

Activities

One of the most significant activities supported by the Fund was the 1987 MUFON Symposium at the American University in Washington, D.C., which brought together experts from all over the world for a weekend exchange of information.

Recent Fund education programs include support for the publication of a report, *Using Concepts From UFO Studies to Teach Science and Critical Thinking*, for the 1989 annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

The main function of the Fund--supporting scientific research--has so far involved more than 20 major grants to researchers in the U.S., Canada and Europe, plus awards for on-site investigations of UFO sightings as far away as Australia. Among our completed projects are:

- * publication of nearly 600 pages of previously-classified, UFO-related Government documents acquired under the Freedom of Information Act;
- * support for litigation to release classified UFO documents under the FOI Act;
- * analysis of the Gulf Breeze, Florida, photographs and videotape, which revealed no evidence of a hoax;
- * sponsorship of the first scientific study of nine "abductees" by a Ph.D. psychologist who concluded that there was no psychological basis for the strange and highly consistent stories told by these individuals;
- * publication of a 600+ page document on more than 200 "abduction" reports by Thomas E. Bullard, Ph.D., of Indiana University, which has become a standard reference work;
- * and support for two professional conferences on the "Treatment of Experienced Anomalous Trauma" in which psychiatrists, psychologists and UFO investigators looked into the "abduction" phenomenon.

Current projects of the Fund include the laboratory analysis of videotapes of alleged UFOs, continuing support for the scientific study of "abductions," and investigation into past and current U.S. Government activity, such as the alleged recovery of crashed UFOs and alien bodies. A \$16,000 grant awarded to nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman for research into the area of government secrecy was the largest ever made by a private UFO research organization.

Fundraising

The Fund raises money from two primary sources: (1) direct donations, which are fully tax-deductible; and (2) sales of printed materials, most of which are reports written by persons whose research has been supported by the Fund.

All contributors to the Fund for UFO Research receive our Quarterly Report containing news about research and public education projects we are sponsoring and related activities, and current lists of research reports and other documents which are available. Proceeds from report and document sales are applied to the support of UFO research and education projects.

To make a contribution, purchase an item, or receive a grant application form, please complete the attached Reply Form and mail to the Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.