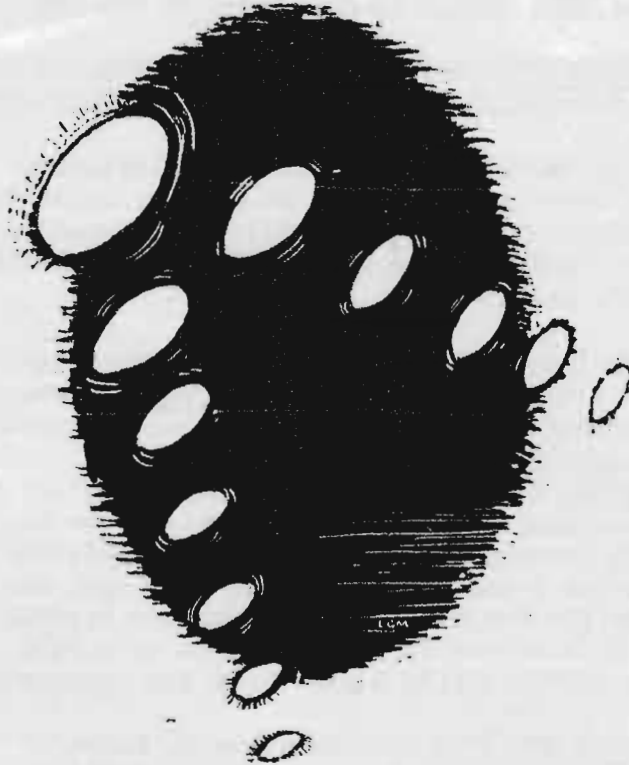


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NICAP's DRIVE FOR RELEASE OF UFO INFORMATION

MOST OF our readers will by now have heard of the largest and most progressive UFO organisation in the United States of America. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena is headed by Donald Keyhoe,retired Major of the U.S.Marine Corps.. As a result of the Berlin Crisis NICAP have submitted a six-point plan to the UFO Subcommittee founded by House Majority Leader,Congressman John W McCormack and Chairman Overton Brooks of the Science and Astronautics Committee. This plan "if agreed to by Chairman Brooks and the Subcommittee, would bring speedy release of all UFO information withheld by the Air Force and would block any further secrecy."

Two dangers that NICAP feel compelled to mention to the UFO Subcommittee are these,I quote:

- 1) The risk of accidental war, from mistaking UFO formations for a Soviet sneak attack. In 1958, the AF admitted that Strategic Air Command bombers had more than once been launched against Russia when defense radar tracked mysterious objects 'in seeming formation which have never been identified'. The errors were caught, but the hazards are far greater today.
- 2) The danger that the Soviet Government may, in a critical moment falsely claim the UFOs as secret Russian weapons, against which our defenses are helpless."

The plan submitted by NICAP is thorough and extremely sound;the USAF is in for a difficult time if the plan comes up for Congress.

The idea is to present to the Subcommittee in the presence of Air Force representatives proof that the Air Force have withheld reports "and denied or untruthfully explained specific UFO visual and/or radar

reports by trained, competent and reliable observers.' Furthermore NICAP will submit documented evidence of misleading and untrue Air Force statements issued to Congress members, the press and the public. In effect NICAP will rigorously question the AF representatives before the UFO Subcommittee and vice versa. If the Air Force proves all the statements submitted by NICAP to be untrue, Keyhoe will recommend that the Board of Governors dissolve the organisation. On the other hand, should the Subcommittee decide to put an end to secrecy on UFO's NICAP requests the formation of a new council or agency ensuring speedy release of previously withheld information. "Once informed that UFOs are not a myth, and given detailed recognition information defense radarmen will be on guard against possibly fatal errors." Personally I believe that radarmen are already fully genned up on UFO matters. It seems ironic that recognition of UFO's should come about as a result of war tension.

Now an extremely important fact has come to light regarding military recognition of these objects as possible causes of false alarms. The same UFO Investigator (the NICAP magazine) informs us that the U.S. Navy has posted on the bridges of most American ships recognition charts showing two types of UFO. One is portrayed as the normal 'saucer' round shape, and the other, a type of bat-like craft with portholes along the side. This we feel is a fact of no little importance. It reflects the contradictory attitudes of the military factions.

