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For UFO researchers, and especially those interested in UFO history, the internet is a treasure trove. There are many, easily accessible archives online, with [Archive.org](#), and [Archives for the Unexplained](#) being two of the main go-to sites. There is also a lot of material available thanks to researchers who preserved it on their sites during periods of active research and investigation, and the material remains despite many having ceased any major activity. Two examples are the websites left behind (and looked after by caring former members) by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the Center for UFO Studies. Among the archived material can be found articles on UFO incidents clipped out of newspapers. These were gathered, in many cases, by individual researchers in the area of a UFO incident, or through the efforts of a network of members of some of the larger organizations, such as NICAP and CUFOS. Then, in 1969, a young UFO enthusiast took it upon himself to start a news-clipping service devoted to UFOs and other

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ufo news clipping service by charles

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for ufo researchers and especially those

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interested in ufo history the internet

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is a treasure trove there are many

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easily accessible archives online with

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periods of active research and

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investigation and the material remains

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despite many having ceased any major

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activity two examples are the websites

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left behind and looked after by caring

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former members by the national

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,119

investigations committee on aerial

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00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:14,080

phenomena and the center for ufo studies

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00:01:18,789 --> 00:01:16,320

among the archived material can be found

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00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:18,799

articles on ufo incidents clipped out of

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00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:21,119

newspapers these were gathered in many

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00:01:25,510 --> 00:01:23,520

cases by individual researchers in the

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00:01:27,350 --> 00:01:25,520

area of the ufo incident were through

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00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:27,360

the efforts of a network of members of

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:29,600

some of the larger organizations such as

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00:01:36,390 --> 00:01:33,920

nycap and kufos then in 1969 a young ufo

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00:01:39,030 --> 00:01:36,400

enthusiast took it upon himself to start

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:39,040

a news clipping service devoted to ufos

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00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:41,680

and other things for teen he copied cut

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00:01:46,149 --> 00:01:43,840

and pasted the clippings to put together

33

00:01:49,109 --> 00:01:46,159

a monthly publication available by

34

00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:49,119

subscription appropriately named the ufo

35

00:01:53,190 --> 00:01:51,119

news clipping service according to

36

00:01:56,310 --> 00:01:53,200

wikipedia the first news clipping

37

00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:56,320

service was started in london in 1852

38

00:02:00,789 --> 00:01:58,880

actors musicians artists and writers

39

00:02:03,510 --> 00:02:00,799

came into the shop of a polish news

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00:02:05,190 --> 00:02:03,520

agent named romaic looking for reviews

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00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:05,200

and news articles about themselves and

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00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:07,680

their work romaniac realized he could

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00:02:11,670 --> 00:02:09,599

turn this into a business

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00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,680

since then news clipping services

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00:02:15,990 --> 00:02:13,599

developed that cater to all sorts of

46

00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:16,000

interests and those existing today tend

47

00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,160

to cater to companies interested in news

48

00:02:22,630 --> 00:02:20,239

about their particular brand of goods or

49

00:02:24,949 --> 00:02:22,640

services that news clippings could be an

50

00:02:28,630 --> 00:02:24,959

important source of information on ufo

51  
00:02:31,110 --> 00:02:28,640  
cases was recognized in 1952 by captain

52  
00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:31,120  
edward j rupelt who is then revitalizing

53  
00:02:35,430 --> 00:02:33,519  
the air force's ufo investigation that

54  
00:02:37,750 --> 00:02:35,440  
was in transition from operating his

55  
00:02:39,910 --> 00:02:37,760  
project grudge to operating his project

56  
00:02:43,030 --> 00:02:39,920  
blue book rupelt tells the reader in

57  
00:02:45,270 --> 00:02:43,040  
chapter 10 of his 1956 book the report

58  
00:02:47,670 --> 00:02:45,280  
on unidentified flying objects that he

59  
00:02:49,350 --> 00:02:47,680  
suggested to a superior that they use a

60  
00:02:51,670 --> 00:02:49,360  
news clipping service and that is

61  
00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:51,680  
superior like the idea

