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Newsletter

From the State Director

n this issue of the newsletter, I would like to summarize Richard Hall's article included in the 1994 Symposium entitled The Quest For Truth About UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP. Hall was unable to make a presentation in Austin, but did submit his article for publication. A few of our members have been former NICAP members and no doubt recall Donald Keyhoe's relentless pursuit of the government coverup in those early years.

NICAP was formed in 1956. Richard Hall was the Assistant Director and wrote *The UFO Evidence* in 1964. It remains a prized possession among my UFO books. He has written many other articles for both magazines and books and was at one time the editor of the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL*. His 1988 book Uninvited Guests is in its second printing. He can speak with authority on any aspect of the UFO phenomenon.

Hall says that in those days the CIA had only existed for about ten years. Negative feelings towards the CIA did not exist, and present attitudes about this intelligence agency cannot be fairly applied to the past. CIA employees had many interests including a curiosity about UFOs. His opinion is that

board member Rear Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, the first CIA director, was totally supportive of NICAP's goals. You man recognize that Hillenkoetter was supposedly one of the original Majestic 12 members.

After discovering the existence of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Hall eventually went to their office in Washington D.C. to volunteer help. He found that the woman who ran the office was a great believer in contactee stories. She seemed to be steering NICAP towards being a fan club rather than a scientific investigation organization. Keyhoe offered Hall a part-time salary, which he accepted. When it was discovered that the lady had given several honorary NICAP membership cards to contactees, she was dismissed and Hall was hired full time.

The need for an investigative network was recognized, so NICAP established their Subcommittee Network which eventually reached about 20 in number. A panel of Special Advisors was also formed which consisted of experts in science, photography, and public relations.

In 1962 Keyhoe got the idea of compiling a documentary report which would summarize their strongest evidence. After about two years of work the staff had brought together enough to produce the previously mentioned *The UFO Evidence*.

About the same time, Lonnie Zamora encountered the egg-shaped object on the ground near Socorro, New Mexico. This event struck a chord with the public along with a flurry of other sightings.

A copy of The UFO Evidence was sent to every member of 'Congress. The book caused a sensation and was treated seriously by the media. The years 1964 through 1968 saw a sustained wave of sightings. Project Bluebook was shaken up, and the Air Force had ordered an independent scientific study.

1965 had been a significant year. Among strong reporets was one in which two Texas deputy sheriffs had been approached by a low flying craft that illuminated the ground around them. NICAP was financially able to publicize new cases to alert important people of what was happening.

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Saturday, January 14 and Saturday, February 11

THE IRISH WELL 1975 University at Prior

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Happy New Year!

In March of 1966 a major wave of incidents in Michigan captured the public's interest, one of which was the now infamous "swamp gas" occurrence. The media and public both were beating a path to NICAP's door!

"The trick will be to give the public the impression of being objective, but with a wink and a nod to scientists to reassure them they really didn't expect to discover anything important."

The sudden interest resulted in NICAP being deluged with mail by the sack full! The staff now numbered about a dozen employees who, in addition to the low pay they received, also volunteered many hours for no pay. As the need for supplies and personnel was stretched to the limit, they tried to process the mail to people who expected personal replies to their letters. The Subcommittees were turning to headquarters for help in giving out more requests for information. The paperwork was a losing battle.

NICAP also had to contend with the media, who would simply appear at their office wanting information. On a trip to Chicago for a radio talk show interview, newsmen showed up in the lobby requesting interviews. While Hall tried to accommodate one newsman at a time, the other newsmen would become upset! Hall figured he must have set a record for TV interviews in one day! NICAP was excited about the serious attention the media's serious attention to UFOs but frustrated that they couldn't seem to keep anyone happy. Keyhoe and Hall had no

business experience in running an office and handling the increasing demands made upon them, and were criticized for that by their successors.

NICAP functioned as a tactical operation center in an ongoing battle to counteract Air Force debunking of UFOs. They felt they were being successful. When Congressman Gerald Ford called for a new study of UFOs, it was a foregone conclusion that Project blue Book was on the way out. For NICAP it was the opportunity of a lifetime. While many believe that the University of Colorado UFO Project was a conspiracy to debunk the subject, Hall thinks that there is a simpler explanation for what happened.

Members of the project with whom Hall interacted were openminded and willing to objectively examine the evidence. The problem was at the top. Dr. Ed Condon (a former head of the Bureau of Standards) considered the whole thing a joke and something to have fun with! The project coordinator was Robert Low. He was not a scientist and demonstrated more interest in university politics than in promoting a scientific study. Few of the project members knew anything about UFO history and Condon showed little interest.

