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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Interplanetary News Service. As you know, this is our first issue. We are far from perfect, but are doing our best to please all our members out there.

The I.N.S. takes a firm stand that the saucers come from outer space. However, we open the pages of this bulletin to anyone who has something to say about saucers and related subjects.

This club was formed in order to bring the truth to the public on flying saucers. What with the Air Force's constant debunking of the UFOs (as they insist on calling the saucers), the public's only hope is through a group like ours which is run by civilians only.

We do not support any claims made by the so-called contactees, as they offer no evidence to support their fantastic stories.

With the help of all the members, this club will be worthwhile. We must strive to make our membership grow, for without members the truth cannot be spread.

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The Reality of the UFOs

by Ed Babcock, Director of NJAAP

The U.S. Air Force for years has been falsely debunking many UFO sightings by credible observers in order to hide the truth from the public. To the top brass of the Air Force they are serious business. To the public the UFOs are hoaxes and nonsense. The Air Force thinks the public should stick their head in the sand when the "saucers" are flying, and this agency seems to be providing the sand in ample amounts.

Before we tackle the evidence, it might be well to ask the question: "Why should the government withhold evidence pertaining to possible visitors from space? There are several reasons, and from one viewpoint they may be considered valid reasons, but from another they can be suggested as pointless if not actually mistaken.

Reason number one is perhaps one most often advanced, but most obnoxious to the individual; this is the necessity of "shielding" the man in the street from the results of his own panic and/or enabling the government to set up a defensive action in his behalf in case of inimical invasion from the skies. To the average American, this is like keeping the knowledge of the advance of the British from the Minutemen. It is an imposition upon his freedom to know what is going on; and an insult to his ability to control his emotions.

The second reason is one that comes under a new brand of thinking in military circles which is called "classification." In the event that anything might be a matter of military importance, it is classified until it has been sufficiently determined that it need not be kept secret. I suggest that anything classified should be instantly removed from such shrouding secrecy when it has not developed into an assured military matter, the knowledge of which could give aid and comfort to the enemy and constitute a real danger to us.

When we speak of governmental hiding of "saucer" facts, we must relegate it to a specific agency — the armed forces. The government itself, as a political agency, is not hiding facts from anybody. Quite the reverse, the political elements of the government are not being given the facts any more than is the public. The entire handling of release of information concerning UFOs is a military one. Is this justified? In my opinion, it is not. For 14 years, literally thousands of UFO sightings have been reported. The number would be in the millions if all of those who have sighted them made a report. You cannot query a hundred people and not find at least one who will admit that he also has seen "something."

To my knowledge, there are at least 100 books that have been published concerning "flying saucers." There have been many hundreds of magazine articles. There is no subject that has been more widely publicized and discussed in the past 14 years. In many of these books information far more important and factual has been published than has been "kept secret" in military files. Quite often the material so classified is available in published books in complete detail. There is no valid reason to continue the classification of such unsecret secrets.

What may some day be the greatest news story of all time began on the afternoon of June 23, 1947. A railroad engineer called the newspaper in

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to report that he had seen something very strange in the sky that day. "They looked like 10 shiny, disc-shaped things," he said. "They were very, very high, fluttering along in a string and pretty soon they vanished toward the northwest."

How fast were they going? Well, he guessed they might have been traveling 500 m.p.h. faster than any plane he had ever seen. Railroad engineers are not regarded by newspapers as authorities on aerial phenomena. His report made only a few lines on the news tickers and was dropped during the early-evening reports.

Next day the storm broke.

A Boise, Idaho businessman, Kenneth Arnold, was flying his own plane from Chehalis to Yakima, Washington. Before him in the distance something glinted in the sunshine. Between his plane and Mount Ranier he saw a string of nine shining, disc-like objects swerving back and forth over the mountains. Flat like pie pans, Arnold later told authorities. How fast were they? Veteran flier Arnold estimated their speed at 1,000 m.p.h. — or better.

That story hit the news wires with a crash and made the front pages from coast to coast. Before the night was over, Arnold's strange account had support: A Portland building contractor who knew nothing of the furor over Arnold's report, told authorities that while up in the Cascades during the day, he and his companions had watched six or more shiny disc-shaped things zooming overhead in unbelievable maneuvers. They noticed more than that, however, for while the objects were in the neighborhood the contractor reported that his compass wavered wildly.

