, guest speakers, videotapes, slide-presentations, discussions, working meetings, updates on newly-released documents, and investigator-training sessions.

HOTLINE

We have maintained a telephone hotline for several years now, and it has been highly successful, not only in gathering reports from witnesses, or in providing the public with a place to call for information on the UFO subject, but also for providing our own Section Directors with a method for leaving one another messages during the week. Three or four persons check the Hotline throughout the day and evening every day, so that they are able to get any messages left for them by other Section Directors or by the State Director or Assistant State Director. We are very fortunate to have our hotline provided for us by Joseph Santangelo.

P.O. BOX

We have also maintained a Post Office Box for a few years now, and have found that to be very useful also. Our P.O. Box is: Mass. MUFON, Inc.
P.O. Box 176
Stoneham, MA 02180



POLICIES OF MASS. MUFON

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Persons submitting applications for membership in MUFON shall be required to submit in writing a résumé, with references, as well as a letter detailing reasons for desiring to join MUFON. Their applications will be forwarded to their respective State Section Directors, who will interview the applicants, and then make their recommendation to the State Director, who will then notify MUFON Hdqtrs. in Seguin, Texas of our recommendation regarding the particular applications.

ATTENDANCE AT MUFON MEETINGS

Attendance at Mass. MUFON meetings is restricted to members and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by members.

FIELD INVESTIGATORS:

Field investigators will be properly trained by State Section Directors, and will be accompanied on investigations by experienced investigators until they gain a reasonable amount of experience. Investigators are required to adhere to the guidelines in the Field Investigator's Manual, and to exhibit the highest degree of professionalism at all times. Field investigators are encouraged to draw upon the various backgrounds and variety of areas of expertise of the other members of the group for assistance and advice. In all cases in which thorough investigation results in labeling an object as an "unknown" or in more complex cases, such as abduction cases or trace cases, the investigator or investigative team is required to submit a report on the case, which adheres to the format stated in the manual. Simply completing forms or tapes of interviews is not acceptable.

In the distribution of cases, it is expected that qualified field investigators will accept cases assigned to them unless there are extenuating circumstances which prevent them from doing so. Persons who consistently refuse to accept new cases will be notified that they will be dropped from the ranks of field investigators.

CASE DISCUSSIONS AT MEETINGS:

It is recognized that there is much value in discussing cases during meetings in order to offer a learning experience for all of us. Case discussions at meetings shall preserve the confidentiality of all witnesses, however, and shall not divulge names or addresses or telephone numbers of witnesses. Locations and dates of sightings may be used for identification purposes.

I understand the above policies of Mass. MUFON, and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Member or Applicant,

Date

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

RADIO APPEARANCES

In conjunction with publicity for the book, Clear Intent, Barry Greenwood appeared on numerous radio programs throughout the country. Also, Jules Vaillancourt appeared as a guest on a radio station in the Western part of the State in Gardner. Ray Fowler appeared on various programs as well.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

As a result of a sighting in Magnolia, MA, and an interview of Marge Christensen by the local newspapers, MUFON received a great deal of coverage, in one case, front page coverage. The articles were, for the most part, accurate.

Also, Marge Christensen sent 100 letters to the editors of newspapers throughout the State of Massachusetts. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

MASS. MUFON INFORMATION PAGE

Mass. MUFON has its own information page which is given to introduce our organization to witnesses or new cases, perspective new members, and often to other organizations or to the media. A sample copy is enclosed.

GUEST LECTURES

Marge Christensen presented guest lectures on the UFO subject for the following organizations: Bates College (sponsored by the Psychology Dept), Lions Club, MENSA, and numerous school classes.

Barry Greenwood served as a guest lecturer for a class for academically gifted and talented youngsters in Melrose, MA.

M.I.T. Course

Mass. MUFON member, Marion Marden, who is employed at a lab at M.I.T., in Cambridge, MA, instructed a course on UFOs during a special program between semesters, at M.I.T.

