

MINNESOTA MUFON

Newsletter

From the State Director

The 1994 MUFON symposium in Austin, TX, was the best one I have attended. There were plenty of new revelations and it was easy to keep a high level of interest. I gave a very brief account of most of the presentations at the August meeting. Two were omitted, one by Vladimir Rubtsov who came over from the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), and Richard Hall, formerly with NICAP, who had to cancel at the last minute. I will summarize Rubtsov's written account in this issue and Hall's in November.

It has been known for a long time that a person's culture apparently affects how some UFO experiences are perceived. This can apply from simple descriptions of craft all the way to abductions. That is a main theme of Rubtsov's thinking.

He illustrated this using our encounter stories. The first involved a man's experience in 1963 whose aunt had given birth to a daughter. Two weeks later he was visiting her and noticed a curtain swaying between the kitchen and bedroom. He got the idea that someone was sitting be-

hind the curtain, doing something, and shaking the curtain with his elbows. He heard what seemed to be a child uttering the kind of sounds that might be expected of a six month old baby, but certainly not of a two-week old! The curtain opened a bit and he could see a face with eloquent eyes, long face with hollow cheeks, a straight nose, straight thin lips and a pointed chin. The face looked as if it were made of dark glass. The entity turned away and laid the whimpering, nude baby on the floor. Then a dark, voluminous shadow rushed from the bedroom, quickly becoming invisible.

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**Saturday, September 10
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Saturday, October 8**

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1:30 — 5:00 p.m.

As it dashed past him, his left leg was touched with something warm and soft. Visually following the shadow, he saw a different curtain between the

kitchen and the lobby fly open along its entire length. The baby was naked on the floor about twelve feet from the sofa where she had been laid ten minutes earlier. The clothing looked as if the baby girl had been taken out of it.

He admitted that this case did not involve a UFO, but it did cause the witness to become interested in UFOs.

Rubtsov believes (as many do) that ufology is not a scientific discipline. It is an interdisciplinary field of research perhaps analogous to criminology. Only some aspects of it can be studied scientifically.

The transition between the fading USSR and the emerging CIS produced big changes in Soviet ufology. By lifting bans on the subject in Soviet media, both serious specialists and publicity-seekers were drawn in, not to mention an avalanche of pseudo-mysticals of the New Age type. Rubtsov laments that many scientists and scholars are now even less disposed to ufology than they were 20 years ago. It was only fifteen years ago that data from the USA and USSR were independent. Even though the USSR generated far fewer reports, these data could be used for comparison. Apparently many (US) UFO

accounts and contact stories are now found in Russian print media. The result is that the best comparisons are from the old accounts of the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Channeling is more widespread than physical contact. Stories of peaceful contact are more typical than abduction and genetic experiment reports. Regarding abductions, a strong reproductive aspect is now commonplace. Rubtsov illustrated with the following account.

The witness, a married woman of 35 years, is a biochemist. She was in her bedroom not yet asleep, but her husband was sleeping soundly. About 2:00 a.m., she saw a Saturn shaped UFO through the window. Out of it came illuminated figures of Soviet soldiers in uniform who flew in the direction of the residential area. One of them landed on their balcony.

"We won't do you any harm. Don't be afraid."

The entity explained that he was an extraterrestrial camouflaged as a soldier and talked for two hours with her. The visitor gave her information on their aims for our planet. He said that the earth is used as a sort of "telegraph pole" for interstellar communication, gave her his negative opinion of our civilization, and showed her (with the aid of something like holographic motion picture equipment)

some spectacular moments from earth's history.

In the course of their talk, the entity gradually changed his appearance to that of a male acquaintance admired by the witness. Then the visitor asked her to "behave with him as she does with her husband." But the witness refused by saying that it was against her morals.

The visitor flew away with other humanoids into the UFO, which then faded away. She went back to her bed, sat down, and then realized that her husband was still peacefully sleeping in the room. She thought that she would not be able to sleep, but did so immediately. In the morning she described everything to her husband, but he laughed, talking it for a dream. That was in 1977.

The third case occurred on January of 1987. A professional painter was alone in her apartment near Yalta. After going to bed, the room was instantly filled with 7-9 strange guests of medium height. The "men" were bearded and the "women" had straight hair to the shoulders. They were all beautiful and had penetrating eyes.

