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Majority Leader Support Indicates Early Congressional Action

CHAIRMAN KARTH BACKS OPEN HEARINGS

Congressman Joseph E. Karth has pledged that public hearings will be included in the planned UFO inquiry "if I have any influence in this matter." "I'm not worried about public alarm," he told NICAP.

The Minnesota Legislator, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Space Problems and Life Sciences, has informed the director that he hopes to start the hearings—at which NICAP's evidence will be fully presented—early next year.

Further indication of a thorough investigation has been received from Rep. Dominick V. Daniels, N. J. Writing to NICAP member Harry S. Jones, Hoboken, after a discussion with Chairman Karth, Daniels said "attention will be focussed on the UFO problem" at the next session, which starts in three months.

The statement given below is an extract from letters recently sent by Congressman Karth to NICAP members Kathryn Diehl, Wade Wellman, and others.

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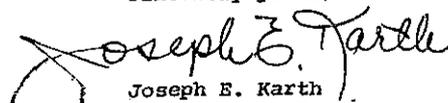
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 8, 1961

Dear Mr. Wellman:

However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings if I have any influence in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth

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The original plan, pushed by House Majority Leader McCormack, was for UFO hearings before adjournment. But arguments arose over closed sessions. According to the press, Chairman Brooks of the Science and Astronautics Committee firmly opposed open hearings; just as firmly, Rep. Karth, Chairman of the new three-man UFO Subcommittee, refused to serve unless some hearings were public.

When Brooks, seriously ill, was taken to a hospital the question remained unsettled. His death shifted the decision to his successor, Congressman George P. Miller, of California. But it was too late for a full-scale inquiry, and action was postponed.

The new space committee chairman is fully aware of the UFO problem, as

evidenced by an earlier letter to a California NICAP member. Also, it is believed certain that Majority Leader McCormack will urge Chairman Miller to carry out the original investigation plan. It was McCormack's prompting which led to creation of the UFO Subcommittee, of which Karth was named Chairman. This followed the Majority Leader's disclosure of his belief that some UFOs are real and that the Air Force has withheld information from the public.

Indicating his continued concern, the Majority Leader has told a NICAP member that the UFO problem is receiving serious Congressional consideration and that "I shall continue to do all that I can thereon." (Sept. 14 letter to

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TWO JET AIRLINERS ENCOUNTER UFO FLYING DISC

AF Admits Flood of Reports

BULLETIN. The Federal Aviation Agency has just confirmed to NICAP the sighting of a large, round flying object by two jet-airliner crews. Encountered over the Pacific, Sept. 21, the mysterious device swiftly outdistanced the Boeing 707's.



Reports were radioed to FAA towers at Wake and Honolulu by Capt. R.F. Griffin, commanding a British Overseas Airways Corporation plane, and by a Pan American Airways captain. Details indicating a space machine much larger than any now possible on earth were relayed to AF intelligence.

(On Sept. 25, in a surprising press statement, AF HQ admitted being flooded with reports of "flying objects" near Wake Island.)

Capt. Griffin said the BOAC jet was at 37,000 feet, in a gray, pre-dawn sky, when the UFO appeared.

"Suddenly we saw this bright ring in the sky, about 50 degrees up." The British pilot described the object as round, with sharply outlined edges and a "very clear hole" in the center. "It was traveling in our direction but at far greater speed. There appeared to be reflected light coming down from it. The object went over the horizon in seven minutes."

The confirming Pan-American report also was logged at Honolulu. The FAA has sent for both reports, to be released to NICAP if there are no official objections.

Based on first reports, these points seem evident:

1. The object was not an ICBM missile. Nor was it a satellite re-entering the atmosphere. These appear only as small balls of fire, briefly visible.

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Member Zan Overall, engineer with
Rocketdyne Co.)

Before Congressman Brooks' death,
he had scheduled an August 24th con-
ference with Vice Adm. R.H. Hillen-
koetter, former head of the Central
Intelligence Agency and now a NICAP
Board member, and with NICAP's di-
rector. A cross-section of NICAP's
strongest evidence was prepared, be-
lieved enough to convince Chairman
Brooks of UFO reality, official censor-
ship and the secrecy dangers. But
because of his removal to the hospital
the meeting had to be canceled.

Some news stores have hinted that
"mysterious influences" -- meaning the
AF -- had blocked the UFO inquiry.
But for once, AF resistance was not
the chief factor. In an emphatic, under-
lined statement to NICAP's director,
Chairman Karth stated:

"I am not a captive of the Air Force."
He also told the press the AF had not
even approached him. Considering his
determined stand, any such attempt to
prevent hearings undoubtedly would have
backfired.

Chairman Karth's views, expressed
in two forthright letters to NICAP, are
an important guide to the kind of hear-
ings he would hold. On Aug. 28, Rep.
Karth gave his reaction to NICAP's
hearing suggestions, especially the plan
for questions between AF representa-
tives and NICAP. Though this was
unusual, it was hoped such direct ques-
tions would result in a complete, factual
picture for the Subcommittee. Chair-
man Karth, in rejecting this, explained
it was contrary to protocol and custom,
but that the usual Subcommittee ques-
tions would normally bring out the facts.

At first, Chairman Karth feared NICAP
questions might be designed to embar-
rass the AF publicly. This was cleared
up to his satisfaction when NICAP pointed
out that the proposal applied only to
closed sessions, that many AF personnel
agree with our concern over the secrecy,
and that the AF representatives could
have questioned NICAP on hundreds of
its UFO reports and all its public claims.

Another misunderstanding, quickly
corrected, resulted from NICAP's
putting the reduction of secrecy dangers
ahead of final conclusions about UFOs.
Initially, Chairman Karth construed this
to mean a lack of UFO evidence. He
revealed he had not only counted
seriously on NICAP assistance, but also
had expected strong evidence of the
interplanetary answer.