LUFORO sincerely hope that NICAP's aims are realised in the very near future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir - I have read Fontes' article in Flying Saucer Review concerning the Brazilian sightings, and his theory as to the nature of the survey. Here is a man's conclusions after being given visual evidence, but the conclusions, it must be admitted, are wholly Olavo's. War is never far from our minds so it is natural for us to interpret such sightings as part of a military reconnaissance. We do not know that this is actually the case. I do not consider visual evidence enough to go on. We tend to draw conclusions and think them justified, when we are probably leading ourselves further and further from the Truth by our own mental attitudes. Here are a few examples of what I mean:

It has been stated many times that the Interplanetary Manned Saucer theory collapses under the weight of its own evidence, the evidence being, I take it, the tremendous speeds and acceleration, 'impossible turns', lack of sound in many cases, appearance and

disappearance, and so on. It has been argued that as no physical substance, let alone human or near-human creatures, could withstand all this, and physical substance does not just appear and disappear at will, therefore the Saucers cannot be either physical or manned. This sounded reasonable (discounting contacts and the rest) until the G-field or R.M.F. theories of propulsion emerged. Now all these happenings are made theoretically possible, so one argument is squashed.

Another observation that has been made is that there has not only been an increase in Saucer sightings over the last decade, but also an increase in natural catastrophes of various kinds. It has been put forward that Saucers are causing these happenings, and are therefore either hostile or indifferent towards us. Much speculation has been made as to why the Saucers are doing all this to us. The evidence is there, they say, so explain it. On the other hand it is just as likely (or more so) that the Saucers are here in increased numbers because of the changes that are taking place, so another argument falls by the wayside.

Air disasters, These are also on the increase, it seems, and Saucers are being blamed here also, and are consequently branded as hostile again. But as in weather conditions etc., just because air disasters and Saucers are both on the increase there is no reason to suppose that one causes the other. In the case of objects being seen in the vicinity of a crashed plane the same may apply. "Dead" radios could be caused by several things, including Saucers' force fields and anomalies in the Earth's magnetic field. The latter may be responsible for many crashes also. And, of course, accidents will happen.

In writing this letter I am putting forward the suggestion that interpretation of UFO's and their actions (as well as acceptance of contact claims) depends not upon scientific "proofs" or sightings but on one's own personal viewpoint limited by personal mental workings. The conclusions I would reach regarding various happenings would certainly be nothing like those reached by others who see the whole thing in a different light. So how can we come to any definite conclusions about saucers by watching them? I still hold the contention that we cannot. "Scientific arguments" are of no value whatever because it is abundantly clear to those who consider it that although a thing may be scientifically "proved", it is not necessarily True. To prove a thing, one has to base one's conclusions on other previous assumptions and conclusions, many of which may be false. The nature of the Sun is a leading factor in cosmological conceptions, yet I am convinced that our beliefs concerning this body are unfounded and inaccurate. There is no longer any solid foundation on which Science can stand or lean back on.

"The eternal world of Physics has become a world of shadows"

- Roger G. Wyld, NORTHWOOD, Middlesex.

Well - what have our readers to say to this?

## WHY I STUDY UFO's - James Maney

OFTEN, when I appear before various groups to lecture on UFO's, or even in informal conversation, I am asked: "Why do you study UFO's?"

I would now like to take this opportunity to answer that question publicly and I hope to everyone's satisfaction.

First, I study UFO's because they are unidentified flying objects. Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb Mt. Everest, once was asked why he did it. "Because it was there" was his now-classic reply. So it is with UFO's. Even the most vehement sceptics of UFO's (e.g., Donald Menzel, Willy Ley, Otto O. Binder, etc.) will admit, albeit grudgingly, that there are some, no matter how few, UFO reports that they cannot understand or explain. Even the United States Air Force, no friend of UFO's, officially defines UFO as: "Any object, which, by its performance, description or aerodynamic characteristics cannot be related to conventional objects..." So, summed up, my first reason for studying UFO's is simply because they are objects which cannot be identified (at least some of them can't) and I want to find out what they are.