In early 1967 Hall was shown a pre-project memo written by Robert Low. In characterizing the "political" situation faced by the University of Colorado for taking on a project of this kind, Low expressed it as "The trick will be to give the public the impression of being objective, but with a wink and a nod to scientists to reassure them they really didn't expect to discover anything important." As it turned out, Low's attitudes would dominate the outcome.

Initial impressions that Condon would do an objective job proved

wrong. Hall hand-delivered a thick report on a 1966 Ohio case in which police had chased a low-level structured object that was emitting a beam of light down to the road. They chased it into Pennsylvania where it accelerated upward and disappeared. The event caused a stir in Congress — but when the final report was released two years later, Hall was astonished to find no mention of the case at all.

The beginning of the end of NICAP was set in motion by the negative Condon Report. NICAP was financially over-extended and membership support was dwindling. Organizational disarray and internal strife caused in-fighting among staff members. Hall left NICAP permanently in July of 1969.

A small succession of people tried to keep NICAP going for a few more years but by 1976, a downhill financial slide had begun. In 1978 an attempt was made to revive NICAP. Overtures were made to various groups to find a possible buyer. In an attempt to prevent having the NICAP files fall into the wrong hands, Hall was part of the Ad Hoc Committee to Preserve NICAP. They recognized that MUFON and CUFOS were now the leaders in the field. They were not in favor of perpetuating NICAP, only in preserving its files.

The last president of NICAP was a man named Alan Hall (no relation to Richard Hall). He was a retired CIA employee and took the position as a post retirement hobby. He operated out of his home without access to the files, answering the phone and sometimes writing a letter. NICAP was all but dead, a hollow shell of its former self.

A bit later, the Center for UFO Studies purchased the NICAP assets. CUFOS originally intended to keep NICAP as a separate entity, but it was, in effect, absorbed into CUFOS. The NICAP files have thus been preserved.

Hall writes that a number of former CIA operatives and ultra-conservative political figures were involved in the demise of NICAP. He is tempted to think that the gradual dismantling of NICAP, as opposed to abruptly pulling the plug and attracting attention, was a deliberate master plan. Since it cannot be proved, he can only speculate.

gain, this is a short summary Aof a much longer narrative. I, myself, recall how uninteresting NICAP's newsletter became near the end. Part of their problem was that they were too conservative. APRO was more apt to include stories of alien encounters, while it often seemed that NICAP wouldn't include anything except fly-overs. They would still be in existence if their membership had remained strong. In the end it was simply a matter of no financial resources. The UFO field owes a great deal to NICAP and especially to Donald Keyhoe and Richard Hall, who gave the subject the credibility it needed to be taken seriously by powerful people.

Our own MUFON is now enjoying its largest membership ever. It is critical that this organization continues to grow, even if slowly. I would urge any of you who are not members of MUFON to join!

Dick Moss

A Cosmic Watergate

The November UFO symposium held at the Science Museum of Minnesota didn't receive much media coverage." However, the Saint Paul Pioneer Press featured Stanton Friedman in an article which summarized his views about the origin of flying saucers.

Friedman, a nuclear physicist and nationally known UFO expert, acknowledges that some so-called flying saucers are not visitors from outer space. He agrees that some turn out to be weather balloons, some are really astronomical phenomena, and still others are products of active imaginations.

But a significant percentage of such sightings cannot be explained away, hence Friedman's favorite saying: "Some UFOs are some-body else's spacecraft."

Friedman gave an account of the Roswell UFO crash in 1947 and the government cover-up which followed. This, Friedman explained, was just the beginning of a conspiracy to hide UFO evidence.

"There's no question that we're dealing with a cosmic Watergate," Friedman said.

According to a 1987 Gallop Poll, 49 percent of Americans think UFOs are real, 30 percent think they're imaginary and 21 percent aren't sure.

Friedman also thinks the government knows that aliens are abducting people, has a sense of the aliens' advanced technology and knows from where they are coming.

Friedman thinks the UFOs are coming from our own galaxy. He said it would make sense for them to visit planets in their own galaxy first

We should begin seeing ourselves as Earthlings rather than members of different nations, Friedman added. But this is something governments worldwide would not like to promote!

Although he strongly believes in UFOs, Friedman has never seen one.

"I've never seen a flying saucer," he said. "To the best of my knowledge, I've never been taken aboard one. But I've spent my life chasing neutrons and gamma rays, and I've never seen one! And I've never been to Sydney, Australia, but I know it's there, too!"

