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## **No Summary**

Due to a sudden decline in UFO sightings and/or input, there was no change in the sighting listing in the last 30 days. And since the UFO Intelligence Summary usually consists of two pages, we'll just fill them up with other good news.

### **Email Backlog**

We have a remarkable series of WWWeb pages on the Internet. The UFO Filter Center, my book (Regional Encounters), and the Lunascan Project are now on the world-wide web. Well, it's been several months and I am still not set up for email here in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Thousands of responses have gone to this site, the responders thinking they are contacting me. Although the questions do get to me, it's via US Mail, and when my email is configured I will be able to maintain the account myself. Since I should have the answers (hopefully) to those questions it behooves me to get with the program. I should be up and running in the next few weeks.

Others on the web tell me, "The net is supposed to save time and speed up information. Well so far it's more work than speed up." My primary goal (besides investiga-

tion) is to provide information. We'll just have to keep putting more information on the net. I'll soon find out about email, first-hand. Bear with me ...

## **No Peace Talks in Air Force Hangar**

I received the following letter, dated 15 February, from one of my two top Field Investigators, Mr. Jim Delehanty:

"Dear Fran, I wanted to give you my two-cents worth regarding the article in the February UFO Intelligence Newsletter concerning the statements by Richard Hoagland.

"According to the press reports, Hoagland made a ridiculous claim that the Peace Talks that were held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base had something to do with UFOs. Furthermore, the report said that the talks were held in 'Hangar 13' at Wright-Patt.

"Fran, I was on one of my last temporary assignments at Wright Patterson last autumn while the Peace Talks were going on. There was very noticeable security all around the compound where the talks were being held and there was no hangar anywhere close to the location.

"It is amazing to me how the media will just run with some story

without getting any facts at all!

"There very well may be UFO research being conducted at Wright Patterson's Foreign Technology Division, but the statements by Hoagland are out of left field.

"Best wishes, Jim."

James E. Delehanty just retired from the United States Air Force.

## **Airing on "Sightings"**

The famous "Incident at Exeter" UFO Sighting will be the subject of a May 6th airing on the Fox Network TV show Sightings. Peter Geremia, State Director of New Hampshire MUFON, was pleased to work with the producers during it's production. I'm a stickler for good UFO history. as you should know by now. Well, this is a classic.

## **Nova Abduction Broadcast**

It came as no surprise that NOVA, which produced the other special, "The case of the UFO", in the 80's, recently did "another job" on serious UFO research. This time they took "a dump" on a veteran researcher Budd Hopkins and others. I wasn't surprised. As Walt Andrus told me years ago when the first one came out, "the title should have been, *The Case Against The UFO!*".

# ***The CE-III Database***

Not to be confused with abductions (CE-IV), Close Encounters of the Third Kind involve the visual observation of entities on or near a craft. In this Hynek category there is no interaction between the experimenter and the humanoids.

Our own regional database (RSID) contains 71 entries covering incidents from the turn of the century to date, less than 2% of the total database of over 4,000 sightings.

The first entry listed is September, 1951 (Joliet, Illinois) and the latest reported case was July 9th, 1995 at Versailles, Missouri. Prior to that the two last ones had occurred on September 20, 1992 (Sullivan, Missouri) and June 19, 1987 (New Albany, Indiana)!

CE-IIIs are a rare occurrence, indeed, but are some of the most interesting because these are conscious memories of alien encounters. We will try to make Alien Command Structure a regular feature in the newsletter.

Also, any research group in Missouri that has any information on the Versailles, Missouri case mentioned last month are asked to send us a copy of the report. Peter Davenport, National UFO Reporting

Center, indicated he had received a report, press account, stating "50 creatures were sighted on the ground below a hovering disc on July 9th.

The sighting was reportedly verified by at least a dozen people." (Source: LEWIS RIVER NEWS, Woodland, VA - August 9 1995, NCS-314,03).

