

8. "...later explained through investigation."

It happens that approximately 20% of all reports remain unexplained after investigation, (Condon Commission -- 35%), despite the inaccurate statistics of the U.S. Air Force. It is only these unexplained cases which are classed as UFOs by serious Ufologists. All others are IFOs. Your statement can lead people to believe all reports are identified, which is untrue. Are you aware of the study conducted by Dr. P.A. Sturrock of Stanford University which shows that many astronomers have seen strange objects in the sky which they could not identify and think they are related to the UFO phenomenon? (Institute for Plasma Research, SUIPR Report No. 681, January 1977).

Now that I have torn these statements apart, let me add that in my Ufology Course at Algonquin, and in my writing, I deal with factual data, not sweeping generalizations such as appear in the attached article. It is generalizations and misleading statements such as these which cause much of the misunderstanding of UFOs in the public mind. I am trying to correct this by presenting facts, a good proportion of which originate with scientific sources around the world. Not all UFO literature is paperback junk, as some people believe. I present both points of view in my course. Indeed, it was to assist in this that I invited Dr. McNamara to be a guest lecturer -- so the students will not be exposed only to my side of the story. I then let the students decide for themselves what they think UFOs are.

I could expand at great length on all the above points but I do not wish to take up too much of your time. I can also back up all my statements by data in my possession.

Should you care to comment in response to this letter, I will be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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