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1971 Midwest UFO Conference----Defiance to Science:

Don't miss this year's conference. Seldom is such a distinguished group of UFO researchers gathered together anywhere. The 1971 Midwest UFO Conference not only brings together the great investigators and researchers, but it will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. The location is the most central spot in the midwest.

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The MIDWEST UFO NETWORK is an organized group of people seriously interested in resolving the mysteries of the UFO phenomena by combining their mutual talents, research and investigative efforts. Many theories have been proposed to explain the presence of UFO's on and around our earth, and their ultimate purpose. Our philosophy is to maintain an open mind to all hypothesis by approaching this scientific problem in a subjective and objective manner.

The formal organization is set up only for the purpose of coordinating the investigative and research activities, and assimilating the total information obtained from interviewing people reporting UFO observations. The overall coordinator of the MIDWEST UFO NETWORK is the Director who is assisted by a staff composed of a Research Director, Public Relations Director, Amateur Radio Communications Director, and the Editor of SKYLOOK, the official publication of MUFON.

A group of Consultants in apropos fields of technology are always available to investigate and advise on cases requiring their special knowledge and expertise. Basically, the NETWORK is composed of State Directors who provide the leadership and direction to State-Section Directors representing geographical areas of each state. Each State-Section Director, in turn, develops a group of competent Field Investigators in each major community to conduct interviews and investigate UFO sightings so detailed informative reports may be obtained for study.

An Amateur Radio Communications Network, providing voice communications between the Director, State Directors and State-Section Directors, is maintained to disseminate UFO reports and general information of an administrative nature. A master file for all UFO reports is maintained by the Director, with a quick reference set up on McBee Keysort punched cards.

The MIDWEST UFO NETWORK is a not-for-profit corp. organized for the purpose of solving the UFO enigma. One of its major activities is the sponsorship of an annual MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE where nationally known scientists, engineers, and writers lecture on their particular specialization or contributions to the study of the UFO phenomena. In order that only qualified, competent and sincere people are involved, membership in MUFON is by invitation only.

For information about MUFON, contact Mr. Walter H. Andrus, Jr. Director, 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Illinois 62301. Telephone (217) 222-8374.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY THE UFO STUDY GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis is a non-profit corporation composed of many men and women prominent in the academic, professional and aerospace community of St. Louis, as well as many interested lay people. The local study group is responsible for all UFO investigations in the surrounding St. Louis area and operates as an independent member of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON).

We are very much interested in receiving UFO sighting reports from the public and welcome inquiries on the subject of UFOs. Our group has furnished information and speakers on UFOs to radio, television, and other news media as well as to various service clubs, colleges and churches. People interested in the subject of UFOs are always welcome to our meetings and lectures and are cordially invited to become active members of our local group. Our group has carried out many investigations of UFO sightings in the past few years throughout the St. Louis area and the adjacent counties in Illinois and Missouri.

With the closure of the ~~WEST~~ USAF Project Bluebook, the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon has been placed entirely in the lap of the scientific community. Although UFO sightings continue to be reported by the public, they will no longer be investigated by the USAF. To ensure the public that UFO reports are still worthy of scientific attention, the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., public cooperation in forwarding all future UFO sighting reports immediately to the local study group for investigation and evaluation. Cooperation of all local newspapers, radio and television stations, police departments and other agencies that receive UFO reports from the public is necessary if the mysteries of the UFO phenomena is ever to be solved.

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Second annual Midwest UFO Network Conference ProgramMORNING SESSION

- 9:30-9:35 Welcome to St. Louis - John F. Schuessler, O'Fallon, Mo. Missouri Director for the Midwest UFO Network; Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis., Inc.; editor of UFO Potpourri; and staff member of SKYLOOK. John will also act as conference moderator.
- 9:35-9:45 Introduction to the Midwest UFO Network - Walter H. Andrus Jr., Director of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON) and staff member of SKYLOOK.
- 9:45-10:45 THE ALIENS: presented by Hayden C. Hewes, Oklahoma City, Okla.; founder and Director of the International UFO Bureau, Oklahoma City and MUFON State-Section Director for Central Oklahoma. Mr. Hewes was permitted by special authorization to visit and question the Air Force UFO Investigation Project Bluebook files and was one of six Oklahomans working with the recent Air Force/University of Colorado \$500,000 UFO investigation.
- 11:00-12:00 DOCUMENTATION: EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT CONCERN presented by Sherman J. Larsen, Glenview, Ill., MUFON State-Section Director for Chicago, Ill., and an active MUFON Field Investigator who has been teaching Adult Education Classes in Chicago suburb high schools on the subject of UFO's for the past three years.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30-2:30 LANDING TRACES: PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE UFO presented by Ted Phillips Jr., Sedalia, Mo., MUFON Consultant and State-Section Director for Central Missouri; staff member and feature writer for SKYLOOK. Ted has amassed data throughout the world on over 250 cases of alleged flying saucer landing sites and related UFO phenomena.
- 2:30-3:30 GEOMAGNETISM AND UFO INDUCED DISTURBANCES -AN AID TO DETECTION presented by William H. Hunkins, Coralville, Iowa; MUFON State-Section Director for the Iowa City area. Bill received his Masters Degree in Library Science and is presently employed in the Government Section of the State University of Iowa library. Bill is considered an expert in electronic detection devices.
- 3:45-4:45 SCIENCE, TRUTH, ANT THE UFO presented by Alexander Calandra, PhD, St. Louis, Mo., Professor of Physics at Washington University and Chairman of the Webster College Science Department. Prof. Calandra is a consultant to the Xerox Corp., the National Science Foundation, the St. Louis Public School System, and host of the CBS-TV Science Show "Magic People".
- 6:30-7:30 Dinner at Holiday Inn (North), 4545 N. Lindberg Blve., St. Louis