## ***Alien Command***

## ***Structure***

### ***The Steep Rock Lake Encounter***

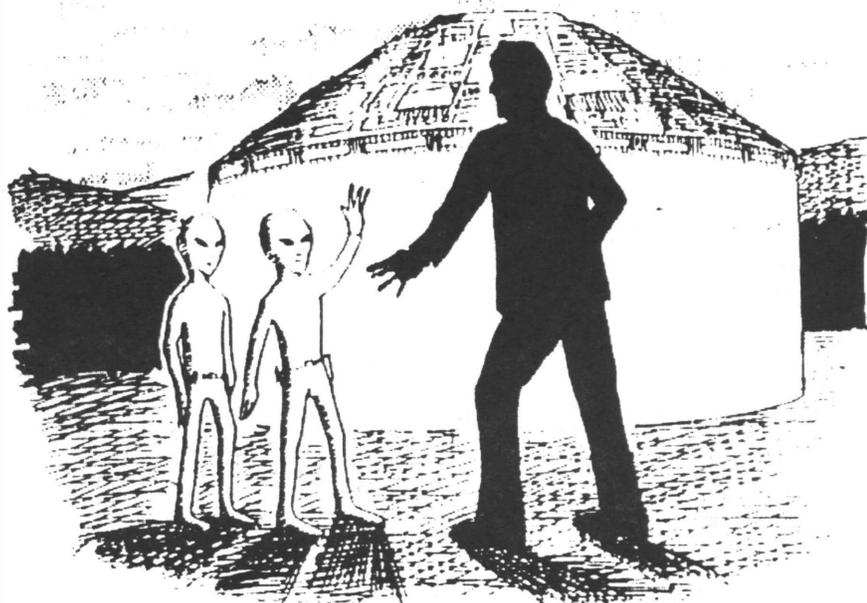
In the past we have discussed the research being conducted by Indiana's Bruno Molon in regard to Alien Command Structure. This involves the construction of a database and the study of information pertaining to entities or humanoids on or near their craft. In Molon's last report to me in February the number of entries in his CE-III database '(world-wide cases.) wasn't given, but is quite extensive.

One of the prime goals is to ascertain which type of craft is used for a specific purpose. Most of the reports will deal with the rarest of categories, the CE-III's. Some detailed CE-IV's will also be utilized. Presented here is one CE-III case that has always fascinated me. In fact, I mentioned it briefly last month.

1950, July 2. Dusk. Steep Rock Lake, Ontario, Canada. The man and his wife had drawn up their boat on the sandy beach of a tiny cove in Sawbill Bay, where they had gone fishing.

Cliffs rise on all three sides of the cove. Small trees and bushes concealed them and their boat from sight of anyone overhead, in a plane, had there been one around that evening. They had their snacks and thermos flask of tea and as the dusk was drawing on they talked of going home.

Suddenly, the air seemed to vibrate as if from shock waves from a blasting operation at the local iron mines. They recollected, however, that the mines were too far away for that.



## **Steep Rock** **(contd.)**

The man clambered up the rocks until he could find a vantage point that looked out over the bay. He was amazed at what he saw as he peered through the cleft, taking care to make no noise, he could see out on the bay a large shining object resting on the water. It was in the curve of the shore line, about a quarter of a mile away, across the top end of some narrows. He got down from the cleft and sped back to his wife. She was startled as he came running up. Cautiously, in order not to be seen or heard, he drew her by the hand to cleft. They both peered through it.

The shining thing was still resting on the water. It looked like two saucers, one upside down on top of the other. Around the edge were holes like black ports, spaced about 4 feet apart. They could not see the underside, because the bottom of the thing was resting either on the water, or close to it. On top were what looked like open hatches, and moving around over its surface were ten little figures. They looked queer, very queer. Rotating slowly from a central position, and about 8 feet up in the air, was a hoop-shaped object. As it rotated to a point directly opposite to where he and his wife were peering through the rock cleft, it stopped, and the little figures also stopped moving. Everything now seemed concentrated on the little opening through which they were peering. They were about to duck down, as they thought these midget figures might see them and take alarm, when, on the opposite side of the cove, a deer appeared. came to

the edge of the water, and stood motionless.

They again peered through the cleft in the rock. The little figures and the previously rotating circle were aligned on the deer. But now the circle moved to the left. They ducked down, counting twenty, and took another peep. The thing was gyrating and the figures moving; but the deer didn't seem to trouble them.