Second: My second reason is closely related to the first. I study UFO's because I have an insatiable curiosity. I dislike enigmas and mysteries by their very nature. Lest the above two sentences seem self-contradictory, let me elaborate: I dislike mysteries and enigmas because they upset the accepted pattern of things. I like everything neatly wrapped up, but mysteries have a bad habit of unwrapping the package; I seek to find the solution to all mysteries to enable me to put everything back in its proper place. All of the first reason above would be for naught unless one has the curiosity to explore into the enigma, be it Mt. Everest, the inner workings of atomic particles, or UFO's.

Third, I study UFO's because I want to awaken the populace to the fact that there are objects in our skies which cannot be identified. I am not trying to spread hysteria and terror, but in the event there may be something serious re. UFO's, I feel the public should be awakened to that possibility. Will this frighten the population? I think not. Carl Jung (late) the world's foremost psychologist once wrote: "...there can hardly be any greater shock than the H-bomb, yet everyone knows of it without fainting." It is a basic part of human nature to be afraid of the unknown, simply because it is unknown. If there is anything of concern about the UFO's, and I am not saying there is or there isn't, then the public should know about it. I intend to do all in my power to awaken the public to the possibility of danger from UFO's.

The fourth reason I study UFO's is because I believe in the adage "Where there's smoke, there's fire." If there were nothing to UFO's surely after fourteen years, it would be in the same category as many of the oddball matters hashed out in the pages of the way-out occult magazines. It surely would only be in this category if the

only defenders of UFO's were fanatics, crackpots and charlatans. However, most of us know that the defenders of UFO'S, while not always as vocal as the debunkers, are of equal stature. I do not propose here to rehash all of the eminent personages who have stated that UFO's are either real or possibly real. However, I must frankly confess that it is hard to find such a mingled group of various persons behind any other matter. Politically, you have Liberals, Conservatives, Socialists and Anarchists. You have men learned in many and varied fields, you have men of all religions, races and nationalities. All have one thing in common - a belief in UFO's.

The Honourable Carl Albert, a prominent leader in the United States House of Representatives, told me in a letter, that UFO's were a centre of "interest and concern to the public." That is my philosophy; UFO's are a matter of interest and concern, not a cause for hysteria, not a matter to be made light of. If UFO's are, in the last analysis, proven to be real and extraterrestrial, this interest will have been well rewarded. If the final analysis is that UFO's are nothing but misidentified conventional objects, what harm is done?

No one has anything to lose by the study of UFO's, there may be much to gain. For, if UFO's are really from another planet, that will be, in the words of Donald Keyhoe, "the biggest story since the birth of Christ." It is my hope that I may be able to play my small part in making the truth about UFO's known.

(James Maney is Deputy Director of "Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects", Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, U.S.A..)

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## BRITISH SIGHTINGS

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### BELFAST COUPLE SEE MYSTERY OBJECT IN SKY

A Belfast draughtsman and his wife report seeing an object like a "flashing red ball" in the sky just after midnight. They observed the object - which was silent - through binoculars for more than two minutes.

The couple, who live on the Saintfield road, said it crossed the sky twice, flashing constantly.

When it "stopped in its tracks" for several seconds, the flashing stopped and then resumed when the object proceeded in the opposite direction. - Belfast Telegraph July 27.

### SUN BRINGS OUT THE SAUCERS

Sun reflected from the windows of a white and silver Air France Caravelle jet flying to Manchester from Paris today tricked people in the Stockport area into believing they had seen flying saucers.

People thought they saw about 20 small whitish objects floating in the sky. - Manchester Ev. News. August 7. Credit Harry Bunting.

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ISLE OF WIGHT SIGHTING

People on the Isle of Wight today reported seeing mysterious objects hovering in the sky during the night.

Mrs Clara Smith of Ryde said the object she saw was like a hovercraft with lights around the rim. 'It hung for some time, then disappeared, leaving a smoke ring,' she said.

Mr. George Limington of Newport said he watched a spherical object for ten minutes, and his wife watched it for more than an hour.  
- Evening Standard July 6

UFO'S IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Account of a sighting by T. Thompson of Bangor, N. Ireland:

On Saturday evening (August 5 1961) my wife and I were watching a pipe band contest in our local (Bangor) park along with about 200/300 spectators.

