

Nowhere in the report is there any mention of the largest study of UFOs ever conducted, "Project Blue Book Special Report 14", though it was also Air Force financed, involved only professional scientists and engineers, was not classified, and was loaded with useful data, besides covering more than 18 times as many cases as did the Condon report. It is standard practice in scientific work to refer to earlier work in the same field. I am absolutely certain that Condon was aware of the study because it is discussed in gory detail in a 39-page lecture transcript which I sent him and which he acknowledged in a letter, as having read with interest. The same transcript discussed Jacques Vallee's excellent article on UFO landings, and published studies by scientists showing that interstellar travel is indeed feasible with the knowledge we have today. Condon laughs at stories of outerspace visitors by hamburger stand operator, George Adamski, but fails to mention the Dr. Vallee article.

He made these foolish statements about interstellar travel:

Page 27 - "Travel of men over interstellar distances in the foreseeable future seems now to be quite out of the question."

Page 28 - "We consider that it is safe to assume that no intelligent life outside our solar system has any possibility of visiting earth in the next 10,000 years."

Do note that if these statements were true, then flying saucers could not be the product of civilizations of other solar systems and if there are no advanced civilizations which have developed indigenously on the other planets in our solar system, then there is no point in studying UFOs at all. The answer to the question of UFO reality is "not so" - without spending \$539,000. The only possible basis for the second statement would be an assurance from the scheduling agent of the Intragalactic Transport System that no craft were scheduled to pass this way for another 10,000 years (by which time they hoped we would clear up our pollution problem).

Condon gave no indication to me that he had talked with the scheduling agent. He, also in the final report, gives no indication of having examined the studies which I had referred him to concerning the feasibility of interstellar travel. I wouldn't mind so much if he had dismissed them as inadequate (though they are not) but to ignore them entirely is not scientific.

Another significant omission in the report is a chapter or at least a few pages out of the 965 dealing with just the UNKNOWNs. These after all should have been the focus of the study. One can by extended examination pick out the more than 30 cases for which no explanation was found, but why not focus on them to see if they have any features in common; to see if the characteristics are different from the sightings for which they did find an explanation; to determine typical speeds, maneuverability, size, shape, color, duration of observation, location, etc., etc.

Another omission not at all obvious to the casual reader was any mention of the many letters sent to Dr. Condon by professional scientists indicating their views on UFOs. These letters were sent as the result of a request that Condon made to me for such expressions by professional scientists. I had passed the letter on to NICAP which had in turn sent copies of the request to scientists having studied data on UFOs. Some of these letters make fascinating reading, but it is as if they didn't exist. Equally distressing is the omission of sightings followed up by members of Condon's early warning network - one of which is so comprehensive that it is the

subject of a book, but it is not even mentioned in the Condon report.

Last but not least of this mini-list of omissions is any discussion in a 42-page chapter "Atmospheric Electricity and Plasma Interpretations of UFOs" of my own published views on airborne electromagnetically propelled vehicles involving plasmas around vehicles. This, too, had been transmitted to and read by Condon and is totally ignored though I am convinced that an entirely new approach to atmospheric propulsion can be derived based on a combination of high magnetic fields and intentionally created plasmas around symmetric vehicles in the atmosphere. This combination would explain many of the stranger manifestations of UFOs. Perhaps not surprisingly none of the so-called plasma physics experts called in by Condon for a conference on plasmas and UFOs were experts in the interactions between vehicles, plasmas and magnetic fields. This area was also not mentioned at all by Phil Klass in his book "UFOs Identified", though he tries to explain most UFOs as atmospheric plasmas. Sometimes I wonder a bit about the closed-mindedness of the scientists of our day.

MYTH: "Life as we know it cannot exist on the surface of the moon or the other planetary bodies in the solar system."

Such nonsense though frequently expressed is unworthy of the scientists who express it. There is certainly no doubt that the conditions important for life are indeed different on the large bodies in the solar system. The composition, temperature, and pressures of the atmospheres if any, the presence of moisture, the temperature of the planetary surface on the other planets may all, at first blush, seem totally incompatible with the living of life as we know it. Further complications in many cases include the absence of built-in protection (an atmosphere plus a magnetic field) against such external dangers as meteorites, high-energy charged particles, cosmic rays, and solar ultraviolet rays. However, it is quite obvious that an intelligent creature (such as man is in his better moments) is perfectly capable of creating conditions suitable for living in all sorts of odd places such as on the moon (ask Neil Armstrong and Allan Shepherd if life as we know it can survive on the moon), in outer space, in the depths of the oceans, etc. Man is the manipulator supreme of the world around himself. Like the turtle, he is capable of carrying along his protection and like the camel is capable of carrying along his nourishment. We certainly don't as yet have any basis whatsoever for saying that there has never been or even, is not now, intelligent life (I don't much care about Martian or Lunar microbes) on the planet Mars or on the moon. We have explored only a very small portion of either body, and we know that, if we were to set up a base on either one, it would most likely be, at least initially, buried under lunar rocks or in lunar caves in order to more easily provide the conditions we desire such as an even temperature, air to breathe without space suits, protection against solar storms, meteorites, etc.

One certainly must also ask the question "would we be informed by NASA or the Soviet equivalent of any indications of intelligently controlled artifacts on the moon or Mars or anywhere else?" I am not convinced that we would - especially if there was any thought of either getting "them" (if alive and kicking) on our side or learning the secrets of their propulsion, energy production, communication, etc., systems. Does anybody really believe that the astronauts or cosmonauts are free to say what they please anymore than anybody believes that we are being told the whole truth and nothing but the truth about such down-to-earth problems as pollution, Vietnam, marijuana, wire tapping, etc.? Note again the Industrial