"It was my belief," he wrote, "that
you actually had proof that UFO's did in
fact exist and that you would be prepared
to prove it during the course of a hearing.
And further that the UFO's were not
merely the result of space or atmos-
pheric phenomena but actually were
craft (of sorts) from other planets. . . ."

"I was vitally concerned and interested
in what positive and factual information
you had on UFO's and the assistance
you might give to the Committee. . . .
If you are not in a position to 'make a
good case' that UFO's are some kind of
foreign craft, I'm not even interested in
holding hearings. . . ."

In answer, after a Board of Governors
meeting, NICAP fully indicated its evi-
dence that the unexplained UFO's are
superior objects under intelligent con-
trol, also the majority conclusion that
they are interplanetary devices. Chair-
man Karth also was given proof of NI-
CAP's serious and patriotic purpose and
its continued offer to cooperate with the
AF. In place of the original plan,
NICAP offered its massive UFO evidence
in accordance with Congressional pro-
tocol.

On Sept. 19, Chairman Karth replied,
indicating his acceptance of NICAP's
cooperation offer. He wrote, in part:

Dear Major Keyhoe:

Now that we better understand each
other, I would hope we could properly
proceed with a hearing early next year--
providing the new chairman authorizes
hearings."

Sincerely yours,
Joseph E. Karth

As stated, Leader McCormack's ur-
gent desire for an inquiry, plus Chairman
Miller's awareness of the serious UFO
problem, practically guarantee early
hearings.

According to Congressional friends,
NICAP has benefited from the delay.
At best, we would have had short hear-
ings--with no time to submit all the
important evidence--and this could have
prevented the full-scale inquiry now
planned. NICAP now has a working
understanding with the legislators in-
volved, and we also have been given
valuable advice about preparations be-
fore January. NICAP members can
play an important part in these prepara-
tions, as shown on another page.

We have come a long way since 1957.
Thanks to the loyal members who kept
on fighting, despite setbacks and frus-
trations, we are finally on the threshold
of a Congressional committee room,
with strong prospects for ending the
long censorship. |

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2. The reflected light was from the
sun, which was an hour below the hori-
zon. The UFO had to be very high to
catch its rays.

3. At such a high altitude, the un-
known device had to be extremely large
(at least several hundred feet in dia-
meter) for its edges and the hole to be
so clearly seen by the BOAC crew.
The size and description rule out all
earthmade rockets, satellites or Echo-
type balloons.

The "doughnut" shape the jet crews
reported is similar to the future space-
base proposed by rocket expert Wernher
von Braun--a huge doughnut-shaped ring
containing compartments for crews and
equipment and rotating to create gravity.
At a distance, the connecting frame-
work would be invisible, and from far
below the space-base would appear just
as Capt. Griffin described the UFO.

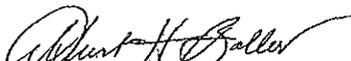
More advanced space engineers, ex-
perimenting on another planet, could have
evolved the same type of space-base.
It is possible that what the jet crews
saw was such a spacecraft from another
world.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Governors of the
National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena on this
twenty-fourth day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty One,
that appreciation be expressed to Donald E. Keyhoe, Maj. USMC
Ret., Director of N.I.C.A.P., and Richard H. Hall, Secretary of
N.I.C.A.P., for their efficient and untiring labors in advancing
the aims and purposes of this organization in the search for the
truth about unidentified flying objects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this board that publicity be given to
these resolutions and that they be reported to the membership of
the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena through
the medium of its publication, The U.F.O. Investigator.

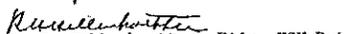

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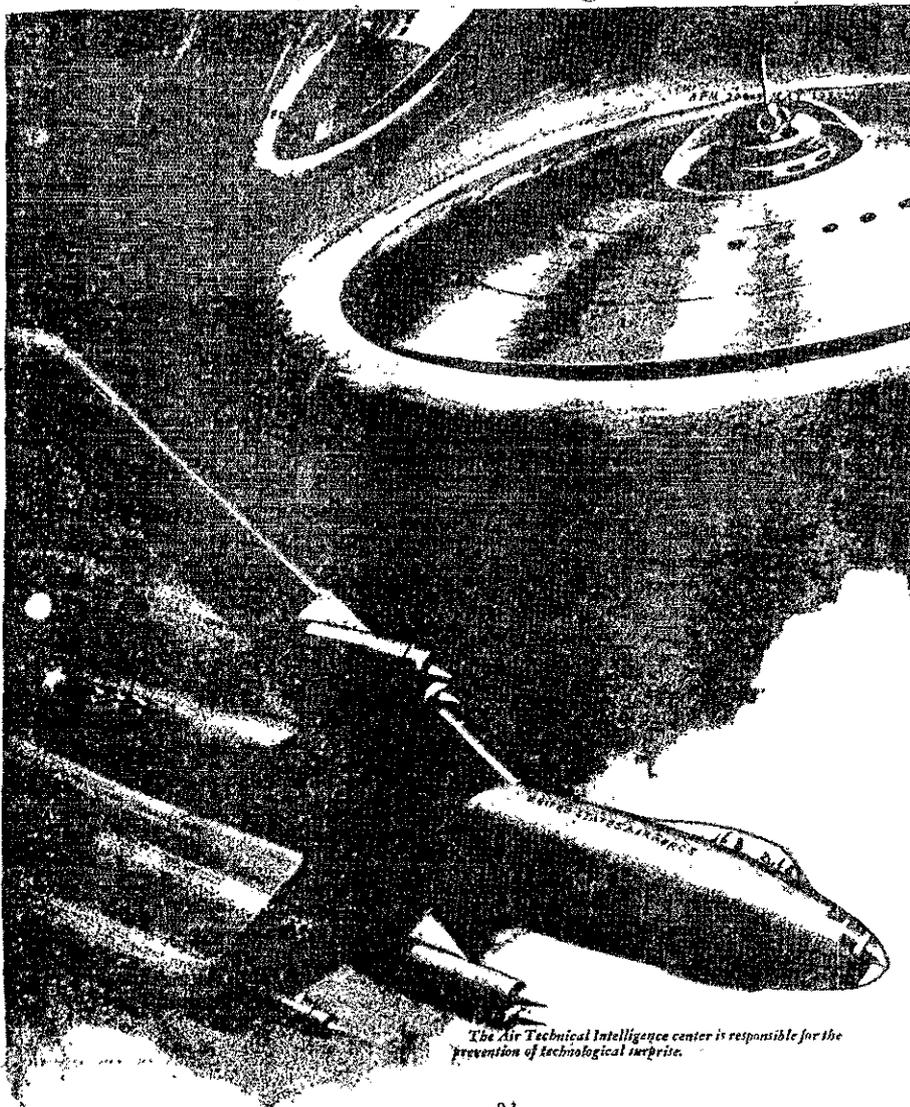
AF INTELLIGENCE MANUAL SHOWS FLYING DISCS

