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Historic Cook County: The UFO sighting of September 5, 1966

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Reports of UFOs date back to as early as 1400 BC, and Cook County is no exception. During the 1960s, a local Cook County woman gained the attention of a scientist, Dr. James McDonald, after she reported seeing a strange object in the sky. Her case was one of many featured in a national study funded by the United States Air Force and titled the “Condon Report.”

Dr. McDonald’s efforts in locating the woman led to a correspondence with Cook County News-Herald editor, Adolf “Ade” Toftey.

This is a story about the search for the local woman, featuring original letters from the archives of the Cook County Historical Society.

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This feature is a collaboration between WTIP and the Cook County Historical Society, and produced by Martha Marnocha.

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Special thanks to Erik Hahn as the voice of Dr. James McDonald.

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