

Dr. Greer's "Disclosure" Conference Reveals His New Strategy

Dr. (M.D.) Stephen Greer's UFO "Project Disclosure" press conference held May 9 at the National Press Club in Washington DC, whose stated objective was to prompt a Congressional hearing on UFOs, revealed a new objective: opposition to any missile defense system which Greer believes is intended for use against UFOs and ETs. (Greer claims that ETs are friendly folk, which explains why none of the 20 persons who were invited to briefly describe their former involvement with UFOs in the military or government service reported any UFO abductions.) Greer's new strategy also embraces the beliefs of Joe Firmage that ETs have discovered and their UFOs use unlimited energy such as "Zero-Point Energy" (ZPE)—which Greer, like Firmage, claims could solve our Earthly "energy crunch" [SUN #56/Mar. 1999]. (Firmage provides financial support for several ZPE researchers, such as Dr. Hal Puthoff, who earlier spent a decade researching "Remote Viewing" before abandoning same.)

(SUN's Editor did not try to attend the recent press conference because Greer refused to admit me to a similar press conference he held four years ago [SUN #45/May 1997] and he reportedly refused the request for admission by Fund For UFO Research officials. So the following is based largely on Greer's own press releases and his 573-page book "Disclosure" which contains transcripts of taped interviews with 69 of his "witnesses"—20 of whom spoke briefly at the recent press conference.) According to a flyer received with Greer's new book: "For the first time ever, over five dozen top-secret military, government, intelligence and corporate witnesses tell their true stories which disclose the greatest covert program in world history. This explosive testimony by actual government insiders proves that UFOs are real, that some are of extraterrestrial origin and that super-secret programs have energy and propulsion technologies that will enable humanity to begin a new civilization—a civilization without pollution, without poverty—a civilization capable of traveling among the stars." (Emphasis added.)

GREAT WISDOM FROM DR. GREER: In the introduction to Greer's book he claims that its evidence and testimony establish the following:

- ***"That advanced spacecraft [are] of extraterrestrial origin...downed, retrieved and studied since at least the 1940s and possibly as early as the 1930s."***
- ***"That significant technological breakthroughs in energy generation and propulsion have resulted from the study of these objects...and that these new technologies utilize a new physics not requiring the burning of fossile fuels or ionizing radiating [sic] to generate unlimited amounts of energy."***
- ***"That classified top-secret projects possess fully operational anti-gravity propulsion devices and new energy generation systems..."*** (Emphasis added.)

GREER'S MORE STARTLING CLAIMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ***"We have learned from three separate, corroborating sources that since the early 1990s, at least two extraterrestrial spacecraft have been targeted and destroyed by experimental spaced-based weapon systems."*** (Emphasis added.)
- * ***"Both positive inducements to cooperate and penalties for violating secrecy are extraordinary. A senior military source has related to us that at least 10,000 people have received \$1 million or more each to enhance their cooperation over the past few decades."*** (Emphasis added.) [Seemingly, Greer's many "witnesses" will forfeit their future fortunes as well as face prison terms for revealing highly classified information found in his book.]

- (Shortly after mid 1993) *"I and/or members of our team had met with very, very senior officials of the CIA, Congress, the Clinton Administration, the UN, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the military in England and elsewhere....Virtually without exception, leaders in the military, intelligence fields, politics and national security areas agreed that the time had come for truth [about UFOs/ETs] to be told. Problem is, they had no access to the truth, or the data, or the cases, or the technology or the deceased ET bodies in storage (yes we know where they are and it is not Wright Patterson Air Force Base any longer)."* (Emphasis added.)
- *"Multiple new independently corroborating witnesses told us of the crash and retrieval of ET spacecraft in 1947 in New Mexico and in 1948 in Kingman, Arizona."* (Emphasis added.)
- Presidents Truman and Eisenhower and their top officials were aware of the "truth" about UFOs and Eisenhower *"had seen the ET spacecraft and bodies,"* according to Greer. "Ike" reportedly was *"furious [when he learned that] extraordinary projects were under way and he was out of the loop."* But all that the President (and five-star general) could do was warn of the dangers of "the military-industrial complex" in a speech, Greer says.