This official flying-disc (or "flying saucer") illustration—NEVER MADE PUBLIC BEFORE—is taken from an Air Force Intelligence Manual, AFM 200-3, Chapter 9, page 3. (See details below photo-copy.)

chapter 9

AFM 200-3, p. 3

Air Technical Intelligence



The Air Technical Intelligence center is responsible for the prevention of technological surprise.

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The huge disc approaching the Air Force bomber in the foreground closely resembles UFOs officially reported by AF, Navy and airline pilots. It is not known whether the illustration was drawn from actual photographs or from pilots' detailed reports—but detailed photos are known to be in existence. (In 1956, after a Navy transport's close encounter with a giant disc over the Atlantic, the pilot—a Navy commander—was shown a folder of UFO photographs, one identical with the enormous craft he and his crew had seen in a head-on approach.)

NICAP does not offer this Air Force illustration as proof of an actual UFO "pass" at a bomber. But it is obvious that AF Intelligence did seriously contemplate encounters with such superior machines—large discs or "saucers"—as far back as 1953, when AFM 200-3 was prepared for the private use of Intelligence officers.

Discovery of this official flying-disc illustration raises several questions. Why should AF Intelligence, in this long-hidden manual, indicate a possible "technological surprise" by flying

saucers—after publicly denying that such things existed? How can such an official illustration be explained when the Air Force insists "it is still impossible to develop a picture of what a flying saucer is?" This denial appears in AF Project Blue Book Special Report 14, p. 93, as follows:

"It is not possible to derive a verified model of a flying saucer. . . This point is important enough to emphasize. . . Out of 4,000 people who said they saw flying saucers, sufficiently detailed descriptions were given in only 12 cases.

Pilot Chases 50-Foot "Saucer"

The recent pursuit of a "flying saucer" by a Utah pilot, fully confirmed by other pilots and airport personnel, is being investigated by AF Intelligence. The chase occurred about noon, Oct. 2, near Utah Central Airport, Salt Lake City.

Two National Air Guard jets were scrambled after the private pilot radioed a report. But the strange machine eluded them in a swift vertical ascent.

The disc-shaped UFO was first seen by Waldo J. Harris, veteran pilot, as he taxied out for a take-off. Climbing toward the object, which was hovering at 6500-7000 feet, he closed in to about three miles.

"It appeared to be a large disc," Harris later reported. "It was shaped like a pair of saucers, one turned upside down on the other. The object was light gray, and it was at least 50 feet across and four feet thick. There were no visible openings, no trails or exhaust.

"I was about three miles from it when it suddenly moved upward, like an elevator." As the disc headed south, Harris pursued it. During the chase, he radioed the FAA tower at Salt Lake City's Municipal Airport that he had sighted a "flying saucer", relaying details through Utah Central and Provo Airports.

Because of the disc's speed, Harris temporarily lost contact, but he sighted the object again. Abruptly stopping, the UFO held position almost directly over the Utah Lake Omni Radio Station, as if investigating the directional trans-

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To include the AF Intelligence story and the Utah sightings on p. 3, this issue was reopened after the closing date for the printer. Because of the resulting delay, Vol. II, No. 3 will be mailed in November. No. 4, the December-January issue, will follow as scheduled.

Having culled the cream of the crop, it is still impossible to develop a picture of what a flying saucer is."

Despite these denials, repeated from Oct. 25, 1955 to date, Air Force Intelligence DID "DEVELOP A PICTURE OF WHAT A FLYING SAUCER IS"—and used it for a secret warning against technological surprise.

We agree the AF was wise to consider a possible surprise attack, though the UFOs have shown no hostile intent. Probably AF Intelligence also has considered the chance of peaceful UFO approaches, for observation or communication attempts. But with factual UFO information restricted to Intelligence officers, unprepared pilots and gunners might mistake a friendly approach for an attack and open fire without waiting. To reduce this risk, we believe the hidden intelligence information—including UFO photographs and drawings—should be given to pilots and crews of all military aircraft.

UFO's Sighted In 20 States

In the past three months, witnesses in 20 states have sighted flying discs, rocket-shaped UFOs or luminous objects seen maneuvering at night. A few explosions of strange flare-like objects also have been reported.

July 4, Amherst, O. Confirmation of greenish-glowing UFO which former AF bomber-pilot Ernest Stadvec reported diving at his plane.

July 9, Yukon, Mo. Elongated UFO reported hovering at 100 feet; object quickly climbed away when flashlight was pointed at it.

