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Re: Intelligence Agencies and NICAP

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> For instance the civilians could
> >be used as a sort of ground observation corps to catch activity
> >that might be missed through more sophisticated surveillance
> >methods.

> >Everybody knows the value of having people in the field to
> >gather raw data.

> Well, the events after the "so-called NICAP take over do
> not bear this out.

> Ed, you are quite correct. Many years ago (approximately 1984-85)
> I was told by Mr A. Mathewson, then head of Defence Secretariat 8
> (DS8) that his office (now Secretariat Air Staff 2A - the MoDs
> 'UFO Desk') were particularly interested in receiving UFO reports
> from members of the public, police and coastguards etc, at coastline
> locations.

> This was because unusual lights out to sea or just inland could be
> an indicator that illegal smuggling was taking place. I've never
> forgotten those remarks and have repeated them during numerous
> lectures to bring balance to the debate. I'm convinced that what
> was seen as a prudent policy then, exists today, although currently
> the only means available to pass on verbal reports to the MoD is by
> way of answerphone.

> It's ironic that since the demise of the Royal Observer Corps, the eyes of

Of the three observer organizations, the Royal Observer Corps,
US Aircraft Warning Service (AWS)-Ground Observer Corps (ca 1940 to
1944) and the Ground Observer Corps (GOC) (ca 1950 to 1957 (1958
in Canada)), the Royal Observer Corps was the most successful and
most respected. I would urge UK researchers to try to find

the records of the ROC.

Some US GOC UFO reports are in the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron (AISS) UFO records. But certainly not the hundreds that the Civil Defense Directors in Delaware and Baltimore, Maryland talk about in press stories in 1954. Carl Fiendt has reviewed huge amounts of state records in Delaware looking for GOC logs or National Guard records to confirm these news stories. So far no luck.

Unfortunately many GOC observers reported stars and planets as unidentifieds. The 4602d AISS had no respect for the GOC.

Some minor references I have say that the AWS had many observer reports that were never identified--about 30%. I received a report from a former AWS observer on the West Coast. In the Summer of 1943 she was a young girl and on duty with an adult. On their shift they had never seen a thing. One morning they saw a cigar-shaped object which they reported. They saw it again some days later. The filter center personnel angrily told them they had recieved numerous reports of the object, they didn't know what it was, but not to report it again. Great!! Sound like confirmation of the lead. I have about four AWS UFO-like sightings.

My experience in Connecticut and North Carolina indicates that AWS files and records may exist in the state Civil Defense records for the War World II period.

> amateur astronomers and UFO enthusiasts have to be relied upon to

In the early 1950's Hynek tried to organized a fireball/UFO reporting network using amateur astronomers and the GOC Filter Centers. While he was promised cooperation, he had only minor success.

> report the bulk of unusual aerial activity here in the UK.

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich

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