This is an excellent area for aerial observation, on a raised plateau with only a few houses a quarter of a mile away and trees along three sides giving an almost unlimited view of the sky to the horizon. At the time there was much low level cloud about. It is difficult to judge distance sometimes, but at a guess, about 4 - 8 miles away about 15° above the horizon a sudden bright (white?) flash occurred among the clouds. After some intense searching I saw it again and again, three times in all for very short periods. I asked my wife to have a look, indicating the approximate direction she said there was something there but intermittent in nature. While we were discussing this, another spectator some distance away started pointing in the same direction, telling his companion to look for a "yellow light in the sky above the trees".

Duration of observation was about two minutes, at least five witnesses. Apparently there were two objects, immediately below the first object another flash occurred. The fact that the objects were stationary discounts the plane theory.

GREEN CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT OVER NEWCASTLE

From Tyneside UFO Society we have details of a sighting by two witnesses of a green cigar shaped object over the Newcastle area.

The two accounts are practically identical. On a clear evening 18th of June at 10.40 pm. Margaret Robson of Gateshead Co. Durham, saw a fluorescent green cigar shaped object about the size of a sixpence at arm's length. It travelled from west to east on a horizontal plane and quite silently. The sighting lasted for 5 secs.



James Lister of Wallsend, Northumberland emphasised the horizontal flight path. He describes the object as sharp and cylindrical and green-blue in colour.

there were altogether five witnesses to this sighting.

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OVERSEAS SIGHTING REPORTS

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U.S.A. - TYNDALL(S.DAKOTA) AIR FORCE BASE UNDER SURVEILLANCE

A strange glowing round object manoeuvred above the Tyndall AFB in the morning of May 20th 1961. Two Air Force radar tracking stations picked it up and its movements were observed for 90 minutes by members of the 4756th Air Police Squadron and the assistant to the base UFO officer. A jet and a helicopter attempted to intercept the object but it climbed away from the base and vanished.

Here is an extract from the 5-page AF report, now in NICAP's possession:

"Time and date of sighting 0250 hours 20th 1961. Base weather report...clear, 10 miles visibility.

Report from Post # 13 by Airman Garland L. Henson, Air Police: At about 0250 May 20 1961, sighted orange colored light alternately descending to treetop level and climbing at high speeds. When the UFO was nearest Post No.13 Henson's radio temporarily failed, apparently from electro-magnetic interference generated by the device. Radio contact was made with Tyndall Operations at about 0300."

Simultaneous visual and radar contact rule out optical illusions and as NICAP point out, the alternate hovering and high speeds indicate that the object was not a missile, aircraft or research balloon. - Credit UFO Investigator July-August 1961

RING-LIKE UFO SEEN OVER CINCINNATI U.S.A.

Four witnesses saw the object from the suburb of Kenwood, in N.E. Cincinnati. It was twilight, the sun had just set, but it was still fairly light. The sky was clear on the horizon, but beginning to cloud up overhead.

The object was an uneven circle of light, larger than a star. It appeared to be over Mt. Airy, northwest of Cincinnati, close to the horizon, perhaps 10 to 15°. The witnesses thought the object was a spotlight at first as it remained stationary for a short time, then began to move slowly upward maintaining constant brightness, then after some minutes, still rising, the object changed direction to the south, still maintaining constant speed. No beams of light were evident from the ground to air.

Credit - S.P.A.C.E August 1961

NEWS ITEMS OVERLEAF.....

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BARRA BANGS - Yet another mystery explosion was reported off Barra Head, in the Outer Hebrides on July 15. The skipper of the Haven Star, fishing 20 miles southeast of Barra, radioed that he heard a 'terrific explosion' shortly after 11 am. He said it appeared to be in the air, to the east of their position.

The bang was also heard by the Fleetwood trawler Boston Heron fishing 14 miles southwest of Barra. Both ships were less than 50 miles from the army guided missile range of South Uist, but a spokesman there said no rockets had been fired recently.

