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MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS !

You are reminded that the 1985 MUFON UFO Symposium will be held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, MO. on June 28-30, 1985. Plan now to vacation in St. Louis and to support this important event.

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

The National UFO Information Week will be held during the week of August 18-25, and will be the top priority of the year. To date 21 State organizations have begun preparations for the event, and 15 of those have indicated a willingness to undertake at least 3 major projects such as UFO displays at malls or county fairs; one-day UFO conference; guest appearances on radio or television; newspaper releases.

Mass. MUFON will kick off the week with the 1985 UFO Forum, and will attempt to make arrangements for taking our display to shopping malls that week, as well as to send guests to appear on Boston radio and television programs that week. Press releases for newspapers will also be made. This project is not a one or two-man job. We will be needing the assistance of all of our members. Please plan to do your fair share so that the first National UFO Information Week will be a success.

Publicity in the Washington, D.C. area will be handled by the Fund for UFO Research, and public service announcements for radio nationwide will be produced by the Center for UFO Studies. Also, Dr. J. Allen Hynek is working on producing a television documentary on the UFO topic.

CAUS

The Citizens Against UFO Secrecy have revived their newsletter, JUST CAUSE. This organization warrants our support. Subscriptions to the newsletter may be obtained for \$10 annually, and should be sent to: JUST CAUSE

Box 218 Coventry, CT 06238

Funds raised by subscription fees will be used to fund the cost of lawsuits to obtain further documents under the F.O.I.A.

** MASS. MUFON NEWS **

IMPORTANT

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1985

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Mass. MUFON, it was agreed that in 1985 we will return to our prior schedule of monthly meetings in Belmont, with the following exceptions: no meeting in July, (instead there will be a small group meeting to work on the 1985 UFO Forum); no meeting in August, but there will be the 1985 Forum in August; no meeting in December. Thus, we will have 9 monthly meetings and the Forum in 1985. Monthly meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Saturday evening of the "month."

At every other meeting someone will be assigned to research a segment of the material covered by the Field Investigator's Manual, and to present a lecture on that material. This is in an attempt to upgrade our preparedness and expertise as field investigators. This should be useful in preparation for the new field investigators examination.

******* 1985 DUES DUE ******

Dues for 1985 will be due by the end of January, 1985. The amount for an individual is \$10 annually, and the amount for a couple is \$15 annually. Checks should be made payable to Mass. MUFON, Inc.. This year we will be issuing membership cards so that you will have a record of your dues.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Although only 5 persons participated in this year's drive, we made a profit of \$85 from our magazine subscription drive. We will reevaluate this project before next year's drive.

****** MUFON BANNER ******

With profits from the 1984 Forum and magazine drive, we have decided to make two purchases. The first is an official MUFON banner for use at displays, conferences, forums, and lectures, etc. The banner is royal blue with white lettering and a gold fringe around the border. We are indebted to Jim Melesciuc who made arrangements to have the banner made for us. (continued)

***** TAPE CASSETTE COPIER *****

The second purchase which we made with profits from the Forum and magazine drive is a machine which makes copies of tape cassettes in a rapid amount of time. The machine also allows for dubbing in one's voice over the tape for explanatory comments, and for subduing background noise on the tapes to be copied. We already have orders from 4 or 5 state organizations for copies of the tapes of our 1984 Mass. MUFON Forum, and so we expect that the machine will pay for itself eventually. It will also make it possible for our own local members to obtain copies of tapes with ease.

GREENWOOD ON BENZAQUIN SHOW

On October 15, at 12:00 midnight, Barry Greenwood, co-author of Clear Intent, and Mass. MUFON Asst. State Dir. was a guest on the Paul Benzaquin program on the radio. Barry spoke articulately and knowledgeably on a myriad of topics relating to govt. documents and UFO incidents on military bases. Our hotline number was mentioned, and we did receive 3 phone calls. One may result in an interesting case involving a UFO seen over Newberry St., Boston in 1957.

**** CHRISTENS EN AT BATES COLLEGE****

At the invitation of Maine MUFON State Director, Dr. Leland Bechtel, a professor at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, Marge Christensen addressed an audience of faculty and students on Oct. 29th. The lecture was sponsored by the Psychology Dept. at Bates. Barry Greenwood, Jim Melesciuc, and Dave Christensen accompanied Marge, and took the Mass. MUFON UFO Display with them for exhibiting.