The woman figured they must be extraterrestrial but her first reaction was quite mundane. She wished to offer them some tea! She received an immediate telepathic response that they needed nothing and to just be still. She was paralyzed, but had no fear. Even though she felt overflowing with *joy*, she re-

ceived another message, "We won't do you any harm. Don't be afraid."

They gathered around the bed and over her. She noticed a device placed on the piano, and a "woman" bent over it. The whole scene reminded her of a visit from ambulance doctors. Here's where things get *really* strange! She began to see a light-colored disk. They asked her what it was. Trying to understand, her response was that it was her ovum. Two or three drops penetrated it from above and ran on its edges. They agreed, "Yes, it's your ovum. We are going away."

She fell asleep after the visitors left. In the morning, while urinating, she felt a sharp pain in her lower abdomen, but did not relate it to the night visit. Since then, she has never become pregnant, although she does not use contraceptives. Visits to her gynecologist indicate no problems with her reproductive system nor any other physical reasons why she cannot conceive.

This case does not correspond well to the typical abduction with which we are familiar. She was not taken from her bedroom, saw no UFO, and the visitors were like the beautiful "space brothers" of the 1950's contactee era. The intervention of the guests into the reproductive sphere is the only one typical detail.

The fourth case is interesting in a different way. In

January of 1990, a woman was awakened, feeling a presence in the room. She saw a man of medium size wearing light-colored clothes to the waist, but down from the waist was a sort of "dense fog." The visitor's face was friendly. She received the mental suggestion to look at the window, where she saw a bright luminous ball in the upper right corner.

Her next conscious impression was that of looking down at the street and of being in a dark room with something going on. Later, she found herself sitting on her bed and looking at the visitor. The ball was still there. Some external will made her close her eyes and lie down. Remaining interested in the visitor, she could not open her eyes. When she finally did, the visitor was gone, and the luminous ball was slowly moving away.

She felt exhausted the next morning. She felt that she had left her apartment and flew in the air either without a device or in a flying saucer. She had several dreams about UFOs.

A few months later a significant event occurred. Everybody was asleep and the witness went to bed. She then found herself by the entrance of her house, wearing only her night clothes. Then, to her horror, she saw her 5-year old daughter standing nearby, dressed only in panties and a sleeveless vest.

A bit later eight luminous balls appeared in the sky. They stopped and pulled away from the others. It ap-

proached the two closely and stopped. A flat, blood-red spot, like a blot, departed from it and descended like a paper sheet to the mother's feet and she blacked out.

"At first they are kind, Mom, but don't believe them. Later on they are so vicious."

The next day the two were home together. The mother asked her daughter what she had dreamed about the night before. The daughter accurately described everything her mother had seen before she blacked out, and then added that they had visited a place where there were beautiful forests, flowers, and butterflies. The daughter then added, "Mom, don't be afraid of them, they are so small. You can just crush them with your foot!" She then added, "At first they are kind, Mom, but don't believe them. Later on they are so vicious!"

After admitting that everything so far are "just stories," Rubtsov feels that stories are always worth listening to. After all, the witnesses were there, we weren't!

Rubtsov ended his discussion with a non-abduction story that stretches credulity. *About a month before the Chernobyl meltdown and explosion*, he talked to an air traffic controller. According to pilots, there was increased UFO activity in the area of the power station.

He made notes of the conversation, but didn't think any more of them. But *after* the explosion, he took the notes from his file and just stared at them!

Later, it became known that on the night of the fire, three hours after the explosion, a team of nuclear specialists saw a fiery brass-colored ball over the reactor. They thought it maybe had a diameter of eight meters and was about 300 meters from the burning reactor. They had just measured the radiation at 3000 milliroentgens per hour. Suddenly, two bright rays of crimson color extended from the ball to the reactor for about three minutes. The rays faded and the ball slowly floated away to the northwest. When they looked again at their radiation equipment, it displayed only 800 milliroentgens per hour.

Rubtsov says that although an increase in UFO activity cannot be taken as an omen of disaster, or that after a disaster UFO pilots will surely come to rescue unfortunate mankind, this story seems to suggest that this could be the case. He added that the UFO field is noted for its almost complete lack of "forbidding laws" (i.e., the known laws of nature, which never allow for any exceptions) so essential for normal science. Here, almost everything is possible.

Dick Moss

Maccabee vs. Zechel, Round 2!

