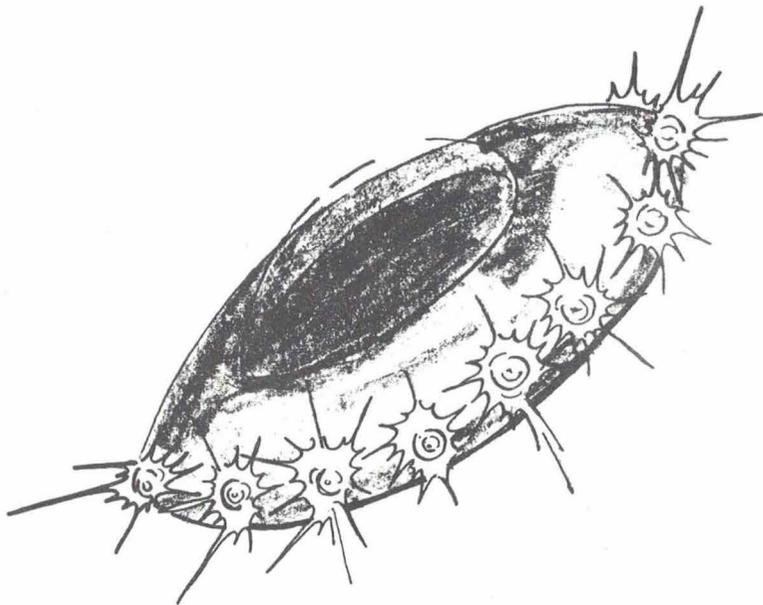


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CONGRESS ADOPTS UFO FILTER CENTER

Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on June 26th the Congress of Scientific Ufologists has officially adopted the UFO Filter Center as an official Congress program. The idea of such a program met with much enthusiasm on the part of the delegates. Many have added their names to the growing list of participating investigators.

Congress Chairman Allan Manak appointed Edward Biebel and Rick Hilberg to be directors of the report center. They plan to issue reports to both Congress members and Watch participants in the form of a mailed newsletter. Already one report has been phoned in, and is currently under investigation.

All serious persons are invited to participate in the Watch program; and are invited to write for further information.

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1970 UFO ROUNDUP :January to June

By Robert S. Easley

Despite the University of Colorado's Condon Report and the closing of the Air Force controlled Project Blue Book,UFO sightings were still being made to the press and various UFO organizations still in existence in the first six months of 1970. Although pushed from the front page because of campus unrest,riots,and the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, many reports were being printed in newspapers all over the world. These reports all proved that despite Government denials,strange unknown objects under apparent intelligent control were-and are-still being seen by credible,reliable people.

Probably the first-and best-sighting of the new year occurred at approximately 5:00 A.M. on New Years Day,in the Corwichean Valley,British Columbia,Canada.

Mrs. Doreen Kendall,a Registered Nurse at the Corwichean District Hospital,made the initial observation of the strange object. After viewing the unknown for several minutes she called to Mrs. Fred Wilson, who,along with five other nurses,watched the object for approximately thirty seconds as it disappeared.

According to Mrs. Kendall,the object was saucer-shaped,silvery,silent,metallic,and had a "necklace of lights" around the middle. From her second floor window,the object was slightly tipped downwards toward her,60 feet off the ground and 40 feet away.

Mrs. Kendall first saw the object when she pulled the curtains away from the window of an extensive care patient. She found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of a hovering object...with two humanoid beings in it.

The two figures inside the dome had striking good looking physiques and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material. One stood behind a glowing,chrome-colored instrument panel while the other,either shorter or standing in a recessed spot,stood behind him.

After a few minutes,the second man turned to look directly at Mrs. Kendall. He was wearing a darkish fabric and headgear,which obscured his facial features. He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand, which was flesh-toned and human-like.The pilot pulled back,foward,and then back again on a control lever and the craft tilted sideways,rose,circled slowly,and finally disappeared toward the north.

The sighting was investigated thoroughly by a John Magor,editor of the CANADIAN UFO REPORT,who could come up with no explanation for the strange object seen.

Later that same day,at 7:00 P.M.,the Drummond family,at Mill Bay, approximately 15 miles south of the above mentioned hospital,observed a bright orange and yellow object.

According to Mr. James Drummond, the object was about 900 feet above his tug boat and circling slowly. Observing it through a telescope, he stated that he "counted four distinct lights that looked like the tips of candles only bigger."

Another sighting in the same area occurred on the 6th of January. Mrs. G. C. Drimmen saw a red object at 11:15 P.M. "It hovered for awhile, and then went straight up. It revolved in a counter-clockwise direction and dripped sparks." It had no definable shape and seemed darker on one side than the other, she stated.

There have been numerous other sightings in this area which, according to UFO expert John Magor, begins and ends in a 26 month cycle. One sighting, made by UFO expert Vern Stanley-Jones and his wife, occurred on 6 January over Duncan, British Columbia.

