

Fund For UFO Research Established

The "Fund for UFO Research, Inc." has been established by a group of scientists and UFO specialists, to channel money into serious scientific research, in hopes of shedding some light on the long-term mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Fund was incorporated in the District of Columbia on Aug. 1, 1979, and is chaired by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, laser physicist and internationally known UFO researcher. Serving with him on the Fund's Executive Committee are zoologist Crag Phillips, Director of the National Aquarium; astronomer Dr. John Carlson of the University of Maryland; Dr. David Schwartzman, Chairman of the Geology Department of Howard University and USN Lt. Thomas Dewley.

A National Board, now being formed, will be composed of persons from a wide variety of scientific and technical disciplines. They will review serious proposals and recommend financial support for those showing the greatest promise of advancing scientific knowledge and/or public understanding of UFOs. When sufficient funds are available, awards may be made to individuals in

recognition of work already accomplished.

The Fund will also consider supporting on-the-spot field investigations of UFO sighting reports where there is good reason to believe that significant physical evidence can be obtained for sci-

tific analysis by rapid action.

The Fund for UFO Research, Inc., will NOT be a membership organization. It will NOT publish a newsletter or other periodical aimed at the general public. It will NOT collect and investigate large numbers of routine reports of UFO sightings. There are existing, reputable organizations which currently perform these functions.

The Fund can be contacted by writing P. O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, Md. 20822. Or by calling 703/549-6405 (days), or 301/779-8633 (evenings and weekends).

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Pilot claims UFOs forced emergency landing

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (UPI) — The pilot of a Spanish jetliner that made an emergency landing after being "pursued" over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza said he was forced to dive 14,000 feet to avoid collision with unidentified flying objects.

The Spanish transport ministry opened an official investigation into the Caravelle jet's emergency landing at Valencia Airport in eastern Spain.

The plane, carrying 100 passengers, mostly German and Austrian tourists, was on a flight from Mallorca to Tenerife in the Spanish Canary Islands when bright red flying objects appeared to buzz it.

Pilot Francisco Lerdo de Tejado said he asked permission to land in Valencia "because my plane was in danger of colliding with an unidentified object."

Technicians said the plane was in perfect working order.

Asked if he thought the object was a UFO, Lerdo replied: "If I knew what these flying saucers looked like, I would tell you. I only know that it was a devilishly fast thing, with a terrifying capacity for maneuver."

Lerdo said he was climbing from 23,000 to 33,000 feet shortly before midnight Sunday when he saw "two parallel red lights

so strong that they hid their ship, or whatever it was, from sight."

"They were on a collision course with us, traveling at a speed no conventional aircraft has, when they suddenly stopped very close to the Caravelle."

Other members of the crew confirmed his description of the encounter.

Lerdo said the objects "played with us for some 10 minutes" as the nearest control tower reported the objects did not show up on its radar.

When the objects appeared to start on a second collision course "much more precise than the first," Lerdo said he came from 20,000 to 15,000 feet and received the permission to land at Valencia's main airport "because of pursuit by an unidentified plane with risk of collision."

"It was a semi-emergency situation," he said.

Sources at Valencia Airport said the red lights could be seen around and over the airport until several hours after the plane's landing.

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Airline pilot reports UFO chase

VALENCIA, Spain (UPI) — The pilot of a Caravelle jetliner with 100 passengers aboard radioed he was being pursued by four unidentified flying objects and made an emergency landing, airport officials said Monday. An investigation has been ordered into the incident, which began when the Spanish plane was flying over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza Sunday en route to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. The crew of the Caravelle said four bright red balls, three times larger than stars and shooting sparks, "pursued" them for four hours, then peeled away some 30 miles from Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast.

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