An answer to Todd Zechel, written by Bruce Maccabee



"And in this corner, ladies and gentlemen..." About a month ago, an anonymous friend sent me a copy of the following rebuke written by Dr. Bruce Maccabee regarding an article appearing in *UFO Magazine* written by Todd Zechel. Zechel had earlier accused Maccabee of working with the CIA and the battle lines were drawn. Due to space constraints, some editing was required.

During the summer of 1993 a mysterious collection of individuals known as the *Associated Investigators Group* circulated a paper written by an unknown author which cast aspersions on a number of well known personalities in the UFO field, and upon myself in particular. The paper charged me with working with the CIA to, in some way, control the UFO "movement" and to perpetuate government secrecy about UFOs. I answered that paper in considerable detail and pointed out that the CIA had not influenced my UFO investigations and that I was not aware of any attempt by the CIA to control the activities of UFO investigators. I also pointed out that, although I wasn't personally aware of UFO secrets that might be held by the agency, I certainly couldn't say that there are none. Furthermore, I demonstrated that AIR-1 was replete with errors of fact and interpretation and warned that readers should beware of any further AIR reports. The net result of the AIR-1 report and my response (entitled "HOT A.I.R. or The Mark of Zechel") was, so far as I can tell, a big "zero," that is, nothing ultimately came of it.

Mr. Zechel was a well known researcher in the late 1970's and was very active in government cover-up research, especially as it related to the CIA.

Unfortunately, he alienated a number of researchers by his tendency to use their telephones and run up large bills for which he did not pay! The net result was that when he "retired" from active ufology, he departed with a cloud over his head.

Although he maintained occasional contact with several ufologists, including myself, over the years he didn't publicly return to the UFO field until the summer of 1993 when he was identified as a participant in publishing the AIR-1 report. Subsequently he published a letter to the editor in *UFO Magazine* (Vol. 9, #1) in which he attempted to formulate a logical response to my letter (UFO Vol. 8, #6) that responded to an article on AIR 1 (UFO Vol. 8, #5). Subsequently Mr. Zechel published an article in *UFO Magazine* on Karl Pflock (Vol. 9, #?). Now the "Z" man has returned again, with AIR 1.5 (SON OF AIR?) which lists himself as "Director of Operations, Associated Investigators Group." This time the main AIR target is Karl Pflock. However, Mr. Zechel has also made some comments about me which are misleading or incorrect and I will comment on them. Incidentally, the alert reader will notice the DISCLAIMER on the first page which says that the opinions expressed in the paper are those of Mr. Zechel and "do not necessarily reflect the

opinions of other members of AIG or its consultants."

Although Mr. Pflock is the main subject of this paper, Mr. Zechel devotes the introduction to a rehash of claims about my involvement with the CIA. Perhaps Mr. Zechel is trying to counter the effect of my literate and accurate response to AIR-1, which had the effect of discrediting *him* in the eyes of many other UFO researchers. At any rate, in the Introduction he once again alludes to "secret meetings on UFOs with CIA officials since 1979," making it seem that I have had many meetings every year since then to discuss UFOs. I have already responded to this in my HOT AIR paper of last summer. I had no communication with anyone in the CIA between 1979 and 1984; after that I've had repeated communications regarding my Navy work and occasional discussions about UFO sightings, and I've given several "general admission" lectures there in the last 7 years (anyone could come; all lectures and discussions were unclassified). In this paper he makes yet another unfounded allegation, namely, that I had "three hour meetings with CIA officers on UFOs that required a TOP SECRET security clearance." I'm sure the CIA would be surprised to learn of that since *I do not have, nor have I ever had, a TOP SECRET security clear-*

ance. Nor have I ever had a special access clearance special access clearance for any information classified TOP SECRET. I have indeed, discussed UFOs for *short periods of time* on a number of occasions with several CIA employees, but none of whom were "bigwigs" in the agency, and *none of the conversations were classified*. I have also presented several lunch-time lectures (approximate dates noted above) on the UFO subject, none of which were classified. (*Note: CIA employees are as interested and puzzled by the UFO subject as are most people, and the employees I have met seem to be less informed than the average, well-read ufologist.*)

Mr. Zechel also alleges that I have received "classified UFO reports and UFO photos from the CIA." This is not true. For a period of time several years ago, I did receive a number of Foreign Broadcast Information Service documents regarding UFO events in the (former) Soviet Union. However, these reports are not classified. *I have never received photos of any type from the CIA or any other intelligence agency, or any other government agency.* The only UFO photos I have received have been sent to me by the photographers or by civilian UFO investigators.