According to Greer, the covert UFO program is no longer run by top government/military officials but instead by *"mid-level military and intelligence operatives"* and *"black units within certain high tech entities and select liaisons within the international policy analysis community, certain religious groups, the scientific community and the media, among others."* [SUN Comment: With so many different organizations now involved in the "UFO coverup," it is remarkable that secrecy has been maintained for 50+ years. Not one of Greer's many "witnesses" claims to have been a member of this elite group.] Greer adds: *"Those who doubt these assertions should carefully read the following testimony of dozens of military and government witnesses whose statements clearly establish these facts."* (Emphasis added.) Following are several of the UFO cases reported.

The Japan Air Lines Alaska UFO Incident

One of the more impressive UFO incidents reported at the May 9 press conference involved a Japan Air Lines (JAL) 747 Jumbo-jet enroute to Japan from France (loaded with wine) as it entered the airspace of Alaska prior to landing at Anchorage. Although the incident occurred shortly after sunset Alaska time on Nov. 17, 1986, it did not get U.S. media attention until late December 1986 when the incident was reported to the Japanese news media by the 747 pilot (Capt. Terauchi). **The incident was described at Greer's press conference (and in more detail in Greer's book) by John Callahan** who said he was head of the Federal Aviation Administration's Accidents & Investigations Branch at FAA headquarters in Washington. According to Callahan, the incident prompted FAA Administrator Engen to hold a special briefing which (allegedly) was attended by representatives of the CIA, FBI and President Reagan's Scientific Study Team [???]. Callahan says that radar data and a transcript of radio communications with the JAL crew were presented. But at its conclusion, CIA representatives instructed everyone *"that the meeting never took place,"* according to Callahan. Also: *"This incident was never recorded."* (Emphasis added.)

SUN's editor first learned of the JAL incident via CBS-TV news in late December of 1986. We called the FAA's public affairs office to request a transcript of pertinent radio communications. They promptly provided a copy—which was quite revealing. For instance, JAL first reported a giant array of white and yellow lights directly in FRONT of the 747, estimated to be at approximately the same altitude and only one mile away. The FAA controller said he saw no nearby air traffic on the radar, but asked JAL whether it would like to change altitude (climb or descend). JAL replied: *"Negative."* [SUN Comment: A strange response if the pilot really suspected he might collide with a giant unknown craft in a matter of a few seconds.] Five minutes later, the controller reported a radar blip briefly appeared *"in trail of you [at] six o'clock position [i.e., directly behind the 747]. Do you concur?"* JAL replied: *"NEGATIVE. [UFO is at] 11 o'clock, eight miles, same level."* (Emphasis added.) Curiously, this UFO's then-reported location relative to JAL closely matched the direction of the planet Jupiter, which was extremely bright at the time, my investigation later revealed.

About 20 minutes later [0244:17 GMT], the FAA controller requested assistance from the pilot of United Airlines transport enroute to Fairbanks whose northerly flight path would pass JAL's southbound flight path. When the United pilot agreed, the controller vectored United to the left so its crew could have a closer look. According to Callahan, "Once the two airplanes pass, that target [UFO] follows the United down through the airspace until he gets on final approach [to the Fairbanks airport] and then the UFO just disappears." (Emphasis added.) CONTRAST CALLAHAN'S VERSION WITH THE EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE TRANSCRIPT OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

FAA: "Japan Air 1628 Heavy: Say the position of your traffic [UFO]."

JAL: "Now moving to around 10 mile. Now the position seven, ah eight o'clock, 10 miles."

United: "Ask that Japan airliner to turn on his lights and turn it off for United."

(FAA so requested and informed United the relative position of UFO. United asks to be vectored closer to 747's flight path and FAA does so.)

United: "We've got the Japan airliner in sight. I don't see anybody around him. He's [UFO's] at his seven to eight o'clock position?" (Emphasis added.)

FAA: "That's what he says. Japan Air 1628, say the position of your traffic now."

JAL: "Now distinguishing [?] but I guess below you...just ahead of United." (Emphasis added.) [At that time the United airliner was to the southeast of JAL so the bright planet Jupiter would appear to be just ahead of United. In reality it was to the right of United's flight path and the United crew was looking to their left at JAL.]