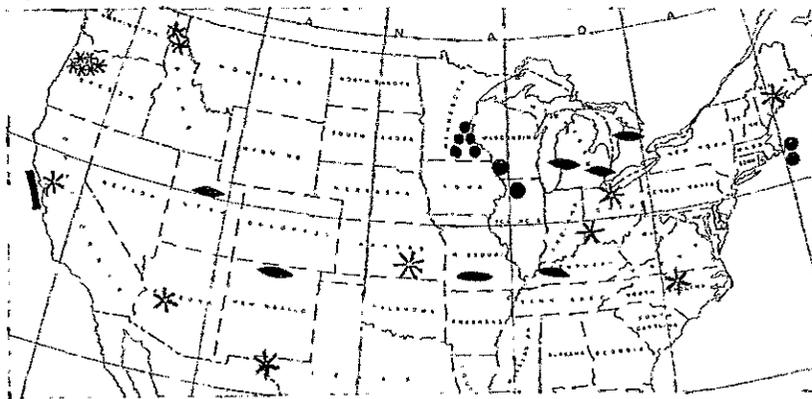
July 31, Freeport, Ill. Round maneuvering object observed by three policemen and three citizens.

July 31, Prescott, Ariz. Lee Ganger, former airline pilot, observed a fast-moving unknown device through binoculars. Seen by four other witnesses, the object dimmed, brightened, appeared to radiate heat. Ganger, a pilot 27 years, said he was baffled.

Aug. 9, Madisonville, Ky. Disc-shaped object descended from northeast, circled, then climbed swiftly out of sight.

Aug. 9, Naples, Me. Pilot S.R. Graham, Pensacola graduate, and three citizens observed bright, fast-moving UFO. Graham told NICAP the object, which slowed, hovered, changed course and accelerated, was "much faster than any aircraft."

Aug. 12, Hanover, Ont. Four witnesses observed a disc-shaped object maneuver north to south, then tilt on edge. Apparently metallic, it seemed to be reflecting sunlight.



Sightings from July through October 2, 1961, showing number of objects and the type -- round, projectile-shaped, cylindrical and starlike.

Aug. 14, Chatham, Mass. Two UFOs, circular in shape, were witnessed by Charles Flionis, AF veteran. They climbed "rocketlike," Flionis said, at a speed apparently greater than any jet.

Aug. 17, Stillwater, Minn. Five citizens witnessed a V-formation of glowing lights, moving about 500 feet above the St. Croix River. Sighting resembled the "Lubbock Lights" (Texas, 1951) except that the V flew on edge, point forward. The lights moved in unison; two witnesses reported the sighting as "a solid V-shaped object with body lights."

Aug. 19, Farmington, N.M. At 6 p.m., a flat, round shiny object was seen hovering by several witnesses. Elaine

AF-UFO REPORT ORDERED DESTROYED

Evidence that the Air Force destroys some official UFO reports has been given to Prof. Charles A. Maney, NICAP Board Member, by an AF source. The photocopy below reproduces the top part of an Air Intelligence Information Report, covering a UFO sighting by two AF officers. Though the report is not unusual, the "Destroy" order--which the source said was not uncommon--indicates a form of censorship previously unknown to NICAP.

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U.K.		9 October 1956		
ACTIVITY SOURCE/REPORT	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (if applicable)		
55th Fighter Bomber Squadron (Squadron Intelligence)	10 October 1956			
REPORTING INDIVIDUAL	DATE OF REPORT	SRI NO.	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
DENNIS C. BENTON, 1/Lt., USAF	10 October 1956			
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE	EVALUATION	SRI NO.	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
1st Lt. James J. Pollock, USAF	A-2			
REFERENCES (Other sources, previous reports, etc., as applicable)				
AFR 24-2, 10 Aug 56				
SUBJECT (Indicate title and individual reports for multiple subjects)				
UFO				
SUMMARY (This summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112 unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclusions, including number of copies)				

Key points of sighting:

AF witnesses: Capt. J.J. Pollack, USAF, Flight Commander, 55th Fighter Bomber Squadron; Lt. J.S. Beisheim, USAF, Squadron Armament Officer.

Summary: Two glowing objects were sighted near the squadron base at Little Easton, Essex, England, 9 Oct. 1956. Larger UFO was the size of a pea held at arm's length (about one-half the size of the moon, similarly measured). Object pulsed, emitting five or six rays, with smaller rays between. At times, a longer, broader ray appeared, possibly a trail or exhaust. Second object, smaller, descended and approached the first one, then disappeared. Flight Commander Pollack was rated as "very reliable" by the Squadron Intelligence Officer, First Lieut. D.W. Ketchum, USAF.

As stated above, it is the "Destroy" order, not this sighting, which is important. The destruction of similar, officially verified reports will reduce the number of AF pilots and other competent observers who are on record. Regardless of the purpose, deletion of such UFO records can only result in misinforming the public.

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mitter. (Omni-range is used to guide pilots on any selected course.)

"After hovering there," said Harris, "it moved straight up, then went west at an extremely accelerated speed. It disappeared in a few seconds."

Meantime, the flying disc and the chase by Harris were watched by seven observers at Utah Central Airport, including pilots Virgil S. Redmond and Clyde Card, the airport operators--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Galbraith--and aircraft mechanic Robert Butler. Seen through binoculars, the "saucer" appeared metallic, like dull aluminum. When it turned toward the sun it showed a brilliant reflecting light. Witnesses agreed on the disc's rocking motion when it hovered, and on its "terrific" acceleration.

AF investigator teams from Hill AFB questioned all observers, and a spokesman said it was the "best report from this area." No explanation was given for the sighting.

Unusual interest also was shown by the Navy. A separate investigation was made by Lieut. John Lee, Naval Intelligence.

Pilot Harris, revealing he had previously "made fun of people who saw flying saucers," released a public statement:

"I am sure from its performance that what I saw was a controlled craft. I now definitely believe these objects come from other planets."

UFO Approaches Brazilian Airliner

An unidentified flying object, emitting a brilliant bluish glow, maneuvered around a VASP Airlines plane on the night of July 24, 1961, according to the senior pilot, Cdr. Jose Guilherme Saez. (Report via J. Escobar Faria, NICAP Adviser, Sao Paulo, Brazil.)