CARDS TO LIBRARIES

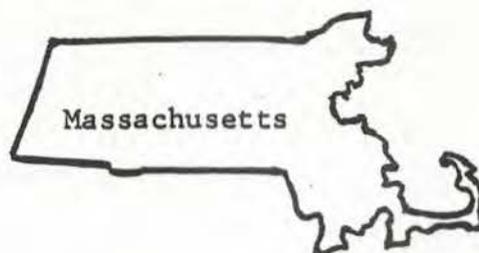
Cards introducing MUFON were sent to 156 public libraries which are located in areas with a population of 10,000 or greater, throughout the State. It came to our attention that numerous persons were contacting public libraries for information on the UFO subject, or in an attempt to locate an investigative organization such as ours. Thus, it seemed wise to furnish libraries with these cards. It has also been suggested that we encourage people to report sightings to libraries and not to local law enforcement agencies, as the response from librarians should be a much more serious one than the response one is apt to get from a police officer. Librarians will be able to refer any such witnesses to MUFON if they are furnished with library cards introducing MUFON. (Mass. card enclosed).



MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

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To the Editor:

If you believe that UFOs are real, you are in the majority of the American public, according to the latest Gallup Poll. Despite the poll findings, that over 57% of the American people believe that UFOs are real, and fifteen million Americans claim to have had UFO sightings, many people may still be hesitant to report such sightings, or may not know where to report them. The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) would like to invite Massachusetts residents to report sightings by calling our 24-hour UFO Hotline (617) 944-0686.

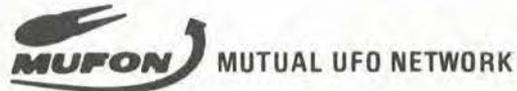
The Mutual UFO Network is an international, nonprofit, scientific research organization dedicated to seriously researching the UFO phenomenon, and to investigating citizen reports of anomalous lights or aerial objects. We are referred to witnesses by state and local police depts., airports, military installations, newspaper reporters, and other agencies. We employ telephone hotlines in most States, a myriad of technical resources, an extensive manual of procedures, and a large measure of critical objectivity. Field investigators are trained, and high standards of professionalism are required. Confidentiality of both witnesses and of case material is upheld. Access to extensive computer data banks aids our investigators in analyzing data derived from case investigations.

The majority of our members are of scientific orientation, including some NASA scientists. Our Deputy Director of Administration is also the former Flight Operations Project Manager for the Space Shuttle. We hold an annual UFO Symposium, at which specialists in the various aspects of the subject present the results of their latest research. In 1981, Massachusetts hosted the Symposium which was held at M.I.T., in Cambridge. In 1985, the Symposium will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. However, Massachusetts will host a two-day UFO Forum in August, on the North Shore.

Earlier this year, the Congressional Research Service published a report entitled The UFO Enigma, by Marcia Smith (revised and updated by George Havas - June 20, 1983), which provides a comprehensive and fairly accurate view of the UFO subject. This document may be obtained free of charge by writing to your US Congressman, and asking for a copy of Report No.83-205 SPR. It is important to request the entire report and not a summary of it. This report contains the first two pages of a document released under the Freedom of Information Act last year, which describes five landings of UFOs (including a disc-shaped object) at the Manzano Weapons Storage Area (atomic weapons storage area) at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, in 1980.

The UFO enigma is a fascinating subject, and one which will undoubtedly impact our lives greatly someday. Anyone desiring a guest speaker on this subject for a civic or educational organization, or simply desiring further information on the subject, should call the UFO Hotline (617) 944-0686, or write to Mass. MUFON, Inc., P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Marge Christensen
State Director- Mass. MUFON, Inc.



The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. is an international scientific organization, comprised of people seriously interested in researching the UFO phenomenon by combining their mutual talents, areas of expertise, and investigative efforts. MUFON's administrative staff is assisted by its International Coordinator and Foreign Liaison Representatives as well as its vast network of State Directors, Provincial Directors, State Section Directors, Consultants, Staff, and Field Investigators. MUFON has volunteered its support and cooperation to the Center for UFO Studies, as a field investigating team. The Center for UFO Studies, under the direction of Dr. J. Allen Hynek; former Consultant to the United States Air Force (on UFO's), is a free association of scientists, engineers, and other professionals.

MUFON's Board of Consultants, most of whom are PhD's or MD's, representing 45 areas of science, technology, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, engineering, communications, political science, photo analysis, etc., are readily available as an advisory group to apply their expertise to UFO cases under study and to conduct advanced research in their respective fields.