United: "The Japan airliner is silhouetted against a light (western/sunsetting) sky. I don't see anybody around him at all. I can see his [JAL] contrail but I sure don't see any other airplanes."

The FAA controller then cleared United to begin its descent to land at Fairbanks. AT NO TIME DID UNITED REPORT SEEING A "UFO" DIRECTLY AHEAD OF ITS OWN AIRCRAFT--AS REPORTED BY JAL--OR IN THE VICINITY OF JAL. An Air Force C-130 transport, flying to the west of JAL, whose crew had listened in to the FAA/JAL/United conversation then offered to be vectored toward JAL so they too could look for the "unknown craft." The FAA controller agreed and vectored the C-130 to within about 15 miles of the JAL 747. The C-130 crew, like United, reported seeing no other traffic in the vicinity of JAL 1628.

One of many documents made available by the FAA was a report of a Jan. 2, 1987, interview with members of the JAL 1628 flight crew. During the interview Capt. Terauchi admitted that this was the third time he had reported sighting a UFO. Less than two weeks later--on Jan 11, 1987--he was again flying over Alaska when he reported a fourth UFO sighting-- irregular pulsating lights--similar to his initial description of the Nov. 17 UFO. But after landing at Anchorage, during an interview with FAA personnel, Capt. Terauchi said he now believed his new UFO was light from a petroleum pumping station bouncing off clouds of ice crystals.

Callahan concluded his account by saying, "What I can tell you is what I've seen with my own eyes. I've got videotape. I've got voice tape. I've got reports that were filed that will confirm what I've been telling you. And I'm one of those, what you would call the high Government officials in the FAA. I was a Division Chief." DESPITE CALLAHAN'S ACCESS TO ALL OF THIS DATA, HE FAILED TO MENTION ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPLY A PROSAIC EXPLANATION FOR JAL'S UFO.

On Mar. 5, 1987, the FAA's Alaskan Region issued a brief press release on the incident which noted "that FAA normally does not investigate UFO sightings but pursued the JAL incident...to determine if there was an unreported aircraft in the vicinity of the JAL flight that could present a safety hazard. As part of the inquiry...radar data of the JAL flight track was reviewed by FAA experts at the agency's Technical Center in

Atlantic City, N.J. They determined that a second radar target near the JAL flight...was not another aircraft but was...an uncorrelated primary and beacon [radar transponder] target return. This means that the primary radar signal reflected off the aircraft's [JAL] surface did not correlate exactly with the pulses emitted by the aircraft's radar transponder. This phenomenon is not unusual... (Emphasis added.)

The FAA press release concluded: *"The FAA does not have the resources or the Congressional mandate to investigate sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects. We have not tried to determine what the crew of Japan Air Lines flight 1628 saw based on scientific analysis of the stars, planets, magnetic fields, angle-of-view, etc....The FAA has completed its investigation of JAL flight 1628, and does not intend to pursue it any further."* THE FAA OFFERED TO PROVIDE SEVERAL PACKAGES OF JAL 1628 DATA, INCLUDING RADAR DATA, FOR A MODEST FEE.

Filer Claims ET Was Shot Dead In 1978 At New Jersey Base

George A. Filer III, MUFON's Eastern Region Director who produces a bi-weekly Internet website of UFO reports called "Filer's Files" and publishes a column in the MUFON UFO Journal, was another impressive witness at Greer's press conference. Filer's first UFO encounter occurred in 1962 when he served in the USAF as a navigator aboard tanker aircraft. When Filer briefly reported the (alleged) incident in his Internet column in late 1999, SUN's editor requested more details. We asked if Filer (or the pilot) had filed a report—as then required by USAF regulations—so we could obtain a copy from the National Archives. He replied that the incident was "never officially reported to the USAF, although it was written in the navigator's log at the time." (Emphasis added.)

