

FEDERATION OF UFO RESEARCHERS

This bulletin consists of proposals for the organisation and operation of a Federation of UFO Researchers, both individuals and groups. It is hoped that representatives of all UFO groups in the British Isles will shortly meet to discuss this scheme, and that groups in other countries will do likewise. Meanwhile readers are invited to submit their comments, and state how they might be able to help.

It is proposed that one Federation be formed in every country or group of countries (where there is a sufficient number of UFO researchers), and that eventually all Federations should join together as an INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.

PROPOSALS

NOTE:- For the sake of simplicity, organisations and societies joining the Federation are below referred to as "groups", and individuals joining (whether or not members of "groups") referred to as "members".

NAME:-

Either "Federation of UFO Researchers", "Federation of UFO Investigators" or "Federation of Ufologists".

AIMS:-

Furtherance of the study of ufology, immediate and efficient collection, dissemination, and investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects.

ORGANISATION:-Central Information Bureau:

A Central Information Bureau be formed in capital city, or where largest population or most "group" headquarters and voluntary staff.

Local Bureau:

A local bureau be formed in different parts of the country, where sufficient staff available (especially at a group headquarters).

Rooms:

Rooms to be used as bureaus - belong to members or groups allowing them to be used freely.

Secretary:

~~A secretary or several co-secretaries needed to run each bureau.~~ A governing council or special committees may be elected AFTER the formation of the Federation to organise matters not already decided upon BEFORE.

FORMATION:-

The Federation be NOT officially formed UNTIL full arrangements for the efficient operation of the Federation be completed. Then a date fixed for a meeting to which great publicity be given, when the federation be officially voted into existence.

COLLECTION OF REPORTS:-

(a) Printed Reports. Every newspaper and publication likely to include UFO reports, published in the country to be read by a spe-

-cified member. All printed reports be immediately copied, one copy sent to central bureau, another to local bureau.

(b) Broadcast Reports. Every news bulletin and programme likely to give information on UFOs, on sound radio and television (also cinema newsreels) be heard by a specified member, preferably having a tape recorder - if not, local bureau must be telephoned immediately and asked to record the programme.

Central bureau immediately notified of broadcast by post, and local bureau telephoned. Recording transcribed as soon as possible, and copies of the text or the tape itself sent to central and local bureaux.

(c) Observations. Local and central bureaux should immediately be notified of all observations otherwise reported to members. Individuals or groups observing UFOs should telephone local bureau as soon as possible after the observation. On hearing that a UFO has just been sighted, a local bureau may immediately alert local observers by telephone.

The information could be telephoned from bureau to bureau along the line to central bureau

(NOTE:- Publicity to bureaux desired, so that people who are not members of federation will know where to report UFO observations)

OBSERVERS:-

The co-operation of official observatories, Jodrell Bank, Royal Observer Corps., certain RAF establishments, artificial satellite tracking stations, radar stations, etc. be sought. Also the co-operation of individual astronomers, astronomical societies, satellite "moonwatch" observers, etc., be sought - both in reporting any UFO observations immediately, and partaking in pre-arranged sky-watches.

Arrangements be made for different observers to be on watch at different times (including housewives during the day), so that eventually a constant watch on the sky can be maintained, day and night, from different parts of the country.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS:-

Immediately on receipt of each report or notification, the central bureau enters details in a register and code-numbers the report; and a list made of all reports showing name of sender, his reference if any, date of notification, date of receipt, and register number.

Every week, representatives from at least two separate groups check this list, and sign an acknowledgement of receipt at the foot of all reports, and then sign on the weekly list to the effect that they have seen and checked in the register every report listed there.

Then copies of this list are sent to groups and bureaux, and to members who subscribe to this (as they are encouraged to do). Similarly signed receipts may be sent directly to the reporter where stamped addressed envelope enclosed for the purpose.

These precautions are to make sure that no group (or member) withholds any information. Anyone discovering that a report sent in is not shown on the list for that week must immediately complain to own group, local and central bureaux.

COLLECTION OF STATEMENTS:-

Network of Investigators.

All groups "pool" their area investigators. On receipt of a report, local bureau inform (preferably telephone immediately) two nearest investigators as soon as possible. Together they immediately call on witness, and see him write and sign a statement of his observations (carbon copies should be made of all written statements) or relate into a tape recorder and declare his name and the truth of his statement BEFORE questioning, (as questioning puts ideas into peoples heads). THEN both investigators question witness

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and get him to answer a questionnaire, obtain diagrams, 7 sketches, etc. (all of which to bear his signature) - and question witness to deduce his reliability in powers of observance and judgement of measurements.

Investigators write their own notes and evaluations and send with reports to local and central bureaux as soon as possible. Tape recordings to be sent or played over the phone to local bureau where transcribed, and text signed to the effect that it is exactly what was heard tape recorded; copy of text immediately sent to central bureau.

