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A STATEMENT TO OUR READERS

As I announced last issue, there indeed have been changes in the editorship of UFO MAGAZINE NEWS BULLETIN. Robert S. Easley, editor of the popular "middle ufology" journal UFOLOGICAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS, has "joined forces" with this writer in combining our two publications into the one you now hold in your hand. At the outset let me promise you that Bob and I both have plans in the works to make our combined effort much more timely than it presently is, and to expand our size from our present four pages. This is where you readers can help - please send us any clippings of recent UFO cases from your local area that we might follow up on, and by all means let us know what you want to read in these pages.

To those of you who were around the ufology scene in the sixties, you may well remember that Bob and myself had a publication of the same name for several years. The old BULLETIN (published as a supplement to my old UFO MAGAZINE) was really a fun thing to do because we have always worked well together. We plan for similar things with this publication, because we both feel that you independent "middle ufologists" are the key to the whole ufology movement. With your support and participation we just might be able to show the more and more monolithic "big" UFO groups, and those "scientific" elitests too, that they haven't cornered the market on UFO research.

What do you think? Let's hear from you, after all that's why we like to share our thoughts and ideas with you....

Rick Hilberg

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Happy Days Are Here Again (with apologies to Yellen and Ager)
by Robert S. Easley

Yes, happy days are here again. Look at the local book stores for proof: Hynek and Vallee's Edge of Reality, Keel's The Eighth Tower, Vallee's Invisible College and Greenfield's Saucers and Saucerers. Newsstand magazines which are new include ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS and UFOLOGY, the official publication of the International UFO Registry.

Other recent books and the major magazines - such as OFFICIAL UFO and BEYOND REALITY - have all helped greatly to bring back memories of the days of the early and mid-sixties when UFOs and flying saucers were common household words.

Right now the UFO field is experiencing a major wave of very favorable publicity. No longer do we have a Project Blue Book to tell us that the UFOs are stars twinkling through broken clouds or weather balloons (traveling against the wind). Instead, we have men like Stanton Friedman saying UFOs are interplanetary spaceships, Dr. Hynek saying we can't ignore the possible implications behind the many close encounter cases, and Lucius Farish saying "...studies of cases involving landings and occupants should be given top priority."

Some of the cases that have helped change the picture today include the Pascagoula, Mississippi and Travis Walton abduction incidents, the alleged landing of a strange object in a New York City park, the Zeta Reticuli Incident involving the Fish - Hill map and the hundreds of sightings made by law enforcement officers all over the nation.

The Center for UFO Studies presently has over four thousand police departments alerted to send in reports of UFOs. Project Starlight International, headed by Ray Stanford, has set up a fantastic array of scientific equipment in the hopes of obtaining "raw data" on UFOs. These two groups and their hard working volunteers are a definite "shot in the arm" to the UFO movement.

Ufologists from days gone by are getting back into the publishing business with assorted newsletters and journals. These people include James W. Moseley, Gray Barker and John J. Robinson. We welcome these people back with open arms, as their thoughts and ideas have always been highly respected.

These people can help lead us through the impregnable maze known as Ufology; with it's many doorways having such titles as ETH, Alternate Reality, Dimensional Fault Zones, Parapsychological implications, Land of Fairies and the Little People, Ancient Astronauts, MIB, Dero and Tero, Hollow Earth, etc. etc. etc. The list goes on and on.

Despite the many factions within the UFO field, we are at the point now where we should all begin working toward a common goal. That common goal, of course, is finding a solution to the UFO enigma!

Let us all forget our petty differences and stupid arguments and begin working together and helping each other. We have the momentum, publicity and public thinking on our side. Let's not blow this chance now that we've finally gotten it!

Happy days are here again, and what better way to celebrate in this Bicentennial Year than to give the world and it's population an answer to the UFO mystery.

Well, can we do it gang? It's up to all of us to give it one hell of a try!

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Quarterly Quote, from Dr. Robert H. Goddard to H.G. Wells in 1932: "Aiming at the stars, both literally and figuratively, is a problem to occupy generations, so that no matter how much progress one makes, there is always the thrill of just beginning."

RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

by Rick R. Hilberg

Hynek Investigates North Dakota Contact Case

A Fargo, North Dakota woman claims that she and two others were abducted by an alien creature last August and "dissected like frogs," the director of the Center for UFO Studies says.