Filer, who retired as a major, says: *"I was an intelligence officer most of my career, and in that period frequently briefed generals and Congressmen on our capabilities and the threat to our forces....On the morning of January 18, 1978, I drove through the main gate at McGuire [Air Force Base in New Jersey], I noticed that there were red lights out on the runway, and that probably something was going on out there. Didn't think too much about it until I got to the 21st Air Force Command Post [which] was where I worked. I was Deputy Director of Intelligence for the 21st Air Force, which controlled half the military aircraft that flew the presidents and VIPs....*

"This particular morning, when I went into the Command Post, I was met by the head of the Command Post. He said that it [had] been a very exciting evening—that [we'd] had UFOs over McGuire all night, that one had apparently landed or, possibly, crashed at Fort Dix. That when a military policeman came upon the Alien, that he [military policeman] had pulled out a gun and shot him...that he had run away after being shot and headed for McGuire. Now McGuire and Fort Dix just have a fence between them, and this Alien apparently climbed the fence, or went under it, and died out on the end of the runway. The security police were out there and had captured the body and were guarding it. He said that a C-141 [large transport] from Wright-Patterson [Air Force Base where project Blue Book was located] was coming to pick up the body." (Emphasis added.)

According to Filer, the head of the Command Post told him: *"We want you to brief us at the standup general briefing this morning and explain to everybody what happened."* [SUN Comment: Filer would be an odd choice to brief top officials—including the base commander—considering that his knowledge about the (alleged) incident was "third-hand."] Filer says: *"I did some checking around, and I called the 38th Military Airlift Wing Command Post to check with them to see if the story was the same as I had been given. They said, yes, that they had heard the same information. They said this actually did happen..."* Later it was decided not to mention the dead Alien incident in the general briefing. Filer said that when he visited the base photo lab, he was told that they had *"pictures of something extraordinary."* But he said he was not allowed to see them, although he normally had access to all their photos. According to Filer, *"many of the key personnel on the base at that time who had a connection with this event, were quickly transferred—from the wing commander on down....The security policeman [who shot the Alien] told me he was transferred within a few days. He was taken to Wright Patterson within a day or two, debriefed by a number of people, and essentially told not to talk about it any more."* (Emphasis added.)

If Filer's tale were true and if Greer is correct "that since the early 1990s, at least two extraterrestrial spacecraft have been targeted and destroyed by experimental space-based weapon systems," it is very surprising that ETs have not sought retribution.

Clifford E. Stone: "Spinner of (Very) Tall Tales"

When SUN's editor first met former Sergeant First Class (SFC) Clifford E. Stone in Roswell (NM) in December 1991, and had dinner with him and his lovely Japanese wife, I learned of his long-standing interest in UFOs. (Since his then-recent retirement from the Army, Stone was working as a night security guard at a local factory.) He gave me a copy of his then-new, privately published, soft-cover 230-page book "UFOs: Let The Evidence Speak For Itself." The book's back cover carried the following Stone statement: *"It is my hope that after you have had the opportunity to read this book, you will write your elected representatives in Congress and the White House demanding that the truth of what our government really knows about UFOs be made public."* But never during our lengthy discussion in late 1991, nor during my next trip to Roswell in early 1994, did Stone mention, claim, or even hint, that he had been a member of an Army team whose mission was to recover crashed UFOs and their ET occupants—as he claimed at Greer's recent press conference.

Fox News Channel showed Stone at the May press conference saying, *"I was involved in situations where we actually did recoveries of crashed saucers...and the debris thereof. There were bodies involved in some of these crashes, also some were alive. We know them to be of extraterrestrials. While we were doing all this, we were telling the American public there was nothing to it."* In the lengthy interview with Stone in Greer's book, Stone refers to his duties as a member of the Army team which (allegedly) recovered crashed ET craft. During the interview Stone also claimed to have seen a live ET sitting at a table during his tour of a secret portion of the Pentagon's basement: *"The entity was a little bigger than the 3 to 3-1/2 foot entities that are often reported."* Stone claims that he and his Army team were sent to the USAF Bentwaters base in England in late December of 1980 to investigate a UFO incident. The incident was not reported to higher officials until roughly two weeks after Stone says his team arrived. A further challenge to this claim is that on Dec. 23, 1983, Stone made a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request to the USAF for information on the Bentwaters UFO incident which he would have acquired during his (alleged) official visit in 1980. Further, Stone's request used his home address and did not show that he was an Army sergeant. Stone further claims that *"another case we were involved with was the Iranian [Air Force] incident of Sept. 19, 1976."* He falsely claims that the two IAF aircraft involved were disassembled following the incident, according to American field engineers at the IAF air bases.