It looked as if the whole machine were worked from a central point below the circling ring. The operator was a midget figure on a small raised stand. He described the figures as 3 feet 6 inches to 4 feet tall, and all were the same size. They could not see their faces. The figures moved like automata, rather than living beings.

Over their chests was a gleaming metallic substance, but the legs and arms were covered by something darker. These figures did not turn around. They just altered the direction of their feet. One of the midgets picked up the end, or nozzle of a vivid green hose. And now the air hummed in a high-pitched note, or vibration. Maybe water was being drawn in, or something was ejected. The witness did not know if something was being extracted from the water of Sawbill Bay.

Next time they peered through the rock cleft, they found that all the figures had vanished, and the machine was about 8 feet in the air. He noticed that the water of the lake, near where the thing had rested, was tinged with color combined of red-blue-gold. The disc tilted an angle near 45 degrees. There was a rush of wind and a flash of red-blue-gold, and the object was gone, heading northwards, and so

fast that his eyes could not follow it.

The object had been aligned between two trees. Later calculations showed the object to be about 48 feet wide. (Original source: The Steep Rock Echo. Version here was edited and taken from The Watchers, by Ray Fowler, Page 72).

## **Dr. Haines'** **Request**

In the February issue we mentioned Dr. Richard Haines' request for cases regarding, 1.) *Human aggression against UFOs*, 2.) *Viet Nam War sightings*, 3.) *Pilot sightings*. Here's one I found:

Human aggression. "Buenos Aires, July 26 [EFE] - Members of the provincial police force fired machine gun shots against three crewmen of a flying saucer which landed early this morning in the neighborhood of an airport, according to a report in today's edition of the newspaper 'El Popular' of the city of Olavarria."

The news story goes on to state that a little after 2:00 A.M., a wide sector crossing what is known as the Tapalque Valley was lit up by a very bright light in the sky which was accompanied by a strange sound that became very intense. A local chief of police witnessed the strange phenomenon and armed himself and four others before proceeding to the area in a jeep.

"Once there, they ascertained with surprise, a few meters above them, the maneuvers of an oval-shaped object, flat and with some feet on its edges, which was emitting multicolored rays ... It landed ... behind the runway used by the military on emergency occa-

## **Dr. Haines (contd.)**

sions."

Three strange beings in silvery suits emerged and started toward a nearby military garrison.

"The chief of police, surprised and fearful, tried to stop the crewmen, firing on them a burst of machine gun fire, unfortunately without hitting the target.

"Then, while the unknown personages lifted their hands at the same moment, showing a small, luminous ball the witnesses felt themselves invaded by a sensation of listlessness and tiredness that rendered them incapable of using their weapons."

The newspaper adds that the occupants of the craft went back up to it, and went away at great speed on a zigzag course. Concurrently, the witnesses then recovered their faculties. The police squad returned to Olavarria, where they reported the unusual happening.

The above incident reveals at least two significant facts about the aliens' intentions and knowledge. First, they chose not to harm or kill their attackers. Second, they must have an intimate knowledge of the human nervous system to be able to harmlessly paralyze an individual.

(Source: **Ray Fowler**, *The Watchers*, page 71).

## **An Alien Agenda Fran Ridge**



It really wasn't planned that way. I generally collect the bits and pieces I think are important and lay them out to the readers each month. News about the UFO subject usually covers a broad area.

In fact, most UFO newsletters deal with everything *BUT* UFO sightings. And when UFO sightings are covered, they deal very seldom with the "people" who "fly" these enigmatic objects.

Some would get the idea that the objects themselves are not piloted craft at all. Well, as I said, I just gather the bits and pieces and let the information fall as it may. I did that this time, too, but the subject of most of the bits and pieces just happened to be alien beings and close encounter threes.

I hope you like this issue, along with the history lesson.