The VASP "Scandia" was at 7,000 feet over the Ilha Grande when the crew, searching for a Caravelle jet airliner in the area, spotted a luminous object. When they saw it move, they first thought it was a meteor, then it began a series of unusual maneuvers.

"I radioed the Santa Cruz Air Force Base and Sao Paulo Airport," stated Cdr. Saez. "Suddenly the object changed direction, from the left to our right. Then I saw it quite near our Scandia."

Because of the intense glow, the exact shape of the UFO could not be determined, though it was visible several minutes.

"The UFO did not describe curves, but made angular turns," Cdr. Saez reported. "It moved up and down, back and forth, in all directions."

In a 1954 encounter between a UFO formation and a Brazilian airliner, some of the passengers were badly frightened. But this time there was no sign of fear.

"There wasn't any panic on board," said Cdr. Saez. "On the contrary, all the crew and passengers were glad to observe the phenomenon."

Brazilian Government officials are investigating the report.

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objects, appearing like parachute flares, fell from the sky. No traces of the objects were found despite a search. Nor, to date, has there been any answer to this puzzle.

Aug. 29, Wichita, Kansas. A glowing object which descended toward the earth, then headed northeast, was reported to the Wichita Eagle. A witness said she saw round ports, or exhaust outlets, on the UFO.

Aug. 30, Cincinnati, O. About 9 p.m., a red-lighted object which appeared to climb, then explode with a white flash, was seen by many citizens.

Sept. 3, San Francisco, Calif. A cylinder, or projectile-shaped UFO, with two bright lights was reported hovering over the western edge of the city, in the early morning hours. According to the Enterprise Journal, photographs were taken and they will be evaluated by "military authorities."

Sept. 5, Cincinnati, O. An explosion, similar to the Aug. 30 case, was reported at 9 p.m. by Robert Knaugh.

Sept. 10, Cincinnati. A red-lighted object, like the Aug. 30, UFO, was seen arcing across the sky at 8:30 p.m. Report by Dorothy Lefler.

Sept. 21, Transpacific jet airliner reports. Page 1.

Oct. 3, Salt Lake City pilot-UFO chase. Page 3.

(Other sightings for this period, held for more details, will be reported later.)

ACCIDENTAL-WAR DANGER INCREASING

In a recent statement, Vice President Johnson declared:

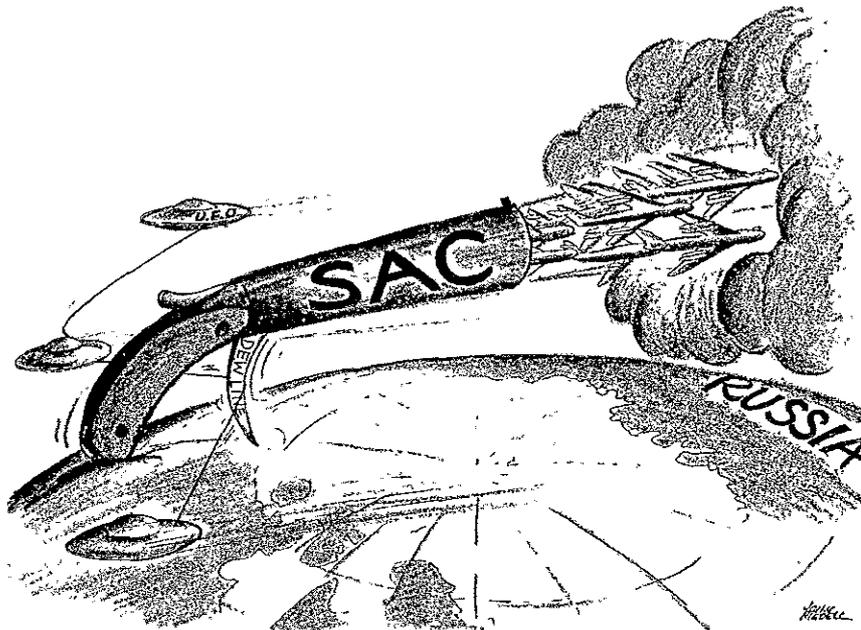
"The western allies must be prepared for every possible eventuality--deliberate or accidental."

Three weeks ago, the Vice President sent the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee an urgent NICAP report on one increasing hazard: The danger of mistaking UFOs for Soviet bombers or missiles.

There is an equal danger that Russia might fatally mistake UFOs for a U.S. attack. If our Government spotlighted this risk, it might cause the Kremlin to take similar steps to end confusion over UFOs.

mutual disaster was inevitable, both fleets might warily circle, well out of range, then return to their bases. But if high-speed UFOs were tracked, heading for either country, it could cause a fateful decision. Several UFOs have been tracked at missile speeds--one at 18,000 m.p.h., by Navy scientists at White Sands, two at over 9,000 m.p.h. (Goose Bay AFB, and by AFB-29 radar.) If either side mistook UFOs for H-bomb missiles aimed at their cities and bases, war would be almost inevitable.

The risk is there, and growing. Even if it is only a tiny fraction of 1%, it is still too great.



The following steps show how UFOs might trigger World War III:

1. U.S.-Canada radar picks up unknown, high-speed flying objects heading for this continent. Many defense-radar personnel fully accept denials that UFOs exist; when all radars show such solid objects in large formation or groups, obviously under intelligent control, these operators are likely to conclude: Probable Soviet attack. SAC (Strategic Air Command) bombers are launched. By AF admission, this situation has already occurred.

2. Soviet agents near SAC bases see the launchings, secretly radio Moscow. Soviet bombers are launched, missile bases alerted.