If Greer had obtained a copy of Stone's military record from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, he could have learned that these and other such Stone claims were FALSE. Stone entered the Army on July 8, 1968, and after taking several months of "basic training" he was trained to be a "clerk/typist," later serving in Vietnam from Feb. 1970 until Aug. 1972 where his duties are listed as "clerk/typist." Stone then returned to the U.S to Fort Gordon, Ga., then to Fort Knox, Ky. His principal duty there was listed as "clerk/typist," but as of March 1975 his duty is shown as "administration specialist." In Aug. 1976, Stone was transferred to Germany where he served as an "administration specialist" until Aug. 1983 when he was transferred back to the U.S., initially to Keesler AFB, Miss., and Fort Gordon, Ga. There his principal duty is listed as "Det. Sgt," i.e., military policeman. In May 1985, Stone's last Army assignment was to the New Mexico Military Institute (a combination high school/junior college), where he served as "chief administrative clerk." [Strange assignments for an ET-craft-retrieval specialist.]

In October 1987—roughly two years after Stone was assigned to NMMI-- his Army superior informed him that his work was unsatisfactory and that he should retire when he became eligible in mid-1988. When Stone refused, he was "relieved for administrative inefficiency" in January 1988. The primary basis for the criticism was Stone's personal UFO activities, including a feature story in the Roswell Daily Record in 1987 about his personal UFO activities and views, including his request for assistance from New Mexico's Sen. Peter Domenici.

A subsequent Army investigation of the allegations cleared Stone and he later was given the "Meritorious Service Medal" for his work at NMMI. The Army's 8-page final report on its investigation (which Stone gave me) said he had "pursued virtually a life-long interest in UFOs." (Emphasis added.) BUT THE ARMY REPORT DID NOT TRY TO EXPLAIN STONE'S UFO INTERESTS ON THE BASIS OF HIS ALLEGEDLY HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF AN ARMY UFO RECOVERY TEAM. NOR DOES HIS MILITARY RECORD OFFER ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUCH CLAIMS.

In the introduction to Stone's most recent book titled "UFOs Are Real," published in mid-1997 on the 50th anniversary of the "Roswell Incident," UFO lecturer Stanton Friedman wrote: "With the efforts of hard working, truth-seeking researchers like Clifford Stone, there is a chance that the truth will finally come out by the end of the century." [SUN Comment: Friedman didn't say which century.]

Dr. Greer's Lawyer Claims He Has Seen Photos Of ET Craft

Attorney Daniel Sheehan (who lives in San Rafael, Calif.) serves as counsel for Project Disclosure to defend any "witnesses" who might be charged with violating their security oaths. He claims that in 1977 he was allowed to examine photos of crashed-ET craft—which were not classified. (Sheehan, who has degrees from Harvard in Law and Divinity, has been involved in many high-profile cases, including the one for Karen Silkwood—involving her death allegedly caused by exposure to nuclear radiation in her work. He defended the right of The New York Times to publish the highly classified "Pentagon Papers" and served as counsel to Dr. John Mack when the Harvard psychiatry department unsuccessfully tried to oust him because of his UFO-abduction activities. Sheehan created the "Christic Institute," a headquarters for Jesuits in Washington D.C., and serves as its attorney.)

Sheehan elaborated on his May 9 press conference remarks during a talk-show interview on Toronto station CFRB on July 14. His incident reportedly occurred in 1977, during the early days of the Carter Administration and involved Marcia Smith, then a member of the Library of Congress Research Service. Because of Carter's own UFO sighting (prior to becoming governor of Georgia, which UFO-researcher Robert Sheaffer later identified as a bright planet Venus), President Carter "had actually asked to have the information regarding the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence and the UFO phenomena sent to him," according to Sheehan. "Marcia asked me whether, as general counsel to the U.S. Jesuit Headquarters...I could gain access to the section of the Vatican library in Rome that would contain this information. I was very pleased to try to do that." But his two requests were both rejected, according to Sheehan, as he informed Marcia. Subsequently, Sheehan reportedly told Marcia that he would like to see some of the data that her own investigation had turned up—specifically "the classified portions of Project Blue Book." Marcia reportedly replied that she didn't know whether the USAF and Defense Dept. "would agree to release these to the Library of Congress, but she would try." She did so and shortly called him back to say: "They have agreed to do this." [A year earlier, the USAF had declassified ALL of its Project Blue Book files and made them available to the public at the National Archives.]