EVENING SESSION

- 8:00-9:30 UFO's * MYTH AND MYSTERY presented by Stanton T. Friedman, Redondo Beach, Calif. Mr. Friedman has a unique background consisting of 14 years experience in highly specialized fields of advanced technology - being involved with the development of nuclear aircraft and rockets, fusion rockets, and nuclear powerplants for space and earthbound power applications. He has lectured at hundreds of colleges, professional and lay audiences throughout the United States and Canada since 1967 and is professionally affiliated with the American Physical Society, the American Nuclear Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Mr. Friedman recently stated in SAGA magazine that he is "convinced that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is extraterrestrial."
- 9:30-10:30 CRITIQUE/PANEL DISCUSSION COMPOSED OF ALL THE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS.

SKY PHENOMENA --- January 20, 1971.

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT CAPTAIN AND PASSENGERS WATCH SKY PHENOMENA.

The American Airlines Flight 275 from La Guardia, N.Y., enroute to Tulsa, Okla., with an intermediate stop at St. Louis., was 50 miles west of Harrisburg, Pa., and at a heading of magnetic 275 degrees in a line between New York City and Indianapolis, Ind. when an announcement from the pilot, Capt. Kenneth G. Baker, came over the P.A. system.

It was 6:45 pm EST on Jan 20th and one of the passengers was Michael M. Graham, an employee of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics, home address is C'Fallon, Mo. With others Mr. Graham watched the "diffused circular blob on the left-hand side of the aircraft".

In an interview with Capt. Baker, Walter Andrus Jr., director of MUFON, the following information evolved. Capt Baker made the announcement on the aircraft public address system because he felt the passengers would be interested in observing a rather unusual sight to the left and above the aircraft.

Capt Bakers description: a bright white core, like a central explosion surrounded by a cloud, was the significant object. Southeast of this was a greenish-blue (turquoise) cloud of spherical shape, looking as if it was "squirting" out of the large bright white cloud. The cloud objects seemed to be stationary since during the observation starting at 6:45 pm EST the objects moved from 80 degrees to the left of a point aft of the jet liner (80 degrees to the left is a little forward of the left wing.)

Conditions during the sighting: the sun had set and it was nearly dark at the 16,000 ft. altitude. The cloud-like objects were 20 to 25 degrees above the aircraft. The sky was clear with neither clouds below or above the aircraft.

Chronological notes provided by passenger Michael Graham are as follows:

5:50 pm - a smaller, more distinct, but still diffuse object began to come into sight.

5:58 pm - diffuse cloud more horizontal (there is no background stars to check opacity).

5:59 pm - object slightly more diffuse. I sit opposite the engine, object is still slightly forward of left wing. Aircraft was Boeing 727.

6:02 pm - Over Wheeling, W. Va. and object becoming more diffuse and larger. Initial cloud has now broken off and is ahead of original object. Dark space in between. Seems to gain slightly on plane.

6:07 pm - more diffuse (both). Haze overall atmosphere increasing.

6:08 pm - object is still hazy and both clouds are now together and appear to gain a little altitude after almost going under left wing (line-of-sightwise).

6:12 pm - faded to invisibility by now, atmosphere somewhat clearer, lights on ground very visible.

The above report is condensed from SKYLOOK.

The object described fits the description of an upper altitude research rocket. In fact, Capt Baker voiced the opinion that it was exactly that, and probably launched from Wallops Island, Va., NASA Station.

The next obvious step in the investigation was to contact the Public Information Officer At the Wallops Station for information. Joyce B. Milliner promptly answered my inquiry and explained that their station was not to blame. However she suggested that possible a chemical cloud experiment may have been launched from Elgin Air Force Base, Florida.

The Public Information Officer At Elgin Air Force Base, Florida was then contacted and the following unsigned press release was soon sent to me.

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NEWS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ARMAMENT DEVELOPMENT AND TEST CENTER AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
ELGIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDE

A series of rocket probes are being launched from Elgin Air Force Base to study the upper atmosphere. The launches began January 13th at approximately 5:30 pm Central Standard Time.

