



# THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR UFO STUDIES

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## AN INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your inquiry. Enclosed is some introductory information on UFO phenomena and the Australian Centre for UFO Studies.

### UFO RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

UFO reports have been investigated in Australia by both government departments and independent civilian groups since the early 1950s. At one time, the Department of Defence/RAAF investigated UFO reports and released selected annual summaries. However, government investigations were usually based on political or military considerations and rarely produced documentation of high scientific value. From May 1984, the publicly-stated policy of the Department of Defence is to only investigate a UFO report if there is a "defence or national security implication". Civilian UFO organisations have been established in most Australian states, mostly with the aims of investigating local UFO reports and educating the general public as to their potential implications. Some groups have produced a valuable record of local UFO reports.

### AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR UFO STUDIES

An Australian Co-Ordination Section (ACOS) for the USA-based Center for UFO Studies was established in November 1974, at the request of American astronomer, Dr J. Allen Hynek. Its purpose was to act as a "clearing house" through which copies of Australian UFO reports were forwarded to the USA on behalf of Australian groups and investigators. By January 1980, ACOS had evolved into the Australian Centre for UFO Studies (ACUFOS), an independent national coordinating centre with the following aims:

- \* To promote Australian scientific research into UFO phenomena.
- \* To act as a national clearing house and library for UFO reports submitted by Australian UFO organisations and investigators.
- \* To coordinate the coding of UFO reports onto the Australian UFO Computer File (UFOCOMFIL).
- \* To improve and standardise UFO investigation techniques.
- \* To disseminate UFO information through the publication of documents, journals and circulars.
- \* To organise national conferences or seminars as required.

Member organisations are committed to submitting copies of their investigated UFO reports and to strictly following the ACUFOS Code of Ethics for UFO Investigators, but in other respects maintain their own individual identity. Amongst other achievements, ACUFOS has developed a standardised Australian UFO Report Form and produced an investigator's guide and training manual. The report library and computer file are open to all contributors for research purposes. As many UFO sightings are not reported, we ask you to assist us by notifying ACUFOS of any sightings, no matter how long ago the event occurred.

ACUFOS publishes the ACUFOS Bulletin and Reports Digest, which together disseminate information on investigated reports, research findings and general UFO news. Also, ACUFOS is engaged in an ongoing programme of publishing monograph-style UFO documents, featuring specialist sighting catalogues, research project findings and bibliographies.

## MEMBERSHIP

There are four categories of membership to the Australian Centre for UFO Studies.

- \* A MEMBER ORGANISATION is a state or regional group affiliated with ACUFOS.
- \* An ACUFOS INVESTIGATOR is an individual investigator. Both organisations and individuals abide by the ACUFOS Code of Ethics for UFO Investigators.
- \* A SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANT acts as a resource person making available specialised scientific or technical advice.
- \* An ASSOCIATE MEMBER receives ACUFOS publications without having any formal role within ACUFOS.

Further information is available for those wishing to apply for membership under the first three categories. Applicants for an Investigator position must be aged 18 years or over.

## UFO ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED WITH ACUFOS

UFO sightings should be reported to your local state organisation. In regions without a state group, report sightings directly to ACUFOS.

PERTH UFO RESEARCH GROUP (PUFORG), 375 Kew St, Cloverdale WA 6105.

TASMANIAN UFO INVESTIGATION CENTRE (TUFOIC), PO Box 99, North Hobart TAS 7002.

UFO RESEARCH (FNQ), PO Box 1585, Cairns QLD 4870.

UFO RESEARCH (NSW), PO Box W42, West Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

UFO RESEARCH (QLD), PO Box 111, Brisbane Elizabeth Street QLD 4002.

UFO RESEARCH (SA) INC, 18 Frances Ave, Para Hills SA 5096.

W.A. UFO INVESTIGATION CENTRE (WAUFOIC), 41 Scott St, Koongamia WA 6056.