Sheehan said Marcia provided the date and time he was authorized to visit the then new—but not yet formally open—Congressional Library Annex building. The security guards told him to leave his briefcase but allowed him to bring in a pad of yellow paper. When Sheehan entered the designated room he found "a bunch of documents. There was actually a film machine...some little films. I looked at some of the films and they were like the classic films you have seen, sort of far distant shots of strange looking vehicles." Then, he hit the jackpot: "There were these photographs of a UFO sitting on the ground. It had crashed apparently....There were Air Force personnel...taking pictures....One photo actually had Air Force personnel measuring this thing." One photo of an ET craft showed an insignia or symbols, which Sheehan said he covertly copied on the cardboard back of his yellow pad. When asked if he still had the pad, Sheehan replied, "I have them all. [?] They are in the basement of the [Jesuit Headquarters] garage....I guess I should have realized their potential importance....There should come a time when I should dig these documents out and make them available, which I'm going to do." (He did not say WHEN.)

Filer Praises Greer's Conference And Its Speakers

George Filer offered the following assessment of Dr. Greer's May 9 conference in his "Filer's Files" Internet column of May 18: "Dr. Greer and a dedicated staff have made a mighty first step towards the validation of UFOs and alien life forms. I consider it an honor to have participated with 20 former government employees who staked their reputations on the UFO concepts they expounded....Many had excellent evidence in their possession, including FAA tapes and government documentation. I had an opportunity to talk to most of the witnesses and staff at great length. They are some of the finest and most knowledgeable people I have had the pleasure of meeting. Their information on UFOs far surpasses most other UFOlogists. Dr. Steven Greer should be congratulated for finding these insiders and organizing the Disclosure Project....I talked with several reporters afterwards who were very impressed....These very skeptical reporters were amazed to see credible proof of ETs and UFOs. We made valiant efforts after the press conference to reach every Senator and Representative in Congress!" (Emphasis added.)

Senior UFOlogist Richard Hall Resigns From MUFON

Richard Hall, who directed the activities in the 1960s of NICAP--then the world's largest pro-UFO organization--and more recently has authored a monthly column in the MUFON UFO Journal, has resigned from that organization because its director, John Schuessler, refused to publish his column criticizing the choice of some of the speakers [including Greer and Sheehan] for the current year's conference. Highlights of Hall's unpublished column follow:

"I have been made aware of 'unrest' or 'concern' about MUFON policies and activities that I wish the people concerned would address directly to International Director John Schuessler rather than to me. Essentially, they center around the apparent (and I stress "apparent") endorsement by MUFON of some very extreme and questionable people and viewpoints....Primarily I am referring here to the MUFON 2001 symposium in California, though it is merely putting a sharp focus on an incipient issue. That issue concerns the credibility and, indeed, honesty and integrity of some of the people in UFOlogy who have now been invited to be featured speakers at the symposium.

"Let me say up front that I have privately protested the inclusion of Dr. Steven Greer as a speaker for reasons that I won't reiterate here, but that are obvious to anyone who has observed, or followed, or participated in his activities. To me, it is a travesty that he is being allowed to speak at a MUFON symposium....In addition to Greer, we find on the program a highly controversial leftist lawyer, Daniel Sheehan, who supports Greer but also drags Left vs. Right politics into the arena as an unnecessary complicating factor. He and another highly controversial character, Alfred L. Webre (who has made some exceedingly strange political comments and dragged in the issue of space weapons) both were prominently involved in Greer's press conference at the National Press Club.

"Is the UFO subject not controversial enough in its own right without introducing these politically loaded issues of questionable relevance?"

