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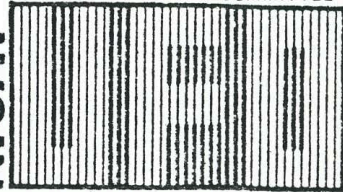
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JIMMY CARTER'S 1973 UFO REPORT

During the autumn of 1973 hundreds of people throughout the United States reported UFOs to NICAP. Among those reports were two made by state governors. During the recent presidential campaign, Jimmy Carter was quoted by the National Enquirer as stating, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information that this country has about UFO sightings available to the public. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one."

President Carter's conviction in UFOs is understandable since he not only saw one but also was one of the two governors who reported a UFO to NICAP in 1973.

On October 12, 1973, then-Governor Carter responded to NICAP's inquiries about his sighting with a letter and a report form. NICAP's Regional Investigator, Harry Lederman, handled the investigation.

President Carter's UFO sighting has been briefly reported by the news media, sometimes accurately, sometimes inaccurately. Since Jimmy Carter is the first U.S. President to speak publicly about a personal experience, NICAP believes that its members should have the complete report as it was submitted. President Carter's handwritten report has been typed for clarity.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

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|--|---|
| 1. Name Jimmy Carter | Place of Employment |
| Address State Capitol Atlanta | Occupation Governor |
| Telephone (404) 656-1776 | Date of birth |
| | Education Graduate |
| | Special Training Nuclear Physics |
| | Military Service U.S. Navy |
| 2. Date of Observation October 1969 | Time AM PM 7:15 Time Zone EST |
| 3. Locality of Observation Leary, Georgia | |
| 4. How long did you see the object? _____ Hours 10-12 Minutes _____ Seconds | |
| 5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. Shortly after dark. | |
| 6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Not in sight. | |
| 7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Stars. | |
| 8. Were there more than one object? No. If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. | |

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc.? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? **Yes.**
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. **At one time, as bright as the moon.**
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes | f. Drop anything? |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | g. Change brightness? yes |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | h. Change shape? size |
| d. Give off smoke? | i. Change color? yes |
| e. Leave any visible trail? | |

Seemed to move toward us from a distance, stopped-moved partially away—returned, then departed. Bluish at first, then reddish, luminous, not solid.

13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. **NO.**
14. Was there any wind? **no.** If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? **no.**
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? **no** What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Fuzzy or blurred. | b. Like a bright star. | c. Sharply outlined. X |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
18. Was the object —
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| a. Self-luminous? X | b. Dull finish? | c. Reflecting? | d. Transparent? |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? **came close, moved away-came close then moved away.**
20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| a. Pinhead | c. Dime | e. Half dollar | g. Orange | i. Larger |
| b. Pea | d. Nickel | f. Silver dollar | h. Grapefruit | |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. **About the same as moon, maybe a little smaller. Varied from brighter/larger than planet to apparent size of moon.**

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? **10-12 men all watched it. Brightness attracted us.**
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? **Outdoors waiting for a meeting to begin at 7:30pm**
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? **Moved to distance then disappeared**
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. **Not pertinent**
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. **no.**
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). **Difficult. Maybe 300-1000 yards.**
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch. **About 30° above horizon.**
28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.



Ten members of Leary Georgia Lions Club

29. What do you think you saw?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Extraterrestrial device? | e. Satellite? |
| b. UFO? | f. Hoax? |
| c. Planet or star? | g. Other? (Please specify). |
| d. Aircraft? | |

30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)
31. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

Appeared from West--About 30° up.

32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? **No**
33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. **No**
34. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you if requested. **None.**
35. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.
- Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. **No.**
36. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (☒)

Please keep my name confidential. (☐)

37. Date of filling out this report

9-18-73

Signature:

Jimmy Carter
Jimmy Carter

Dutch Police Involved With UFO Reports

The Dutch police have given their full cooperation to a UFO research group in the Netherlands (NOBOVO) by informing the research team of all UFO reports that are received.

In the Netherlands there are three types of police. They have community police, state police, and military police. Every single agency has agreed to give their support and cooperation to assist with the UFO research work. Before the state police could cooperate with NOBOVO, there was an inquiry by

an official judicial commission to look into the activities of the NOBOVO. Their findings were positive; that this group, very much like NICAP, is solely dedicated to the *scientific* research.

Recently the Netherlands had a UFO sighting over a military air base. For the first time in history of Dutch UFO research, an official UFO investigation was held. To date, there has been no conclusive evidence as to what was seen over the base.

ERRATUM

A misprint appeared in the January 1977 newsletter in the article entitled, "Mystery Of The Melting Pond." The temperature read 85°F and should have been -5°F.