"We saw this bright orange-yellow object at between 500-1000 feet above the ground. It looked like a disc and was about two inches in diameter. Without emitting any sound it moved over Lakes Road hill. When it reached the bridge at the bottom of the hill it stopped briefly, turned at a right angle, and flew right over the town. When it was about over the entire town it stopped again, hanging there for awhile. Then it moved off due west more rapidly."

On 10 February Miss Laurie Walther, of San Mateo, California, received a birthday present she will never forget. At 8:30 P.M. she was fortunate to see an unidentified flying object.

After first observing a flash of light over Coyote Point, Miss Walther reported seeing a saucer-shaped object some 25 feet in diameter and hovering about 50 feet above a series of electrical transmitters located on the Point.

"The saucer had red and blue lights outside, but I couldn't distinguish the color of the craft itself because of the glow," she said.

Deputy John A. Wells of the San Mateo Sheriff's Dept. received her report, and stated that similar observations have been reported recently.

During the week of 20 February a number of sightings occurred in the Dunn, North Carolina area. These sightings were made by responsible people: i.e., a Dunn City Police Officer; and a staff member of Radio Station WCKB.

The Police Officer, a Mr. John Norris Jr. saw a "peculiar object" in the night sky that "was going too fast for an airplane and had no blinking lights that an airplane has at night." Norris has had several sightings of UFOs in the past few years.

A few days later a Mr. Ronnie Tart of WCKB, observed a bright round light above his car. After hovering for a second, the light sped off in a westerly direction and disappeared.

Later that night the same, or similar light, was again seen by Tart. As before, it was very bright and round. The light hovered for several seconds in the sky and then disappeared so suddenly that it could not have been a plane.

These sightings, along with others that have occurred in the last five years, are still unexplained.

UFO sightings were reported all over the country in March. Some of the observations occurred at Balltown, Iowa; Elkin, North Carolina; Washington, Oil City, Philadelphia and Mt. Lebabon, Pennsylvania; Mattie-sburg, Mississippi; Shallow Lake, Ontario, Canada; New Albany, Indiana; and Cornith, Mississippi. The best sighting, however, occurred on March 12th near Culbertson, Nebraska.

After watching the late movie on TV, Dale Nowka, a farmer, went outside to check on his sows. Upon nearing the pens he noticed a strange light in the sky moving south at an apparent altitude of 1000 feet.

Nowka then woke his wife, and got his binoculars. Through the glasses, "the object looked like a saucer." The greenish blue lights made it have a flat effect, and the bottom had a turning movement counter-clockwise. The lights on the bottom went from clear to red and then back to white.

At this time Nowka put in a call to the Nebraska Safety Patrol Office, who dispatched two officers to the scene. Trooper Dale Rowedden, however, was the only one to see the object.

Trooper Rowedden's description of the unknown matched that of Mr. Nowka.

At approximately 2:15 A.M. the object disappeared. Shortly thereafter the same-or similar-object reappeared again.

The Federal Aviation Agency and the Federal Air Traffic Control Center reported nothing on their radar screens. However, the North American Air Defense Command admitted observing five objects on radar near the Culbertson area.

At 3:00 A.M. the FAA dispatched a plane to the area, and later a mail plane was told to fly over the area. Neither pilot reported seeing anything strange, although the five unknowns were still being tracked on radar.

As yet there has been no rational explanation for this sighting.

There were numerous UFO sightings made in April and May, but the majority of these can be attributed to Comet Bennett, named after a South African astronomer.

Comet Bennett, about as bright as the pole star, has circled the sun and is now heading back into outer space.

The only sighting attributed to June thus far came from the famous explorer Thor Heyerdahl and his crew.

Heyerdahl, in his papyrus boat RA-2, observed the UFO early in the morning of the 11th on their voyage across the Atlantic.

According to a UPI press release, "Heyerdahl is trying to prove that ancient Egyptians could have used papyrus boats to bring their culture to the Western Hemisphere centuries before Columbus landed."

Robert S. Easley
Waikiki, Hawaii
13 June 1970

A UFO "WINDOW" AREA

By Rick R. Hilberg

Much has been written in recent years about areas located in scattered parts of the country where there has been a constant UFO activity. These were termed "windows" by researcher-writer John Keel. Keel found these areas by watching and tabulating current UFO and related sub-phenomena reports. Often, looking into old newspaper files, he found that constant activity reached back into the 1800's.

When news of these window areas was made public in several articles in popular magazines in 1966-67, many researchers (our staff included) thought that by going to these areas one would find real, solid UFO "bases"- complete with hangars, equipment, and Ufonauts. However, much to the chagrin of the ETH fans, no such physical equipment could be found. All that was ever found were more UFO reports. Period. This led many to scoff at claims of window areas outright.

After much time had passed, and we were able to keep close watch on UFO reports in claimed high activity areas, we had to admit a striking correlation. This coincided with a diminishing belief in the ETH on our part in the last four years.