62  
00:02:56,070 --> 00:02:54,160  
according to rupelt newspapers sometimes

63  
00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:56,080

got reports that didn't go to the air

64

00:03:01,430 --> 00:02:59,120

force repelled ads newspaper reporters

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00:03:03,430 --> 00:03:01,440

rival any intelligence officer when it

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00:03:05,589 --> 00:03:03,440

comes to digging up the facts and there

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00:03:07,589 --> 00:03:05,599

was always a possibility that they would

68

00:03:10,550 --> 00:03:07,599

uncover and print something that we'd

69

00:03:14,070 --> 00:03:10,560

missed for tian and ufo researcher john

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00:03:16,309 --> 00:03:14,080

keel author of the 1975 book the mothman

71

00:03:18,309 --> 00:03:16,319

prophecies was known to have used news

72

00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:18,319

clipping services in his work as a

73

00:03:22,710 --> 00:03:20,400

journalist and a reporter specializing

74

00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:22,720

in fortean subject matter according to

75

00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:25,760

his friend lauren coleman in a 2009

76

00:03:30,070 --> 00:03:27,840

obituary coleman wrote after keele's

77

00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:30,080

death keel subscribed to several news

78

00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:32,560

clipping services coleman reports that

79

00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:35,200

keel would sometimes get 150 clippings

80

00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:39,760

in a single day during a 1966 1967 ufo

81

00:03:44,309 --> 00:03:42,159

flap this must have been expensive and

82

00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:44,319

time consuming for keel and others who

83

00:03:48,789 --> 00:03:46,640

made use of multiple services but an

84

00:03:52,949 --> 00:03:48,799

alternative was just a couple of years

85

00:03:55,030 --> 00:03:52,959

away roderick dyke was 17 in 1969 and

86

00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,040

was the director of the ufo research

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,280

committee even at that young age he was

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00:04:01,750 --> 00:03:59,599

an active investigator one case he

89

00:04:04,229 --> 00:04:01,760

looked into that year involved a film of

90

00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:04,239

ufos captured by a vallejo junior

91

00:04:09,509 --> 00:04:07,360

college student in 1958 documents

92

00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:09,519

related to the case dating back to march

93

00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:11,040

1969

94

00:04:15,589 --> 00:04:13,519

are preserved online at the nycap site

95

00:04:17,749 --> 00:04:15,599

these include dyke's correspondence

96

00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:17,759

regarding the film on stationery with

97

00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:20,639

the ufo rc letterhead there is a letter

98

00:04:24,710 --> 00:04:22,639

to the student clifford de lacy

99

00:04:27,830 --> 00:04:24,720

discussing analysis of the film and

100

00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:27,840

another to dr robert m l baker regarding

101  
00:04:31,830 --> 00:04:30,000  
his use of the film in an american

102  
00:04:34,790 --> 00:04:31,840  
association for the advancement of

103  
00:04:36,950 --> 00:04:34,800  
science presentation in may of that year

104  
00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:36,960  
dyke put out the very first issue of the

105  
00:04:41,350 --> 00:04:39,199  
ufo news clipping service under the

106  
00:04:44,070 --> 00:04:41,360  
typewritten title monthly clipping

107  
00:04:45,510 --> 00:04:44,080  
service dyke informs his subscribers

108  
00:04:47,510 --> 00:04:45,520  
that there are only eight of them at the

109  
00:04:50,070 --> 00:04:47,520  
moment and that he needs at least two

110  
00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:50,080  
more to continue from this issue until

