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\*\*\* Buildup To 1968; The Age Of Zamora \*\*\*

Thirty years ago this month I was a freshman in college and what I call The Age Of Zamora was nearly four years old. Public interest in (and even fear of) UFOs was still very high, though not as high as it had been earlier, say in the summer of 1966, in the wake of Allen Hynek's "swamp gas" blunder.

The year 1968 would see full-blown Congressional hearings concerning UFOs, and full-blown PhDs would testify, at length, as to the reality and significance of UFOs. But it did not matter as the Condon Commission report (which everyone was already waiting for as 1968 began) would put the kabosh on UFOs in a big way at the end of 1969. The Congress was shown to have no real power where UFOs were concerned. No, that power, if any, resided in the executive and with the military, and that was the end of that.

Dr. James McDonald had already found that out, having been shown the report of the Robertson Committee, which had met back in 1953. That group, made up of several scientists with strong connections to the CIA and NSA, recommended that the UFO be debunked in public, and it had been made so. By the time of the Zamora incident in 1964, the UFO had been nearly dead for a decade, only a brief flap in 1957 having broken the relative silence, at least here in the USA.

I well remember 1964, but not for Zamora. What I still remember from that year are the build-up in Vietnam, the first of the big 1960s race riots and, finally, the Presidential election: Goldwater vs. Johnson. As for UFOs, the big run-up would begin in February of 1965, in New England, and spread in a huge wave to most of the country by the summer. By July of '65 UFOs were front page news yet again.

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