Credit to Theresa Monsour Saint Paul Pioneer Press, Sunday, November 6, 1994.

Minnesota Crop Circles — Official Report

by Bob Schultz

On Thursday, October 6th, two leading Twin Cities television stations broadcast the discovery of crop circles in rural Milaca, MN during their prime time news coverage and both sent photographers and reporters to the site. The October 5th edition of the Mille Lacs County Times also published a front page article describing the crop circles.

The circles were discovered on Harold Smith's farm from the air on October 1st by his son, Perry, who is a private pilot. Approximately 370 feet from the rural gravel road into Harold's corn crop, were three round circles in an east-west line. The corn stalks had been flattened to the ground. The largest circle was 65 feet in

diameter and the smaller circles on either side are 29 feet in diameter. The corn stalks in the largest circle are laid down in a counter clockwise direction; the smaller circles are laid down in a clockwise direction.

Harold and Perry were the first to walk into the crop circles. "There weren't any footprints or impressions in the area where the corn once stood," Harold said. "In addition, there is a bare spot in the middle of each circle were clumps of dirt lie undisturbed." Harold is convinced the circles were not created by kids or animals and hopes some day he'll know the answer to their origin.

I drove to Harold's farm to investigate the crop circles on Friday, the 7th of November. Neither Harold nor his wife were home so I walked into the formation from the gravel road and took some photos. The next day, another pilot and I flew up and took aerial photographs. I also informed operators on the Saturday morning MUFON HAM radio network. Another HAM operator, Jim Cormia, (reference May, 1994 MUFON Journal article, pg 16) told me to contact Dr. Levengood who runs a biophysical laboratory at Grass Lake, Michigan.

I called Dr. Levengood, whose hobby is crop circle formation analysis. He told me how to properly collect the corn samples which I would send to him for analysis. I drove back to Milaca on that Sunday and after talking with Harold and Betty a few hours I collected corn samples from within each circle as well as control samples 100 feet away from the circles.

Harold mentioned that neighbors who lived three miles north had phoned him to say they had seen a strange light in the sky several days before the circles were discovered.

I interviewed the neighbor, Shirley, on Monday. She described the light she and her husband had seen as a large bright blue-white globe descending to the ground in the direction of Harold's farm. She confirmed that this light was seen several nights before the crop circles were discovered. Harold had previously told me he thought the formation was made several days before he and his son came upon them, but not a full week. (When I spoke with George Wingfield, crop circle investigator from England, he said many English farmers report seeing bright balls of light coming down into their fields and discover the appearance of a crop circle the following day.)

Dr. Levengood is kept busy analyzing crop circle material from all over the world, and therefore it will be many months before his report of the Milaça samples will be complete. However, he does have some preliminary results. According to Dr. Levengood, the circles are not a hoax. The cell wall pit diameter size inside cord cobs collected within the circles is quite different from that of the control samples collected outside the circles. This indicates some energy was absorbed by the corn cob. A similar result could be obtained if one were to radiate a corn cob using a microwave oven.

Blaine, MN Circle Formation I heard about this crop circle on Thursday, October 27th. The next day I checked it out and interviewed the owners of the farm, Leslie and Albert. Leslie did not want any media attention and therefore, no newspaper or TV coverage was made.

This formation was a perfect, 47 foot circle in the corn. Unlike the stalks in Milaca which were laid down with precision, these stalks

were laid down in an erratic clockwise direction. If I were to jump to a conclusion, I would say this circle looked as if a saucer had actually landed! The farm is the only one left in the center of urban development. If we had the resources, the next obvious step would be to interview all the neighbors to see if anyone had seen anything unusual. No sightings have been officially reported.

When Leslie first investigated the circle, she saw no indication of anyone being in it. We took ground and aerial photographs and discovered three 6 inch diameter holes near the center of the circle, spaced about 6 feet apart. The stalks in the center were smashed to the ground. Many of the stalks near the edge of the circle were bent at an approximate 20 degree angle with the ground.

There were perhaps ten velvet leaf cockle burr weeds standing within the circle. The stalks of these weeds appeared to have been scraped. Near the center of the circle, a strange white layer of material lay on the ground. The material smelled like pine tree sap although there are no pines in the area. Corn. dirt, the white material and weed samples were sent to Dr. Levengood. We also dragged a magnet through the dirt and collected magnetic material for analysis. Dr. Levengood has not vet had time to evaluate these samples.