3. As SAC bombers head toward Russia, checks are swiftly made to confirm or disprove the alarm. Intelligence has no word of sudden Soviet preparations. But, because of the Berlin crisis, Russia is known to be in at least partial war-readiness. This could be a surprise attack.

4. At a certain point, SAC pilots are prepared to turn back unless they receive coded signals that the President has ordered attack. Presumably, the Soviet has a similar system. By now, both U.S. and Soviet radar have picked up the other side's bombers. This would not make war certain--realizing that

"The confusion about UFOs among our defense personnel should be ended promptly," warns the NICAP Board. "All available information, including methods of distinguishing UFOs from ordinary missiles or aircraft, should be released at once."

Many members already are backing NICAP's attempts to reduce UFO-secrecy dangers. But the average American still does not realize the risk of accidental war from mistaking UFOs for Soviet missiles or bombers. This danger has been greatly increased by Khrushchev's threats and ruthless Soviet efforts to intimidate the United States. We urge all members to help spread word of this hazard--not just as a patriotic duty, but to increase our chance of survival as Communist-inspired tension menaces the free world.

Questions and Answers

Q. Does NICAP accept claims of electro-magnetic interference by UFOs? Has this been blamed for any accidents?

A. There is strong evidence of E-M interference with radio, television, and lights in homes and cars, also car ignition. Several pilots have reported radio interference; one stated his radio-navigation equipment burned out. No known accidents.

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THE CAPTAIN RUPPELT LETTERS

(Special Feature)

by

Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC, Ret.

Since the death of Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt -- former head of the AF-UFO Project--many members have inquired about the "Ruppelt mystery". Why did he change his book to deny the existence of UFOs, after building up a strong case?

The following extracts from Ruppelt's letters to me, before and after I became NICAP's director, may help to explain this puzzle--and also why, even after his death, he still is the target of official attacks.

April 11, 1954
1911 Josie Avenue
Long Beach 15, Calif.

Dear Don:

Hope the enclosed statement about your UFO report clearances will be in time for your Cleveland lecture. I made it formal, just so nobody in the Air Force will squawk that I'm being too friendly with you. Since it's all on record, I don't know why they should, but I want to hang onto my grapevine sources.

As ever,
Ed

The signed statement read, in part: During the period of July 1951 to August 1953, while I was in charge of the Air Force's investigation of unidentified flying objects certain reports were declassified and sent to you . . . I would receive a request for the data either from Office of Public Information, Dept. of Defense, or the Director of Intelligence, by wire or telephone. It would go back, cleared by my superiors . . . The sightings you credit to the Air Force and the Air Force conclusions on each are those that I sent to you through the OPI/DD.

Yours truly,
Edward J. Ruppelt

15 May 1954

Dear Don,

The tip I sent you regarding Talbott (a reported UFO sighting by AF Secretary Talbott) seems to have pooped out on this end . . . Glad you liked the True (Magazine) piece. I got quite a few favorable reactions. The "lunatic fringe" that live under the rock out here weren't too happy, however . . . Sorry to hear you had an accident. I hope your wife is feeling better. Were you or the twins hurt? . . .

As ever,
Ed

P.S. I whole-heartedly agree with you that this summer will bring a rash of reports . . . Things are stacking up exactly the way they did in 1952. (A worldwide "flap" did result, as Ruppelt predicted.)

July--, 1954

Dear Don,

I am going to go to Dayton and ATIC on company business on the 20 and 21 of July. I will make a definite attempt to get the picture on Blue Book, if I haven't been black-balled because of the True

article. If you have a few pertinent questions that you think I can discreetly ask, shoot me a quick letter and I will do my best for you, provided the info is not classified of course . . .

As ever,
Ed

3 August 1954

Dear Don,

I spent about a day with the Blue Book people . . . The rumors don't seem to correlate with the things I found out, but I am sure I was getting the straight poop. I can see how you are getting suspicious. . . . Some Lt. Col. by the name of ----- in the Directorate of Intelligence seems to be controlling the publicity . . . he is taking the old ostrich approach of keeping his head in the sand thinking that they (UFOs) will go away. He is wrong . . .



Captain Edward J. Ruppelt

They claim they have gotten the unknowns down to about 10% but from what I saw this was just due to a more skeptical attitude. The reports are just as good as the ones we got and their analysis procedures are a hell of a lot worse . . .

I blow hot and cold on the book idea mainly because I wouldn't do a book if I didn't tell the truth exactly as it happened, and believe me this would not follow the Air Force party line. I find that I got a rather violent reaction to the True piece from some quarters. They started screaming Security and yet they say nothing is classified.

About all for now,
Ed

1955 (exact date not given)

Dear Don,

Remember a report about a Northrup test pilot flying from Edwards AFB down here one afternoon in a Navion? He saw four UFO's in formation. He tried to get closer, tried for about ten minutes. We decided he saw some C-97 tankers that were in the area. On checking, this doesn't seem to pan out. The

tankers were located just south of Santa Monica going east at the time the Northrup pilot made the sighting. . . . When he saw the UFO's he turned right on a WNW heading and flew this for ten minutes. If we were correct and these were tankers, he should have approached close enough to identify them. He says that he could not close on whatever he was chasing and that they were not KC-97s. This foul-up in directions is something that Blue Book seemed to have overlooked.

As ever,
Ed

In 1956 no letter was received. Ruppelt later told me he was embarrassed because he had felt it advisable to "take a few digs" at me in his book, "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects." He said that some AF officials suspected (mistakenly) he had tipped me off to hidden UFO cases during 1952-3.

April 30, 1957

Dear Don,

I've been following the development of NICAP . . . sounds like at last a good UFO organization is in the making. I receive many letters from people asking what they can do to help solve the UFO riddle; now I have some place to refer them.

I seriously doubt, Don, if I can accept your offer of a spot as a special adviser. It sounds very interesting and I consider it an honor, but I'm afraid I'll have to pass. I've been trying to cut down on the work I'm doing, although heart-attack wise, I'm completely O.K. I just don't want to repeat it.

