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Govt(s) UFO Document Archives (was Movie U.F.O.)

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> Date: Fri, 06 Jun 1997 22:34:53 -0400
> From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
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> > Date: Thu, 05 Jun 1997 16:07:18 -0700
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> > Gary has kindly donated copies of all his research and all
> > his UFO files for use at the proposed Government UFO Document
> > Archives.
> > Best regards,

> > Jan Aldrich

> > Project 1947

> Jan,

> Could you post some additional information on the project for the
> proposed Government UFO Document Archives to the list.

> Thanks,

> Gary Alevy
> Okay, Gary, happy to oblige:

Some information was previously posted on the Project 1947 and Current Encounters Lists. Since it has now passed on to other lists here is some of basic information from the first post (slightly edited):

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"There is interested in founding a repository of government and other serious material. Material gathered in the course of Project 1947 will be the core of this archives. The archives as proposed would proceed in phases.

"First is finding a storage place for which little or no rent will be charged. Utilities and common area fees could probably be funded. Within 20 miles of my location in Connecticut there are all kinds of malls and office space which is empty. As the archives would be tax-exempt. The

donation by a land lord could be a tax write off.

"Second phase would be to gather additional material and equipment. Just about any type of office equipment would be welcome. Copiers, old computers, microfilm reader-printers, filing cabinets, bookcases, chairs, tables, etc. would be welcome. Once again, donations of this equipment would be tax deductible. UFO material could be donated also for a tax write off. Cast off filing material from businesses or other tax exempt organizations would be welcome. The tax-exempt UFO organizations do not know how to 'beg' for such material.

"The archives would do research for a fee and continue to acquire material. It is hoped that it could be at least partially self funding, but will not be able to stand without some patrons.

"Finally, in the last phase, the archives would be open to the public with a part-time staff and some volunteers.

"The final location is not determined. Ideally, the final location would be at an archives or university. However, as an interim solution, it will be established and expanded privately by a tax exempt body.

"Some informal work has been done towards these goals. Ed Steward, Loren Gross, others, and I have pool all microfilm of government and other material we had. Many microfilm rolls were one of a kind and no longer existed in government archives. All microfilm was duplicated so it now exists in more than one location.

"Comments are welcome of this project.

"Some parts of this effort are effective now--today. There is modest funding available *now* here and overseas for research to acquire government UFO documents. For example FUFOR can not pay a salary, but expenses such as food, lodging, copying, and travel can be funded for such research. There is money for existing government document collections which might be costly for the owners to copy and send to the proposed archives."

" Additionally, some people who want to donate all or part of their ufo collections, have been told there is no storage space available at present UFO organizations. Now, there is storage available, right now. Donations of such material could be tax deductible.

"Also, there is money available to copy such material for a modest fee; so it would be available for the archives. We want to try to prevent the additional loss of valuable material."

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Since this post, several likely locations for interim and finally sites have been found. It is felt that all documents should be transfered to CD-ROM, and then the documents retired to an educational or other such institution. In the meantime someone who can catalog and work on them is required for a custodian. Once again, there are several people who are good candidates.

For about two year an informal effort towards this proposed archives have gone forward. Other developments are in the "laps of the gods" right now. So I cannot be more specific. A number of people who are also interested in such a proposal have donated or loaned significant UFO material both government and otherwise.

This is not my idea. However, I support it. Significant material was gathered for such an archives in the course of Project 1947.

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich

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