Mr. Zechel mentions a briefing paper which Dr. Ronald Pandolfi, a CIA employee, asked me to write for presentation to the President's Science Advisor, Dr. John Gibbons. Dr. Gibbons had asked Ron to provide him with a very brief summary of general information about UFOs and what the government has done about them so he would have some back-

ground in the subject in advance of a brief meeting (15 minutes) with Laurence Rockefeller and Scott Jones in April, 1993. Ron didn't have available any UFO information other than the "FOIPA collection" of roughly 1,000 pages of material released by the CIA under the FOIPA lawsuit in December, 1978. He didn't want to send this collection of pages as a "brief summary" ...so he called me and asked if I could provide a short briefing ... by 8:00 a.m. the next morning! Although I was not pleased with the typical Washington, DC "fire drill"... I said OK. After all, how many times does one get a chance to write a briefing for the President's Science Advisor? Ron said I should fax the briefing directly to Gibbon's office.

Fortunately I knew the history of the subject quite well and I had available a selection of government documents that would demonstrate government and military activity related to UFOs. I managed to put together a 1.5 page "Executive Summary" followed by several pages of explanatory paragraphs ("Tabs"). The report points out that civilian researchers have evidence that the government has taken the UFO problem seriously. The report discusses the Roswell crash and numerous sightings reported in government and military documents.

The CIA had no input to the short paper I wrote, nor did the CIA make any modifications to it or comments about it. As requested, I faxed it directly to Gibbons' office at 8:00 a.m. the next day. I subsequently learned that the meeting with Jones and Rockefeller had been "moved up" in time to 7:30, so Gibbons did not read my paper before the

meeting (typical Washington foul-up). I also learned that he did read it later...but it had no effect on him and he never communicated to me about it. The paper has never been published, but it has received a small amount of private circulation during the last year. *Anyone who would like a copy of the only UFO Briefing ever written by a ufologist for the President's Science Advisor can get one from me for \$5.00 to cover copying and mailing.*

Mr. Zechel summarizes his unfounded allegations as follows: "we can only conclude that Maccabee is a paid consultant for the CIA on UFOs and is considered its resident UFO expert."...It is not true. I have not been paid anything for giving the few lectures I gave at the CIA, nor have I been paid for any UFO activities by the CIA or any other government agency. Furthermore, I am not a "resident expert" of the CIA. Their "resident expert" is Ron Pandolfi.

Mr. Zechel goes one in the introduction to suggest that I was caught up in a web of intrigue with the CIA and that I was lured by the CIA into supporting "hoaxers like Ed Walters." *What a crock of B.S.!* While it is true that I kept my ears and eyes open for any possibly worthwhile information from the CIA, I certainly was not caught in a "web of intrigue." My support for Ed Walters is based on the results of my investigation of his sightings and has nothing to do with the CIA. Since Mr. Zechel (once again) states that Gulf Breeze is a hoax, I challenge "young Todd," *a man of little sighting investigative experience* (I don't know of one UFO

sighting investigation published by W. Todd Zechel), to prove that the Walters case is a hoax. (Evidently whatever is left of Mr. Zechel's rationality regarding those sightings stem from the opinion of the few vocal skeptics who have used illogic based on poor investigation to claim that Ed's photos were all double exposures (we now have the proof that they weren't!).

In the main body of the report, Mr. Zechel discussed the amount of money which the Fund supplied to Karl Pflock for Roswell research. Mr. Zechel presents his discussion with first myself, and then Richard Hall as a dispute over just how much money Karl received; I told him one amount and then Hall told him it was a larger amount. Finally he says "Why Maccabee felt compelled to fib about or at least downplay the amount... is somewhat of a mystery." The fact is, that I had resigned the chairmanship of the Fund several months before Mr. Zechel talked to me and I was no longer attending meetings... I was not "fibbing" when I gave a lower figure; I was just unaware that more money had been allotted for Karl's investigation.

Later on in the Son of AIR, Mr. Zechel presents his analysis of the Roswell case. *He claims to have been one of the first people to interview Jesse Marcel in 1978 "with an NBC newsman."* He claims that Marcel said the material he found was not a weather balloon and was not a flying saucer, either. (This would be very interesting, if true. I challenge Mr. Zechel to provide an audio tape or videotape of that interview, or, at the very least, to provide the name of the NBC newsman so we can make an independent

check as to what Marcel may or may not have said.) Based on this early interview and very little other research into the Roswell case, so far as I can tell, Mr. Zechel claims to have "solved Roswell": it was a cluster of balloons holding a "radar dish several feet in diameter." According to Mr. Zechel, the dish was to be used to help track the cluster of balloons. *It is my opinion that the standard probably would not use an actual dish shaped reflector rather than the standard folded aluminum reflector which looks vaguely like a box kite or a folded corner cube.* I, therefore, challenge Mr. Zechel to provide any evidence that the balloon launchers ever used a dish-shaped reflector attached to a balloon or balloon cluster for radar tracking.

Then Mr. Zechel fantasizes a scenario in which ranch manager Brazel fails to recognize a radar reflector and associated balloon material and so thinks that perhaps this thin, several foot sized metal dish is a "flying saucer." Then, in this unlikely scenario, Brazel takes it to town and finally to the Roswell base where "no one knew quite what to make of it." He continues, "So who can blame Marcel and others for not recognizing that the disc was not a flying saucer?" because the White Sands experiments were "TOP SECRET," and it's unlikely that the airfield personnel know anything about them." It's probably true that the airfield personnel knew about radar and radar dishes! Then Mr. Zechel creates an illogical (perhaps I should say *naive*) explanation for the mass of material found by Marcel: "the cluster had been pushed up to a high altitude, perhaps by a storm of up drafts,

were it froze and exploded, scattering fragments which fell to the ground." Froze and exploded? Well, I can accept the idea that the cluster could have risen to the point where the balloons started to break from the internal pressure, but I challenge Mr. Zechel to provide evidence that the balloons could freeze (the material becomes brittle) and then shatter into many pieces. Of course, even if this did happen, it is highly unlikely that the pieces, falling from a great height (many tens of thousands of feet), would all land in a rather confined area (on the ranch where Brazel worked). It is more likely that the thin, lightweight pieces would be scattered over a very large area by the very winds that were assumed to have carried the balloons to the bursting altitude. The pieces would be "floppy" like rubber, not stiff like metal foil. The bottom line of Mr. Zechel's Roswell analysis is that it's not well thought out and not likely to be true.

Near the end of the article Mr. Zechel brings up, for the first time, a reference to his own "crash" investigation, that of the "Del Rio" case, which he has pursued since 1978 or 1979. He says that I have "pleaded" with him on several cases to come forward with the information. It's more like have challenged him to "put up or shut up." He has several times in the past filled my ears with the descriptions of all the "good information" he has accumulated, the signed affidavits by witnesses, etc. I have suggested numerous times that if he really has "the goods" he should publish something. However, he has repeatedly told me that his reason for not publishing has always been that he is waiting to

repeatedly told me that his reason for not publishing has always been that he is waiting to use it as evidence in a lawsuit against the CIA and any other agency that might be covering up UFO information. He never indicated to me that he didn't publish because it would be "extremely dangerous for witnesses and investigators to try to prove it happened." To me this sounds like a wimp-out response. Either that or he really doesn't have "the goods" and he is bluffing.

On the other hand, he has, for the first time to my knowledge, publicized his intent to sue everybody (!) including the CIA, NSA, DIA, USAF and subgroups of the NRO and to request that criminal charges be filed against anyone who makes false replies to FOIPA requests or obstructs justice. So, maybe he does have the guts and the goods. My response is *have at it!* Whether it is the Roswell case or the Del Rio case or some other case is less important than

that is good, supportable information on some case.

And, oh by the way, Todd, "MJ-12 by any other name is still MJ-12," because if either Roswell or Del Rio (or both) are true, then there certainly was (is) an inside group with all the characteristics attributed to MJ-12 — controlling access to the hardware and software (bodies) that may have been retrieved and access to any information gained from the study of the recovered material.



TV crew's guide to secret site is arrested

Glenn Campbell, described in the Las Vegas Sun as a "self-styled government oversight activist" found himself in handcuffs after he tried to stop authorities from seizing videotape belonging to a TV news crew. The following excerpts detail Campbell's the events leading up to the latest Area 51 happenings!

Glenn Campbell was arrested Tuesday, July 19, by Lincoln County sheriff's deputies after accompanying a Los Angeles television crew to Area 51, the Air Force installation where top-secret aircraft are tested.

About two hours after Campbell and a KNBC-TV news crew from Los Angeles arrived on Freedom Ridge, 12 miles from Area 51, two sheriff's deputies said security patrols had seen the cameras pointed at the classified base.

Campbell said a deputy asked a KNBC reporter to turn over their five videotapes for inspection by the Air Force, but they refused. He did, however, offer a view through the camera's viewfinder to assure the secret base wasn't on the film, Campbell said.

According to Campbell, the deputy replied that he could not

view the tapes because he did not have the required security clearance and authority to do so. Only the Air Force could!

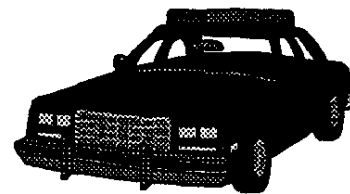
A sudden rainstorm and the threat of a flash flood interrupted the incident. As the sergeant followed them, Campbell and crew were directed to drive from Freedom Ridge to the Groom Lake Road and then step out of their vehicle.

Again, the deputy asked for the videotapes. When the reporter refused, the two deputies moved toward the four-wheel drive vehicle. Campbell said he reached over to push the locks down.

"You're under arrest," the sergeant told Campbell and hand cuffed him. He was taken to the sheriff's substation and charged with obstructing a public officer. After posting \$600 bail, he was released.

Campbell said he had expected the deputies to produce a warrant to take the tapes. "It was not our intention to prevent them from doing their duty."

Campbell was involved in three other incidents in which film was taken. On April 4, an ABC News crew was stopped and their tape seized under a search warrant. The tape was not returned. On June 16 and 30, Campbell was spotted filming a helicopter flying over public land and voluntarily gave his film to deputies, understanding it would be developed and returned. It was not.



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Paranormal Study Group

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No meeting in October

Note: Meetings will be held the 4th Saturday, every other month. Will meet again November 26.

Theosophical Society

Monday, September 12, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

With the exception of September, Public lectures are scheduled on 1st & 3rd Mondays

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The Science and Politics of UFO Research: A Symposium

November 5 & 6, 1994 — Science Museum of Minnesota Auditorium

Cost: \$120 per person, Science Museum members
 \$130 per person, non-members
\$100 per person — groups of 10 or more!
(MUFON members, take note!)

Deadline for reservations: October 31
Note: Reservations processed on a first come, first served basis.

Call 612-221-4742 for Symposium schedule and/or more information.

Flyers and registration forms will also be available at the September and October MUFON meetings.

The symposium will not attempt to address the questions of whether or not UFOs exist, if “we are being visited,” or similar questions. Instead, the conference will attempt to address the fundamental nature of the phenomenon, and discuss the basic natures of politics and how it interacts with the scientific process of discovery. We are certain that the discussion will be both well-grounded and lively.

- *Compare* the UFO controversy with major scientific revolutions of the past.
- *Explore* the workings of science in modern society. Unexpected scientific discoveries are nearly always highly controversial and the debate about UFOs is a “case study” of science in action.
- *Examine* why people feel that scientific research is only legitimate if supported by the federal government. Discover why the history of science tells us that it’s a mistake to reject information that does not support our beliefs and theories.

In addition to the symposium, a wine and cheese reception is scheduled on Saturday evening to give you the chance to meet the speakers and talk with them in an informal gathering.

Saturday, November 5: 9:00 – 5:00 *The UFO Controversy in Context*
 8:30 – 10:30 Panel Discussion: *The Politics of the UFO Controversy*

Sunday, November 6: 9:00 – 5:30 *An Update On Current UFO Research*
 6:45 – 7:45 *Current Theories and Future Research Directions*

Speakers:

- Terry Hansen, Science journalist
- Dr. Michael Zimmerman, Dept of Philosophy, Tulane University
- Dr. Ron Westrum, Sociologist w/Dept. of Interdisciplinary Technology, Eastern MI University
- Stanton Friedman, Nuclear physicist, author and nationally-known UFO lecturer
- James McCampbell, Engineering physicist, author of *Ufology*
- Dr. Jack Kasher, Professor of physics & astronomy, Univ. NE, Omaha
- Dr. Richard Haines, Physiological psychologist, formerly w/ Ames Research Center
- Kevin Randle, Former military pilot, Air Force intelligence officer, co-author of two Roswell books
- Dr. Thomas Bullard, Folklore scholar at Indiana University
- Dr. John Mack, Psychiatrist and author, Harvard University