If staff at bureau is not satisfied with investigators' reports, they ask them to obtain the required details while informing central bureau what further enquiries investigators have been asked to make.

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS:-

be formed, with qualifications in astronomy, radar, meteorology, science, aeronautics, statistics, etc., whose voluntary assistance can be obtained.

At Central Bureau all reports be collated and preliminarily analysed, and details of all objects remaining unidentified be prepared for presenting to the committee. (Some standard be arranged as to what reports Central Bureau puts before committee, i.e. which sufficiently authenticated or not easily explainable).

Central Bureau, having a view of all reports from different local bureaux, advise local bureau of any further enquiries they would like made before putting a report before the committee. The committee of experts, under the scrutiny of and in consultation with unbiased members of the federation and staff of the Central Bureau, study and discuss reports put before them, study any existing photographs or material evidence, tell Central Bureau what further investigations they would like carried out and what further details obtained from witnesses, give comments on each report and explain what further studies they wish to make.

Proceedings of each meeting of Committee tape-recorded and afterwards transcribed, text being signed by several members present at meeting to the effect that it is a true transcription of a tape recording of the meeting; alternatively minutes are simply kept of the meeting. Results of "follow up" investigations presented to experts at a later meeting, when experts' final conclusions are put forward.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION:-

Bulletins describing all reports received, giving details of all investigations, proceedings of meetings of the committee of experts, etc., written and displayed immediately in Central Bureau reference library open to federation members (or to the public), where members can come and copy them or type stencils.

Copies be sent frequently to local bureaux and to groups, and to members who subscribe (charge depending on frequency with which they wish bulletins sent them and which ones).

Central Bureau send bulletins to newsagencies, etc., immediately; local bureaux act similarly on receiving reports, by informing local press etc.

CONTINENTAL BUREAU:-

Eventually a bureau be formed in each continent situated in a suitable country or state - central, or where postage and printing costs are cheapest. Each central bureau send a copy of every report to Continental Bureau (whose function and operation would be similar to that of Central Bureau) where all reports collated and translated into various languages. Copies of reports or a summary of them sent to all central bureaux according to the amount for which they are able to pay.

FILES:

Files to be kept in Central Bureau, accessible to all members of the federation. (NOTE:- originals of written statements or newspaper cuttings, etc., be sent to and kept by Central Bureau, except when member who sent in the report wishes that the original

only keeps a copy. Groups may encourage their members to request that originals be kept by them, if they don't want to lose any originals by joining a federation.

Where the central bureau is only to keep the copy, the original must be sent to the central bureau to be signed by representatives of two different groups as proof of receipt, and may be photocopied, and then returned to the particular group which is to keep it.

Groups may ask their own members who join the federation to sign a form of request that originals of all reports they send to central bureau be kept by that group. (Groups may get their members to register as members of the federation through them, i.e. instead of them communicating directly with the federation's bureaux.)

FINANCE:-

(a) Federation Entrance Fee. Exact cost of printing and postage of forms, instructions, stationary, etc., to be initially sent to each member, be determined, and this be the entrance fee. (Each member to be sent: Sighting report forms, blank paper, carbon paper, instructions, envelopes addressed to central and local bureaux, and any other necessary forms.)

Special bank account held by central bureau for entrance fees only, and money distributed in the relative proportions for the different materials and postage. Bank statement shown periodically, and copies sent to groups and local bureaux. (Receipts for all money received by federation be signed by representatives of two different groups.)

(b) Subscription to Bulletins. Payment for printing and postage of bulletins be made to individual bureaux where they are duplicated and dispatched from. Bank accounts for each, bank statements shown, receipts signed by representatives of two groups etc.

(c) Clerical and telephone expenses of Bureaux:- Bank accounts and statements shown for all expenses. Costs paid by staff of bureau, and donators in its area. After formation of federation a committee discuss finance of bureaux and what annual membership fee required to cover losses and costs of any other facilities desired.

Donations: to be given for specific objects. Donators asked for which item they wish the money to be spent.

Funds: Sales of work, etc., may be held occasionally to raise money for particular objects.

MEETINGS:- Annual conference held, and conferences up and down the country. All members given names and addresses of members in their area who wish to meet others, but don't attend group meetings, and are put in touch with one another and encouraged to arrange their own meetings in consultation with their local bureau. A representative of each such meeting-group can send suggestions and requests on their behalf to their local bureau and to central bureau.

ATTEMPTED COMMUNICATION:- Considering the possibility that UFOs may be extra-terrestrial, organised attempts should be made to contact possible occupants of UFOs by means of radio, light beam communication, etc. All claims of individuals to have seen or contacted UFO occupants be seriously investigated, and hoaxers exposed. At the same time, careful study should be given to the social, military, and religious consequences of visiting extra-terrestrial craft.