## **The Lunascan Project**

Being investigation Coordinator for MUFON's Indiana Group is my primary job. However, I can't begin to tell you how exciting the LUNASCAN PROJECT has become. Readership of the LUNASCAN UPDATE and participation is picking up fast. We have put out four newsletters since November, the February issue being the best so far with the new format. But readers will be very impressed with the next issues. The Project has been very time consuming and we've talked a lot about our plans. But now the work begins. Phase One of the Project should be fully operational in the next few weeks! Phase Two should be ready within 30 days. And the database study is already turning up some surprises!

The membership fee for the Project is a little steeper because we need the funding, at least the first year. If you haven't joined the Project, give it a try (see ad later in this newsletter). This is not just a subscription to another newsletter. You become a contributor and member of the Project.

And for those of you who are NOT interested in the Project, we will be discussing it less and less in this forum, except for related discoveries.

For those that ARE interested and *already* involved, thanks for your support.

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#### **NEW HOTLINE NUMBER**

I had reservations about the new hotline number because we had a system already in place that was working very well. But I am convinced that we should make the change and I am hereby announcing to the Indiana Group (and anyone else out there on this beautiful planet) that they should promote the use of this new number. *This is not for information. This is a UFO reporting hotline for witnesses:*

**(800) UFO-2166 or (800) 836-2166**

# ***Michigan State Director Interviews the Indiana Investigation Coordinator***

*(The interview took place on February 13th for use in the Michigan MUFON Newsletter. BM = Bill Murphy, Michigan State Director. FR = Francis Ridge, Indiana Investigation Coordinator)*

**BM:** Mr. Ridge, your 34 years of background in the field of UFOlogy includes relationships with NICAP, MUFON, and CUFOS. Would you tell us how you got involved with the study of unidentified flying objects?

**FR:** Everybody has asked that. I usually mention my reading of Ed Ruppelt's "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" in the eighth grade. That how it all started. But my involvement really started when I attended a seminar in 1956. The testing from the seminar placed students in either a general group or a scientific group and was for high school/college preparation. One of the men who gave a presentation was Lewis G. Blevins. The thing that blew us away was his statement that he had worked on the development of radar, had a lot to do with Radiac (the military version of the Geiger counter), and get this, had worked on Project Saucer! That was the generic name given to the press back in the mid-forties for Project Sign, the UFO project!

Anyway, he urged me to get involved, helped me design our UFO detector, which turned into the MADAR Project in 1970, and he became our scientific adviser. Without Mr. Blevin's backing we would never have qualified as a NICAP Subcommittee. Our seven man team became Indiana Unit No. 1 (1 of 4 in Indiana) in November 1960. Later on I became a State Section Director and FI for MUFON (1971), a State Director for MUFON and for CUFOS in 1986.

**BM:** Many of our readers may be unfamiliar with NICAP except for what they have read about it. What was the organization like?

**FR:** NICAP was the "National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon", was headquartered in Washington, D.C., and was headed by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe. The 5,000 member organization had 15 or 20 Subcommittees. The

Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisers included pilots, military men, scientists, etc. It was a very impressive group. In fact, several of the men had been involved in Project Blue Book. One man worked on the Air Force Press Desk. Another studied the top secret UFO films the Air Force had and conducted the motion study that said UFOs were intelligently controlled devices! That's one of the reasons I get a little flustered when somebody today asks if there is anything to this UFO thing. NICAP's main goal was congressional hearings. Every congressman and senator got a copy of the "UFO Evidence" back in 1964.

**BM:** From your experience, what has been the most frustrating challenge facing UFOlogy?

**FR:** There may be several, but I can think of three right off. 1.) Several of our most respected researchers throughout the country agree with me that we need to study, very intensely, what we already have. The answer may be lurking right there! If not, there is much to be learned from the data that is literally rotting away in other people's files. UFO operations became much more covert about 20 years ago. We were literally cut off! The data prior to that may provide some of the answers. Few are interested in historical research. 2.) This is where the main problem comes in. Many researchers do not want to share their information. 3.) We waste too much time and printed space arguing with skeptics who don't investigate in the first place. If you don't believe me just look at the newsletters and journals the last two years.