I talked to George Wingfield about this circle and he remembered a similar formation. He gave me an article which had appeared in a 1990 issue of a Milan, Italy newspaper. This circle had also been 47 feet in diameter, clockwise, in corn.

When the lab reports are returned we'll publish a final report in this newsletter.

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Land of Enshroudment

Contributed by Joe Dundovic

Columnist Jay Miller suggests that New Mexico has become the Land of Enshroudment! We'll explain!

The Department of Energy came clean about human plutonium testing. The Air Force inadvertently admitted to a cover-up of the Roswell crash (Project Mogul). The Taos Hum remains a mystery but many who hear the hum have decided it's caused is due to extra-low frequency transmissions by the military. But it's the cattle mutilations that are producing the most conspiracy theories of government involvement and coverup.

[These are]

"...absolutely normal deaths of livestock due to normal scavengers... and a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the media."

Ranchers and police who have been close to mutilation situations believe it is secret military experiments or government research. And the government blames it on predators and scavengers.

Ranchers who have been hit by mutilations insist a lifetime of seeing dead animals has given them the ability to tell the difference between an animal ravaged by predators and scavengers and the weirdly mutilated carcasses that are turning up around the state.

Why would the government go to the trouble of massacring someone else's cows when it could raise its own?

Some think it's because the feds want to test animals from areas

where they have been responsible for contamination. That's why most of New Mexico's mutilations have been near the Los Alamos National Laboratory or in the area near Eagle Nest (this is where the "blue snow" fell in 1955 causing some residents to become burned or sick).

But every time the government has appointed an investigator, the answer has been that cause of the bovine deaths are merely the forces of nature at work.

In 1980, exhaustive and controversial investigations were conducted by former FBI agent, Ken Rommel. He concluded that the cases he examined were "absolutely normal deaths of livestock due to normal scavengers and predators and a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the media."

Ranchers dismissed the findings and so did Senator Harrison Schmitt who requested the Justice Dept. to conduct further investigations. Shortly thereafter, reports of cattle mutilations in New Mexico dropped off dramatically—until about a year ago.

Now ranchers are really mad! Rommel is no longer just saying they don't know what a dead cow looks like, but he has insinuated that they don't know how to ranch! He figures this past summer's dry conditions caused cattle to turn to less-tasty toxic plants for feed!

"There are over 100 plants in New Mexico that are poisonous," says Rommel. "Cows only eat them when they don't have enough other things." Once the cow dies, "scavengers are taking over and doing the damage."

But that's not all. Rommel also says, "It's the ranchers' fault for not being careful with where they're putting their livestock to graze. They don't know how to take care of their cows."

Columnist Miller knows Rommel personally and is certain he's not covering up anything — but since Rommel is former FBI, his participation definitely raises suspicions.

Credit to The Courier, Hatch, NM September 29, 1994

Question: If Miller is certain Rommel isn't covering up anything, how can he accept the ridiculous explanations of the cattle mutilations offered by Rommel?

Structures on the moon?

Richard Hoagland says he has found proof that the moon is sprinkled with artificial structures made by intelligent life. The discovery is credited to the image processing being done by Hoagland and his scientists.

Dr. Eugene Mallove, former science writer for M.I.T. analyzed Hoagland's findings and agrees wholeheartedly. "The evidence is probably irrefutable," Dr. Mallove said. "My general view is that an extraterrestrial civilization came here millions of years ago and established itself on the moon and Mars, under dome-like crystalline preserves."

Credit to "Ozarks Area Ufology Chronicles" Nov. 1994

Does this mean the one small step for man was placed on the backyard patio of ET? And why haven't we heard about this before? You don't suppose there's been some sort of high level, deliberate cover-up, do you? Naahh. Couldn't happen.

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Court rejects all motions in Campbell Case

Glenn Campbell, author of The Area 51 Visitors' Guide and publisher of The Groom Lake Desert Rat had a date with a Pahranagat Valley judge this month to face a charge of obstruction of justice.

Campbell was arrested on July 19 during the seizure by Sheriff's deputies, without a warrant, of the video tapes of a KNBC-TV news crew near the border of the secret Groom Lake base. Although the TV crew says they did not photograph the secret base, they were stopped by two deputies, one of whom told them he would have to search their vehicle and confiscate all of their tapes. The crew offered to show the deputy their tapes in the camera viewfinder to prove they had not photographed the base, but the deputy refused, and he and his partner approached their unoccupied vehicle to conduct the search. Campbell, who was accompanying the crew, was arrested when he reached into the vehicle from the other side and published down the door locks, temporarily delaying the seizure.