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY— *Jim* ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

☒ PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. *212 888-9481* ☐ FTS
CODE/EXT. *212 888-9481*

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*Is it true... that
the Pres. said that he has
seen a UFO [at one time
or another]?*

RECEIVED BY

Shilo

DATE

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May 31, 1977

Dear Mr. Thornton:

We are sorry you did not receive a response to your letter of March 23.

Soon after being sworn into office, President Carter checked with military authorities and learned that all government records on Unidentified Flying Objects have been de-classified and are now available for the public to review in the National Archives. You can obtain a copy of the report by writing to that agency.

The President's Science Adviser, Dr. Frank Press, has further advised the Administration that the government no longer keeps track of UFO reports, and that these are referred to private organizations.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison

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May 25, 1977

MEMO TO: WALT WURFEL
PAT BARIO

FROM: Jim Purks

SUBJ: National Enquirer - UFOs

FYI, Ed Tropicana of the National Enquirer, apparently appreciative of my efforts, called to advise me that he has given up trying to get a comment from Jody on the UFO situation and the specific question: "is it the White House position that all the government knows about UFOs is in the National Archives; that the CIA and Air Force are no longer taking UFO information." He also said his story will say the following regarding White House: "repeated efforts of personal contact and phone calls were futile, in conflict with openness image; phone calls were not returned, etc." Said he just wanted me to know. Thanked this office for help.

I have given him all the information we have based on my files, telephone talks with Dr. Press, but could not supply him with a White House policy statement that he wanted from Jody. In case anyone wants to call him before publication, 347-4021.

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May 18, 1977

MEMO TO: WALT WURFEL
PAT BARIO

FROM: Jim

SUBJ: National Enquirer-UFOs

John Pratt of the National Enquirer formally ask that the following question be formally submitted to Jody:

"Is it the official attitude of the White House that all government information on UFOs is available through the material released by the Air Force to National Archives?"

Please advise and thanks.

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26 May 1977

The President
United States
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

Attached is a copy of a letter I mailed
to you two months ago.

I wish to object to the fact that it has
not been answered.

Another campaign promise is involved
here and I would appreciate at least
acknowledgement.

Action Line is a column published daily
in the Evening Tribune, and we help
readers with problems and often attempt
to get answers on various topics.

You have commented elsewhere on UFOs,
and I fail to understand why you
remain silent on this subject at this
time. I am aware you have a staff
that can handle matters like this.

Sincerely,



J.D. Thornton
Action Line editor

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23 March 1977

The President
United States
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

During your campaign for election
you promised to release information
the government has on Unidentified
Flying Objects.

Could you please advise me of the
status of the report.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



J.D. THORNTON
Action Line editor

The attached, which appeared while
both Ford and Reagan were contenders,
may be of interest to you.

June 9, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. FRANK PRESS

FROM: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

SUBJECT: UFO Inquiries

Inquiries about UFOs continue to come in, as evidenced by this latest letter. Usually the inquiries are referred to me and a few I have difficulty responding to completely. I would appreciate help on a few questions:

- 1) Is President Carter's UFO report of a sighting in Georgia part of the written records in the documents now available to the public in Archives?
- 2) Is there absolutely no agency, no one single person, who takes UFO reports for the government? What is the process? Callers and written reports are referred immediately to private organizations?
- 3) Are we satisfied that all UFO reports are now available to the public and that no CIA revelations are forthcoming?

Any help or elaboration on your Memo of April 18 to Stu Eizenstat would be helpful.

Thanks for your continuing help.

cc: Pat Abrio

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Dear Mr. President,

During your presidential campaign, you gave a brief interview to the National Enquirer concerning a UFO sighting experienced with several prominent Georgia businessmen. Given the climate of ridicule surrounding such matters, you chose to respond with a candor seldom seen in American politics. At that time, Mr. President, you also made a promise to the American people. It was, simply, to release the Pentagon's Top Secret documents concerning the existence of unidentified flying objects.

As associate editor of a publication devoted to these matters, I am of course interested in further developments on this issue. And, in light of our rapidly growing need for new energy alternatives, I am also concerned that extraterrestrial hardware currently in governmental possession has not received sufficient study.

As you may have guessed, members of our staff have several recommendations to make in this regard. Sometime when you are in Los Angeles, and feel open to sharing your observations on these matters, we would enjoy discussing them with you.

Sincerely,

Tim Wohlgemuth

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Associate Editor,
Phobos

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Pr. George's UFO Turns Out to Be Airplane Flashing an Advertisement

By Vernon Thompson
Washington Post Staff Writer

6/13/77

UFO buffs in the Washington area became quite excited about the sighting Wednesday night of an unidentified flying object resembling a blimp with blinking lights moving through the sky over the city like a "a giant jellyfish."

A number of Prince George's County residents and a Maryland state police officer reported seeing the UFO. And a story in yesterday's editions of The Washington Post about the sightings drew numerous phone calls to The Post, Maryland state police and Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs.