**BM:** What is your assessment of the current state of UFOlogy?

**FR:** That's a tough one to answer. The last question you asked sort of tells you the answer. I really have a problem trying to put my finger on that. My impression is that we are being "spoon fed" information. We're not digging it up, it just seems to "leak" to us. Now in regard to Roswell, there has been a lot of digging, but this hasn't happened in many other places in UFOlogy.

We have our symposiums, talk about them afterwards, plan the next one. But we really haven't done much until recently. The databases are the best things going. The MUFON database is a start, but many of us are way ahead on that. The abduction transcription project and database will provide valuable information, one way or the other. But the current state of UFOlogy is kind of ironic. It reminds me of the WWII airplanes flying over the islands. Many natives looked up.

Some natives may have studied them. But were the natives part of what was going on? They were just observers. I'm not sure we will find anything until it is literally given to us. We are not alone! That's all we know.

**BM:** What hopeful signs do you see in the field today?

**FR:** State groups are springing up and sharing newsletters. That is a first. Maybe cooperation will continue to improve. The big organizations seem to have gotten too big and lost their sense of direction. NICAP was something like the early years of the FBI. We studied what we learned, but the UFO was cooperating more, too. Today, we plan symposiums, talk about them, plan the next one. Everything else falls on the investigator or state group. Maybe that's the way it should be, but not everybody or state group has what we in Indiana are blessed with.

**BM:** In your opinion, what do you think the main goals should be in UFOlogy?

**FR:** Every person has a special gift. He or she may just ask the questions, be a field investigator. Or that person may specialize in some specific aspect of the UFO mystery. Do what you do best and then share it with others. If you find out you were wrong about some evidence, admit it. The truth is what is going to make us free.

**BM:** What keeps you going in studying this phenomena?

**FR:** About the time I get bored with something I get a new idea or we get a new type of case. If it weren't for that, the 90% of the sightings, the misidentified, would drive us wacko. You have to face reality and accept the mistaken identities. And you

# Interview

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# Indiana News

STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Jerry Sievers

must put aside the real UFOs that can't take you anywhere. Yes, it was a UFO, but what does it tell us? I'm speaking of the Nocturnal Light category. We must concentrate on studying Close Encounters. That's what Dr. Hynek always said.

**BM:** What does the UFO Filter Center do, and how many people support its work?

**FR:** The MADAR UFO detection project was from 1970-1990 and was successful. In 1986 CUFOS's Robert Boyd and I started the UFO Intelligence Summary, the national sighting listing. I couldn't believe that military or government intelligence wasn't doing the same thing and felt we needed to know about what is being seen and when at-id where. That's the basis for the National Sighting Information Database. The regional one, the Regional Sighting Information Database, deals with sighting from the earliest days on and covers Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Six months ago we decided to do the Lunascan Project. Who supports us? Subscribers and other states who swap information.

**BM:** I understand you have catalogued thousands of cases. I know it's difficult to choose, but do any really stand out in your mind?

**FR:** The RSID lists over 4,000 regional sightings. And, yes, several do stand out. Besides the more recent Mongo case, there were several incidents that stood out. The train that was stopped near Evansville, Indiana by the UFO during the wave of 1973 was one. The strange craft observed by the family near Princeton, Indiana, that August was incredible, too. There are so many. And the history is rich in others just as fantastic but forgotten in history. That's why I had to write the book.

**BM:** Yes, you have a 170-page, illustrated publication called "Regional Encounters", which deals with some of the most interesting of the cases your organization has studied. Would you tell us something about that, and how someone might buy a copy?

**FR:** "Regional Encounters: The FC Files", covers the very best of the sightings logged at the UFO Filter Center for those

**RENEWALS** - A lot of members are confused about renewals. Active Indiana Group members (FIs, FITs, SSDs') are to send \$20 at renewal time. They get the newsletter free and all other benefits. Everybody else (National subscribers, State subscribers) pay \$15. They get the newsletter only.

**TRAINING** - All FITs are to send me an SASE with two stamps. Send to me at 140 Ramsey Rd., Vincennes, IN 47591.

**INDIANA MEMBERSHIP FEES** - \$20.00 per year. Indiana members get the newsletter free, plus other materials regarding Indiana activities. Subscribers only (state or national) need pay only the newsletter subscription price of \$15. Reminder, state members, FITs, FIs, should send a check for \$5 sometime within the next few months. It would help us a lot.