MUFON annually sponsors an International UFO Symposium, where internationally known scientists, engineers, and authors lecture on their particular specialization or contributions to resolving this perplexing scientific dilemma. In 1981, Massachusetts hosted the annual MUFON UFO Symposium, which was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MUFON Field Investigators investigate sighting reports from police agencies, as well as those received by the Center for UFO Studies hotline, and from the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington. Some states have state hotlines as well. In Massachusetts, the MUFON hotline telephone number is 944-0686. Since MUFON is the largest and most extensive network of UFO field investigators, this cooperative effort has been mutually beneficial to all involved.

In order that only qualified, competent, and sincere people may become involved, membership in MUFON is by invitation only. Field investigators are trained, and high standards of professionalism are required by MUFON. As objective, scientific researchers, MUFON field investigators uphold the confidentiality of witnesses and case information. MUFON investigators are volunteers who conduct research at their own expense, and attempt to document sighting information in a thorough, unbiased manner. Access to large data banks in computers aids MUFON investigators in analyzing data derived from cases.

In most sighting investigations, the actual investigative process involves a telephone interview with the witness, followed by an in-depth personal interview during which time forms will be completed, sketches of the object sighted will be requested, and compass readings, or photographs of the location of the sighting may be taken. The investigator will then attempt to document the details of the sighting, and to attempt to identify the object sighted. In approximately 85% of the cases, the object is able to be identified. In the remainder of the cases, the sighting will be listed as an unidentified flying object, and further research will be involved.



For information on the
UFO subject, contact the

Mutual UFO Network: (Massachusetts chapter) at:
P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180; or call telephone
hotline: (617) 944-0686. MUFON is a scientific, inter-
national non-profit research organization.

MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

UFO Display

We now have a free-standing UFO display, with four panels (3' x 4'), with display materials on both sides of the panels, thus totalling 8 sides of display. The panels cover such topics as UFOs in History, IFOs, UFO Photos, Current Events, Close Encounters, Govt. Secrecy (documents), and Mass. MUFON Information. The display has been used at our 1984 UFO Forum, and at Bates College (Maine), and will be used again at the 1985 UFO Forum. We are currently exploring the possibilities of placing our display, along with a VCR and videotape, at a shopping mall, with investigators present to answer questions.

Slides of the display panels are available should any other state organization desire to see them in order to get some ideas for display panels of their own.

UFO Forum

(more detailed information under section on Special Achievements)

The 1985 Mass. MUFON UFO Forum will be held at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club, Beverly, MA, on Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18. Dr. David M. Jacobs will serve as moderator, and the speakers will include:

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Mr. Budd Hopkins

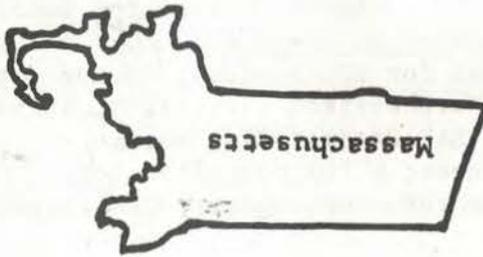
Mr. Dan Wright

Mr. John Schuessler

Mr. Barry Greenwood

Mrs. Marge Christensen

Saturday and Sunday, August 17 & 18, 1985, Beverly Golf & Tennis Club, Beverly, MA



UFO Forum

MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.



DIRECTIONS TO BEVERLY GOLF & TENNIS CLUB, BEVERLY, MA

Take Rte. 128 North, toward Beverly and Gloucester. Take Exit 20-S (Sign says: 1A, Beverly), and proceed on Rte. 1A, passing Henry's Market, St. John's Church, and Memorial Middle School on your right. Remain on Rte. 1A until you come to a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Rte. 1A and Balch St. Turn right onto Balch St. and proceed about ½ mi. until you come to the intersection of Balch St. and McKay St. The Beverly Golf & Tennis Club will be facing you. Proceed across McKay St. to enter driveway of Golf Club. (There is a sign on McKay St. for the Golf Club). There is ample parking available. In the event of the parking lot being filled, park across the street in McKay School parking lot (across from Golf Club on McKay St.)

(From the point where you enter Rte. 1A from Rte 128, to the intersection of Rte. 1A and Balch St. is approximately 1½ mi.)