The past twenty-three years of futility experienced by the outer space saucer hunters is significant to the efficacy of the ETH itself. No UFOs have been tracked actually entering or leaving the atmosphere. It is true that astronauts have spotted unknown objects in the vicinity of the earth, but these unknowns could well be optical and/or natural space phenomena. Again, no astronaut has ever seen a giant mother ship from Venus roaring toward the earth from deep space. One can only assume that the elusive disks are "native" to the environs of our earth!

The ETH people are stuck with solid, material saucers. The ET saucers are piloted by living creatures they say; living creatures that need solid, physical UFOs to transport them. But, not all UFOs are material objects. Hundreds of cases describe objects that have the ability to appear and disappear at will. Scores of cases end with words such as: "It just disappeared like one would turn off a light bulb."

Just like a light bulb! "Well," say the outer space fans, "the UFOs appear and disappear by turning their EM force fields on and off." Here physical effects are invented to fit phenomena observed. We cannot prove ET UFOs, let alone fantastic equipment able to make the craft invisible! There have also been a number of cases where seemingly solid UFOs have passed through terrestrial objects. This would explain why terrestrial weapons have never "shot down" a ship from outer space.

Added with other incidents, and other sub-phenomena such as the "men in black" and the confusing contactee phenomena, we find events which do not conform to our physical laws. These events are discussed at great length in such books as PASSPORT TO MAGONIA and OPERATION TROJAN HORSE.

So if the UFOs and their related phenomena are not physical, we must explore other areas in order to find a workable answer. The theory that UFOs are non-physical (in our sense) manifestations from some other "place" or reality seems to fit the data. This would explain the "window" areas, where UFOs seemingly appear year after year. They do not have bases there, the area is just where they "appear" from someplace else.

Looking back in this light I can see parts of the puzzle fall into place. Over the years I have participated in many attempts to spot the UFOs. These "skywatches" were often held in rural areas or in the city, at the home of one of the participants.

A curious fact emerged during the period from 1964 to 1966. Phenomena were seen in a particular area of Cleveland on an almost constant basis. This fact was discussed at length informally at the 1967 Congress in New York with Allen Greenfield, Eugene Steinberg, Robert Easley and others.

It is difficult for a UFO writer to tell of his own UFO reports, for many readers assume immediately that he is making up the reports - or worse yet, he is a little on the strange side! But the fact remains that I, along with others, have sighted unknown phenomena on occasions from various locations. The important part being that one particular location in Cleveland was an almost constant source of activity - a window area, if you will. To give the reader some idea of the kinds of phenomena sighted in this small window I will briefly cite some of the more interesting reports.

In July of 1965 three objects, like satellites, were sighted at fifteen minute intervals coming from, respectively, the north, south, and east. One of these "lights" was photographed by this writer using a two minute exposure on Tri-X film. The object appeared as a faint line on the negative, too weak to reproduce in print, but in my files for anyone who is interested. On this particular night the objects were spotted with both the naked eye and binoculars. They did not correspond to flyovers of any scheduled satellites. There were many other sightings of similar objects from 1964-1966.

Another particularly interesting report came from the same location on October 9, 1965 when a round object with flashing lights completely around its edge, was sighted by hundreds of persons on Cleveland's West

Side. There was a 2200 foot cloud cover with light drizzle that evening, so the object had to be flying below that altitude.

On the evening of May 6, 1966 this writer along with others, including UFO MAGAZINE Managing Editor Edward Biebel, sighted a large oval of ghostly-white light swiftly moving from west to east. The object seemed to have bands of a duller color running along the bottom. It was soundless, and seemed to be at a low altitude.

A particularly interesting series of sightings took place in October-November, 1966 when V-formations of bluish-white lights were seen flying over, and sometimes maneuvering in turns. These objects were also spotted with both binoculars and the naked eye.

Why the concentration of sightings in one particular area? It is indeed a small window where who knows what appears from goodness knows where? Why weren't sightings made other times at locations only blocks away?

There have been no further watches at this location since November, 1966. Currently plans are being formed to revisit the spot and do further investigation, possibly with instrumentation. While this West Cleveland "window" may be small in scope, it may yield some interesting results.

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CLEVECON '71 IS GO!!!!

It was decided at the 1970 Congress of Scientific Ufologists meeting at Columbus, Ohio June 26-28 to hold the 8th annual event in Cleveland in 1971. Already Cleveland Ufologists are making plans to assure a successful event. Details will soon be announced as to time and location.

Besides setting the place for the '71 Congress, those delegates attending in Columbus accomplished a number of things. Some of these were: adopting the UFO Filter Center as an official Congress function; presentation of reports regarding delegates' research during 1969; a discussion of research methods and speculation regarding UFO origin, as well as a host of other things.

1970 has presented Ufologists with many difficult problems to be solved. We believe that the Congress offers all Ufologists a forum to discuss mutual methods, speculations and findings.

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