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1977 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

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Dear Diehard Saucerite:

The 14th Annual National UFO Conference will be held Saturday, August 6, 1977, at the Hotel San Franciscan in - you guessed it - San Francisco, California. I'm writing you at this early date to invite you to attend.

Since 1964 the Con has been primarily a gathering of so-called "middle ufologists" - those who are other than hard-line supporters of NICAP, APRO, MUFON or contactees - although no group or individual has ever been excluded from participation. The Con, like UFO reports, has had a cyclical presence over the years ranging from pomp and spectacle in New York City to "smoke filled rooms" in an Ohio YMCA. This is the first time the event has been held west of the Mississippi - which is anomalous, since the West has always been a region with a high concentration of UFO activity. Interest is especially high among Californians and many will be attending. Not only do we expect the "closed sessions" to be well-attended, but also the projected "public session."

Enclosed is a brochure on the hotel and a reservation card. A block of rooms has been reserved with a group rate of \$22 single, \$26 double (a bargain during the height of the tourist season in San Francisco!) for the nights of Thursday, August 4, through Saturday, August 6. Give yourself a vacation and plan to arrive Friday. I urge you to send in your reservation card immediately so that you may be assured of accommodation. Each of you making reservations will be automatically notified as plans shape up.

I would sincerely appreciate it if those of you who publish ufazines would print the "vital statistics" on the Con and give my name and address as the source for receiving information or making reservations.

A gathering of ufologists inevitably leads to an *éclaireissement* for all who attend. I look forward to sharing this with you in August.

Sincerely,



Dale Fetting
Member, Permanent Organizing Committee
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by Robert S. Easley

24 June 1947 saw the birth of the modern day flying saucer mystery when Kenneth Arnold made his now classic sighting of nine disc-shaped objects over Mt. Ranier, Washington. It was shortly after this that the Central Intelligence Agency entered the picture and somewhat formulated the future investigative policies of the U.S. Air Force, the governmental agency originally put in charge of the UFO investigation. As with everything the CIA seems to touch, they completely muddled any scientific attempts that the Air Force may have had concerning the strange elusive objects flying over American air space.

A few weeks following the tragic incident of Capt. Thomas Mantell (killed while in pursuit of a red, glowing UFO while in his fighter plane over Godman Air Force Base, Kentucky, 7 January 1948), the Air Force began its now famous Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation" concerning the UFO phenomena.

Although, at times, the Air Force now denies the existence of this 1948 Top Secret report, it has been stated that it does indeed exist. Its existence was not only confirmed in a 1956 book by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, one-time head of Project Blue Book, but it was also confirmed to exist by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former Scientific Consultant to the Air Force on UFOs.

The conclusion of this "Estimate" was that UFOs were definitely intelligently controlled spaceships from another planet. The Report made it through the chain of command all the way to the Joint Chiefs of Staff where, through the CIA's influence, the Report was sent back due to alleged lack of evidence.

The CIA next entered the picture in 1952 when they had a hand in the Government's "Controlled Motion Study" of UFOs. Once again, the conclusion of the study was that UFOs were not from this planet. However, the CIA forced the cover-up of this Report, thus never allowing it to be made public until years later.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the rise in the cost of printing, postage and stationery, we are forced to increase our yearly subscription rate to \$2.00 effective April 15, 1977. Any reader wishing to renew or extend his subscription must do so before this date.

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COVER: The famous "KYW Photograph" taken over Orville, Ohio in 1963. Cleveland area Ufologists have differed in their views regarding the authenticity of this photo mailed to a local radio station without the name of the alleged photographer.

RECENT UFO REPORTS

by Rick R. Hilberg

In January of 1953 the five day long scientific investigation of UFOs, commonly referred to as the "Robertson Panel", was convened at the University of California. Financed by CIA funds, the Panel consisted of the following: Dr. H. P. Robertson, Dr. Samuel A. Goldsmit, Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, Dr. Thornton Page, Dr. Lloyd Burtner (all former members of the "Manhattan Project"); Consulting Members Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Prof. Fred C. Durant; and CIA members Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Ralph Clark and Philip G. Strong.

The conclusion of the "Robertson Panel" - after ignoring impressive evidence to support the reality of UFOs - was that flying saucers, or UFOs, were not coming from another planet; or were from anywhere for that matter! It was further recommended that the U.S. Air Force do everything in its power to discount and play down UFOs. It was even suggested that Walt Disney be hired to produce a cartoon that would discount the validity, and existence, of UFOs.

From 1953 to 1966 the U.S. Air Force completely ridiculed the UFO phenomenon; besides withholding evidence and ridiculing credible observers who had seen incredible unknown objects, the Air Force deliberately lied to the public about flying saucers. Evidence of this can be found by reading Air Force Regulation 200-2 and JANAP 146-E.

