

PROJECT 1947

J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) File Collection Repository

Project 1947 has transferred about 30 boxes of UFO material to the CUFOS files now located in the Zimmerman library, University of New Mexico. These include:

- 350 government and other microfilms
- All audio visual material held here in Connecticut
- Correspondence with UFO researchers
- Case files (unfiled or misfiled) borrowed from CUFOS, items from Project 1947 research, material from UFO collections of other researchers
- Newspaper clippings from Project 1947 and other collections
- Specialized studies
- UFO Publications
- FOIA requests

During the 1950s and 1960s, I visited the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington, D. C. During my stays, I helped with file maintenance and other tasks. After a few visits they allowed me to take material to work on at home. I brought an empty suitcase and took home newspaper clippings to mount on paper or other material which needed organizing. When I finished I would mail back the completed items to be placed in the files collection. Of course, I would make copies for myself which proved to be a fortuitous thing, too. The movement of the NICAP files from Washington DC to Kensington, Maryland to storage to Chicago and finally to CUFOS meant the loss of some material. Now, we are able to reconstruct these missing items from copies I have here in the Project 1947 files.

In 2001 Barry Greenwood and I repeated my earlier idea of bringing various unfiled items from CUFOS to work on at home. Many of these resources have been returned to CUFOS along with cases files from my own collection as well as from the following researchers and organizations:

APRO: about a quarter of the early files pre-1947 to December 1956 on microfilm

Dr. Leon Davidson

Dr. Willy Smith: (including some of Hynek's case files used in the UNICAT)

Andy Roberts: WW II collection and other case files from 1970s-1990s

John Musgrave: selected items from his Canada collection

Capt. William B Nash: copies of his scrapbooks

Capt. Dominique Weinstein: summaries of French cases pre-1947 to 1950, 1954 clippings and other material from French newspapers, Report on Aircraft UFO Encounters (CUFOE) over Eastern Canada, ACUFO and Electromagnetic Effects

Tony Rullan: Report on Odors Associated with UFOs, west Texas clippings

Richard Hall: file correspondence of Hall, Isabel Davis and Ted Bloecher with Dr. James McDonald, catalogues on Air Displacement and UFOs, UFO and Vehicle Encounters, UFOs and Heat, and other materials.

Robert Todd's collection which amounts to a quarter of his material (other material is in the possession of Barry Greenwood (also material in Ray fowler's files) and CUFOS.

Dr. Herbert Strentz rescued valuable material from Project Blue Book's trash bins, including microfilms of Letters to the USAF in response to LIFE and LOOK magazines articles in 1952, exchanges between Project Blue Book and Pentagon UFO spokesmen, and other miscellaneous USAF UFO material.

Lynn Cateo: collection of UFO material assembled at the Library of Congress for her bibliography of UFO literature. Also, NICAP-CSI-NY 4 Scrapbooks microfilmed under a USAF contract. (The original scrapbooks are now missing.)

Pablo Petrowisch: databases of UFOs in Latin America and UFOs in Chile.

NY NICAP Subcommittee and Los Angeles Subcommittee: (LANS) Latin American UFO clipping translated into English

Idabell Epperson: LANS, case files and clippings.

Robert Gribble: newspaper clipping collection.

Loren Gross: source material from his UFO History book series

Capt. Edward Ruppelt-Capt. Bob White: USAF Pentagon spokesman correspondence.

Capt. Ruppelt: USAF Case summary sheets on UFO cases sent to Ruppelt by Airman Max Futch after Ruppelt left the Air Force (these versions are not in the Project Blue files)

There are thousands of more files to be transferred and collected by more than 300 Project 1947 members, myself and others. Government files include over 100 Ghost Rocket documents, USAF Special Study Group files and some cases, part of the 4620d Air Service Squadrons' case file UFO reports 1954-1956, USAF Intelligence Command, Ft Eustis, Virginia 62 cases, 11 cases released to the National Archives in 1994, Unit Histories at Maxwell Air Force Bases and other facilities and WWII Night Fighter Squadron Operations and Intelligence files and other UFO material found at the National Archives, Library of Congress, Naval War College, Air Force Historical Research Institute, and US Army Historical Institute. Material has also been found in Canadian and other libraries around the world.

We welcome other UFO material to complete the CUFOS files. Many things thought to be lost have turned up in others' collections or strange places including trash dumpsters.

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