But it turned out that the expert on this particular UFO was Nadine Brown. The UFO, she told a reporter yesterday, was actually an airplane she owns with her husband that flashes advertising on the bottom of its wings with blinking lights.

"When I saw the article in the newspaper I really laughed—we are the culprits!" said Mrs. Brown, who giggled as she explained that her husband had been flying the advertising plane in the skies here since March.

The reason the Cessna 150 equipped with 315 blinking light bulbs is so often mistaken for a

blimp, "flying jelly fish" or mysterious UFO is because it flies at a slow speed of only 45 to 55 m.p.h., Mrs. Brown said.

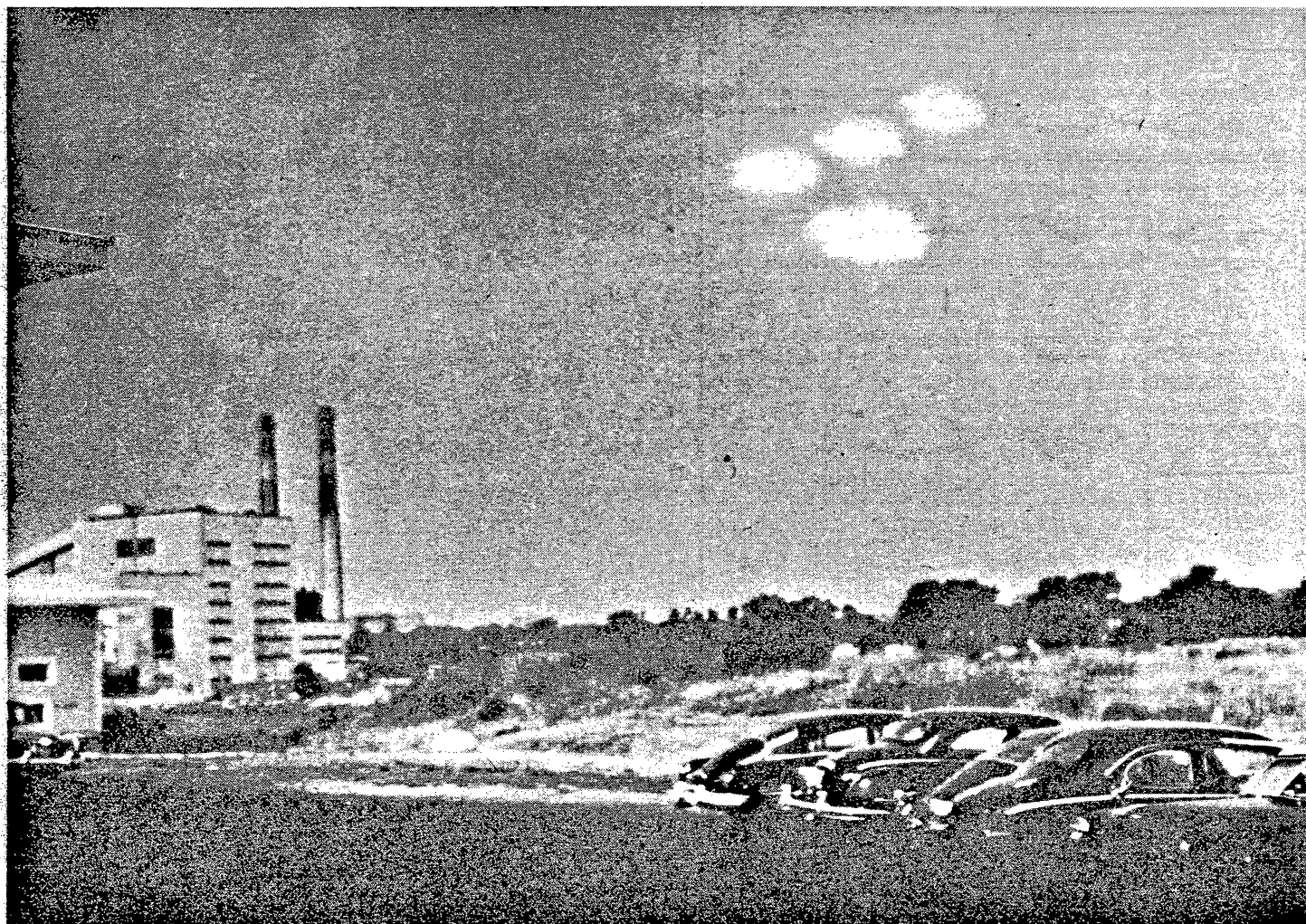
In addition, she said, "you can see it from a long ways away, but you can not read the message unless you are a quarter of a mile on each side of it." So, from a distance, "you see a jelly fish sort of thing."

The plane is available for an hour each evening Monday through Saturday, according to Mrs. Brown, to flash advertising messages from the bottom of its wings. On Sundays, she said, it flashes passages from the Bible for about two hours shortly after dusk.

