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[U.S. Air Force](#), [Kenneth Arnold](#), [Gordon Cooper](#), [Donald Keyhoe](#), [NASA](#), [Willy Smith](#).\*)

## Topics

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## Print References

Books available through our catalog

- [Hidden Files: Law Enforcement's True Case Stories of the Unexplained and Paranormal](#): UFO chases police helicopter in Louisville, KY, on Feb. 28, 1993, p.91-97
- [The UFO Evidence](#): Chapter on Air Force observations prior to 1964, p 19-27; Chapter on sightings by pilots & aviation experts prior to 1964, p 33-47 [gc]
- [Project Blue Book](#): Official reports on 10/1/1948 pilot sighting over Fargo, ND, by Air Natl Guard Lt. George

## Past Events

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- **1926.09:** [1926 Utah Aircraft Encounter](#)+ (34 lines) - Message - Event: 9/1926 - Published: 9/22/97 - Source: UFO UpDates (Mailing List) [Posted by Jan Aldrich] - Salt Lake City, UT, US <9/22/97 #35>
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- **1947.07.04:** [The Pacific NW's Own Independence Day, July 4, 1947](#) - UFO/Aircraft Encounter by the a United Airlines airplane. - By Greg Long - Event: 7/4/47 - Published: 6/1/97 - Source: [Secret Study/Pacific Harbor](#) (Web Site) - Emmett, ID, US <6/2/97 #23>
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- **1956.11.14:** [November 1956 -- 40 Years Ago \(CPT Hull Report\)](#) - Former UFO skeptic, airline CAPT. W. J. Hull, reported a UFO over Alabama. (Contained in a summary of 1956 UFO reports.) - By Robert Gribble - Event: 11/14/56 - Source: NUFORC - AL, US <3/8/97 #14>
- **1957.07.17:** [Air Force Observations of a UFO in So-Central US, 7-17-57](#) - Dr. McDonald research into the RB-47 sighting from USAF records, the Condon Report, and personal interviews. - Article - By Dr. James E. McDonald - Event: 7/17/57 - Published: 7/71 - Source: Aeronautics & Astronautics (Magazine), Page 67-70 - South-Central, US <6/17/97 #26>
- **1966.11.29:** [November 1966 UFO Reports](#) - Pilot sighted what looked like a "flying butane tank." - By Robert Gribble - Event: 11/29/66 - Source: [National UFO Report Center](#) (Web Site) - Mt. Shasta, CA, US <5/3/97 #16>
- **1976.09.19:** [Iranian Pilot Sightings](#) - Information obtained from US Gov't by FOIA - Event: 9/19/76 - IR <2/2/97 Imported #38>
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- **1994.02.27:** [Canadian CIRVIS Report](#) - An official Canadian government released CIRVIS report of a pilot sighting in 1994. - Supportive - Event: 2/27/94 - CA <3/4/97 #10>
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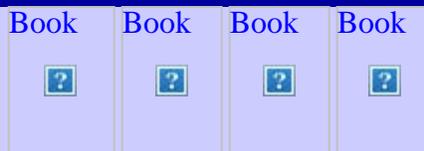
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"ACUFOE incidents reported by military, airline and private pilots and aircrews from locations all around the world are compile into this ongoing catalog effort. Weinstein has access to the extensive files of the respected French Journal, Lumieres dans la Nuit, which cover 40 years of UFO investigations. Over a score of other researchers from all over the globe contributed to this project."
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