111  
00:04:55,189 --> 00:04:52,639  
issue 89 the publication is under the

112  
00:04:57,830 --> 00:04:55,199  
umbrella of the ufo research committee

113  
00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:57,840

with issue number 90 the publication was

114

00:05:02,629 --> 00:04:59,919

under the umbrella of the clearinghouse

115

00:05:05,670 --> 00:05:02,639

for ufo news and information issue

116

00:05:08,150 --> 00:05:05,680

number one consists of 15 photocopied

117

00:05:10,390 --> 00:05:08,160

pages filled with clippings many from

118

00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:10,400

other clipping services never before

119

00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:13,440

published 1969 ufo statistics from

120

00:05:18,150 --> 00:05:15,520

project blue book and three pages of

121

00:05:19,749 --> 00:05:18,160

historic clippings from 1947 which

122

00:05:21,590 --> 00:05:19,759

include two that mentioned kenneth

123

00:05:23,510 --> 00:05:21,600

arnold's sighting it's an amateur

124

00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:23,520

looking publication but throughout the

125

00:05:27,990 --> 00:05:25,360

years it takes on a more professional

126

00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:28,000

look in the first issue dyke thanks an

127

00:05:31,749 --> 00:05:29,680

associate who provided him with

128

00:05:33,830 --> 00:05:31,759

clippings from australia and in the

129

00:05:35,990 --> 00:05:33,840

second he thanks a contributor who

130

00:05:37,510 --> 00:05:36,000

provided clippings from canada and one

131

00:05:38,390 --> 00:05:37,520

can see the beginnings of a network

132

00:05:41,270 --> 00:05:38,400

forming

133

00:05:43,510 --> 00:05:41,280

in 1977 according to the supplement

134

00:05:46,070 --> 00:05:43,520

written by david marlar and included in

135

00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:46,080

the 40th anniversary issue dyke started

136

00:05:50,230 --> 00:05:47,840

looking for someone to take over his

137

00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:50,240

editor and that person ended up being

138

00:05:55,029 --> 00:05:52,960

lucius farish ferris took over with

139

00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:55,039

issue 99 while dike remained as a

140

00:05:59,350 --> 00:05:57,039

contributor at this point there is no

141

00:06:01,670 --> 00:05:59,360

umbrella entity named and the ufo news

142

00:06:04,230 --> 00:06:01,680

clipping surface stands on its own

143

00:06:06,150 --> 00:06:04,240

farish was a long time ufo researcher

144

00:06:08,469 --> 00:06:06,160

and in addition to being the editor of

145

00:06:10,550 --> 00:06:08,479

the ufo news clipping service farish

146

00:06:13,270 --> 00:06:10,560

became the organizer and host of the

147

00:06:16,950 --> 00:06:13,280

ozark ufo conference in eureka springs

148

00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:16,960

arkansas in 2007 the responsibility of

149

00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:19,680

taking on both tasks became too much and

150

00:06:24,230 --> 00:06:22,000

in december farish passed editorship

151

00:06:27,189 --> 00:06:24,240

responsibilities back to dyke who

152

00:06:29,430 --> 00:06:27,199

carried on in that role until 2009. by

153

00:06:32,070 --> 00:06:29,440

this time dike no longer had to cut and

154

00:06:34,550 --> 00:06:32,080

pace by hand as home computers had long

155

00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:34,560

since become ubiquitous in december of

156

00:06:39,590 --> 00:06:37,759

2008 dyke emailed david marlar telling

157

00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:39,600

him he was on a very short list of

158

00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:41,759

people he'd like to take over for him

159

00:06:45,430 --> 00:06:43,520

the two had been in touch for several

160

00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:45,440

years through correspondence and

161

00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:47,120

exchanging buying and selling

162

00:06:53,670 --> 00:06:50,160

ufo-related memorabilia marlar describes

163

00:06:56,629 --> 00:06:53,680

both himself and dyke as avid collectors

164

00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:56,639

marlar took over his editor in 2009 with

165

00:07:02,629 --> 00:06:59,680

issue 407 marlar kept the publication

166

00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:02,639

going until 2011 and put out the final

167

00:07:08,710 --> 00:07:06,080

issue number 505 in august of that year

168

00:07:10,950 --> 00:07:08,720

on the first page of issue 505 there is

169

00:07:13,510 --> 00:07:10,960

a message from dyke dyke sums up the

170

00:07:15,749 --> 00:07:13,520

history of the over 44 year run of the

171

00:07:17,909 --> 00:07:15,759

ufo news clipping service and tells the

172

00:07:19,990 --> 00:07:17,919

reader that in that time over ten

173

00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:20,000

thousand pages were printed containing

174

00:07:23,589 --> 00:07:21,919

over thirty thousand clippings he

175

00:07:25,110 --> 00:07:23,599

emphasizes that there was no

176

00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:25,120

editorializing throughout the

177

00:07:29,670 --> 00:07:27,360

publication's history according to

178

00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:29,680

marlar the ufo news clipping service

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00:07:34,710 --> 00:07:32,160

subscribers list was a veritable who's

180

00:07:37,270 --> 00:07:34,720

who of ufology which is a testament adds

181

00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:37,280

to its value among ufo researchers while

182

00:07:41,430 --> 00:07:39,120

the service is no longer available to

183

00:07:43,029 --> 00:07:41,440

investigators of contemporary cases

184

00:07:44,790 --> 00:07:43,039

every issue of the publication is

185

00:07:46,950 --> 00:07:44,800

available online for historical

186

00:07:56,770 --> 00:07:46,960

researchers just the thing for good