The couple got involved in flying, according to Mrs. Brown, "because we wanted to do something together since our three children had left home and we were like other couples who find themselves strangers at this time."

They probably would still have not gotten a plane if they had not stumbled upon the idea of using an advertising plane as a tax write-off, Mrs. Brown said. The plane was advertising a local car dealer's name, location and emblem Wednesday night at approximately 9:45 p.m. when the UFO sightings began.

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Flying saucers thirty years on

This year sees the 30th anniversary of the original "flying saucer" sighting. Where does the UFO field stand after a generation of research?

Ian Ridpath

is author of *Worlds Beyond: A Report on the Search for Life in Space* (Wildwood House, UK; Harper & Row, US)

saucers for these objects; although no one realised it at the time, this emotive label was to kindle a new mythology. Arnold's report was followed by a flood of other flying saucer sightings that continues unabated to this day. Do these reports, in the words of astronomer J. Allen Hynek, point to "an aspect or domain of the natural world not yet explored by science"? Or are UFOs, as in the opinion of the late Donald Menzel, "the greatest nonsense of the 20th century"?

Under pressure to explain the apparent invasion of domestic airspace, the perplexed US Air Force set up a series of investigations, the first of which, known as Project Sign, was initiated in 1948. Project Grudge followed in 1949, and in 1952 began the famous Project Blue Book, which was closed in 1969. The Air Force also contracted the private Rand Corporation for an independent study of the saucer phenomenon.

All these investigations reached essentially the same

On 24 June, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a 32-year-old businessman piloting a private aircraft, saw what he described as a chain of nine "saucer-like" objects flying from north to south near Mt Rainier in Washington State. The press eagerly coined the name flying

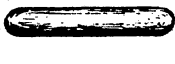
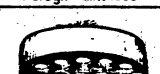
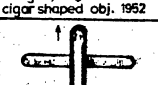
conclusion: that the so-called saucers presented no threat to national security, that the reports were most probably misinterpretations or fabrications, and that there was no evidence that saucers were extraterrestrial vehicles.

These conclusions did not satisfy committed saucer watchers such as UFO writer Donald Keyhoe, who claimed in the 1950s and 1960s that the Air Force was not telling all it knew. But the official documents, now declassified, reveal that the Air Force knew no more than anyone else. A declassified CIA document of the same period, the Robertson Panel report of 1953, yields no further support for the once-popular "cover-up" theory.

A high-flyer dies

The Air Force explained the Kenneth Arnold sighting as mirages due to a temperature inversion. Arnold reported that the air at his flying height of 9500 ft was clear and still—characteristic of such an inversion. The Air Force files also pointed out inconsistencies in Arnold's estimates of the probable sizes and distances of the objects, indicating that they were probably much closer to him and slower-moving than he proposed.

An altogether more spectacular case the year following Arnold's sighting sparked off a new sensationalist line: UFOs are hostile. On 7 January, 1948, Air Force captain Thomas Mantell was killed while climbing to intercept a

UFO-TYPES: Saucer shaped cigar shaped and other UFO types, all of which have been observed 2 or more times			
			
Adamski type 10m dia.	Large saucer type 50m d.	Mothership 300-3000mi	Cylinder shaped obj. var. l.
			
'Old' saucer type	'Saturn' shaped UFO	Obj. seen over Africa 70mi	Obj. photogr. over Calif. 1957
			
Type photogr. 1950 & 1954	Trinidad saucer Brazil 1958	Obj. with fiery tail 1948	Rocket shaped obj. Italy
			
Type seen in 1947 7m dia	'New' type photogr. Brazil Calif.	Oval obj. 1952 25m. l.	Type seen over USA & Italy
			
Dome shaped, 'common type'	Type photogr. in Calif. and Oregon	Cigar w. jet exhaust 1952	Globe shaped obj. 20cm-20
			
Variety of dome-shaped obj.	Photogr. New Mexico 1963	Cigar shaped mothership	Cone or top shaped obj.
			
Saucer type 1965	Photogr. Calif. 1965	Winged, cigar shaped obj. 1952	Rhomb shaped obj. 1961
			The objects are not drawn to scale Drawn by Knut Aasheim 3-67
Saucer photogr. in Korea	Disk shaped obj. 1950	Cylinder shaped winged obj.	



Overpage: Hovering UFOs, or just searchlights? A US coastguard took this photo at Salem, Mass in 1952. The taxonomy (left) of UFOs is a testament to the human imagination. The object above was photographed by a hospital inmate at Muszyna, Poland. It bears many of the hallmarks of the archetypal "flying saucer" photographed by Adamski in 1952 (above right), an object of suspect origin. The weird object (below right) was photographed in California. It is described as a saucer's "parent ship"

high-flying UFO reported by ground control at Godman Field, Kentucky. The position of the reported UFO fits that of the planet Venus, but a Navy Skyhook balloon released that morning was also in the area. These balloons fly at altitudes of 60 000 ft or more, well above the operating height of Mantell's plane, which had no oxygen equipment. The Air Force conclusion was that Mantell had blacked out from oxygen starvation during his climb, and the uncontrolled aircraft had spiralled into the ground.