- Credit The People 16/7/'61.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD BY THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE - Professor Siforov of the Russian Academy of Science had this to say:-

"As for the most distant future, the further development of rocket technique and radio electronics will help solve the most difficult problem of establishing contacts with the wise creatures of other worlds." - Credit Daily Telegraph 2/9/'61

It would be extremely interesting to know on what information Prof. Siforov bases his conclusion that extra-terrestrial peoples are "wise creatures".

IS VENUS CONNECTED WITH THIS INCAN CALENDAR? - A Soviet speaker A. Kasantew has written in the Komsomolskaya Pravda about an Incan astronomical calendar reputed to be 10,000 to 12,000 years old.

This calendar - the Tiahuanaco Calendar, has 290 days in the year where 12 months are equivalent to 10 months with 24 days and two months with 25 days.

But the Earth has nearly the same velocity 12,000 years ago as at present. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May he received a report from the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science giving new information about the Venus year obtained through the radio telescope and analysed by Soviet researchers. They ascertained that one year on Venus is 225 earth days. One Venusian day is equivalent to 9-11 earth days thus the Venus year could have but 24 days only.

Kasatew said "Now take the Tiahuanaco Calendar and think that these 24 days are not one month - but one year on Venus. So one day on Venus is equivalent to 9 earth days and 7 hours. It is therefore possible that this ancient calendar has connections with Venus. - This report has reached us from East Germany where we are in contact with the only UFO Study Group behind the Iron Curtain. It was translated from the newspaper The Young World by Helmut Bein. July 29th 1961.

POLISH SCIENTISTS SAY THE EARTH HAS THREE MOONS - The earth has

three moons....

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INVESTIGATIONS: Witnesses are required to complete a special-UFO Sighting Report Form (S.3.) containing an exhaustive questionnaire. Wherever possible local Investigators are asked to interview witnesses and submit a full report. Investigations are carried out under the direction of the Chairman. More investigators are urgently required for the purpose of interviewing witnesses in their area and carrying out tests.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT: This Department has recently been set up and the Committee have appointed: Mr. F.M. Bull, Secretary, Foreign Department, 14, Battinson Street, Southowram, Halifax, Yorkshire, ENGLAND. All foreign language correspondence, reports or publications should be sent to the Foreign Department for translation into English.

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Two extra moons lie somewhere behind the one we can see, almost out of sight, say Polish scientists. Will we ever land on them? No, they have not yet reached a solid state. But it's probable that the American moon probe will have cameras watching out for the secret moons. - Credit Daily Sketch 18/8/'61

400 HOAXED BY 'MAN FROM MARS' - More than 400 people crowded out the village of Munger, Minnesota on July 15 as a result of telephone calls to 300 people in near-by Duluth.

"I am the outer-space man from Mars", the voice on the telephone said. "I am going to arrive at 9.30 pm. I will land on U.S. Highway 2, seven miles west of Proctor. If you understand me please repeat!"

Munger is seven miles west of Proctor and the crowd began to gather at 8.00 pm. The space-man never appeared, and an observer said in disgust: "Serves us right for being so stupid as to come out here." - Credit New York Times and S.P.A.C.E. 16/7/'61

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In the next issue - 1960 Dumfriesshire sightings, New Papua sightings, new developments regarding the Hertfordshire lights.  
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#### REMINDER OF THE BRAINS TRUST

As mentioned in the last issue, the BRAINS TRUST will be held in the CAXTON HALL on SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER at 7-30 pm.

Members of the panel will include Mr Graham F N Knewstub, LUFORO President, formerly Director of Research for the British F.S. Bureau. Desmond Leslie, well-known author on flying saucers; Mr Charles H Gibbs-Smith, a Director of "Flying Saucer Review", author of the official Science Museum handbook "The Aeroplane: An Historical Survey" and a committee member of the Historical Group of the Royal Aeronautical Society; We have not yet had a reply from the Air Ministry re. their spokesman; Mr. Antoni Szachnowski, Chairman of the ANGLO-POLISH UFO Research Club; and an expert astronomer, if he is available. Admission to this meeting - 2/6d. All welcome. It would be a great help if you could come with written questions - as these provide a base for impromptu questioning.

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