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Professionalism thoroughness pride of US UFO group

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SEGUIN, (Texas). — Walter Andrus, who spends his time coordinating UFO sightings, is at present collating information on the case of a Florida man who claims to have chased aliens across his backyard.

Andrus, 67, is international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). His task is to determine if the encounters are legitimate or just another hoax. So far, he says, nothing in the Florida case has pointed to the latter.

"This is one of the most amazing cases I've ever seen," said Andrus, who works out of an office next to his home here, in an interview.

The Florida man, known as Mr Ed (only the editor of a local paper knows his full name), says he has pursued small alien creatures across his backyard in Gulf Breeze several times since November. Despite bilingual telepathic warnings (English and Spanish) that "photographs are prohibited," he says he took a number of pictures and even a videotape.

The excitement has taken MUFON investigators to Gulf Breeze for stakeouts with walkie talkies and cameras.

Nothing

So far, they have turned up nothing.

On the other hand, they have not been able to disprove what they consider convincing evidence.

Mr Ed says he has seen a circular UFO with portholes and a large light on its underside. His most striking picture, according to Andrus, is of one flying across a country road.

A secretary at Gulf Breeze city hall said other people in the small town had now reported their own otherworldly encounters.

None of the local police, however, have seen any flying saucers "or if they have, they haven't told me about it," police Captain Ken Hicks said.

Andrus's enthusiasm for the case is clear, but he stops short of declaring it a positive sighting.

It is not that he has any doubt about the existence of UFOs.

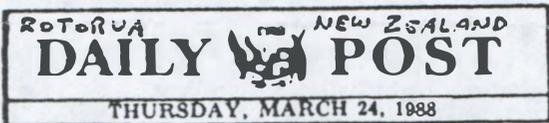
It is that MUFON, which with 1500 members claims to be the largest group of people studying Unidentified Flying Objects in the world, prides itself on its professionalism and thoroughness.

Having uncovered more than a few hoaxes, the group has learned that just because somebody says they have seen a UFO doesn't mean it's so.

"We want facts," Andrus said. "We don't want anything else."

One reason Andrus regards UFOs so earnestly is that he believes he has had his own encounter with visitors from another world.

— (NZPA-Reuter)



FALSE TARGETS OR UFOs

The ORLANDO SENTINEL (March 27, 1989) carried a story out of Longmont, Colorado about false aircraft images on radar screens startling air traffic controllers at the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center. The paper quoted air traffic controllers as saying they "were astonished to see numerous 'UFOs' appearing on their radar displays." Kevin Cain was quoted as saying "These targets looked like actual aircraft, with apparently normal speeds and altitudes. Some controllers had a dozen or more of these targets merging with actual aircraft targets within a half hour." The problem may have been a computer that "just went haywire." The Denver center controls aircraft between airports in an area including Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah.

U.S. AIR FORCE TEST-FLYING CAPTURED UFO?

I have been interested in claims that humans are test-flying alien craft for a number of years now. That interest has been stimulated even more by events of the past ten years.

The interesting claims by 'Falcon' and 'Condor' as shown on UFO Coverup - Live last fall have further heightened my interest. They said the UFO in the Cash-Landrum incident on 29 December 1980 was an alien craft flown by Air Force pilots when it went out of control and nearly caused a catastrophe. Unfortunately, this is only a claim, as no proof of any kind has been given.

A similar claim was made in the May 30, 1989 issue of the EXAMINER where Clifford Stone reportedly revealed that "the United States established primitive communications with aliens" in 1959. He went on to say that a U.S. Air Force intelligence office met with two aliens in the New Mexico desert in 1964. Then in 1972 the program to test-fly a recovered alien craft got underway. Interesting, but again, no proof.

The latest issue of QUEST speaks of deals made with aliens giving them underground bases in trade for technology. It addresses meeting places, abductions, alien life forms, and treaties. The actual documents and eyewitness names are missing. So, what's new?

BRITISH TRISTAR ENCOUNTERS UFO

The May 1989 issue of the Lou Farish UFO Newsclipping Service carried two aircraft related UFO reports. The first was from the London STANDARD (March 22, 1989). It was the inaugural flight of the TriStar when pilot Bob Taylor told the passengers that the multicolored object they could see nearby was an unidentified flying object. The object vanished and then reappeared. The incident occurred as the British Island Airways jet was over Sardinia on its way back to Gatwick from Malta. The time of the sighting was 7 pm on 21 March. The London SUNDAY EXPRESS (March 26, 1989) explained the sighting as being the Northern Lights which are caused by unusual atmospheric conditions.

The second incident involved activities at the Bogota, Columbia International Airport. The JORNAL NOTICIAS (April 3, 1989) said the airport was placed in a state of alert after a UFO flew over it. Aircraft were diverted to other airports when the UFO was detected by radar and seen visually. The UFO may have been an airplane with its lights turned off.