In the ensuing week, reports of sightings poured in from all parts of the U.S., from Canada and Alaska and from ships at sea. The Air Force, charged with evaluating such reports, was plainly bewildered by the magnitude of the problem. The first official announcements stated that a check was being made on the reported sightings. A few days later, the Air Force made its initial backflip: On July 4, in an effort to reassure everyone, a statement was released to the press to the effect that the mystery had been solved; everyone was having hallucinations!

The Air Force brass could not have chosen a more transparent solution nor a worse day on which to release it. On that same day, thousands of perfectly sane citizens in Portland, Oregon, watched dozens of strange discs flip around in the skies at tremendous altitudes. Most conclusive of all was the experience of a United Airlines crew flying a passenger plane over Idaho. Captain E.J. Smith, co-pilot Ralph Stevens and other crew members watched five wingless discs move into the path of their plane, to be followed a few moments later by four more objects of identical form, which the fliers estimated to be about 100 feet in diameter and perhaps 20 feet thick at the center. The airliner crew watched them for 10 minutes before the discs suddenly accelerated and ran away from the big passenger plane.

It would, I think, have been far better for the Air Force to have admitted that they were aware of the implications and that they were seeking the answer, whatever it might be.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe declared: "The Air Force has secret motion pictures of flying saucers which prove they are interplanetary craft. These were taken July 2, 1952 by Navy warrant officer Delbert C. Newhouse, while the saucers maneuvered over Tremonton, Utah." Certain Air Force officers urged a press showing and a public statement, but, after a battle, this plan was killed by a group which believed it was not the public interest. The Utah film shows 16 bluish-white objects milling around in disorderly groups of fives and sixes against a blue background of sky. They appear round and oval-shaped, are fuzzy and not generally as bright as the objects in the Montana film, but occasionally a few of them brighten up considerably, as though they were self-luminous. After months of analysis by the Air Force and Navy photographic experts, it was officially concluded the saucers could not be aircraft of any known type

When a veteran jet fighter pilot's radar locks on a strange object and chases it at full speed for hundreds of miles before it eludes him, it hardly makes sense to tell that pilot and the public that he was chasing a weather balloon.

When a naval officer makes movies of several disc-shaped objects maneuvering in formation at speeds that were officially estimated to be in excess of 900 m.p.h., it is hard to accept the Air Force statement that the objects were only seagulls! Nature has done some wonderful things, but she has not yet developed a 900 m.p.h. bird of any kind.

The average man will shout "There ain't any such thing." States the Air Force: "Flying Saucers do not exist; there is no evidence for such belief." Nonetheless, these things which do not "exist" continue to show up on our radarscopes! They have been clocked at the fantastic speed of 42,000 m.p.h. in our atmosphere, which is dreadfully fast for a nothing that never was there. In the meantime we are spending huge sums trying to duplicate the performance of the objects whose existence we officially deny.

The Air Force uses the censoring technique which you might call the divide-and-conquer system. By several phoney explanations released in sequence, the public is misled in several directions before the case is dropped from headlines and forgotten. Here are two examples of the latest technique for dealing with UFO reports that the Air Force uses:

1. The first one is the "multiple explanation" type, designed to confuse the public by offering numerous conflicting solutions to cases which have attained widespread publicity.
2. The second is the "roundabout pressure" maneuver. In the case of the Monon Railroad crew who watched 4 white, disc-shaped UFOs maneuver around their train for 1 hour and 10 minutes, the pressure was applied through the officials of the railroad. In the case of Captain Peter Killian whose American Airlines plane was paced by 3 glittering disc-shaped craft all the way from Newark, N.J. to Detroit, Michigan the pressure came through the officials of American Airlines to the pilot and crew.

This keeps the Air Force behind the scenes. It is a refinement of their earlier policy of denying the existence of UFOs on one hand and openly telling credible witnesses not to talk about them on the other.

Case 2. In July, 1952, literally scores of UFOs were tracked by radar over Washington, D.C. When American craft came into the area the UFOs would leave. When the American craft left the area the UFOs returned. The discs exhibited fantastic speeds and maneuvers. Right angle turns were common. Radar experts held their breath as some of the UFOs hovered over the restricted White House, Capitol Building, and the Pentagon. The objects were seen by pilots in the air, personnel on the ground and radar at three different stations.

5. UFOs, not any type of astronomical phenomena, have been observed to operate in outer-space! This is a very blunt statement but the facts backing it up are numerous. Reprinted here is such an observation.

