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UFO DOCUMENTARY?

Another UFO documentary? Could this be possible? It now seems certain that 1984 will be the Year of the UFO Documentary. Larry Fawcett has lined up a 6-part UFO documentary, already funded. Linda Howe will be involved in a documentary regarding 1975 overflights of UFOs over military bases in the U.S. Locally, we will be possibly having some input into another UFO documentary which will be put up for bid to the networks. And then there's that rumor about the Pentagon having its own UFO documentary in the can and all ready to be released...

Thus, when another television producer called Dave Webb and Marge Christensen at the end of May to arrange for an interview because he is considering producing a one-hour program on abduction cases, both MUFON members were somewhat amazed. The producer, Arnold Shapiro, of Hollywood, California, is the producer of the acclaimed television documentary, "Scared Straight," and commented that he has one Academy Award and several Emmy Awards, since his documentaries are all credible. He had interviewed Budd Hopkins and Dr. Aphrodite Clamar in N.Y. prior to his visit to Boston. He seemed very positively impressed with the persons he interviewed, and even made the comment that Dave Webb and Marge Christensen are two of the most credible persons he has interviewed in the UFO field. However, he seemed to want something none of us were able to provide him, and that is proof that UFO abductions are real. We are scheduled to meet to discuss the matter further in Pasadena during the Symposium. If anything definite materializes regarding this possible documentary, we will keep everyone up to date at the July meeting.

MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM

MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATES SELECTED

At the May meeting of the Massachusetts chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, the following persons were selected by the members to represent Massachusetts at the 1983 MUFON International Symposium, in Pasadena, California, on July 1,2,3:

Mrs. Marge Christensen- State Director
Mr. David Christensen- member
Mr. Joseph Santangelo-former State Dir.
(Amateur Radio Dir).
Mrs. Diana Santangelo- member
Mrs. Linda Seal- Essex County Section
Director

At the July meeting, these delegates will present a report on the Symposium proceedings.

COMPUTER

A Computer Discussion was held at 7:00 p.m. just prior to our May meeting. It was decided at that time that we will attempt to follow a realistic approach in compiling two computer files for our Mass. MUFON organization. One file will list all of the resources available at our historian's archives (i.e., books, periodicals, tapes, slides, movies, videotapes, film-strips, folders of pamphlets, documents, records, microfilm, etc., etc., etc.). These will not go into any great depth of detail regarding the contents of the items on the file. The second file will list all of our Massachusetts UFO cases on file, and these will be able to be sorted according to several different items. Joe Santangelo and Bob Gildea are coordinating this ambitious endeavor.

Happy Summer!

NEW BOOK

One of the definite highlights of 1984 for UFOlogists is going to be the publication of a new book by Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett, entitled CLEAR INTENT. The book, which skillfully documents the U.S. gov't. coverup of the UFO situation, is written in an interesting, easy-to-follow style, and is powerfully articulate in its depiction of the of the role of various U.S. gov't. agencies in UFO investigations. Evidence presented in the book is very well documented, and includes a diverse presentation of topics. Chapters are carefully constructed, and include segments of documents, witness testimony, quotes from military theses, historical data, comments by an impressive collection of top gov't. officials and military brass, and fascinating case reports and anecdotal data all woven together into a credible, responsible, convincing literary work. An additional bonus in the book will be a section of incredible photographs of UFOs, cattle mutilations, etc.

Prentice-Hall intends the release of the book to be in the spring of 1984. Mass. MUFON salutes our historian, Barry Greenwood, on this achievement, and wishes him the best of luck with the book.

UFO HOTLINE 617-944-0686

Activity on the Mass. MUFON Telephone HOTLINE has been limited in the past few weeks, but we have received a few inquiries from university students in the Boston area, who are working on research papers on the subject of the UFO phenomenon.

During the week of the Symposium the HOTLINE will be used to maintain contact between Marge Christensen and Joe Santangelo in Pasadena, and the State Section Directors not attending the Symposium.

Members are reminded that they should use the HOTLINE to obtain up-to-date information on the dates of meetings, especially when the weather is questionable.

SOLAR ACTIVITY...OR

UFO EVIDENCE ?

Internationally noted solar physicist, Dr. Jack Eddy, has sent the following account of a daytime sighting in England in 1867 to Joan Thompson. Dr. Eddy would like to know if events like this are common in UFO experience, and what might the miller have seen. This account was published in Symons's Monthly Meteorological Magazine.

"AN EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENON" (To the Editor of the 'Chatham News,' - Sir,--On the afternoon of Monday the 4th, between the hours of three and four, I witnessed a very extraordinary sight in the heavens. I have not heard of anyone hereabout having seen it. The facts are as follow: -At the time above mentioned, I was passing the Mill by the Water-works Reservoir. On the gallery I observed the miller uttering exclamations of surprise, and looking earnestly towards the west. On inquiring what took his attention so much, he said, "Look sir, I never saw such a sight in my life!" On turning in the direction towards which he was looking, the west, I also was astounded--numberless black discs in groups and scattered were passing rapidly through the air. He said his attention was directed to them by his little girl, who called to him in the Mill, saying, "Look, father, here are a lot of balloons coming!" They continued for more than twenty minutes, the time I stayed. In passing in front of the sun they appeared like large cannon shot. Several groups passed over my head, disappearing suddenly, and leaving puffs of greyish brown vapour very much like smoke. I am, Sir, yours truly,

James E. Beveridge,
Darland, Chatham,
Nov. 13, 1867."

Barry Greenwood has located several such accounts of almost identical sightings. One of these occurred over Basel, Switzerland in 1566 (July 17 and 18, and Aug. 7). The report, in part, states: "On the 7th of August, before and at sunrise, numerous large black spheres were seen in the sky. Suddenly they started racing toward the sun with great speed, with some turning toward each other as though in combat. Several were also seen to turn fiery red and then they vanished..."

Anyone having information on such sightings is asked to contact Barry Greenwood.