The series of launches create colored clouds which are visible to residents throughout the southeastern United States during the twilight hours.

The Research Project, sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Department of Defense, is part of a continuing study of the plasma clouds behavior as they interact with the earth's magnetic field.

In the current experiments, vaporized Barium is released at high altitudes where it is ionized by the sunlight to produce a plasma cloud. Six rockets are to be launched - one per day, over a period of several days, depending on the weather. (The sky must be clear).

_____ of the launches have been completed as of _____. Five clouds will be released during the twilight hours when they will be visible from the ground. The sixth will be released at mid-day and will not be visible to the unaided eye. To the casual observer, the clouds will appear as a rapidly expanding blue-green sphere which will change color within the first few minutes.

A violet ionized cloud will separate from the blue-green cloud and expand along the earth's magnetic field lines. The clouds may be visible for as long as 40 minutes. Data from these experiments will be gathered by airborne and ground instrumentation. Rockets carrying scientific instruments will be fired from Santa Rosa Island and around the clouds to make diagnostic measurements.

The following are dates and times of recent "inner space" rocket probes. Since 1959 over 1,900 rocket probes both large and small have been made from Santa Rosa Island which is a part of Elgin AFB, Fla. Test Facility.

There will not be any more probes for some months.

16 Jan 5:32 pm 21 Jan 5:45 pm 26 Jan 5:36 pm
29 Jan 5:51 pm 1 Feb 5:37 pm

2 Feb was a daylight probe and would not be visible to the unaided eye.

END OF PRESS RELEASE.

Note that the date of the AA 275 incident, 20 Jan., is missing. Thinking this might be the result of a typo error, I wrote again and was told that I had all the available information. End of investigation.

If any of the POTPOURRI readers have more information on the rocket shot or the object seen on 20 Jan. your editor would be most interested in receiving it.

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UFO POTPOURRI is for exchange only. Its sole purpose is to foster interest and cooperation in the scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena through an exchange of information and ideas. Non-scheduled.

JUNE '12 - ST. LOUIS, MO.
MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE

BALL OF FLAMES PUZZLES KANTOITES. Asahi Japan Evening News, 5 Mar 1971

Did you see a ball of fire falling down in broad daylight in the Kanto area this morning? A large number of people made inquiries about it with police stations, fire stations and the Meteorological Agency.

Some said it might be a burning artificial satellite. Others said it was a plane coming down in flames. Still others just did not know what it was. The Astronomical Observatory finally announced that it was a big falling star visible even in broad daylight. It was seen in the Kanto area and part of the Tokai district. (credit: W. Andrus)

UFO SPOTTED OVER BREESE TUESDAY. The Breese Ill Journal 1 April 1971

Several unidentified flying objects were sighted by a number of Breese residents between 7:30 and 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

Mike and Harold Meyer, teenage sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meyer, Sr. who live near Shepard Engineering, reported to the Journal that they saw a UFO before 8 pm. and then used a telescope to observe it for several minutes. They said the UFO hovered above the factory building, enabling them to notice the saucer shape of the object, including a ring around it. There were a flashing red lights and white lights on the UFO, the family said.

The Meyers' reported others in the neighborhood also watched the UFO which headed northeast at a fast rate of speed after hovering above the east edge of the city for a short time. They continued a periodic sky watch and about 1½ hours later saw a UFO headed south, which may have been the same UFO they observed earlier.

Several others in Breese reported the fact that they had spotted the UFO Tuesday night. (credit: Rosetta Holmes)

UFO REPORTS AVAILABLE. Astronautics and Aeronautics, April 1971

A letter by Stanton T. Friedman, Redondo Beach Calif. recommends several scientific references not generally available in libraries and bookstores. Among them are:

"The Symposium on UFOs" a 247 page document, contains written testimony to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics from 12 scientists, each a specialist in a different area of technology.

"Project Bluebook Special Report No. 14" is the final report of a two-year study of UFOs conducted USAF contract by Batelle Memorial Institute.

"The UFO Evidence" contains information on 746 "unknowns" culled from thousands of sightings by NICAP.

Flying Saucer Energetics, summarizes Mr. Friedmans 12 years of investigations and relates many aspects of UFO observations to existing technology. Copies are available from Stanton T. Friedman, 18434 Mansel Ave, Redondo Beach

California 90278. (Potpourri highly recommends "Flying Saucer Energetics", it's price is 50¢)

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director of Astronomy at Northwestern Univ; Scientific advisor to the USAF for 20 years; author of a new book on UFO's visits St. Louis. Tues April 27 th at 8:15 pm.

His host is the St. Louis Aero Club and location for his lecture entitled "Do UFOs Exist" is the Officers Club at the old Navy Base at Lambert Field.

Dr. Hynek commands the respect of all UFO researchers and it is truly a pleasure to welcome him to St. Louis once again.