Witnesses were Don R. Carr and Seymour Gates, engineers for Convair, Jean Strawn, former Navy pilot, and Robert Maney, amateur astronomer. They observed the following on the night of May 12, 1952. Carr first sighted a "red trail" near the big dipper. After a couple of seconds they could see a small luminescent white circular object at the head of the red tail. It moved downward in a very erratic pattern, then levelled off. It made no sound and traveled in a westerly course at about 15,000 feet.

When observed through a six power telescope it appeared like a disc or sphere. It disappeared to the north only to reappear over the same route and maneuver over the city. There seemed to be a relationship between its speed and brightness. When accelerating it brightened considerably. It had a slight halo around it. The observers wrote "at all times it appeared under intelligent control."

The object's initial height was calculated at 117.5 miles by triangulation and its initial speed was 36,000 m.p.h. Observer Carr writes further: "So here we have an object coming from above the atmosphere at meteoric speed, levelling off, circling the city at least twice, soundlessly, and under intelligent control."

There is the evidence! The real "saucer" has been seen to operate in outer space. When this is combined with the rest of the documented material the conclusion seems inevitable.

In 1947, ATIC concluded, in a Top Secret Estimate of the Situation, that the flying saucers were interplanetary vehicles. This was publicly confirmed by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of the Air Force UFO project. High Air Force officials now deny the document ever existed. NICAP has documentary proof it was drawn up and classed Top Secret by ATIC, as Captain Ruppelt disclosed.

If the Air Force is to persist in its claims that the UFOs are non-existent then it can convince us by opening its investigation files to the public, something it repeatedly has refused to do in the past. If, as the Air Force is telling its own personnel, the UFOs constitute a menace to the security of this nation, then the people of this nation have every right to be told of what that menace consists of — and the Air Force has the obligation to tell them, without further delay or equivocation.

SAUCER CLUB NEWS

This section is devoted to all UFO clubs. Why not take advantage of this service? There is no charge!

said he could see windows in the object.

(A copy of the UFO RC can be obtained for \$.15; membership is \$2.00. Write to the address preceding this article.)

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Is There A Doctor In The House???

Throughout recorded history there has been a group of people called crackpots, lunatics, or some just plain nuts.

In most cases they are harmless, but in the case of those who have attached themselves to the UFO mystery they are not only harmful, but, if not held in check, they could very well destroy all serious scientific interest in the UFO's.

These crackpots belong to two groups: A) the so-called "contactees" and B) the followers of the former. In the latter group, this is not to say that all people who believe in the claims of the former group could be classed as crackpots themselves. On the contrary, some of the "contactee" believers are competent, scientific-minded, and otherwise realistic persons who have been duped by the eloquent speaking and pseudo-scientific lecturing of some of the more successful contactees.

Neither am I saying that the contactees are lunatics, either. Far from it! These people who claim to be—or have been in contact with people from other worlds are as sane as the average man. Saner!--For they have schemed up fantastic ideas and written books about their supposed exploits with the "space people." They are using sinister methods, have sold their books and articles. Some of the more successful contactees have made fortunes!!

I will not go into the claims of the contactees in this article. They are many and diversified. What I am trying to do in this article is to impress upon you, the reader, the dangers of the contactees. For these people are, at this very moment, threatening to destroy the good name UFOlogy has gradually built itself over the years through the fine work of NICAP, APRO, NJAAP, ROAP, and countless others.

Today, more serious interest than ever before is being given to the UFO mystery. Scientists, politicians, and other respectable citizens of the U.S. and many other countries are finally voicing an interest in the strange phenomena many of us have spent many years of our lives investigating. Are we going to let these contactees destroy all that we have built up?--Picture a congressional investigation into the UFO mystery. This is something most of us have worked, toiled and prayed for throughout UFOlogical history: serious official action. Wanting to get all viewpoints, this hypothetical congressional committee would need only to listen to the fairy-stories of a contactee and they would laugh themselves sick.

The obvious question now is: What can we do about the contactees and their followers? The answer is we must give an all-out effort to expose the fraud that is the contactee. If we expose the contactee himself, his followers will soon see him for what he is and drop him. However, let me again caution you: THE CONTACTEE IS A GRAVE AND TERRIBLE THREAT TO ORGANIZED UFOLOGY. Let's unite to destroy the common enemy, for just the thought of what the contactee could do, if left unrepressed, makes me sick. Is there a doctor in the house?

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