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#### LIBRARY DISPLAYS AND MUFON JOURNAL CAMPAIGN

The Reading Public Library display was a complete success as we picked up several new members and scores of phone calls from people seeking UFO information. The UFO display will be on exhibit at the Medford Public Library throughout the month of April. MUFON secretary, Joanne Bruno, will be in charge of the exhibit in Medford. Joanne has also undertaken the task contacting over 100 libraries throughout Massachusetts about subscribing to the MUFON Journal. A letter has been drafted by Richard Hall, Director of Publications for MUFON and will be finalized and sent to the libraries by Joanne.

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#### FAA PRESS CONFERENCE

The FAA held a press conference on Thursday, March 5 in reference to the JAL sighting of November 17, 1986 (see attached news clipping). Mass. MUFON is still awaiting documentation on this sighting which was requested in January, 1987. The FAA has put together a "package" containing illustrations, audio cassettes of the crew's transmissions, maps, etc. This package can be purchased from the FAA for \$194.30. Tom Brokaw, NBC news anchorman, reported the news conference on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. (NBC Nightly News), as well as Paul Harvey (Voice of America) on Friday morning, March 6.

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#### FIREBALL SIGHTING

Numerous calls came into the MUFON hotline reporting a "bright light"that flashed across the New England sky. The bright light was reported by Tower personnel, pilots and the general public. The fireball was reported at 8:38 p.m., February 26, travelling north to south from horizon to horizon, greenish-blue in color, long tail with an average of 10-second duration. I would like to thank Jules Vallaincourt and Ray Fowler for assisting in identifying this "fireball" as a meteor.

Bright meteors, called "fireballs" or "bolides", cause the bulk of meteor-type UFO reports. Each observer of a "fireball" may have the impression that it is passing closeby or that it landed a few blocks away. They are described by observes as being as large as the moon, like a plane crashing, etc. Those overtaking the Earth during the evening hours travel slowly and are fewer in number. Those striking the earth head-on during the early morning hours travel much faster and are more plentiful. A few "fireballs" are bright enough to be viewed in the daytime. (MUFON Manual 10.1.2.2)

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#### RADIO-TV LOG

February 24, 1987 - Whitley Streiber was a guest on the Phil Donahue Show, promoting his book "Communion"

Whitley was a guest on WRKO-radio 5:00 p.m. March 1, 1987

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#### UFO CARDS AVAILABLE ON LIMITED BASIS ONLY

the UFO card mentioned in the last MUFON newsletter (emergency cash cards) will be available until the end of April only. For each card sold, one dollar will be donated to the MUFON 1987 Symposium Fund. Cards are available from Marge Christensen, at DMC Practical Products, P.O. Box 60640, Tucson, AZ 85751, for \$6.00 each. Make checks payable to DMC Practical Products. (After April, the UFO Card will no longer be produced, and Marge will be involved with marketing another product nationally.) (See Attached Order Form)

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#### Computer language

In computer talk, "bubble memory" is a comparatively new type of computer memory that uses tiny magnetic "pockets" or "bubbles" to store data. And a "buffer" is a place to put information before further processing.

The Atlantic Ocean covers an area of 33,420,000 square miles and has an average depth of 11,730 feet.

The International Date Line, a zigzag line that approximately coincides with the 180th meridian, is where each calendar day begins.

#### NEW BOOKS AND A NEW CAMPAIGN FOR "CLEAR INTENT"

THE INTRUDERS - Book by Budd Hopkins, published by Random House, will be out in April, and promises to be a genuine milestone in UFO literature. The book deals with the abduction experiences which span several generations of one family. New and very significant information contributing toward fitting a few more pieces of the UFO puzzle into place can be found in this book. It is a must for every Ufologist's library.

Listen and keep your eyes open for news on a second book by Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett on further information on the UFO subject gleaned from government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act. The newsletter has learned that such a book is in the planning stages.

<u>CLEAR INTENT</u> - the best documented book on U.S. govt. involvement in the UFO subject to date, released in 1984 by Prentice-Hall, is about to be released for a second time by Simon and Schuster, who bought the Prentice-Hall Co. According to information given to the Newsletter, the book should be released in early March with a new cover and a new publicity campaign.

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#### AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UFO WORK

To date only two nominations have been received by Walt Andrus in Seguin, TX, for the award for outstanding work in the UFO field for 1987. If you would like to nominate someone, please send in your nomination to  $\underline{\text{Mass. MUFON}}$  with a brief statement about your reasons for nominating that individual, as soon as possible.

