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'Project Blue Book' Is Based on a True U.F.O. Story. Here It Is.

By **Ralph Blumenthal** and **Leslie Kean**

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Featuring a Russian spy murder, a self-immolation, gun-toting government thugs and other fanciful plot devices, "Project Blue Book," History's popular new series on the Air Force's program to investigate and debunk U.F.O.s, is not your historian's Project Blue Book.

We viewed the first six episodes from the standpoint of writers who have long worked on the serious side of U.F.O.s. We broke the December 2017 New York Times exclusive on a secret Pentagon program investigating the phenomenon, with our colleague Helene Cooper. Leslie Kean wrote the Times 2010 best-seller "U.F.O.s: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record." Ralph Blumenthal has written about U.F.O.s for Vanity Fair as well as The Times.

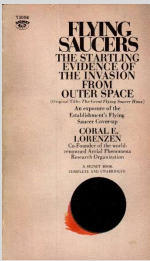
ET study is changing in real time. Here is an immediate follow-up to the new History Channel "Project Blue Book" series. The January 15, 2019 story was written by Ralph Blumenthal and Leslie Kean, who broke the "Advanced Aerial Threat Identification Program" story in the NY Times about a year ago.

They correct some of the errors in the History Channel program and they add additional Blue Book facts not mentioned in what they have seen of the History Channel story so far.

The trustworthy media is now keeping up with investigations of the ET presence – and I think that this is a significant change.

The rest of this talk will be about the private groups that began to study UFOs in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization,
founded by James and Coral Lorenzen in 1952.



APRO remained active until
1988.

APRO Bulletins are available at

<http://www.openminds.tv>

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RASH OF SIGHTINGS IN ALABAMA



Handfuls of people have reported unusual lights in the sky as a farm near the Brown Ferry Nuclear Plant over a two week period in October, 1983. The sightings began around 9:00 p.m. on the 13th when two teenagers, Ty Strickland and Kim Green saw something zipping through the air and lighting the woods.

Bruce Zidell and Steve Allen both saw a strange orange and white ball of light early the following night while working on a field. Zidell's father, the farm owner and a pilot, saw "a very bright light moving in patterns that were not possible in an airplane" on the night of the 17th.

Between 100 and 150 people waited in the field the next evening, waiting for a repeat of the earlier sightings. The bright orange and white light did not appear, but the witnesses did watch a strange bright red glowing light in the middle of the freshly plowed cotton field for about 30 seconds.

Another local farmer, James Crouch, said he was plowing a field on the night of the 19th when he noticed an orange-red glow in the sky with what looked like sparks going off around it. In August he discovered a large hole in the ground filled with hot acid water. "I don't know if this has anything to do with it... I've been farming this land for 30 years and up until this summer I've never noticed this hole," he said. Crouch added that he's been seeing strange orange to reddish colored lights in the area for the past five years, but never mentioned it before because he didn't think anyone would believe him.

Dr. Joe Shute, a professor at Auburn State College, said he believes a geological condition exists in the area where different energies have combined to produce the glowing lights. Calling the conditions a vortex he said, "I'm not saying for sure this is what the people reported seeing in Limestone County, but this is what I believe happened. Those conditions usually exist in the fall and winter and when it happens, the glow will produce a variety of colors."

A farmer discovered three helium-filled garbage bags tied to a flashlight about 20 to 25 miles from the area of the sightings, but this did not bring an end to the reports of unidentified lights hanging over the trees. The sightings continued for about two weeks after the garbage bags were found.

Even if no one had seen the mysterious lights after the bags were discovered, the witnesses say that what they saw could not have been a flashlight hanging from these garbage bags. The lights were spotted

(See "Alabama" - page 2)

Object over D.C. - See details below.

