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### P-1947: MUFON -- Its Death

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I started subscribing to MUFON's 'Journal' (so-called) in 1975. It was riddled with typos, so I told them to fix it. Over the years the so-called JOURNAL (not really a journal) progressed and improved somewhat.

With the Ed Walter's lie and Bruce Maccabee joining the lie for \$20,000 from the sale of Walter's book in 1986 or 1987, MUFON was pretty much dead in my mind.

I called Walt Andrus once about my work regarding the lights at Yakima. I mentioned Persinger's theory to explain lights as result of earthquake strain. Andrus ridiculed me and Persinger. (I don't subscribe to Persinger's theory.) I was doing field investigation for Andrus at the time. So I said, "Why work for a man who ridicules me."

I ended up later speaking with Andrus twice more. He told me in one conversation that he had been driving home from seeing Hal Starr in Arizona and stopped at Marfa, Texas, where, amazingly, he said, he pulled off into the viewing area and saw a ball of light hovering near a radio tower. With my interest in balls of light, I asked him for a report and interview. He mumbled, "No, it's not important.."

So much for science.

Then, I spoke one final time about three years ago. He was into Budd Hopkins' farce of the high-rise abductions ("data" that comes to the researcher in plain brown wrappers). He was really pumped. He said that Hopkins had just met some big U.N. cheese in an airport but couldn't reveal his name--apparently a witness. It was obvious to me that Andrus was out of it.

Here's a thought: 5,000 MUFON subscribers times \$25 a year's subscription equals \$125,000. Throw in sale of 500 symposium proceedings at \$25 a piece, we get \$12,500. Total: \$137,500 a year. Take out 30% taxes, we get \$92,500. 'Course, MUFON is educational/organizational; who knows what Walt's real profits are. So, Walt pulls in nearly ONE HUNDRED THOU a year. MUFON's been around for 30 years. Walt's made a million bucks probaby. And the guy can't buy a fuggin computer for \$2,000 bucks. Gimme a fuggin break.

Walt wrote me a note or two over the years ON MY OWN LETTER, and sent it back. Guy can't afford fuggin stationary.

I spoke to several MUFON people over the year. Walt's a tightwad. Remember he runs the "operation" out of his house.

In addition, all data goes in, nothin' comes out.

MUFON is a UFO club, nothing more. It has no actual scientific validity.

I stopped "working" for Walt years ago. He struck me as a kindly old fool. He did a service for ufology by collecting reports and sticking them in his garage. He's not a scientist. Just an old guy who's on the ropes. His days, and his era, are numbered.

Thanks Walt for a couple of interesting cases you published. But so long, podner, it's thu las' roundup...

My next missive will deal with the death of Roswell.

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