You asked for a statement. I honestly don't know what to say because the entire UFO situation is such a mess of compounded confusion, a mess which I sincerely hope NICAP can straighten out . . . I still get out to ATIC . . . Blue Book seems to be busy but I've made it a point not to be too inquisitive. . . .

Best of luck, Don,
Ed

In July, 1957, backstage at the Garry Moore show, Ruppelt told me some AF officers were angry about his book, especially his disclosure of the censorship and the secret Intelligence conclusion that the UFOs were interplanetary. But he insisted he was not being pressured, though his company had defense contracts. During the November flap, he confirmed by phone his San Diego press statement: That there was enough evidence of UFO existence to call for more investigation and that Project Blue Book had reports of radiation and electromagnetic interference from UFOs.

In January, 1958, after accepting an invitation to appear on the Armstrong Circle Theater, Ruppelt suddenly canceled. By phone he told me it was business, not pressure, but his manner

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AF DISAVOWS TACKER BOOK AS OFFICIAL

Completely reversing its original stand, the Air Force now denies that the recent book "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" is official. Written by Lt. Col. L.J. Tacker, who was then the UFO spokesman, the book was cleared by AF HQ. Under the title, the jacket prominently displays the words: The OFFICIAL Air Force Story."

Jr., Office of the Secretary, to NICAP member Kurt V. Zeissig and others.) The sub-title "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story," was explained by Maj. Coleman as a publisher's device for "advertising purposes."

This disavowal completely contradicts "The Airman -- Official Journal of the Air Force." In Vol. V, No. 1, January,

a writer pounding out "Moon Men", "Flying Saucers", "The Martians", etc. appears designed to ridicule any serious consideration of UFO reports. Yet Tacker's book, which was endorsed as "The official Air Force position," not only evades key points but contains sighting details and other UFO information contrary to recorded facts.



... this is our position

Flying Saucers--The Official Air Force Position

From the book Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force, by Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF. Reprinted with permission of D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc.

The AF disavowal was made in these signed statements:

"It (the book) was undertaken as a private project in Colonel Tacker's off-duty hours . . . The book was published as a commercial enterprise . . . Since this is not an Air Force document, a discussion of the relative merits of the book is not within our official purview . . . If you are distressed with the contents of the book, you should correspond with Col. Tacker personally . . ." (Letters by present UFO Project spokesman; Maj. William T. Coleman;

1961, this AF journal printed extracts from Tacker's book and endorsed it with the title, "This Is Our Position," and the sub-title, "Flying Saucers--The Official Air Force Position." (See accompanying photocopy.)

As shown, the "Airman's" staff is headed by Maj. Gen. Arno H. Leuhman, Director of AF Information. The journal is on file at Room 2-206, Tempo E, 4th and Adams Drive, S.W., Washington 25, D.C. Telephone OXford 6-7393.

The "Airman's" illustration, contrasting the Air Force's UFO study with

Beginning on Dec. 5, 1960, with the Garroway show, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" was publicized for weeks as "The Official Air Force Story" -- with the aid of AF information officers. To most Americans, it IS the official story.

In Congressional hearings, the former UFO spokesman's book will be under close scrutiny, because of its discrepancies. It is doubtful that the AF, despite its disavowal, can avoid blame for leading the public to accept this book as official.

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was strained. It was even more so in 1959, when he phoned me that he was revising his book, with full AF cooperation. I told him he must be taking the AF debunking line--which he had formerly denounced.

"No, no," he said quickly. "Just the middle-of-the-road attitude -- that there's evidence on both sides and I just don't know."

It was the last time I ever heard from Ed Ruppelt.

In the new ending of his book he played up frauds and wild contactee claims, belittled the evidence of highly trained observers, and ridiculed serious investigators and groups, including NICAP and myself. Following the AF policy, he said every UFO report could be explained as natural phenomena, mistaken identification, radar errors, etc.

This was not the Ed Ruppelt I knew. I am positive he would not willingly

reverse himself or make statements he knew were untrue. But AF anger about his book had steadily increased; it was constantly quoted as proof of UFO reality and official secrecy; a Congressional committee had written him for his opinions, and in hearings Ruppelt and his book could be damaging.

I believe Ruppelt was strongly urged to reduce pressure on the AF by changing his book. I am certain he would have refused to retract the factual evidence, or label it erroneous, even if it affected his job. I do not imply he would have been fired. But Ruppelt had a special value in a defense industry job because of his AF contacts at ATIC. That value could be impaired, if those contacts became less friendly.

Because of his heart condition, worry over this problem could have been serious. To lessen the strain, he must have accepted a compromise: To leave intact the main part of the book, but

to add a new debunking conclusion, strong enough to offset the rest.

When the revised book appeared, the censors undoubtedly expected front-page stories on Ruppelt's reversal. But the all the preceding factual disclosures made the sudden about-face too incredible.

Suggestions that Ruppelt was pressured, which reached even Members of Congress, were denied by AF spokesmen. But Ruppelt's puzzling change caused some legislators to take a new look at the evidence.

Then a dual operation began. Some officials publicly stressed Ruppelt's new conclusions as proof UFOs were a myth. Others, in answering Congressional and public queries, tried to discredit the book by impugning Ruppelt's integrity. Whether these assaults hastened his death, causing his final attack, I do not

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know. But even his death did not stop the discrediting letters.

On Sept. 20, 1961, replying to Senator B. Everett Jordan, after a query by NICAP member Wade Wellman, the AF stated:

"The Air Force has never charged that Mr. Ruppelt lied. However, it is certainly true that he left out certain pertinent facts in his book which in itself could lead to erroneous conclusions on the part of the reader." (Signed by Col. Carl M. Nelson, Chief, Congressional Inquiry Division.)