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA: 1947-1987:

#### Forty Years Is Long Enough!

Dates: June 26-28, 1987

Location: The American University, Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, NW, Wash., D.C.

Admission: \$30 per person all regular sessions, including Friday night reception.

\$20 per person for Saturday night banquet with speaker.

Housing: On-campus dormitory-style rooms \$27 per night (single), \$25 per night per person (double). Supply limited; make your reservations early on the enclosed form.

For off campus housing, make your own arrangements. Closest motels are:

Days Inn: 4400 Connecticut Avenuel, NW, Washington, DC 20008 (202-244-5600) Convenient to Tenleytown Metro (subway) stop on Red Line to downtown Washington, DC.

Holiday Inn: 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD (301-656-1500) Convenient to Friendship Heights Metro stop on Red Line.

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#### CASE REPORTS

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Location: Manchester, CT Date:

January 16, 1987

Time: 1623 hours

Witnesses: One

Location: Harwood, MD

Date:

1830 hours

Time:

February 18, 1987

Witnesses: 2 definite, maybe several

Duration: 3 hours

Duration: 2 minutes

Description: 15 circular objects, blue. (See

attached computer printout)

Description: Dark blue, rounder than an airplane,

## Now you

#### know!

By United Press International Finland has a total length of 31,000 miles of navigable waterways, more than any other country. 1.11

### Now you know!

By United Press International The world's biggest switch-board is in the Pentagon, with 25,000 lines and an annual phone bill of \$8.7 million.

no noise. (see attached police report)

#### RESEARCH NEEDED ON FOO FIGHTER PHENOMENA

Barry Greenwood is interested in gathering data on Foo Fighter phenomena that occurred between the years 1939-1945. Some of the UFO literature does carry information on this phenomena. If you happen to come across articles during your reading or research, log on an index card pertinent information and where the information can be found. You can then send this info to Barry Greenwood, Mass. MUFON, P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Foo Fighters are also known as Foo balls, Kraut fireballs which were observed by bomber pilots during World War II and sporadically during the Korean and Vietnam wars. The glowing spheres and disks ranging in size from one to five feet in diameter at times exhibited changes in color usually from orange to red to white and back to orange. Daylight sightings, though rare, revealed globes with a metallic finish.

Barry is also interested in gathering reports of UFO sightings in Vietnam during U.S. involvement 1961-1973. If you come across any reports, please inform Barry of it.

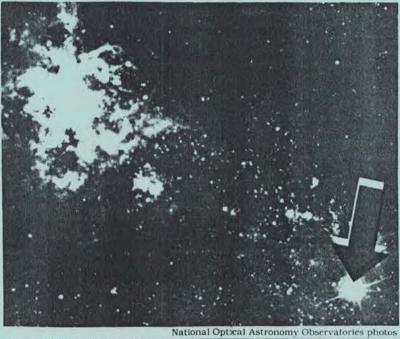
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#### MYSTERY DEEPENS AS SUPERNOVA DIMS

Astronomers have been surprised and puzzled by the behavior of the closest supernova to Earth in almost 4 centuries. The supernova is alreading getting dimmer after having reached a maximum brightness of only magnitude 4.2, about 100 times fainter than expected according to present theories.

Astronomers at first thought that a blue super-giant star called Sanduleak-69 202 had been clearly identified as the one that blew up to produce the supernova. But that star, it turns out, is still there. Whatever it was that exploded apparently was a different star that probably had never been seen before.



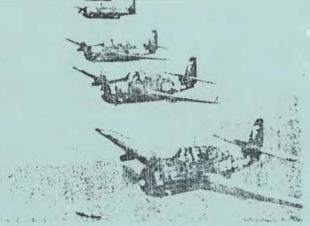


A supernova discovered
two weeks ago has
scientists puzzled.
At top, the area
seen before supernova explosion.
Bottom, supernova
(arrow) shines
brightly on Feb.
26. At top left is
Tarantula Nebula,
cloud of hydrogen
gas in Large Magellanic Cloud.

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#### MISSING NAVAL FLIGHT #19 RECOVERED???