This was where the CIA entered the UFO field in earnest, because it was they who were developing the Skyhook programme for photoreconnaissance of the Soviet Union. They were both embarrassed that their secret should get out, and they were also worried that some UFO cases might actually be sightings of similar Soviet balloons sent to spy on the United States.

The classic cases demolished

In the 1950s the flying saucer field's own excesses brought it into ridicule, notably with the tall tales of so-called contactees such as fraudster George Adamski, who claimed he had ridden in extraterrestrial spacecraft. Adamski and his ilk gave scientists ammunition to deride the flying saucer freaks.

The ailing field of saucerdom received a much-needed revival with the birth of the space age: first the launch of Sputnik 1 in 1957, and then Yuri Gagarin's flight in 1961. Here was stunning support for the idea that other beings might be travelling the Galaxy in spaceships.

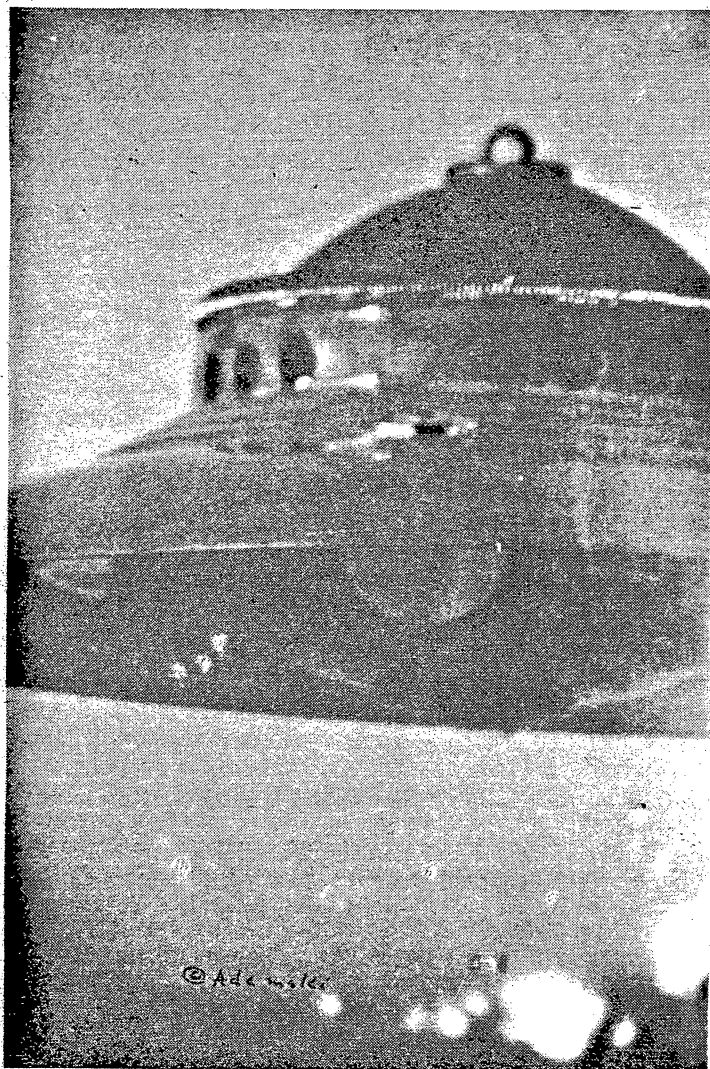
What's more, over the past decade the idea of extraterrestrial life has become scientifically respectable (see *New Scientist*, vol 74, p 326), so that it seems to the

uninitiated that the final seal of approval has now been set on UFOlogy by those who once derided it.

In reality, though, the tide has begun to turn. The movement of scientists into the field of extraterrestrial life has led to far more rigorous examination of UFO events—with the result that many of the most cherished cases are now crashing to the ground. A sign of the times is that leading saucer magazines such as the outstanding *American Official UFO* feel compelled to run exposé articles on famous cases such as the so-called Interrupted Journey, on which Betty and Barney Hill claimed to have been abducted by aliens. The truth of the matter, revealed by investigator Robert Sheaffer, is that much of the detail of the story was imaginative gloss added after the original UFO sighting which, from Betty Hill's description, was nothing more than a misidentification of the planet Jupiter near the Moon.