## RECOMMENDED READING

In addition to the ACUFOS Document series, the following books are recommended.

Basterfield, K. UFOs: The Image Hypothesis. Sydney: Reed, 1981.

Condon, E. and Gillmor, D. (Eds.) Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. NY: Bantam, 1969.

Evans, H. The Evidence for UFOs. Wellingborough, Northamps: Aquarian, 1983.

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Haines, R. Observing UFOs. Chicago: Nelson Hall, 1980.

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Hendry, A. The UFO Handbook. NY: Doubleday, 1979.

Hynek, J.A. The Hynek UFO Report. London: Sphere, (1977), 1978.

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Jacobs, D. The UFO Controversy in America. NY: Signet, (1975), 1976.

Oberg, J. UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries. Norfolk, VA: Donning, 1982.

Randles, J. and Warrington, P. Science and the UFOs. Oxford, UK: Basil Blackwell, 1985.

Rimmer, J. The Evidence for Alien Abductions. Wellingborough, Northamps: Aquarian, 1984.

Sagan, C. and Page, T. (Eds.) UFOs - A Scientific Debate. NY: Norton, (1972), 1974.

Seargent, D. UFOs: A Scientific Enigma. London: Sphere, 1978.

Story, R. and Greenwell, J.R. (Eds.) The Encyclopedia of UFOs. NY: Doubleday, 1980.

Vallee, J. Passport to Magonia. Chicago: Regnery, 1969.

## ACUFOS PUBLICATIONS

ACUFOS Document Series. The following documents are available from the Australian Centre for UFO Studies.

- D2 Basterfield, K. A Report on Observations of UFOs from Aircraft Crew Members in Australia.  
A detailed review of 18 aircraft sightings in Australia. Includes specialised report form. 24 pages.
- D3 Basterfield, K. An In-depth Review of Australasian UFO-Related Entity Reports.  
A fascinating and critical study of Close Encounters of the Third Kind in Australia. Over 60 entity reports are examined in detail, with documentation and possible explanations discussed. The imagery hypothesis (hallucinations occurring during the intermediate states between sleep and wakefulness) is advanced for some reports. Includes specialised Entity Report Form. 110 pages.
- D5 Moravec, M. The UFO-Anthropoid Catalogue.  
Summaries and analysis of 72 cases linking UFOs and Bigfoot-type creatures. The report examines historical and geographical trends, coincidences in time and data reliability, and discusses the spurious correlation, extraterrestrial and paranormal hypotheses. 40 pages.
- D7 Prytz, J. In Search of a Subject: An Australian Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.  
A detailed account of the author's attempts to establish an Australian radio astronomy programme to search for extraterrestrial intelligence. Includes copies of media releases and correspondence with scientists and politicians. 145 pages.
- D8 Prytz, J. Information Storage and Retrieval for Ufologists.  
A professional librarian gives instructions and examples on how to organise one's UFO data. Includes a discussion of the role of computer technology. 52 pages.
- D10 Various Proceedings of the Sixth Annual UFO Conference.  
The complete texts of 10 papers presented at UFOCON 6, held in Adelaide in October 1981. A wide cross-section of topics including the psychology of close encounters; physiological effects of radiation; the noise factor; ghostlights; ground traces caused by lightning strikes; and perception. 155 pages.
- D11 Basterfield, K. A Catalogue of the More Interesting Australian Close Encounters.  
Summaries of the 110 most important UFO cases from 1868 to the present. Covers the whole range of close encounters; sources included. 29 pages.
- D12 Basterfield, K. and Jackson, P. A Preliminary Catalogue of Australian Vehicle Interference UFO Events.  
Summaries and sources of 58 vehicle interference cases including car-stops and headlight and radio interference effects. 22 pages.
- D14 Moravec, M. PSIUFO Phenomena: A Study of UFOs and the Paranormal.  
A critical analysis of UFO cases which feature alleged paranormal occurrences such as mental communications, poltergeists, apparitions, healings, ghostlights and time lapses/abductions. Psychological, paranormal and physical interpretations of the data are discussed. Includes a catalogue of 88 Australian cases and specialised questionnaires for the investigator. 137 pages.
- D16 Prytz, J. ACUFOS Bibliography Series: Volume 1 - Exobiology and Ufology.  
A comprehensive listing of over 3,600 references covering journal articles from 1947 to 1982, bibliographies, monographs, sound recordings, government publications and book reviews and extracts. An excellent reference work for the researcher. 115 pages.