NEW REFRESHMENTS POLICY FOR MEETINGS

It was recently decided that from now on everyone will be expected to bring refreshments for 4 persons to each meeting. That way we will have a sort of smorgasbord of desserts for each meeting, and no one will be called upon to round up people to bring refreshments each month. Those persons who forget to bring refreshments will be appointed to clean the kitchen following the meeting. This system worked well for the Sept. meeting, and should work effectively in the future.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. WE WILL BEGIN OUR NEW SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1985.

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

UFO forum

The 1985 Mass. MUFON Forum has been tentatively planned for the weekend of August 17 and 18. In order to satisfy requests for a two-day Forum without competing with the National Symposium, we have decided to begin the Forum on Saturday afternoon, August 17th, at about 2:00 p.m., and let it run until 5:00 p.m.. Then on Saturday evening, we will have a private dinner by reservation only (the same as last year). The Forum will resume on Sunday morning, August 18th, at 9:00 a.m., and will run until 3:00 p.m.. Tentatively, the Forum is being planned for the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club ballroom which is larger than the hall used last year, and is also air-conditioned. The dinner would also be at the Golf Club downstairs in the dining room. It might be possible that the Golf Club would be equipped to sell sandwiches and cold drinks for lunch on Sunday, and that would be one less detail for us to take care of. We are currently awaiting information from the manager of the Golf Club, so this information is tentative. Dr. David M. Jacobs has agreed to serve as our moderator for next year's Forum, and the following speakers have already been booked: Barry Greenwood, Budd Hopkins, Dan Wright (Michigan State Dir.), and tentatively, John Schuessler. We are also currently contacting another possible speaker. From all indications, this Forum will be even more successful than our last one. Please plan to work your summer vacation plans so that you will be at home for this weekend.

CLEAR INTENT UPDATE

The book, <u>Clear Intent</u>, has already gone into a fourth printing. The third printing, just out, is already totally sold out. Also, foreign rights for the book are currently being negotiated.

DOCUMENTS PROMISING

Documents received recently in response to requests filed under the Freedom of Information Act have produced some very promising results. One document, for example, referred to UFOs as "irregular sighting reports." A request has been filed for information on "ISRs."

DUES MAY BE MAILED TO: Mr. Bob Taylor

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PLEASE PAY VERY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES IN MEETING LOCATION AND DATES:

For various reasons, our Board of Directors has determined that John Martin's Manor will not be a suitable location for our meetings. We have, therefore, spent a great deal of effort finding a new location that we feel will be both convenient for everyone to get to, and pleasant and suitable for our needs. We have cancelled the March meeting. Beginning with our April meeting, on Saturday, April 13, 1985, we will be holding our monthly meetings at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on Montvale Ave. in Woburn.

To get there, take Rte. 93, and get off at Exit 10 (whether you are traveling northbound or southbound, it is Exit 10) at Montvale Avenue. If you are going Southbound on Rte. 93, you will turn right from the Exit Rd. onto Montvale Ave. toward Woburn, and the Motor Lodge will be on your right just as you get onto Mentvale Ave. If you are traveling Northbound on Rte. 93, you will get off at Exit 10, and turn left, going under Rte. 93, on Montvale Ave. The Motor Lodge will be on your right just after you go under Rte. 93.

The personnel at Howard Johnson's have bent over backward to accommodate our organization and to cater to our needs. Those of us who have been working on making the arrangements with Howard Johnson's (as well as contacting a number of other establishments) feel that we too have bent over backward to accommodate the greatest number of members possible. In return, we expect that you will support our efforts and attend the dinner meetings. If we do not get a specified number of persons attending the dinner portion of the meetings, we will lose the free function room. Should that be the case, our future monthly meetings will be in jeopardy. Mass. MUFON is one of the most highly respected MUFON State organizations in the country. It can only continue to maintain that stature if we all work together.

At the present time, we are working with the staff at HoJo's to see if it would be possible to arrange for a buffet each month. That would expedite serving time, allow for vegetarians, and offer a variety for everyone at one price for everyone.

Dinner will be promptly at 6:30 p.m. (perhaps we should plan to arrive by 6:15), and the meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m..

WE WISH TO SINCERELY THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL WITH OUR MEETINGS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE (944-0686) BY APRIL 4, TO INDICATE YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE DINNER MEETING ON APRIL 13.

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