Most of the classic cases of UFOlogy have been disposed of by technical journalist Philip Klass of *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine, notably in his book *UFOs Explained* (Random House 1974 and Vintage Books 1976). Under Klass's painstaking investigation, events such as the famous Socorro, New Mexico, landing of 1964 wither to nothing more than a publicity stunt by the local mayor who, by strange chance, owns the historic piece of land on which the reputed UFO impressed its footpads.

No more reliable is the case of two shipyard workers at Pascagoula, Mississippi, who claimed in 1973 to have been abducted by UFO occupants with lobsterlike claws while fishing only a few hundred yards from the busy US highway 90. Klass found that a lie-detector test, the only independent support for their fantastic story, was administered by



an unqualified operator under uncontrolled conditions.

Similar large question marks can be raised against other "classic" cases of UFOlogy. So where does this leave us? That UFOs exist, in the sense that people see things in the sky which they cannot explain, is incontrovertible. UFO researchers are agreed that at least 90 per cent of these sightings are straightforward misidentifications of natural or man-made objects. The most frequent offenders are aircraft, satellites, meteors, and even bright stars and planets.

UFOlogists have always argued that there remains a fractional residue of apparently baffling cases that represents the true signal among the noise of erroneous sightings. But from the above examples it now seems that, with the dedicated investigation by modern researchers, even this previously baffling residue of cases is soluble. This should not be surprising since the scientific assessment of extraterrestrial life implies that not one of the hundreds of thousands of UFO reports on file throughout the world represents an extraterrestrial visitation.

Too many UFOs

The crucial but overlooked point is that there are simply too many UFOs being seen to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis. Imagine, for a moment, that there are one million other civilisations in the Galaxy, all sending out starships. Since there must be something like 10 billion interesting places to visit (one tenth of all stars in the Galaxy), then each civilisation must launch 10 000 space-ships annually for only one to reach here every year. If each civilisation launches the more reasonable number of one starship annually, then we would expect to be visited once every 10 000 years. Alternatively, the higher number of reported UFOs might be taken as indicating that we are something special. If so, then life cannot be a very common phenomenon in the Galaxy—and thus there would be fewer civilisations to send out starships, and we would expect a smaller number of UFOs.

An increasingly popular theory is that UFOs are not spacecraft from other worlds but visitors from another dimension—perhaps time travellers. But changing the theory does not change the lack of factual evidence.

Despite 30 years of study, the field of UFOlogy has failed to produce *one* concrete example of alien visitation, from any dimension. Most scientists would draw their own conclusion from such an abject lack of results, but they do not have the indefatigable optimism of committed UFOlogists for whom the Perfect Case, like the Second Coming, is an article of faith. This point was emphasised at the first International UFOlogy Congress in Acapulco during April, where researcher Salvador Freixedo said: "Religion and UFO phenomena have much in common." The basic appeal of UFOlogy for the masses is that it is a belief system, rather than a field of scientific investigation.

Should that first extraterrestrial visitation arrive in the near future, the True Believers will collect on some large bets. Among others, a lady named Ruth Norman from El Cajon, California, who claims to have been in touch with extraterrestrials, has wagered a total of several thousand pounds with Ladbroke's bookmakers that a landing is imminent. The *National Enquirer* newspaper has upped its reward for proof that UFOs come from outer space and are not natural phenomena from \$100 000 to one million dollars. And UFO skeptic Philip Klass stands to pay out on several \$10 000 dollar bets, as well as refund the purchase price of his UFO-debunking books to disgruntled readers.

The fact that none of these bets has been collected tells its own story. The bets place the onus where it belongs. After a generation of flying saucer stories with no conclusive result, the burden of proof remains squarely on the UFOlogists. □

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Washington, DC 20546

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The information contained here has been compiled to respond to queries on Unidentified Flying Objects directed to the White House as well as NASA.

NASA is the focal point for answering public inquiries to the White House relating to UFOs. NASA is not engaged in a research program involving these phenomena, nor is any other government agency.

BACKGROUND

In July of 1977, Dr. Frank Press, Director of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, wrote to Dr. Robert A. Frosch, the NASA Administrator, suggesting NASA should answer all UFO-related mail and also to consider whether NASA should conduct an active research program on UFOs. In a letter dated December 21, 1977, Dr. Frosch agreed that NASA will continue to respond to UFO-related mail as it has in the past and, if a new element of hard evidence that UFOs exist is brought to NASA's attention from a credible source, NASA will analyze the unexplained organic or inorganic sample and report its findings.

Quoting from Dr. Frosch's December 21 letter: "...If some new element of hard evidence is brought to our attention in the future, it would be entirely appropriate for a NASA laboratory to analyze and report upon an otherwise unexplained organic or inorganic sample; we stand ready to respond to any bona fide physical evidence from credible sources. We intend to leave the door clearly open for such a possibility.

