

UFO Observations (pp. 34–38)

In the summer of 2016, a 17-year-old girl was on her way home with her sister late in the evening, at Riedenburg-Gleishof, when both girls observed a large circular UFO with rotating multicoloured lights hovering just above the tree tops. Both girls were extremely frightened and called their mother to pick them up. The written report we have is very long, but we have no investigator near, and no report of the sister who accompanied the principal witness. As it was a clear night, we rule out sky trackers; and a plane would have made more noise than just the buzzing drone the sisters heard. The case is classed as PROBLEMATIC UFO, and is pending additional research.

UFOs, Germany, and »Project Blue Book« (pp. 35–47)

There is quite some information about German UFO cases in the files of Blue Book, though mainly by US military witnesses. The author has traced 76 cases from Germany, including reports from 1952 (Fulda, Wiesbaden, Heidelberg and Erding), and from 1962 (Ramstein). Only four additional reports were logged after that, and reports cease after 1965. They were just noted and not investigated, and if some follow up was done, it is obvious no official departments of the Federal Republic were involved. Interestingly enough, in addition to Blue Book there was an American “Office of Military Government for Bavaria Intelligence Division” which in 1948 filed a memo on “unconventional aircraft,” yet it is clear that interest quickly waned.

»Well, UFOs didn’t avoid socialist states!« (pp. 48–61)

The author lists official positions of state in the German Democratic Republic (GDR, East Germany) which was that UFOs did not exist and were a fabrication of the capitalist media, as well as internal papers outlining UFO reports (mainly along the border to West Germany), and interviews with citizens of the GDR who recall sightings in earlier times. It appears, from this, that UFOs appeared over the GDR as well, but never made the press due to the official political position of the state.

Reviews (pp. 62–64)

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