Following Congressional Hearings in the summer of 1966, initiated by then Representative Gerald Ford of Michigan, the UFO problem was turned over to the University of Colorado for a supposed scientific study of UFOs. After 18 months and over a half-million dollars in taxpayers' money, the conclusion of the Report was that UFOs did not exist and would not exist for another 10,000 years!

The head of the University of Colorado Project was Dr. Edward U. Condon; who, amazingly enough, had also worked on the "Manhattan Project." This completes the circle full tilt back to the 1953 CIA financed "Robertson Report."

It is my opinion that the Central Intelligence Agency has deliberately forced its powers on the U.S. Air Force to become the scape-goat in the UFO controversy facing America today. I further contend that the CIA has misled the public, falsified information and deliberately lied to the American public concerning the true nature of UFOs!

I believe it's high time that the American taxpayers demand - and get - a completely scientific, un-biased, full-fledged investigation of the UFO phenomena...before it's too late!

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If you missed the UFO Believers Gathering, or the 7th Rocky Mountain New Age Convention, you will want the following cassette tapes: "UFOs and America's Destiny" (Major Wayne S. Aho) \$2.50 (90 minutes); "Ufology Today" (Lela Maxwell), and "Attitudes Toward Aliens, etc." (Janice Croy) both on the same tape for \$2.50. Special tape on Nixon "dirty tricks" , \$1.50. "Earthquake Predictions (Kathy Roquemore) \$1.75. Radio interview of Major Aho on KWBZ \$2.00 (60 minutes). All tapes available on reel-to-reel, please specify when ordering. Send cash or money order to : Miss Janice M. Croy 512 S. Logan Denver, Colorado 80209.

Square UFO Sighted in California (10/2/76)

A mysterious flying box was sighted over Weaverville, California at about 8:00 P.M. by Bill Isaacson when he went outside his home to quiet some noisy cats in his yard.

Isaacson called the Trinity County sherrif's office and deputy Gordon Kelley responded to the call. Kelley observed the object along with deputy Douglas Hodges and California Highway Patrol officer Frank Wilkerson.

Isaacson, who got the first and best look at the strange object, described it as "square, with bright lights on the corners."

Kelley said that the lights seemed to brighten and dim periodically. It seemed to hover at about 2,000 feet in altitude before departing at a "very rapid rate," Kelley said.

Isaacson said that the UFO disappeared toward Oregon Mountain, which is located west of Weaverville. He also estimated that the object was about ten feet square.

He too said that the object hovered at first. "All at once it goes straight up," he said. The ascent halted at about one mile altitude, and then the object flew west, Isaacson added.

"Football sized" UFO Sighted over Brea, Calif. (10/26/76)

Gary White was standing in his back yard at about 7:40 P.M. when he sighted an object described as "football sized".

White called the Brea police dispatcher Mrs. Jean Barnaby and told her that the object was flying at "a tremendous rate of speed." He said that it had a solid bank of lights on one side and made a "humming noise."

"I had gone out of the house to have a cigarette and saw it hovering above the house, about as high in the air as a small airplane," White said. "It was about 7:40 P.M. I wasn't wearing my glasses - I'm nearsighted - so I went back into the house to get them. My children came out and saw the object too. It was about the shape of a fat cigar with a bank of white lights, and a bright red light on top of it.

"When I came back out, it looked as if it had moved over to the area above the police department," White said.

While space limitations this issue prevent reporting more American UFO reports, we received a clipping telling of a French case that we would like to hear more about.

It seems that on January first of this year a French couple said that a flying oval-shaped object resembling "a big glowing star" chased their car while they were driving in the southeastern area of France. It was also reported that the object landed in a field, and then suddenly took off "in a flash."

Mr. and Mrs. Francois Perez told police that at first they thought the strange object to be a helicopter, but soon learned otherwise.

After the initial chase, the couple drove back along the same road an hour later and suddenly spotted the same object parked in a field 400 yards from their car. Perez said it was about 30 or 40 yards in diameter and "surrounded by a halo of white light." He added that ten minutes later the UFO's lights began flashing, followed by the craft taking off at a 45-degree angle.

Special thanks this issue to Jim Moseley for sending tons of clippings to us every week or so. Next issue we promise a much larger rundown.

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A DISSERTATION ON THE POSSIBLE FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

by Robert S. Easley

In recent years the National UFO Conference (formerly titled the Congress of Scientific Ufologists) has come under fire by members, former members and nonmembers as being nothing more than a name in the Ufology movement. As a voting member of the Permanent Organizing Committee, I feel that I must now, in public, totally disagree with the above assertion.

The National UFO Conference, while not holding to any rigid set of rules (other than our By- Laws), offers a focal point for any and all possible answers to the UFO enigma. We do not cater to any one possible explanation!

The National UFO Conference is, in fact, the longest continuously-run yearly UFO convention in existence today. When the gavel strikes the table to open the Closed Session in San Francisco this August, it will be the Fourteenth Annual meeting of the NUFOC!