"We have given considerable thought to the question of what else the United States might and should do in the area of UFO research. There is an absence of tangible or physical evidence available for thorough laboratory analysis. And, because of the absence of such evidence, we have not been able to devise a sound scientific procedure for investigating these phenomena. To proceed on a research task without a sound disciplinary framework and an exploratory technique in mind would be wasteful and probably unproductive.

"I do not feel that we could mount a research effort without a better starting point than we have been able to identify thus far. I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish research in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject.

"I wish in no way to indicate that NASA has come to any conclusion about these phenomena as such; institutionally, we retain an open mind, a keen sense of scientific curiosity and a willingness to analyze technical problems within our competence."

Reports of unidentified objects entering United States air space are of interest to the military as a regular part of defense surveillance. Beyond that, the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates reports of UFO sightings.

This was not always the case. On December 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for UFO investigation started in 1947.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations, the USAF said, was based on: (1) an evaluation of a report (often called the Condon Report) prepared by the University of Colorado and entitled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects;" (2) a review of the University of Colorado report by the National Academy of Sciences; (3) past UFO studies; and (4) Air Force experience investigating UFO reports for two decades.

As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of the Air Force were: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20408, and is available for public review and analysis. Those wishing to review this material may obtain a researcher's permit from the National Archives and Record Service.

Also available:

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. Condon Report study conducted by the University of Colorado under contract F44620-76-C-0035. Three volumes, 1,465p. 68 plates. Photoduplicated hard copies of the official report may be ordered for \$6 per volume, \$18 the set of three, as AD 680:975, AD 680:976, and AD 680:977, from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.

Review of University of Colorado Report on Unidentified Flying Objects. Review of report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. National Academy of Sciences, 1969, 6p. Photoduplicated hard copies may be ordered for \$3 as AD 688:541 from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.

NASA is aware of the many UFO reports made in recent years. However, the majority of inquiries to NASA concerning UFO sightings address themselves to the reported sightings by astronauts during Earth orbital and lunar missions and the report by President Carter while serving as Governor of Georgia.

During several space missions NASA astronauts reported phenomena not immediately explainable. However, in every instance NASA satisfied itself that what had been observed was nothing which could be termed abnormal in the space environment. The air-to-ground tapes of all manned missions are available at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, for review by the serious researcher.

On October 12, 1973, while serving as Governor of Georgia, Mr. Carter responded to inquiries from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) saying that he had seen a bright, moving object in the sky over Leary, Georgia, in October of 1969. He said the object was visible for 10 to 12 minutes and, at one point, shone as brightly as the Moon. The regional NICAP representative investigated the sighting and reported there was no evidence to support anything beyond placing what Mr. Carter saw in NICAP's "unidentified" category. However, it has been suggested by some students of aerial phenomena that Mr. Carter may have viewed the Planet Venus which, at certain times, may appear many times brighter than a star of the first-magnitude.

Since NASA is not engaged in day-to-day UFO research, it does not review UFO-related articles intended for publication, evaluate UFO-type spacecraft drawings or accept accounts of UFO sightings or applications for employment in the field of aerial phenomena investigation. All such material will be returned with NASA's thanks to the sender.

A number of universities and scientific organizations have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. In addition, a number of private domestic and foreign groups continue to review UFO sighting reports actively. Some of these organizations are:

- (1) National Investigations Committee on
Aerial Phenomena
John L. Acuff, Director
Suite 23
3535 University Boulevard, West
Kensington, MD 20795
(301) 949-1267
- (2) The Committee for the Scientific Investigation
of Claims of the Paranormal
UFO Subcommittee
Robert Sheaffer, Chairman
9805 McMillan Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 589-8371
- (3) Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
James and Coral Lorenzen, Directors
3910 E. Kleindale Road
Tucson, AZ 85712
(602) 793-1825
- (4) Mutual UFO Network
Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director
103 Old Towne Road
Seguin, TX 78155
(512) 379-9216
- (5) The Center for UFO Studies
Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director
924 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202
(312) 491-1780

February 1, 1978

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 18, 1977

MEMO TO: WALT WURFEL
PAT BARIO

FROM: Jim 

SUBJ: National Enquirer-UFOs

John Pratt of the National Enquirer formally ask that the following question be formally submitted to Jody:

"Is it the official attitude of the White House that all government information on UFOs is available through the material released by the Air Force to National Archives?"

Please advise and thanks.

JP/ew

MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

April 18, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Stu Eizenstat
FROM: Frank Press **JP**
SUBJECT: Inquiry on the President's
Position on UFO Information

In response to your memo of April 11 on an inquiry from the National Enquirer concerning the President's position on making information on UFOs available to the public, we believe that a recent action by the Air Force makes it unnecessary for the President to be involved further in this matter.

The CIA informs us that there is no basis for the statement in the April 18 issue of U.S. News & World Report that the Agency has any new revelations to make concerning UFOs.