Continue to send renewal fees to: **Francis Ridge, 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.** Besides being the *Investigation Coordinator*, Francis still has all the information on members on his computer.

six midwest states. it starts with my beginning with NICAP in 1960, on up to the present. It then goes back in history from antiquity to 1960. I'm real proud of it because I believe history is rich in UFO information and most have never read it and the rest have forgotten it. Read that book and then tell me you don't think UFOs are real vehicles!

**BM:** And how do we get it?

**FR:** It's \$20 and shipped Priority Mail. Just, send a check to "Regional Encounters", 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620.

**BM:** On Wednesday, August 31st, 1994, six men, at least four of whom were Michiganders, had a brief but spectacular UFO sighting in Mongo, Indiana, about 5 miles from the Michigan border. A full account of the case is included in your Newsletters. Can you give us a short summary of the sighting?

**FR:** The six retirees were sitting around a campfire, and one was a photographer that had been out west fighting some forest fires. They saw the saturn-shaped craft come out from behind some trees, started taking pictures. Four photos of the object were taken, one was exceptionally good. Two hunters saw the crafts, at the same time. Another couple farther away saw it. Dr. Richard Haines did the analysis and we both concluded that the object is an

unknown, based on two separate studies. This case is very complicated in that there is suspicious activity of conventional aircraft. My impression is that the phenomenon is operating under the cover of actual or simulated IFOs!

**BM:** I was very impressed with the Mongo case report. How can people subscribe to the UFO Intelligence Newsletter, and can they get back issues?

**FR:** The UFO Intelligence Newsletter is \$15 for twelve issues. Checks should be made out to UFOFC. The address is the same as mentioned earlier. We have some back issues, especially the ones dealing with the Mongo case.

**BM:** How many members do you have and how many field investigators?

**FR:** We have about 150 members, probably 250 listed on computer as active or inactive. We have quite a few field investigators in the state, but about two dozen active at all times, either trained FIs or FITs (Field Investigator Trainees). We have ours trained as a Rapid Deployment Team to be able to cover any of Indiana's 92 counties. As Indiana's Investigation Coordinator I divided the 92 counties into 14 districts. Each team member has a PLL or Prescribed Load List of what to take.

**BM:** Would you describe the Lunascan Project and its purpose?

**FR:** The Lunascan Project is my new

# Indiana Research Publications

## Regional Encounters: The FC Files

A century of close encounter UFO activity in region, illustrated. Includes incidents where MADAR detected anomalies. Soft cover, 8-1/2x11, 170 pages. Shipped U.S. Priority Mail, \$20.00. Foreign, \$30.00.

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# Interview (contd.)

approach to the problem. I needed to try something different. If ET is real, there must be something going on out in space and on or near the Moon. The Moon is rich in minerals and a good backdrop for activity in a cone that extends a quarter of a million miles out into space. As an amateur astronomer I wouldn't need much enticement to begin with, but the prospects are more exciting than just looking at the Moon. People use to see things, then draw pictures and share anecdotes. Today, we can show videos of our discoveries! We are looking for TLPs (Transient Lunar Phenomena) and ULOs (Uncorrelated Lunar Objects). There are over 200 reports already in the literature, even Carl Sagan would have to agree on that! And I have seen objects fly past the Moon before, but I wasn't ready. Now we are. We have three goals: 1.) Observe and videotape the lunar surface with HPS (High Power Scan) from 600 miles and LPS (Low Power Scan) where we can see the whole surface. We have computerized drive controls. 2.) Produce a database of old and new TLPs and ULOs and use those locations for a lunar targeting schedule. 3.) Operate as a "filter center" for reports and lunar videos from around the world and help secure analyses. We already have located two videos, one from Japan and another from Australia. Walt Andrus, International Director of MUFON, has graciously provided a report he received from Australia that occurred just last August.