PHOTOS OF OBJECT OVER WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Jim McCoy family of Tucson, Arizona, was vacationing in Washington, D. C. in late June, 1983, and 16 year old David snapped the accompanying two photographs between 10:30 and 11 p.m. on the evening of June 21. David was facing the Lincoln Memorial, and the objects were not seen by him or anyone else in the party. (Mr. McCoy is a member of APRO's Board of Directors and Mrs. McCoy is APRO's membership secretary.) The camera was a new Fujitsu using Kodak safety film. Only moments separate the two photographs and the second photo appears to be of the same object visible in the sky to the right of the brightly lit Memorial, except that it has moved to the right. It is at times like this that we regret our inability to print color photos. The object is bright white with a very faint trail to the left of it, and a red glow above and below, making it appear to be a reddish, nebulous globe with a bright white rim around the middle.

Anyone with any idea of what this object may have been is welcome to submit comments to the APRO Bulletin.

See photo number two, page 3.

The first big American group...its bulletins are
available online.

National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)



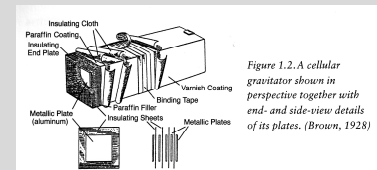
(Active 1956 – 1980)



Thomas Townsend Brown, founder:
Discovered Beilfield-Brown Effect



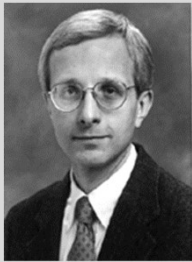
Donald Keyhoe, best-known director
Retired USMC Major; influential friends
in military during early “flying saucer” days



The most publicly active group in the late 1950s and 1960s. Keyhoe wrote an influential and well-documented book, because he had “access:” as a respected former Marine officer and pilot, he knew Pentagon insiders and as a publicist and journalist, he knew how to write. He made the organization both noticed and relevant.

The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies
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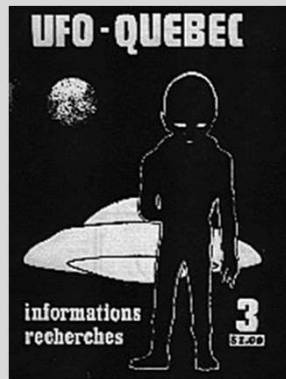
J. Allen Hynek seen in one of the final scenes of
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)



Active 1973 - present

This organization is still active; it is based in Chicago. It was founded by J. Allen Hynek, who was the Air Force's astronomy adviser to its UFO studies during the late 'forties, up through the Condon Commission study in 1966-1969. He founded it after the Condon Commission had debunked the phenomenon and turned the mainstream media off the question.

UFO-QUEBEC (1974 – 1981)



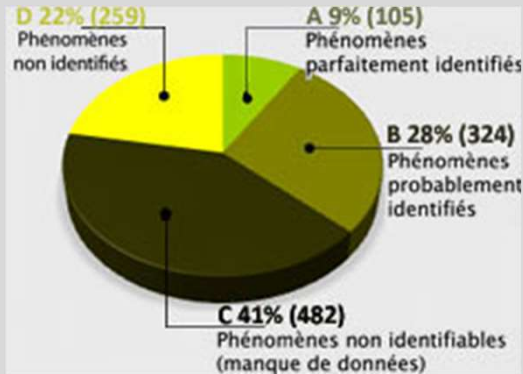
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Founded in Quebec in 1974. it published a quarterly magazine, UFO-Quebec, until 1981. I was a member, and helped on several investigations, reported in the introduction to my book.



