

7. Falls. In a few cases, metal or other substances have been reported falling from UFO's, or resulting from UFO explosions. In one case, at Crownsville, Md., the AF checked ground-area with Geiger counters, rushed fragments to Dayton for analysis. (Ass't Sec'y Horner later denied any fragments ever found.) Unexplained gray-white strands, called "angels' hair," have fallen from large UFO's. Suggestion: A link with UFO exhaust; no proof. Unsolved falls of large ice blocks also have been linked with UFO's, without proof.

8. Sky "quakes." Sky detonations, not linked with aircraft or missiles, have occurred just after UFO sightings. Suggested UFO explosions; in one case a large UFO was seen to disintegrate simultaneously.

9. UFO propulsion. Chief suggestion: Electro-magnetic power resulting in artificial gravity-field. U.S. reported attempting to duplicate. Said to explain "heat wave" encountered by pilots near UFO's, also interference with radio, TV, ignition, other electrical apparatus.

10. Areas under observation. Authentic reports indicate special UFO interest in rocket, atomic energy and air bases, also in our aircraft, missiles, ships, cars on highways, with general interest in other phases of life on Earth.

11. Motives. Speculation: A. UFO's observing rocket tests, H-bomb blasts, possibly concerned with our space-travel plans. B. UFO's planning eventual landings, to set up space base -- or for migration. C. Scientific study of another inhabited planet, final action undecided. D. Invasion. (No specific reason.) Certain aircraft accidents, disappearances have been suggested as UFO hostility; others see these as accidents occurring in a global survey by UFO's.

12. Claims of contact and communication with space beings. Mainly individual reports. NICAP does not believe any proved beyond reasonable doubt; some known to be hoaxes. However, NICAP will investigate fairly and report findings after we reach our main goals -- ending secrecy and proving UFO problem seriousness to the press and public.

NICAP, a non-profit group, with members in all 49 States, nearly 30 countries, was set up to evaluate and publish authentic UFO reports: Visual, radar and photographic evidence from armed forces and airline pilots, rocket trackers, airport tower operators, astronomers, engineers and many other reputable observers here and abroad. Except for a few confidential NICAP reports, the USAF also has this factual evidence.

In 1948, the Air Technical Intelligence Center concluded, in a Top Secret Estimate of the Situation, that the flying saucers were interplanetary vehicles. This was publicly confirmed by Capt. E.J. Ruppelt, former head of the AF UFO Project. High AF officials now deny the document ever existed. NICAP has documentary proof it was drawn up and classed Top Secret by ATIC, as Capt. Ruppelt disclosed. Official AF admissions: 1. AF pilots still pursue UFO's as a matter of security to this country and to determine technical aspects involved. 2. AF pilots have fired on UFO's, but present policy is not to fire unless UFO's seem hostile. 3. AF Regulation 200-2 orders AF personnel not to reveal unsolved UFO reports. 4. UFO reports are withheld from the public by labeling them "Official Use Only." AF Project Blue Book Report 14 (1955) shows unsolved UFO cases, many from "excellent sources," at 19.5%, or over 600 sightings. Since then, AF has admitted over 200 more as unsolved; these 800 cases include visual, radar-confirmed sightings by veteran AF pilots. AF censorship is backed by Joint Chiefs of Staff order JANAP 146, binding on armed forces, the CAA, Coast Guard and other agencies. Similar censorship abroad has been admitted officially.

A majority of the NICAP Board of Governors terms this official secrecy dangerous. NICAP is working to end the censorship. If you wish to assist, you may quote this letter in writing your Congressmen. As more information is uncovered, we shall reveal it in our magazine and special bulletins for members. NICAP MEMBERSHIP, at \$5 a year, includes these publications and a NICAP identification card. Regardless of membership, we shall be glad to receive any sighting reports or other UFO information you believe we do not possess. UFO sighting forms will be sent you upon request.

Thanks again for your interest and cooperation.