**BM:** How can interested people contribute to this project, and what benefits will they receive?

**FR:** Persons who contribute to the Lunascan Project are involved in a scientific project. They are supporters. They don't just get a newsletter. They have helped us in our endeavors by paying for equipment and materials. Our research and discoveries are theirs, too. We are a small project only 6 months old. We expect some fantastic

## UFOs & Science

David Mayo

(Editor: The following article is reprinted from HOUSTON SKY, No. 9 Feb/Mar. 1996. The article was written by David Mayo, Reviewer. The book is entitled: UFOs and Science: The Collected Writings of Dr. James E. McDonald, compiled and edited by Valerie Vaughan. I was a great admirer of Dr. McDonald. I had solicited his help in the late 60's in the construction of the MADAR UFO detection system. As David Mayo so aptly stated, within UFOlogy memories are short. My thanks to David and HOUSTON SKY, as well as Valerie Vaughan and FUFOR, for the important and timely release of this material)

What do you know about the hazards associated with weather modification, nuclear reactors, air pollution, the placement of ICBM silos, chemical Mace, and supersonic transport effects? How about ball lightning, swamp gas, plasmas, radar anomalies, paleoclimatology, and meteorology? UFOs? Well, I guess we all know a bit about that. There was one man who knew a great deal about ALL of these subjects. The late James E. McDonald, Ph.D., barely rates a mention in most contemporary books of the UFO phenomenon, yet 26 years ago, this man led the front in awakening public interest in UFOs.

With a BA in chemistry, an MS in meteorology, and a Ph.D. in physics, McDonald rigorously applied the principles of science toward his understanding of UFOs. In one of his earliest lectures on UFOs to the American Meteorological Society in 1966, McDonald stated that [The concept of] "extraterrestrial probes (as a reason for UFOs) conflicts with many familiar facts of astronomy, physics and perhaps biology. Nevertheless, my own scrutiny of the UFO problem has led me to, conclude that (the extraterrestrial probe theory) probably constitutes the least unsatisfactory hypothesis for accounting for the fascinating array of UFO phenomenon that are now on record."

**UFOs and Science**, published in 1955 by the Fund for UFO Research, chronicles Dr. McDonald's fascinating and controversial career through lecture transcripts, published articles, and personal letters. Within this book, we read of McDonald's ongoing correspondence with the scientific and ufological communities, his outrage and condemnation of the infamous Condon Report, Robertson Panel report, and Project Blue Book, and his many presentations to Congress and other government-sponsored groups.

The book is divided into three sections. A sampling of scientific writings on socially significant concerns makes up section one and defines the conscience of the man (he belonged to the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Humanist Association). Section two, "Selected Writings on UFOs" covers his opinions on government cover-up, witnesses (both highly credible and crackpot), UFO politics, and specific UFO cases. Section three comprises more than half of "UFOs and Science" and is dedicated to the complete texts of UFO papers authored by Dr. McDonald. An extensive bibliography is provided for the reader interested in further research into Dr. McDonald's writings.

I found this publication factual and very important. Most of the papers and correspondence presented have not been previously published or are not readily available. This one point alone makes UFOs and Science an indispensable addition to one's library. I have found that within UFOlogy, memory is short and that the latest hot opinions serve as the current truth. It is important that we look back periodically if for no other reason than as a sanity check. With this in mind, I highly recommend **UFOs and Science**.

**UFOs and Science can be ordered from FUFOR: Fund for UFO Research, PO Box 277, Mt. Ranier, MD 20712**

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changes and metamorphoses to take place in 1996. To be a contributor you merely send \$25 to the same address, but make the check out to the Lunascan Project. We have had checks come in as high as \$200! The excitement is running very high!

**BM:** How does The Indiana Group relate to the International MUFON organization? Is "The Indiana Group" the same as "Indiana MUFON"?

**FR:** Yes, basically. I coined the phrase "The Indiana Group" because I didn't want to leave out the "non-MUFON" people or the "independents". Most of our group are MUFON, at least the Field Investigators and State Section Directors.

**BM:** You recently retired as MUFON's Indiana State Director, turning the mantle over to Jerry L. Sievers. Would you tell us a bit about Jerry and his background?