"She claims to have been abducted," said Dr. Hynek. "I said claims."

Sandy Larson, 32, said she, her daughter Jackie, 15, and Jackie's boyfriend were taken aboard a UFO which landed near Fargo last August 26th and were given a complete medical examination. Hynek was present in Fargo during the month of January when Mrs. Larson was hypnotized and questioned about the incident.

Mrs. Larson said that they were driving on a highway, some 40 miles west of Fargo, when they heard a loud noise and saw "a series of eight to ten glowing, round objects lined up in the sky, descending toward earth."

Frightened, she stopped the car. After the objects disappeared, she drove to a nearby service station and discovered it was an hour later than she thought.

Under hypnosis, Mrs. Larson said a creature "with elastic bandages for a head, or elastic bandages around its head" subjected her and her daughter's boyfriend to "a complete medical exam...stripped naked and all parts of the body examined...even our heads were opened and all parts of our brains looked at...we were dissected like frogs."

UFO Sighted over Eglin AFB, Florida (1 / 31 / 76)

Eglin Air Force Base was all in a military "flap" over an object that officials say didn't show up on the base radar screens or in some forty photographs taken in hopes of recording an image of the mysterious object.

The UFO hovered over the east end of Duke Field for almost two hours, officials said, giving off a blueish-green color and trailing a light vapor exhaust.

A military policeman was the first to report sighting the object while making his rounds at about 4:35 A.M. It was visible until the first light, about 7:00 A.M., according to Lt. Steve Phalen of the Eglin Information Office.

An Air Force policeman said the object appeared to be the size of a C-130 cargo plane or a Boeing 707, the base said. About a half-dozen people reportedly saw the object.

Phalen said base radar operators tried to track it "but nothing ever visualized on our screens."

The base called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office and the FAA in Crestview, but neither reported any sightings. Weather conditions at the time were hazy, Phalen said. Phalen added that "normal photographic gear" was used in the futile picture taking.

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Notes From The Saucer's Cup

by Robert S. Easley

This will be a regular feature in UFO MAGAZINE NEWS BULLETIN. It will consist of "bits and pieces" and "odds and ends" of UFO and related material that hopefully will be of interest to our readers. Anyone wishing to write me directly rather than through the NEWS BULLETIN can do so by addressing their comments to me at P.O. Box 696 Defiance, Ohio 43512.

MYSTICON '76 presents SAUCERS, SPACE and SCIENCE FICTION on 22 May 1976 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hospitality Motor Inn at I-71 and Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts., Ohio (Cleveland suburb). There will be one show only at 7:00 P.M. featuring lectures and slide shows by such well-known personalities as Allan J. Manak, Rick R. Hilberg, Allen H. Greenfield and Robert S. Easley. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Thirteenth Annual National UFO Conference will be held the weekend of 28 August 1976 at the Holiday Inn, Route I-71 and Ohio 82 (Turnpike exit #10), Strongsville, Ohio. For further information write : Allan J. Manak, Co-Chairman, 5002 Yorkshire Drive Parma, Ohio 44129, or watch the pages of this NEWS BULLETIN.

I would like to personally welcome my long time friend, Gray Barker, back into the publishing ranks: "We've missed you Gray. Welcome back and good luck in your endeavors."

Gray is now editing and publishing a very informative, highly recommended publication. Called GRAY BARKER'S NEWSLETTER, it is published irregularly at six issues for \$6.00 and is must reading by every serious student of the UFO phenomena.

Gray has also reprinted his 1956 book They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers. One of the true classics of the saucer field, this book should be read and studied by everyone even remotely interested in UFOs. It was the first serious book to deal with the enigmatic Men In Black.

The book, which sells for \$9.95, and his NEWSLETTER can be obtained from Saucerian Press, Inc., P.O. Box 2228 Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301.

There seems to be a surge of new interest in one-time Ufologists of the '50's, '60's and early '70's. James W. Moseley and John J. Robinson are back publishing their newsletters, while Kevin McCray (who hosted the 1970 Congress of Scientific Ufologists) and Dale Rettig have expressed a new interest in UFOs. It's great to have these people back with us, and I guess it proves the point that once UFOs get into your bloodstream it's impossible to stay away from the field.