On Sept. 7, 1961, Major W.T. Coleman, Jr., UFO Project Officer, wrote NICAP member George Earley:

"I believe it is quite obvious that Mr. Ruppelt left considerable to the imagination of his readers. It is my humble belief that Tacker did not call Mr. Ruppelt a liar, but did condemn him for omitting many of the true facts."

The Project Blue Book officers with whom Ruppelt served know the evidence he published is true. When they are free to talk, the facts will come out. I believe Ed Ruppelt will emerge as a tragic victim of the UFO censorship policy.

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Q. Have any extraterrestrial vehicles landed on earth?

A. Reliable evidence indicates a few brief landings. In one case, Civil Defense officials found the ground highly radioactive after a reported UFO "touch down." A roundup of these reports will appear in a future issue.

Q. Why does NICAP attack claims of contacts with space beings?

A. We do not "attack" contactees. In 1959, for example, we printed the Father Gill sighting in New Zealand, which described some type of beings aboard a nearby UFO, and said this report deserved serious investigation. But a cautious approach to contactee claims is justified by the many opportunists involved. Example: Our report on Adamski's alleged contact near Kansas City was based on documented proof that the story was impossible.

Q. Since the Communists in this country are working to destroy our free government, does NICAP permit them--or any Soviet citizens--to become members?

A. No, NICAP will not knowingly accept persons from either group. If any such connections are discovered, membership will be canceled and the fee will be refunded.

Delayed Book Expected Shortly

The Maney-Hall book, "Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects," is printed and is now being bound, after an unexpected delay at the printer's. The authors had been promised delivery on schedule and they sincerely regret the delay. As soon as bound books are received, a Washington mailing service will begin delivery, with first copies going to pre-publication buyers.

Astronomer Warns Against Firing At Planets

In a recent lecture, Dr. Rudolph M. Lippert, astronomer at the University of San Diego, said he considered it wrong to send lethal rockets to impact on other planets, without knowing whether other civilizations exist there.

"Suppose one of these rockets hits a city," he said. Stressing the possibility that such earth-launched rockets might kill other-world inhabitants or destroy their property, he added, "It's time we think a little about it."

Dr. Lippert made reference specifically to the Russian rocket fired to impact on Venus or go into orbit around it. The astronomer noted that science does not know whether life exists on Venus.

Although the relatively small final stage of the Russian rocket should not result in serious damage on Venus, it could cause alarm -- perhaps even a quick reaction -- if it did fall in an inhabited area. With the stepped-up planetary probes scheduled during the next few years, and the strong evidence that interplanetary craft already are surveying the earth, it is no longer "wild science fiction" to consider that indiscriminate firing of such rockets may be interpreted as a hostile action.

FIVE NEW ADVISORS APPOINTED

In a continuing effort to obtain professional and scientific advice to guide a factual investigation of UFOs, NICAP has obtained the services of five additional people to act as Advisers. Three new appointments to the National Panel of Advisers include a retired professor of engineering, a former Marine Corps pilot, and the former NICAP Associate Editor. Two new appointments to the International Panel add Argentina and West Germany to the countries having representatives as NICAP Advisers.

List of New Advisers:

Dr. Fred C. Fair (Ph.D.); emeritus professor of engineering, New York University. (Engineering Category.)

L.D. Sheridan, Jr.; former Captain, USMC, aviation. Fighter pilot with 3,000 flying hours. Currently President, Southern Games Company, Douglasville, Georgia. (Aviation & Missiles Category.)

Lee, R. Munsick; former NICAP Associate Editor, former editor of UFO Newsletter. Currently with Fulcrum Productions, Morristown, N.J. (News & Public Relations Category.)

Carlos R. Kleppe; Businessman, senior medical student, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. H.H. Damm (Doctor of Mechanical Engineering); former German rocket engineer. Now U.S. citizen, management consultant, Wolfsburg/Han., West Germany.

NICAP BOARD LAUNCHES DRIVE

The NICAP Board of Governors has approved an intensive drive to publicize the UFO problem, besides preparing for hearings. Main steps include:

1. Congressional-NICAP conferences.
2. NICAP task forces working with press, radio, TV.
3. Public NICAP-Subcommittee technical reports on problems like UFO communications, E-M interference, etc.
4. "Operation UFO," a NICAP documentary report strongly advised by friendly Congressmen and newsmen, to depict the full UFO story: A. Important sightings, from WW II to date; lists of competent witnesses; radar and photographic evidence; scientific evaluations; factual illustrations; documents proving censorship and other important items. Purposes: First, UNPUBLICIZED briefings of Congressmen and leading citizens. Second, for nationwide press use and in the UFO Investigator.

All NICAP members--not just those with technical or press experience--can help with these crucial plans. See your Senators and Congressmen personally--at least write and urge their support before they return to Washington. (Note: Reps. McCormack and Karth have been flooded with letters. Since they already strongly back hearings, we believe further urging is not needed.)

"Operation UFO" would have a powerful impact, but printing will cost \$2500. We have this in reserve, for printing and mailing the next three NICAP publications. But we cannot divert this money from the members who came to our rescue in the July crisis. During that ordeal, we had many promises to help us avoid a future emergency--IF we pulled through. But when we announced we were going on, apparently the majority forgot. For six months, our income has averaged LESS than before the July crisis. We are forced to hold our remaining funds for the coming issues, rent, taxes and other operating expenses.

"Operation UFO" would be of tremendous help. We hope the majority who meant to help before will aid us in putting it over.

The decision is up to you.

Format Change

In response to many suggestions, we are reducing wordage and using visual appeal through illustrations where possible. Please let us have your comments and any suggestions for other improvements.

Correction

The last two columns of the Project Ozma story, in the previous issue, were interchanged by error. As printed, the story ended with a scientist's warning against signaling other worlds because we might be attacked and enslaved. NICAP does not agree we should keep silent, as will be seen by reading the intended ending, Col. 2, p. 5.