D18 Moravec, M. and Prytz, J. UFOs Over Australia: A Selection of ACUFOS Research Findings and Debate.

A selection of 28 papers published in the ACOS Bulletin and the Journal of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies from 1975 to 1985. Topics include the reasons for studying UFOs, ethics, historical reports, the roles of Parliament and the RAAF, the Valentich case, physical traces, angel hair, psychological and sociological factors, and discussions of UFO origin. New material in the form of article updates and commentary are included. 127 pages.

D19 Prytz, J. ACUFOS Bibliography Series: Volume 2 - The Weird, the Wild and the Wonderful.

An invaluable collection of literature citations of 27 categories of anomalies. Includes ancient astronauts, astro-archaeology, cryptozoology, mysteries of sea and sky, ball lightning, earthquake lights, Tunguska 1908, animal mutilations, lunar and planetary enigmas, and strange terrestrial meteors. 68 pages.

D20 Moravec, M. UFOs as Psychological and Parapsychological Phenomena.

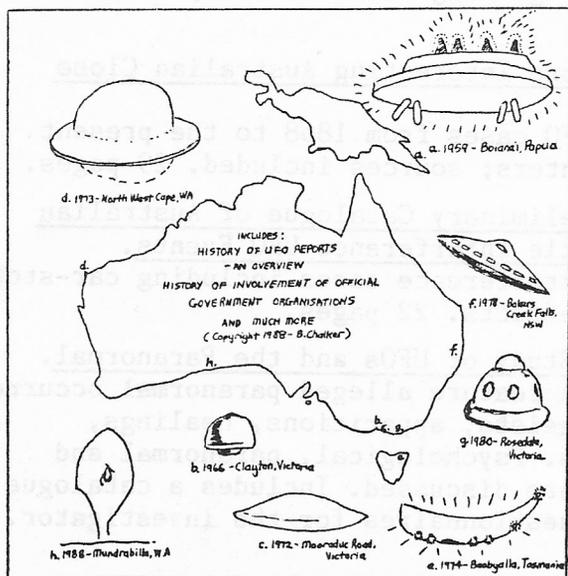
An examination of the UFO experience in human terms. Considers psychological reactions, perception, psychopathology, altered states of consciousness, beliefs and alleged parapsychological effects. What does the UFO experience tell us about the mind and human behaviour? Can psychology explain the UFO experience? 46 pages.

D21 Chalker, B. The Australian UFO Experience.

A comprehensive and up-to-date overview of Australian ufology, concentrating on the history of UFO reports and the history of involvement of official government organisations. Also discussed are the RAAF and civilian UFO data, plus a listing of the 50 most important Australian UFO cases. 58 pages.

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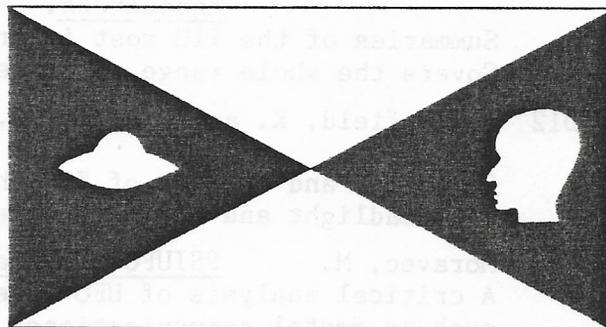


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