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FORTUNE FOR A SAUCER

Some time ago the government contributed half a million dollars to the University of Colorado to make a study of Unidentified Flying Objects, flying saucers. Dr. Edward U. Condon, one of the nation's leading scientists, was named to head the project. Now, just as with the Warren Commission Report, it is being charged that the whole thing was a fraud, meant to hide the real facts about flying saucers.

It is strange that a magazine of the standing of *Look* should make such a charge; or perhaps it is not strange, in view of the fact that *Look* aired many of the charges against the Warren Commission.

There is no reason on earth why the Condon group, or the Air Force, would want to hide the reality of flying saucers. Quite the opposite, scientists generally would be tremendously interested in any objects coming from space, especially saucers, with little men from a distant planet. Astronomers study the skies endlessly, wanting to learn all they can—yet they have not seen or photographed those elusive objects.

There was far greater proof of witches in Salem, several centuries back, for not only did one good Christian neighbor after another testify as to having seen them, but some of the witches actually confessed. Time after time, in the past, many witnesses have taken affidavits that they observed sea serpents. Ghosts have been seen millions of times.

The other planets show no signs of the possibilities of life which might reach the heights of sending out flying saucers. The nearest sun, where such a planet might exist, is four and a third light years away. That means an object flying at the rate of light would take that long to get here.

Assuming that a saucer did travel billions of miles to observe the earth, is it sensible that they would spend their time dashing about in an erratic fashion, but never landing? Of course there have been stories about such landings, one by the *Look* writer on the Colorado project, being that they did land — and the little men spoke English!

It is much like the astrology business, to which many newspapers contribute their bit. The stars are many light years away, some of them hundreds and some thousands of light years distant. That they could influence life on earth is a superstition coming down from the time when it was believed that the earth was the center of the universe, and that the stars were not far away, and had been placed there for the benefit of man and to influence people.

The writer of the *Look* article, John G. Fuller, calls the Condon investigation a mere trick, and he did express disbelief in any such objects. However, it is up to the UFO enthusiasts to prove their reality, not to scientists to prove that they don't exist.

Meanwhile some of the magazines and some of the newspapers will go on promoting superstition and catering to false beliefs, and instilling into the minds of the public doubts about the honesty of the Warren Commission, the Air Force and the Condon committee, when there is no reason why they should attempt to deceive the American people.

And by the way, *Time* and *Life*, United Press International or Associated Press would give a fortune to get an authentic report of a real flying saucer.