SPEAKERS

- DR. DAVID M. JACOBS-----Moderator--U.S. History Prof., Temple University; author The UFO Controversy in America.
- DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK-----Dir., the Center for UFO Studies; former prof. of Astronomy, Northwestern University; author, consultant to USAF Project Blue Book.
- MR. JOHN SCHUESSLER-----Aerospace engineer; MUFON consultant on astronautics; chief investigator, Cash/Landrum case.
- MR. BUDD HOPKINS-----Researcher, UFO abduction cases; author, Missing Time.
- MR. BARRY GREENWOOD-----UFO archivist and researcher; author, Clear Intent.
- MR. DAN WRIGHT-----Michigan MUFON State Dir.; coordinator, field investigator training materials and examinations.
- MRS. MARGE CHRISTENSEN-----Massachusetts MUFON State Dir; MUFON's National Director of Public Relations.
(brief comments)

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Sat., Aug. 17-- registration & reception - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00p.m.
2:00p.m.-4:40 p.m., speakers.
4:45 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.- panel discussion, questions from audience
- Sun., Aug. 18-- 9:00a.m.- 9:30 a.m.- coffee and pastries
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.- speakers
11:30a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- LUNCH RECESS (GOLF CLUB WILL SELL SANDWICHES AND COLD DRINKS)
1:00p.m.- 2:00 p.m.- speaker
2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.- Panel Discussion with audience questions
Closing remarks

Throughout Forum, television videotapes of UFO documentaries will be shown across the hall from the ballroom. Books and materials will be available for purchase.

FORUM PRICES

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR BOTH DAYS OF FORUM: \$15.00 IF PAID BY JULY 1, 1985. * FEE AT DOOR; \$20.00 FOR BOTH DAYS, OR \$10.00 PER DAY.
IMPORTANT: LAST YEAR'S FORUM SOLD STANDING ROOM ONLY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SAME WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT PRE-REGISTER BY JULY 1 SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE NO GUARANTEE OF GETTING IN IF TICKETS ARE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

PRE REGISTRATION FORM

Name-----Telephone-----
Address-----
Are you a member of a UFO research or investigative organization?-----
If so, which organization?-----

PLEASE MAIL SO THAT POSTMARK IS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, AND BE SURE TO ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$15.00, PER PERSON, PAYABLE TO: MASS. MUFON, INC. MAIL TO: MASS. MUFON, INC.
P.O. Box 176
Stoneham, MA 02180

CALL MASS. MUFON HOTLINE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
IF SO DESIRED: (617) 944-0686.

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

UFO Forum

Mass. MUFON will kick off the activities for National UFO Information Week with the UFO Forum (see flyer previous page), on Aug. 17 and 18.

Media Appearances

Preparations are being made to attempt to book our Forum speakers on Boston area radio and television talk shows wherever possible. In addition, Marge Christensen, Barry Greenwood, and others will offer to make guest appearances on the electronic media.

Mall Displays

The possibility of placing our UFO display and other related items on exhibit at shopping malls throughout the State is being explored.

Press Releases

Press releases issued by the Public Information and Public Education Committee will be sent to newspapers throughout the State.

Videotape Documentary

A 60-minute documentary for cable television, produced by Mass. MUFON for the Mutual UFO Network will be aired on cable television stations in as many communities throughout the State as possible. It is possible that since the program was produced here, there will be newspaper coverage announcing the showing of the program.

Posters

Posters provided by the Public Information and Public Education Committee will be copied and distributed for posting throughout the State. These will advertise local activities in addition to the national information week.

MASS . MUFON RESOURCES

Equipment-

Tape Cassette Copier --with funds raised by the 1984 UFO Forum, a tape cassette copier machine was purchased. This device allows us to copy audio tapes at $\frac{1}{2}$ the time that the tape runs. Thus, to copy a 60-min. tape takes 30 min..

Video Cassette Recorders- In addition to the video cassette recorder at our Mass. MUFON archives (owned by Barry Greenwood), members of our organization now collectively have about 5 or 6 VCRs, both VHS and Beta formats.

Microfilm Readers and Microfiche Reader- Mass. MUFON has two microfilm readers and a microfiche reader. We also have the entire Project Bluebook files on microfilm, and NICAP files as well as some OSI material on microfilm. A special file cabinet designed specifically for microfilm rolls houses all of these rolls of microfilm.

Computer Equipment- is also available at various members' homes, and is used for such things as printing address files and address labels, printing out notices, communicating via modem with UFO Networks such as the Fund Computer Network and COMPUFON in Seattle. Computers are also used for our computer catalog for all of the UFO resources we have listed at our regional collection centers. In addition, the Forum list of registrations is entirely computerized, with even confirmations and name tags as well as address lists and labels being printed on the computer printer, and being saved on disk.