Four of the five tapes taken from KNBC have still not been returned and are apparently being held by the U.S.Air Force. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has a contract with the Air Force to respond to calls by the anonymous security force at the border of the Groom facility. Neither the Sheriff nor the Air Force will comment on the details of the contract or the special relationship between the two organizations.

Campbell was charged with obstruction of a police officer, a misdemeanor charge. He has chosen to represent himself, with the assistance of a Nevada attorney, Tracie Lindeman. Campbell has requested a jury trial.

Campbell had submitted several pre-trial motions to the court. He

filed a motion requesting specific discovery materials, and another seeking a ruling on defense strategies When the court and District Attorney failed to respond, Campbell filed a motion asking the court to dismiss the charge. When he still did not receive a response, Campbell filed a motion requesting an immediate ruling on the previous ones. In most courts, the prosecution has ten days to respond to motions by the defense, and if no agreement can be reached, a pre-trial hearing is held to obtain a ruling. In this case, however, neither the prosecution nor the court responded until early this month in the form of a letter to Campbell from Justice Holton. Holton stated that the motions submitted by Campbell could not be considered because they weren't in the "proper form." Campbell concedes that he submitted the motions in letter form and did not number each line or use the header format that is standard in legal documents. Campbell insists that the text of his motions was legally proper and was reviewed by his attorney prior to submission. Furthermore, Campbell says that Holton previously accepted his earlier motion to change the trial date, which was also not printed in the proper legal format.

In his Nov. 9 motion for additional discovery materials, Campbell requested a Nov. 16 hearing, and the last line of the document said, "Please let me know if this request is insufficient." Holton informed Campbell of the format problem a month later, eleven business days before the trial and only one day before the deadline for the issuing of subpoenas.

"It sounds like the weakest excuse in the book," said Campbell. "I have never been on trial or defended myself before, so it's a learning process for me. I have made a great effort to adhere to all the legal procedures, but I am bound to make

some minor errors. For the court to reject my motions because they are not formatted correctly, and to wait almost a month to tell me so, is unconscionable."

We look forward to Campbell's next installment to discover how he made during his day in court!

Is Warp Speed Possible?

According to The Saturday Sun, (London) June, 11, 1994, STAR TREK creator Gene Roddenberry may have been right when he invented "warp" travel through space.

Physicist Miguel Alcubierre, an expert in relativity theory working at the University of Wales in Cardiff, said he had proved mathematically that "warp" or faster-than-light travel is possible.

Such an idea violates one of the basic tenets of Einstein's theory of relativity — that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light. But Alcubierre said in a letter to the journal CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM GRAVITY that space can be warped or distorted, giving the effect of unnatural speed.

This would solve one of the main problems of space travel — the immense distances involved mean it would take generations to reach even nearby solar systems.

Alcubierre said "it's more like an argument of principle. It won't violate necessarily any of the laws of nature that we know today. Modern physics holds that space and time are connected. Large objects such as planets and stars distort the spacetime continuum."

Credit to The UFO Enigma
December 1994

The Transcription Project

When **Dan Wright**, Manager of **The MUFON Abduction Transcription Project**, put the call out for volunteers to help transcribe abduction tapes, **Joe Dundovic** answered the call. It's a long, laborious task, but it will help to ferret out more information about the entities, their methods, and who knows, maybe someone will stumble on the reason(s) for their interference in our lives. The following gives us a look at some of the findings.

STATUS REPORT

by Dan Wright

There have been 581 submittals from seventeen researchers. Subtracting 16 tapes that were unable to be transcribed, 22 prepared transcripts forwarded here, and about 30 tapes currently in process, we have at this pint transcribed well over 500 transcripts.

Congratulations, my friends. Not too many believed at the get-go that we would achieve these results. Still, that constitutes only a good beginning. Those 500+ documents represent only about 150 separate cases, which cannot be argued as nearly enough from which to draw solid conclusions.

What we know - and don't know - about the entities.

At this juncture, we have considerable information about the short greys (in fact, greyish-white in most instances) who perform the actual captures — what I have come to call the "away team." It's fair to say they are rather narrowly programmed and sometimes confused when the subject (i.e., human) acts in an unexpected manner.

Likewise, we know enough about the "technicians" onboard a vehicle who assist in medical and related procedures. These often look identical to the captors — or may even perform dual roles — but are likewise, from early appearances, rather low on the alien totem pole. The "leader" of the mission (sometimes referred to as the "doctor") is frequently overheard barking at them as a veteran surgeon would at a young intern.

In events involving a small saucer-type vehicle and only three-to-five entities in total, these two types are usually the only ones seen.

Confusion arises — for me, at least — in terms of the visitors' roles and intentions as a whole when there is a larger craft with additional entity types. [Note: Always, always keep in mind that we are dealing with multiple groups of entities who work together. And that no one group includes all of the types to follow.]

• A "female" — that is, an entity identical or nearly so in appearance to others onboard but with some unexplained attribute that strikes the subject as feminine — seems to have one role during onboard examinations and procedures: to reassure the subject. children, men and women subject, but mostly women, have encountered this type.

On the surface, this suggests that some, but not all, entity groups, counter the human psyche by presenting a sympathetic figure. Regardless of the intention, the "female" always seems to bring about the desired effect — compliance. Is this then a ruse, or is there truly a benevolent purpose?

• What must be incredibly spindly greyish entities — what

I liken to the one who exited the disc in the final scene of the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — in actuality are pilots. They pay no attention to the subject but rather attend to control panels exclusively. Is this a genius type by alien standards or are they merely functionaries?

- In a comparatively few cases a very wrinkled and assumed to be very old entity makes a brief appearance in the examination room. The subject always has the impression that this is an ancient "wise one" revered by all onboard. "He" does nothing more than survey the scene before departing. Am I blaspheming by even questioning what the hell his purpose might be?
- •Quite often an extremely tall, blonde-haired, nearly-human looking entity stands nearby while the subject is undergoing some exam/procedure. This type does nothing in particular, but rather stares nowhere with a stoic countenance. In quite a few cases, the subject believes

this to be his or her "father." Genetically? That's a stretch. But then, just what is the connection?

• This brings us to the most enigmatic figure, the "doctor" or "leader." Always ascribed as male and taller than his subordinates (i.e., between 4 and 6 feet), he performs the more intricate medical procedures. His demeanor ranges from semi-compassionate to gruff. [Damn! He just might be a doctor!] He is the only one to perform the infamous "mindscan" — the extremely close-up staring.

Within this batch, most frequently appearing are a tan (or tannish grey), robed type, insectoid of head in appearance; a darker grey, also cranialy likened to an insect and wearing a jumpsuit; and a grey/green "reptilian," garment uncertain, but with scale-like skin and claw-like fingernails.

These "leaders" are the guys that presumably would have the most knowledge to convey. Yet, we know little about them, only that they're wizards with instruments.

I could spend either one page or fifty describing what has transpired about the above characters, so this thumbnail will have to do. I hope it gives you a little better sense for what we've been chasing these past two and a half years. Do have faith that I'm beginning to form solid associations.

Understand, it's all about groups of entity types. Ten years ago, we all thought the little greys who spirit people out of their bedrooms or cars were the aliens. Now some of us realize those are pretty low on the entity food chain. And that realizations is due to your solid efforts. We have come a helluva long way, folks! We have a long road to travel. But in the final analysis, regardless of the circumstance presented, we are not confident that we will not be blinded by surface appearances. And you did it! You did it!

Whatever else you do in your lifetime, you'll have the satisfaction of being an unsung hero.

Ed.: Good job, Joe!



"The Believers among us cannot be dissuaded.

There are intelligent beings on other planets, they say. In fact, these other worldly creatures might even be smarter than us."

> -Rochester Post-Bulletin Greg Sellnow

Reporter Greg Sellnow frequently receives calls and letters from Rochester residents who tell of strange lights, spacecraft and even aliens. Following are a couple of examples.

One man said he saw what appeared to be a spaceship in the sky over his north Rochester home. It had five sets of blinking lights and made a sound akin to a semi.

A Plainview man said bright lights have been following him in his car at night for the past two years! The State Patrol?

No, he's sure the lights are coming from alien spacecraft. Once, the man writes, he saw a brightly lighted object — presumably a flying saucer — hovering near the ground.

The man explained that he'd driven on Highway 14 west for about eight miles (with the craft following) when it suddenly elevated to approximately 500 feet and then zipped upward into the stars — "at the speed of light. It was neat to see this, but also frightening," he wrote.

One man wrote that he'd actually seen aliens. But he also admitted that he's spent time in a state institution...

Typical of people who are afraid that they and their families may be ridiculed, Sellnow's callers and correspondents ask to remain anonymous.

Credit to Rochester Post-Bulletin October 7, 1994 Contributed by Bill McNeff

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