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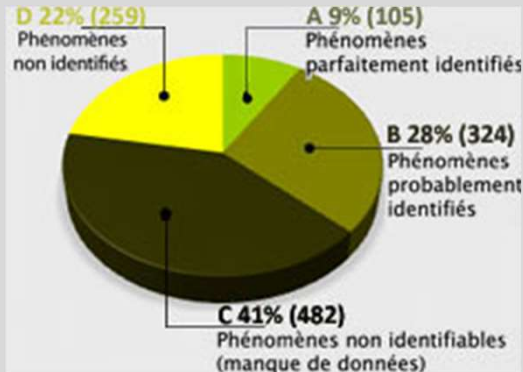
Active 1977 – present
(under different names)

<http://www.cnes-geipan.fr/index.php?id=204>

GEIPAN is part of the French space research program. They publish UFO investigations (see their website). They disclaim being interested in the extraterrestrial hypothesis, but nevertheless they investigate cases that have no other reasonable explanation (see the pie chart above)



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Le GEIPAN, Groupe d'Études et d'Information sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non Identifiés fait partie intégrante des missions du Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES). Le GEIPAN a pour missions :

- la collecte des témoignages d'observations de [PAN](#) sur le territoire français ;
- l'analyse des témoignages pour tenter d'expliquer les phénomènes observés (enquêtes) ;
- l'archivage des témoignages, l'un des objectifs importants de cet archivage étant de permettre l'étude ultérieure éventuelle par la communauté scientifique des observations restées inexplicables ;
- l'information et la communication vers le public. A ce titre, il a engagé dès 2007 la mise en ligne de l'ensemble de ses archives.

Certains pourraient penser que le GEIPAN est un organisme de recherche dédié à la recherche d'existence de vie ou de technologies extraterrestres avancées. Il n'en est rien ; ce n'est ni dans ses prérogatives, ni dans ses compétences, conformément aux missions du CNES qui n'est pas un organisme de recherche.

Le GEIPAN met les informations qu'il rassemble à la disposition de la communauté scientifique et, évidemment, du grand

public.

Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)



Founded by Walter Andrus



Executive Director, Jan Harzan



Quebec Director, Marc St-Germain

<http://www.mufonquebec.com/>

This is the largest US group, with international reach (see the Quebec Chapter). It has a large case database, it trains and organizes field investigations, reports regularly (on line) on its findings and holds regular conferences where UFO-related issues are discussed. I am an active member and participate in what is called the “experienter research team.” We study reports of contact with and/or abduction by ETs.



Association Québécoise d'Ufologie

En fonction depuis 1998, l'association permet d'y accueillir des gens de tous les milieux qui s'intéressent à la question des objets volants non identifiés (OVNI). L'association qui ne prône aucune idéologie ou hypothèse quant à la réalité ou non de ce phénomène, propose à ses membres une tribune pour s'exprimer, débattre et échanger des hypothèses sur ce mystère dont l'origine remonte aux temps anciens.

Le premier Souper Ufologique mensuel de l'AQU en 2016 se tiendra samedi le 30 janvier 2016 à 19h au restaurant Al-Raouché situé au 4953 boul. Henri Bourassa Est à Montréal.

A currently active local group (note the “souper Ufologique mensuel” held at a local restaurant!

Groupe d'étude, Observations & Reporting UFOs – GARPAN Quebec

5^e Congrès ufologique international de Montréal

De l'expérience à la science

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Another Quebec group – I participated in a symposium they held at UQAM in October and met some interesting people.

Don't blame me for the Frenglish on the title up there: that's how it appears on Internet search!

[Home \(http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) > UFOs

British National Archives: UFOs

Newly released UFO files from the UK government

Files released in June 2013

The final tranche of UFO files released by The National Archives contain a wide range of UFO-related documents, drawings, letters, and photos and parliamentary questions covering the final two years of the Ministry of Defence's UFO Desk (from late 2007 until November 2009).

Discover the reasons behind the closure of the UFO desk, the handling of the largest number of UFO sighting reports received in 30 years and the disclosure campaign for 'the truth', which was sparked by the closure of the UFO Desk.

Start by reading our [highlights guide \(https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/ufo-highlights-guide-2013.pdf\)](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/ufo-highlights-guide-2013.pdf) (PDF, 363kb) to help navigate your way through the files.

The British have released their UFO archives, and the man who used to be responsible (in the Ministry of Defense), Nicholas Pope, is now a well-known speaker and writer on the subject of UFOs.