"Some of the other speakers are controversial as well, particularly Roger Leir and his claims about Alien implants. Joseph McMoneagle and Remote Viewing, and the Woods who are claiming (despite a great deal of knowledgeable commentary to the contrary) to be expert document analysts....As for Remote Viewing, once again there is an appearance of naivete and gullibility unless MUFON takes pains to provide background as to its relevance and validity.

"A symposium on UFOs ought to explore a range of issues with an open mind. But my suggestion is that perhaps more attention should be paid to (a) vetting speakers and (b) providing background information and context to an ill-informed public to help them understand what the speakers are saying. This is even more important in regard to the impressions that scientific and news media observers will obtain on how MUFON (and UFOlogy) go about their work." (All emphasis added.)

Short Shift:

* **AN FAA ACTION THE AGENCY MAY LATER REGRET:** The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), created by wealthy Las Vegas businessman Robert Bigelow because of his keen interest in UFOs and the paranormal, recently issued a press release headlined: "*NIDS Becomes Only Official Organization to Receive UFO Reports from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)*" The release began: "*NIDS is pleased to announce that the [four] newly printed FAA manuals indicate the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) as the sole contact in the U.S. to which the FAA reports UFOs.*" (Emphasis added.) The press release explained that NIDS officials contacted the FAA in 1999 to offer their services—presumably without charge—and another meeting on April 14, 2000, resulted in "*official FAA recognition that NIDS is the single point of contact for UFO research.*" [SUN predicts that when FAA officials discover that NIDS's Bigelow believes some UFOs are ET craft and that NIDS investigators seldom come up with prosaic explanations for UFO reports, the agency will regret its decision.]

* **U.S. SENATORS TO RECEIVE MUFON UFO JOURNAL:** Thanks to a financial contribution from radio talk show host Bob Hieronimus and his wife (both very pro-UFO), every U.S. Senator will receive a complimentary subscription to the MUFON UFO Journal, beginning with the July, 2001, issue. MUFON director John Schuessler hopes for more contributions so he can send free copies to every member of the House of Representatives.

* **HILL UFO-ABDUCTION CONFERENCE PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED AS A BOOK** (contrary to SUN #67): We have been updated by British UFOlogist Peter Brookesmith—who conceived last fall's conference on the famous Betty/Barney Hill "UFO-abduction" case—that financial sponsor Joe Firmage now expects to be able to fund publication of conference papers in book format. (Brookesmith chastised SUN's editor for revealing the "secret" conference held last fall. Also for failing to credit UFOlogist Karl Pflock for doing the bulk of the work in arranging for the conference.) Brookesmith explained the reason for the secrecy: some prominent UFO-abduction researchers were not invited to participate and "*we did not want to waste energy, diplomatically explaining [why].*" (SUN suspects these included Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs and Dr. John Mack.)

* **CRASHED SAUCER RETRIEVAL MANUAL (SOM1-01) DECLARED BOGUS:** Six respected UFOLOGISTS recently issued a joint statement dismissing the "Majestic Twelve Special Operations Manual (SOM1-01)" as a hoax. That document, marked "TOP SECRET/MAJIC EYES ONLY," seemingly was for military crews who recover crashed UFOs and their ET crews [SUN #55/Jan. 1999]. It was received in early 1994 in the form of an undeveloped roll of 35 mm. film from an anonymous person by Don Berliner, who now heads the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR). The commendably candid statement denouncing SOM1-01 as counterfeit offers a variety of reasons, including that "*the content of the manual is strikingly inappropriate for its stated purpose. A field manual for dealing with crashed craft and Alien bodies would have no reason to include (a) information on UFO history, (b) a chart of UFO types, (c) information concerning radar detection of UFOs, (d) a list of natural and artificial aerial phenomena which can be mistaken for UFOs.*" (SUN #55 pointed out several technical errors in the manual.) Despite these flaws, the document's authenticity has been strongly endorsed by Robert Wood and his son Ryan. UFOlogists who disagree with the Woods include Berliner, Mark Rodeghier (scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies), Richard Hall, Thomas P. Deuley (former Navy cryptologic officer whose assignments included seven years in the National Security Agency/NSA), Jan Aldrich (former Army intelligence/security officer) and Tom Burch (with first-hand knowledge of "how to" manuals).

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