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The following persons will officially represent Mass. MUFON, Inc. at the 1985 MUFON UFO Symposium to be held in St. Louis, MO, on June 28, 29, & 30:

> Marge Christensen -State Director David Christensen -Member James Melesciuc -Section Director Joseph Santangelo -Eastern States Dir. Diana Santangelo -Member

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MASS. MUFON'S ORIGINAL UFO DOCUMENTARY

Our organization has just achieved a real FIRST in UFOlogy. We have compiled and produced our own 60-minute UFO documentary on videotape, and are in the process of offering it for purchase on a nationwide basis for airing over cable tv channels. In addition to cable channels, we have had indications from California that it is possible that the documentary may be aired on a major San Francisco channel. Also, in Austin, TX, it is possible that the program may be aired on PBS. St. Louis has indicated that they will attempt to get the show aired on their two independent stations. The program, entitled: UFOs: A SCIENTIFIC ENIGMA, is hosted by Dr. David M. Jacobs, author of The UFO Controversy in America, and features the following persons: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Walt Andrus, Budd Hopkins, John Schuessler, Dan Wright, Barry Greenwood, and Ray Fowler. Tapes are available in both VHS and Beta format, for \$20 for 12" tapes. It is also possible to obtain 3/4" tapes at \$50. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this one-of-a-kind important program, should send a check for the correct amount payable to Mass. MUFON, Inc. to Marge Christensen, at 2 Cherry Road, Beverly, MA 01915. Please be sure to indicate the type of format you would like.

Jim Melesciuc served as the program's Technical Consultant; Barry Greenwood served as its Executive Producer, and Marge Christensen served as its Director.



The Mass. MUFON UFO Forum will be held on Aug. 17 & 18, at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club, in Beverly, MA. Advance registrations have already been coming in at a steady pace. Everyone is urged to pre=register early, and to take advantage of the lower rate for registering by July 1. To date the person traveling the farthest distance to attend the Forum is Dr. Michael Brein, our State Director for Hawaii. A sell-out crowd is anticipated, so don't delay in mailing in your registration form.

SPECIAL NOTICE****

A private dinner will be held by invitation only on Saturday evening during the Forum. Mass. MUFON members will get first preference for the remaining seats, after speakers are listed. Information available at May meeting. Deadline for reservations, June 8.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Our June meeting will be held on Sat., June 8. We will then recess until Sept., but, of course, will have our Forum in August. The committee working on the Forum and National UFO Information Week activities will meet in July, at a time and place to be specified at the June meeting. Members have been asked each month to call our Hotline (944-0686) one week prior to the meeting to notify us as to whether or not they plan to attend. However, each month our officers have to resort to calling our entire membership to obtain this information. The very least that members can do is to take one minute to call the Hotline to notify us with regard to their intentions to attend or not attend the meetings. If this situation does not improve markedly in June, there is a possibility that we will cancel monthly meetings altogether, and hold only board meetings. Mark your calendars now to call our Hotline by June 1. This would be a big help to those of us with already hectic schedules who now must take extra time to call to remind you about meetings.

AFRICA TO JOIN IN NATIONAL UFO INFO. WEEK

We have heard from Cynthia Hind, MUFON's Continental Coordinator for Africa, that Africa will join us in observing the first National UFO Information Week, during the week of August 18-25. Cynthia plans to hold a one-day UFO Forum as well as other activities during that week. She has also written to the British UFO Research Organization and asked that they join us in the endeavor as well. Thus, this may well become International UFO Information Week.

NBC NEWS TO AIR 5 SEGMENTS ON UFOs

Lee Spiegel, of NBC News has notified Barry Greenwood that NBC News will air 5 brief segments (2½ minutes each) on the NBC News during the month of May. We have not received any more specific information than this, so keep your eye on the NBC News.

LIBRARY CARDS ELICIT RESPONSE

Last month we mailed 156 information cards and MUFON information pages to libraries in areas with populations of over 10,000. We have heard from the Fall River Public Library, which would like us to furnish them with information for a file on the UFO phenomenon for their vertical file. Joanne Bruno is responsible for this effort, and we are grateful to her.

GEORGE EARLY TO COVER FORUM-

George Early, of WTIC Radio News, in Hartford, Connecticut, has been assigned to cover our UFO Forum, and has notified us that he will attend. WTIC is a powerful radio station, reaching a wide area. George also covered our Symposium at M.I.T.

FUTURE UFO INVESTIGATORS GROUP FORMED

Ken Wisnefski, a young man in Asbury, NJ, has organized a group of young people, ages 10-14, to form an organization called Future UFO Investigators. In addition, a similar group has been started in F&orids by Shirley Fox, a State Dection Director. Walt Andrus has appointed George Gregg (age 15) in Texas, to serve as a sort of liaison between MUFON and the teen groups. It is hoped that soon there will be a program involving the operation, titles, privileges, ID card identification, etc. formulated for the teen UFO groups.

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CONCERNING THE USE OF THE MUFON LETTERHEAD

It has come to the attention of Walt Andrus, MUFON's International Director, that at least one person has been using stationery with the MUFON letterhead, and filing FOIA requests with threats of lawsuits, and other uncalled for comments.MUFON does not want to discourage anyone from utilizing the Freedom of Information Act or writing to public officials, if he or she is seeking UFO information or public support, provided that it is done in good taste and with proper respect to our elected officials. However, in order to preserve the fine reputation that we have earned, we will specify by organizational level who is authorized to write letters speaking on behalf of MUFON, at the Annual Corporate Meeting in St. Louis. In the meantime, members should use discretion if they identify their capacity in MUFON by plainly stating that they are not officers or spokesmen for the organization, but are only writing as private citizens.

COMPUFON UFO COMPUTER NETWORK FORMED

If you have a computer and a modem and would like to participate in the new COMPUFON UFO computer network, contact:

> Michael D. Hart 803 5th Place S.E. Duvall, WA 98019

1800 PAGES OF AF DOCUMENTS RELEASED

CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) has. obtained the release of 1800 pages of declassified UFO-related documents from Air Force Intelligence. Barry Greenwood will have further details on these pages at our May meeting. You may assist in the funding of document requests and at the same time receive up-to-date news on govt. documents by subscribing to the CAUS Newsletter, "JUST CAUSE." For info. on this, contact Barry Greenwood.

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S MANUALS AVAILABLE

MUFON <u>Field Investigator's Manuals</u>. edited by Raymond Fowler, are available through Marge Christensen. The price of these is \$7.00 each. Anyone who does not have one should make every attempt to obtain one.

DON"T FORGET TO CALL OUR HOTLINE BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING TO MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS.