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Michigan '94 UFO Flap--Unveiled!



Non-Existent Documents Discovered!

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In the annals of UFO history, the state of Michigan ranks at or near the top as to the number of reported UFO sightings. Many of these date to the mid-1960s when Dr. J. Allen Hynek was researching the infamous "swamp gas" cases for PROJECT BLUE BOOK. Numerous other unidentified flying objects were reported to various investigative organizations/agencies in the times since then. Some of these sightings have received lots of attention and notoriety, such as the sightings/landings in Oscoda at Wurtsmith AFB in 1974, while others remain in relative obscurity.

One of these rather well known UFO cases occurred nearly 3 years ago on the lower western side of Michigan. On Tuesday, March 8, 1994, an Ottawa County dispatcher was having a routine evening when a call came in. A call that began, "We were just wondering, have you heard anything about these lights that are flickering up here? It looks like a string of Christmas lights that's way up in the sky."

Following that call were numerous other calls to other police agencies, the local airport, and one lengthy call with a National Weather Service radar operator at the Muskegon, Michigan office. People were calling family, friends and neighbors to see if they too were watching the strange lights in the night sky. Several

witnesses to the event that night recorded what they were watching on videotape and still film. Before long local and national media were reporting on the events of March 8, 1994.

UFO investigators were dispatched to the area to interview as many witnesses as possible, and to view the videotapes. Police agencies and media outlets were contacted to ascertain as much information about the event as possible.

It was hoped that there might be a radar tape recording of what the NWS operator was seeing on his radar screen. This proved not to be the case. One thing of great interest that did exist was the audio recording of calls to the 9-1-1 operator concerning the "strange" objects in the sky. This tape aired on several local and national programs. The excited voice of the NWS employee was heard around the country as he described the strange sights he was viewing on his radar screen. The radar operator described the abrupt altitude changes, the constant changing of the number of "objects" appearing on his screen. The operator even commented at one point that what he was viewing was "not precipitation or anything. Especially up at that height".

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Why This Issue?

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This issue of The Outer Connection is devoted entirely to the release of a National Weather Service (NWS)-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) document regarding the March 8, 1994, UFO encounters over the state of Michigan and Lake Michigan. As you will learn their was much more going on that night! In fact, we have probably uncovered only the tip of the iceberg.

During that evening 9-1-1 in Ottawa county began to receive phone calls from excited witnesses. As they looked to the south they were seeing inexplicable displays of lights. Several police officers also witnessed these lights. Eventually an Ottawa county 9-1-1 dispatcher called NWS. (See Transcript of Ottawa County, Michigan 9-1-1 Calls: Tuesday, (Continued on page 5))