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### P-1947: MUFON Accomplishments

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Jan Aldrich wrote:

>Date: Thu, 27 Aug 1998 09:04:11 -0700  
>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@CYBERZONE.NET](mailto:jan@CYBERZONE.NET)>  
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>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@JPS.NET](mailto:larryhat@JPS.NET)>  
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>Hi Larry,

><snip>

>>I don't want to enter this debate.

>>I must add, however that the Mufon UFO Journal, with one of the  
>>longest runs in a spotty publishing world, has provided me and  
>>my \*U\* UFO Database with no less than 1005 sightings as the  
>>primary source .. some 5.8% .. which is pretty considerable.

>>Only one or two other sources (books/journals etc.) have  
>>contributed more, out of a list of hundreds.

>>The MJ is credited as a secondary source for an additional  
>>383 listings. My biggest complaint is that an awful lot (or so  
>>I hear) of very good reports lie hidden somewhere in Texas,  
>>and never saw the light of day in the MJ or anywhere else.

>Larry, you would probably be surprised. I visited MUFON after  
>the Austin Symposium. They did have large amount of  
>reports--filed by location, then by date--but not as many as I  
>would have thought. They did not have many for 1952 and before,  
>the time I was interested in for that visit. Appearances are  
>deceiving.

>I think much of the material is decentralized and not  
>necessarily at Seguin. (See the earlier post about Georgia  
>sightings.)

>One fatal error that Walt made was turning down George Fawcett's  
>collection. ("I don't want these scrapbook and all those  
>clippings. Just junk.") Talk about infuriating mistakes this  
>one is a whopper. George's collections contain many reports--no  
>just clippings--from the time before MUFON. Fawcett's early  
>report forms were inadequate, and they were hardly worth  
>anything unless people wrote additional details one the back,  
>which many people did. Fawcett's collections would have nearly  
>doubled the material on hand at Seguin and Walt could have sold

>off the books, magazines and other material and used the  
>proceeds for the MUFON treasury. A big mistake! Certainly not  
>an effort to preserve useful material.

>>Best wishes

>>- Larry Hatch

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Jan: Thank you for your timely post.

I had gotten quite a different impression from someone once  
close to the inaction there .. lots of good reports held back  
from the UFO community at large for various petty reasons.

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