**FR:** Yes, I needed some slack to do several things better, including the Lunascan Project. I had not been able to con-

duct enough state meetings during the ten years as SD. Jerry and I go way back to the NICAP days. We both were born and raised in Vincennes, Indiana, and Jerry is a very capable and dedicated individual. It goes back to what I said earlier, we all need to specialize and cooperate. Jerry has had credentials with all three organizations, just as I have, and for just as long.

**BM:** How may the Indiana and Michigan MUFON groups work together?

**FR:** I think this is the perfect way to start. Work on our projects, share information, avoid duplication except where it is needed. Build our states to handle investigation and research and provide information to the media. I even see an alliance forming for the midwest where we can meet and discuss our efforts without having to fly to Seattle or Florida.

**BM:** Thank you very much for this interview, Mr. Ridge!

## ***Interesting Case from Len Stringfield***

I just received the February issue of the *Bluegrass Bulletin*, the monthly newsletter of Kentucky MUFON. The State Director, Jerry Washington, and I have become good friends and colleagues in the past few months. Page four ran a story I just had to reprint. It was taken from Len Stringfield's work, "UFO, Crash Retrievals: Is The Lid Lifting? (Status Report #5).

"Humanoid Remains Found On Western, Kentucky Farm, 1987" Case 6. "Spectacular ... is the firsthand report. Front a retired medical doctor who alleges he accidentally found the skeletal remains of two humanoids, possibly of alien origin, on his farm in western Kentucky in March 1987.

"I was eventually able to reach the doctor through his friend Bill Boshears, who first aired it on his radio talk show in Cincinnati. Since the show, having been warned to 'shut up' in no uncertain terms, the doctor, nonetheless, entrusted me with his name, but would not reveal the location of his farm nor give me, or anyone else, his unlisted phone number. He also advised that some of the details he shared with me about the 'investigation' by the Air Force should be kept confidential.

"The doctor, when he talked with

me on his friend's phone, was cordial, but brief. He said that it was during a routine evening stroll on his farm property of 400 acres that he discovered the extraordinary evidence. Next to a burned-out circle, about 4 feet in diameter, in an open grassy field, he found the skeletons of two humanoid entities about 4 feet apart. Without a trace of clothing, some of the bodies, he said, showed residual ligament, with evidence that predators had been at work. As a doctor, he was certain that the bones were not of animal origin and on closer examination, he was shocked, he said, to find that the structure was bipedal, about 4 feet tall, with a large skull and catlike jaw, a barrel-like rib cage with long arms and three fingers. For sure, they were not human. The doctor's next move was to call the sheriff who, without hesitation, called the Air Force.

"The next morning at sunrise, he was surprised to see three helicopters land in a clearing and many people, some in uniform some not, being deployed over a wide area. Greeting him was a Colonel (name known to me) who cordially introduced himself and stated his mission: remove the bones and under-soil, test and remove the burned circular soil and comb the area for

any other evidence. Later in the day, fresh soil was filled in the excavated areas, and the doctor was told that the soil in the circle had been baked at 3,000 degrees.

"When asked about the time factor of body decomposition (allowing for predators) he estimated, according to cursory examination, that the aliens had been exposed for less than a hundred days.

"Reminding me that 'they put the fear of God in me' after his trip to a military base for further interrogation and where he was shown photos of other alien corpses, he expressed interest in my research and I suggested that we lunch together soon. He agreed, but never called."

I was impressed with this story because the incident allegedly occurred in our region and because the case was investigated by the notable Len Stringfield. The only problem I have with the witness' testimony is his statement that the military showed him photos of other alien corpses. Such a super-secret cover-up would seem to preclude the military or government from giving out any more information than absolutely necessary. Maybe, just maybe, they thought that since the witness had actually already found two aliens that there was nothing to lose.

There was another reason for my interest in this case. After hardly any UFO reports in the region, suddenly in 1986 there was a resurgence that continued on into and through 1987. And 1987 was no routine year. There were 68 cases listed, twenty of which were close encounters! We even had a rare CE-III on June 19th at New Albany Indiana. But seven incidents had occurred in March of 1987, two of which were good close encounters. That was the month the aliens were found in western Kentucky...

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