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The Build-Up To 1968; The Age Of Zamora

The late summer of 1965 saw one of the best known of all U.S. UFO cases, the Texas incident in which a police officer noticed that an injury had been instantly healed after a close encounter with a UFO. Four years later, in Vietnam, I would speak with another soldier whose father was a close friend of this officer. Two days after the incident, the officer in question came to dinner at my informant's house and spoke a little about his run-in with a UFO. He could not hold a cup of coffee without spilling it, so upset was he during the retelling of the event.

Also in the late summer began the Exeter series of sightings which would lead to John Fuller's great book 'Incident At Exeter'. The fall of 1965 would also see the Kecksburg incident and the huge power failures in the northeast, which some said were UFO related. But the biggest flap of all was waiting for 1966, in the spring, in Gerald Ford's Congressional District in Michigan. This flap would hit the mass media so hard, and the "swamp gas" foul-up would hold the government up to such ridicule, that in the end the Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara, would have to make a public statement. In the background, inside the Beltway, the Air Force's Science Advisory Committee, Sagan a member, made a recommendation, one that led to the O'Brien Committee, which then led to Condon.

Strong medicine was needed because, as Keyhoe said, "Public fear of UFOs is at an all-time high." By the fall, Dr. McDonald was using the 'CIA-word' and causing great consternation in secret places, and at Lake Wanaque, N.J., just 50 miles from Manhattan, a spectacular series of UFO sightings took place. Then, early in 1967, McDonald was shown the Robertson Report, an event which helped launch him on a personal crusade to end UFO secrecy once and for all. His campaign picked up great resonance when, in the summer, 'Ramparts' magazine blew the CIA's cover on dozens of domestic spying operations.

Then, in the very late summer, in September, came the Snippy case, the first-ever animal mutilation, which was hugely played in 'Life Magazine'. How well I remember this, and how it made me sick to my stomach. What could this be about, I thought! But no one had any idea. And today, more than three decades later, do we know any more about any of this than we did then? And if not, why not?

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