Despite the persistent efforts of the eminent Allen H. Greenfield to undermine the NUFOC, we are still going strong as a "possible" force in the UFO movement. This is due largely to the efforts of such notables in the field as Rick R. Hilberg, James W. Moseley, Gene Steinberg, and Allan J. Manak.

By not only offering the expounding of any and all theories, we also give the "Unknown Ufologist" a chance to meet and question the so-called "top experts" in the ever growing mystery of Ufology. What this means is that we have a very unique interchange of ideas and theories. Although all ideas and theories may not be Keelian in nature, one cannot ignore any possible explanation!

Curt Sutherly, another advocate of change, does not have, I feel, a full grasp of the meaning, workings, and dedication behind the "old" Congress and the "new" NUFOC. Although Curt may now be one of the top Ufologists in the country, his idea of changing the name of the National UFO Conference to the National UFO Studies Conference is rather audacious at this time.

Our organization is worthy of its present name. I see absolutely no reason to change whatsoever. For fourteen years we have fought ridicule, stupidity and lowliness to get where we are at. Why change now?

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Notes From The Saucer's Cup

by Robert S. Easley

Sir Martin Ryle, Nobel laureate in physics and Britain's astronomer royal, in an appeal to the International Astronomical Union, urged that attempts to radio communicate with extraterrestrial civilizations be stopped. Sir Ryle fears that by making known there is intelligent life on earth, hostile alien beings may invade us for colonization or extraction of mineral resources.

On October 20, 1976 newly-named asteroid 1976 UA narrowly missed striking the earth by a mere 750,000 miles. In astronomical terms it was a very close call, and a hit would have meant a catastrophe of unprecedented magnitude. The asteroid was discovered by a student at the Mt. Palomar Observatory.

Phil Kaufman has been signed to direct Paramount's multi-million dollar epic movie "Star Trek", based on Gene Roddenberry's TV series. Alan Scott and Chris Bryant will write the screenplay. Production is scheduled to begin this spring.

Somebody Else Is On The Moon by George H. Leonard (David McKay Company, 750 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017; 1976; \$9.95) is a must book for every Ufologist and/or amateur astronomer. It may turn out to be one of the most important books of this decade.

The book deals with alleged constructions, controlled sprays, moving lights, and mining operations occurring on the surface of the Moon. Leonard claims that the Moon is occupied by two or more alien races.

The book jacket claims that "...Leonard studied thousands of NASA Moon photographs... analyzing the photographs of the Moon that show evidence that cannot be explained away by the assumption that

these 'constructions' are natural formations of the landscape."

Many of the photographs are in the book, and although I could not make out any alien equipment or constructions, perhaps you can. At any rate, Leonard's theories and conclusions are quite interesting.

I do recommend this highly controversial book to all who have even a slight interest in UFOs or the space program. As stated, it may become a very important book of the Space Age.

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Around And About The Saucer World

by Rick R. Hilberg

This has been quite a difficult column to write. Even though plans are being made by Dale Rettig for a hell of a National UFO Conference this coming August in San Francisco, and to add to that fact my wife and daughter are making plans of what they want to do and see while on the coast, a dark cloud hangs over me like the character in the "Li'l Abner" comic strip.

I remember back to 1964 when Dale, Allen Greenfield and myself were making plans for the first such convention we were to hold in Cleveland that June. We wanted to get all "serious" (now we would call them "middle") Ufologists together, and discuss what could be done to further UFO investigation. The con was held, with so much enthusiasm shown that it was to become a yearly event.

However, for whatever reasons, in recent years the Conference almost died out, probably from lack of new blood, as well as a frustration shown by many participants that not much was really being done but getting together and swapping theories and observations about the UFO enigma. And there is where a personality conflict arose...

Co-founder Allen Greenfield dropped out of participating in recent editions of the con, and began to criticize it and the present NUFOC Chairman James W. Moseley. A regular salvo has been going on between Moseley and Greenfield in recent months - ribbing and needling on the part of Moseley, and downright carping about the efficacy of the organization by Greenfield.

While granting that many of the points brought up by Mr. Greenfield regarding the con are correct (without taking the space to reprint them here as they appeared in his UFOLOGY NOTEBOOK 1399 deBeers Dr. #6, Tampa, Florida 33612), we would suggest as we have suggested all along, that the NUFOC is a potential forum for "middle" Ufology. We certainly don't need almost open warfare in the field - and we do need intelligent people like Mr. Greenfield in the organization.

Even though I recently got involved somehow in the "front lines" of this battle when Mr. Greenfield dedicated a poem to me in a recent issue implying that our fifteen year friendship was all a lie, and while this personally saddens me to no end, I do suggest that we are all adults enough to cooperate in our mutual quest for the truth.