Banner - A blue Mutual UFO Network banner, with white lettering and a gold fringe around the border, has been purchased with further funds raised from the Forum in 1984. The banner is used for meetings, some guest lectures, and the UFO Forums.

Other Resources include a clipping service maintained by Barry Greenwood, and assisted by monthly donations by members. This has been extremely useful in obtaining sighting information and in tracking similar sightings in various locations at different times.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

REGIONAL UFO RESOURCE COLLECTION CENTER, AND COMPUTER CATALOG LISTING RESOURCES

In conjunction with the work of the national P.I.P.E. Committee, David Christensen, Mass. MUFON member, has compiled a computer catalog listing all books, tape cassettes, videocassettes, microfilms, periodicals, articles from popular periodicals (on UFOs), and clipping files located in some regional UFO collection centers established across the country. One such center, and to date, undoubtedly the most extensive collection we have encountered, is that of Mass. MUFON Asst. State Director, Barry Greenwood. The computer catalog and the establishment of the regional collection centers is a significant step toward the preservation of all literature on the UFO subject. Other such centers listed in the catalog to date are those of Doug Labat and Tom Benson. Arcturus Book Service is also listed for the books only. Plans are being made to include MUFON's collection at MUFON Headquarters, in Seguin, Texas at a later date. The catalog will be continually updated and expanded in order to include all newly acquired items within the catalog.

DOCUMENTARY FOR AIRING ON CABLE TELEVISION

If you can't get national tv coverage, the next best thing would appear to be to get tv coverage nationally, by getting coverage in as many geographical localities as possible. It is with that aim in mind that the production of a 60-minute UFO documentary for airing on local cable television stations (using local access) was undertaken. The film, which was produced by Mass. MUFON for the Mutual UFO Network, involves the efforts of many people. On the production end of the film, Barry Greenwood served as Executive Producer, James Melesciuc served as Technical Consultant, & Marge Christensen served as Director. Dr. David M. Jacobs made a special weekend trip to Boston from Philadelphia to serve as host for the program. The following persons appeared in the program, and in many cases at great expense to themselves for taping their individual segments: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Walt Andrus, Budd Hopkins, Dan Wright, Ray Fowler, Barry Greenwood, and John Schuessler.

UFO FORUM

The 1984 UFO Forum was held as a sort of experiment, to see how much interest there was in attending a regional conference on the UFO subject. Since several of our top people in the field are in the New England area in the summer anyhow, it was easily arranged as far as speakers and program went. Attendance was a question mark, but to everyone's surprise, we sold out, and had to sell some standing room. There were so many requests for this to become an annual event that we have decided to hold it annually, unless the MUFON Symposium is to be held on the East Coast, in which case, we would not hold a Forum that year. This year we expect to have another sell-out crowd, and from all indications, that may be exactly the case. The Forum has been expanded to 1½ days in order to not compete with the Symposium, and in order to please those out-of-staters who asked for a 2-day conference, as they did not want to drive several hours to Massachusetts for only a one-day conference.

CASES INVESTIGATED

Although the sightings in Massachusetts during the past year have been few in number, they have been significant in that the objects reported resembled and behaved much like the objects which have been observed in the Westchester, Fairfield, and Putnam Counties in New York and Connecticut in the past two years.

On November 14, 1984, in the greater New Bedford area, between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., three independent groups of witnesses sighted objects which they described as an inverted pyramid of enormous proportions, which suddenly extinguished the many lights around its perimeter and sped rapidly northwestward without a sound. Other points of similarity with the NY state sightings are that the lights/object travelled very slowly at seemingly low altitude soundlessly for a period of several minutes for each of the viewing groups.

The case is under investigation by Joe Nyman. A report on the case is being submitted to MUFON files.

A similar case was reported in Magnolia, MA, on the North Shore of Boston on the evening of November 26, 1984. A couple walking their dog along the beach witnessed a huge triangular object traveling no faster than four to five miles per hour, at an altitude of no more than 100 feet. In the underside of the craft, the witnesses reported seeing an oval framed translucent yellow canopy about 15 feet in diameter, which they described as a sky-light. They reported a muffled humming sound as the object passed slowly overhead. They reported the sighting duration to be 45 minutes. This case has been investigated by Jim Melesciuc. A copy of the report will be submitted to MUFON files shortly.