On December 5, 1945, five Navy Grumman TBM-3 Avenger torpedo bombers left Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station on a routine training flight. The fourteen crew members took off around 2:05 p.m. for a scheduled flight of two hours' duration. At about 3:15p.m., the instructor in command. Lieutenant Charles Taylor, reported to the Naval Air Station that they were lost. Fifteen minutes later the senior flight instructor at Fort Lauderdale contacted Taylor and learned that his compasses were not functioning. Since Taylor believed he was over the Florida Keys, he was advised to fly north using the sun to get a bearing. Since radio interference was increas- five TBM Avengers sing, Taylor was asked to switch to a less-used frequency. (Courtesy U.S. Navy) apparently out of fear that he would lose communication



Five TBM Avengers similar to those of Flight 19.

with the other four planes, Taylor ignored this suggestion. Contact was lost with the Naval Air Station, although the tower was able to hear transmissions between the airplanes. Discernib confused as to which direction would take them back to Florida, the pilots flew east and west in an attempt to locate land. The last communication heard from Flight 19 came at 7:04 p.m. Their fuel supply was sufficient to keep them aloft until 8:00 p.m. They were never heard from again. Meanwhile, several rescue planes had been scrambled, among them a Martin Mariner PBM flying boat. To compound the confusion and horror of that day, the Martin Mariner and its crew of thirteen were never seen again.

The account of Flight 19 is traditionally used as a prime example of the Bermuda Triangle's enigmatic nature. Perpetuating the extraterrestrial connection, the Flight 19 story was woven into the plot of the motion picture "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind". At the beginning of the film, the five Avengers are found abandoned and undamaged in the desert. At the climax of the film, an extraterrestrial spacecraft lands. The aliens release a number of human captives. The men of Flight 19 are among them.

#### OLD PLANE FOUND



A diver holds a line as the wing of a Grumman Avenger airplane is lifted last week from the sea near Key West, Fla. Salvors say the plane may be one of five Navy aircraft that disappeared more than 40 years ago while on a routine flight.

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#### SURFACED DOCUMENT - POSSIBLE SOCORRO CONNECTION?

An unclassified document has recently surfaced and is currently being researched by members of CAUS. The document - with the heading "Projects Under Project" states that project SIGMA was established as part of project (word deleted) in 1954. It became a separate project in 1976. Its mission was to establish communication with Aliens. This project met with positive success when in 1954, the United States established primitive communications with Aliens. On April 25, 1964, a USAF Intelligence Officer met two Aliens at a prearranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours. (Long deletion) The Air Force officer managed to exchange basic information with the two Aliens. This project is continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico (deletion).

At about 5:45 p.m. on April 24, 1964, police officer Lonne Zamora of Socorro, NM, was chasing a speeding car when a sudden roar and flame in the sky to the southwest attracted his attention. He broke off the chase and went to investigate, suspecting that a dynamite shack in the vicinity had blown up. Approaching the area with difficulty on poor, unpaved roads, he saw an elliptical object with supporting legs landed in a gulley. Standing near it were two small humanoid figures. One of the humanoids seemed startled as it apparently caught sight of the watching police officer. Zamora continued down the road to get closer to the object. The humanoids entered the craft, which took off with a loud roar and a blast of flames. Investigators found leg imprints and scorched foliage at the landing site. The case was investigated by numerous civilian UFO organizations and journalists, as well as by the United States Air Force and an agent of the FBI who happened to be in the area at that time. J. Allen Hynek, investigating in his official capacity as consultant to the Air Force, told the news media it was one of the soundest, best-substantiated reports. The Air Force found no explanation for the case. It is the only landing, trace and OCCUPANT case listed as "unidentified" in Blue Book files. The Socorro file contains the names and addresses of two additional witnesses, Paul Kies and Larry Kratzer of Dubuque, Iowa, that were submitted to Dr. Hynek on May 29, 1968.

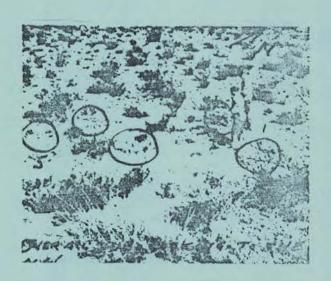
Could it have been possible that on April 24, 1964 that Lonnie Zamora interferred unintentionally with a scheduled meeting between the USAF Intelligence Officer and the two Aliens? Could Lonnie Zamora have been at the wrong place at the wrong time, or the right place at the right time? Something to think about!

Two other projects mentioned in the document are project Snowbird which was established in 1972. Its mission was to test fly a recovered Alien craft. This project is continuing in Nevada. Project Pounce, originally established in 1968, was to evaluate all UFO information pertaining to space technology. The document states both projects are continuing.

Below are photographs of landing traces at Socorro, New Mexico and a sketch of the object seen by Lonnie Zamora.



Landing marks. National Archives.





Sketch of craft and its insignia seen by Lonnie Zamora at Socorro, New Mexico, on April 24, 1964.

# FAA uncertain about UFO sighting

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)

— An extensive investigation by
the Federal Aviation Administration was "unable to
support" the Nov. 17 sighting by
Japanese flyers of UFOs near
their plane, but no evidence was
found to contradict the report.

The final FAA report on the incident also includes transcripts of the pilot's statement about the sighting saying the huge objects with blinking lights vanished into the moonlight when a second plane arrived in the area.

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"The FAA does not have enough material to say something was there," FAA spokesman Paul Stucke said. "We are accepting the description of the crew but are unable to support what they saw."

The FAA report, made public Thursday, included radar tapes and transcripts of interviews with the crew of the Japanese commercial jet and air traffic controllers.

No evidence was found to contradict the crew, but the agency did say an unexplained radar image seen by three controllers that seemed to confirm the sighting was actually a split image of the Japan Air Lines cargo plane. The UFOs were spotted by the JAL crew when they entered Alaskan air space on a flight that began in Iceland. Crew members saw two belts of lights three miles ahead that hovered almost stationary, then shifted from side-to-side and rapidly pulsed across the sky.

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"... Most unexpectedly two
space ships stopped in front of
our face, shooting off lights,"
said pilot Kenju Terauchi. "The
inside cockpit shined brightly
and I felt warm in the face."

Later, above Fairbanks, Terauchi saw "a silhouette of a gigantic spaceship" and obtained controllers' permission to make a series of turns to "run away quickly." He said the object stayed with the aircraft.

Controllers directed a United Airlines plane to intersect the aircraft path, but Terauchi said, "When the United plane came by our side, the spaceship disappeared suddenly and there was nothing but the light of the moon."

It was the third UFO sighting of Terauchi's 29-year career as

a pilot.

Copilot Takanori Tamefuja and engineer Woshio Tsukupa said the November UFO sighting was their first.

Tsukupa saw white and amber colored lights that glowed with a strange intensity "that I cannot describe ... not even in Japanese."

Tamefuji saw the first series of lights but could not make out the UFO over Fairbanks because it was on the captain's side of the cockpit. However, he said an object showed on the plane's radar.

The FAA also released a report of a UFO sighting Jan. 29 picked up on radar by the crew of an Alaska Airlines passenger plane over McGrath.

The crew, flying at 35,000 feet, reported a radar target moving in front of the plane at 300 miles a minute but quickly lost track of it.

The agency could not confirm that radar sighting because it did not have ground radar in the area.

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I live in Harwood, Maryland just west of Annapolis. Well anyway. on Wednesday the 11 I spent the night over my friends house out in the country. It was about 6:30, when we were up in his attic when I said "Hey Tommy look out the window will ya" he asked why and I said just look. He got up from his chair and looked out the

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window, he stopped and looked in suprise out the window. He turned around to me and said 'lets go outside and look at them.' We both rushed down the stairs and out the door. When we got outside all I saw was about 15 objects that had lights going in a perfect circle, we both stopped dead in our traks and looked at the flashing lights. Within the next 3 hours we saw 97 of these lighted ships what ever they were 90 across the sky. I ended up useing his 35mm to get photos. I used up 6 rolls of film at 25 exposures each. We are going to get the pictures in a little while. If anyone saw the same please leave your replys here.

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These ARE QUESTIONS ASKED BY ANOTHER PERSON

What color(s) were these lights? How large did they appear to be? How fast were they moving? Did they make any type of sound? How far from the ground were they? Did you and/or your friends feel/have any unusual experiences associated with this event?

Did the objects do any other ."unusual" (non-zircraft) type of

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behavior? Did they seem more like planes and jets or not? What did the photographs show? Did the newspapers tell of any other sightings? I would think that with 97 objects visible in the sky for over 3 hours, somebody would have noticed them too.

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Well there were many different colored lights lights, but the one that appeared most was blue. They appeared to be about 60 or 70 meters across and about 90 meters long. They were moving along comfortably at about mach 4. They were close to about 50 ft. off

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the ground. Yes they did make sounds, they sounded like a chopers
blades as it takes off. Well the only thing I can think of is that we were asleep just before we want into the attac. Yes as a mater of fact one made a 90 degree turn 1 mean just like at an angle one minute he was going one way then the next he was going another no singns of a "regular" turn. No they did not seem like planes or jets or even helocopters. The pictures turned out just like I had planed you can see the outline of the ship. Yes in the paper the next day I saw an article on some people that saw U.F.O's right at the times I saw them and the same colors. What do you think?

#### ENCLOSED is your C A S H CASH-CARD

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