The reporter for the National Enquirer, Joe West, should be informed as follows:

The entire Air Force file of information on UFOs, representing 22 years of both classified and unclassified reports, has now been declassified and placed in the National Archives. It is available to the public. The material can be examined at the Archives, or can be obtained by mail in microfilm form at the expense of the party placing the order. If the entire file is ordered, the expense would be considerable. We understand it would cost approximately \$1,700, as the complete file is extensive.

The records are referred to as "Air Force Project Blue Book" and can be obtained by writing to:

Modern Military Branch
National Archives and Record Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20408

I believe that the above information, which is not widely known, would satisfy Mr. West's inquiry and avoid unnecessary contact with the President on this matter.

JUNE 8, 1976

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After conventional surgery for rectal cancer, the recurrence rate — reappearance of cancer — is 50 percent, experts say.

The new treatment, developed in the U.S. by two specialists at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., requires no surgery or even a hospital stay.

It has already won the endorsement of cancer surgeon Dr. John O'Connor of Georgetown University Hospital, who

tion, beamed from outside the body," explained Dr. O'Connor.

"But this was abandoned because of the terrible risks of damaging other tissues, such as the bladder."

Surgeon John Remington, who pioneered the new technique in the U.S. with radiation oncologist Dr. Ben Sischy, told The ENQUIRER:

"We selected 25 patients for the treatment who were all poor surgical risks. Since treatment began in June 1973, 23 have responded satisfactorily with no evidence of recurrence. There have been no deaths among all 25."

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UFOs

May 2, 1977

Dear Mr. Bach:

Some time ago you wrote the President, via Mr. Liebowitz, concerning the UFO situation.

You may be interested to know that the Air Force's complete UFO file, once classified, has been made public and can be examined at the National Archives in Washington.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison

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Mr. Carter

What are you going to do about the U.F.O. situation as it stands today, and when is it going to be done?

And do you think they pose any sort of threat to have another investigation done by the Air Force again?

And finally how do you feel about the way the Air Force carried out their last investigation with PROJECT BLUE BOOK?

Thank You.

From the desk of

JIM PURKS

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Jim Borg

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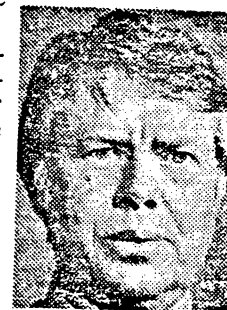
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Notes on People

Added Presidential Worry: Pollen Coun

President Nixon said yesterday that he was a member of the sneezing minority — those Americans afflicted this time of year with hay fever. Mr. Nixon disclosed his irritation as he was having his picture taken before a meeting with members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Hay fever, the President said, was the reason that "my eyes look swollen." He said that, "It hits me in the eyes" and causes him to "sneeze a little."

Mr. Nixon said the affliction strikes him annually on Sept. 5 and persists until the first of October. For relief, Mr. Nixon said, he cruises on the Potomac River aboard the Navy yacht, Sequoia. Of recommended medication, he added, "I find the shots are worse than the hay fever."

However, Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said he had told Mr. Nixon repeatedly that his trouble was not hay fever. "I'm not going to argue with him any more," Dr. Tkach said. "In all the years I've known him, he's never been known to have hay fever."

Dr. Tkach also said the President had described the trouble to him as an affliction known in California as "walnuts." Dr. Tkach said he never heard of walnuts, the alleged allergy.

The Mayor of Cleveland, Joseph J. Perk, was found not guilty of assault and battery on a policeman. The case entered on a confrontation. The Mayor was said to have had with Patrolman Arnold Hevan on the day in July when the City Council failed to override Mr. Perk's veto of fully paid hospitalization for policemen and firemen.

The Municipal Court said there was no evidence to sus-



United Press International
The President yesterday

tain the charge that the Mayor had committed a crime. The policeman had charged that Mr. Perk grabbed his badge during a scuffle.

The Vatican announced that Ildebrando Cardinal Antonetti, considered one of the most powerful conservative prelates in the church hierarchy, has resigned as head of the Vatican Congregation of the Religious. His resignation was said to be in compliance with the Vatican rule that ranking Holy See officials resign at the age of 75. The Cardinal was 75 on Aug. 3.

The Senate confirmed by voice vote the nomination of William D. Ruckelshaus as Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Ruckelshaus was nominated for the post by President Nixon in July after having resigned as acting director of the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation. Before that, he had been the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency and an assistant attorney general for two years, until December 1970.

A dispatch from Statesboro, Ga., quoted Gov. Jimmy Carter on unidentified flying objects, "I've seen one myself." Mr. Carter said he had seen the object—shining and saucer-shaped—before he became Governor. He did not specify the date or place of the sighting, but noted that at the time he had been with friends after a business dinner.

The dispatch said there have been a number of U.F.O. sightings in the South recently, but did not specify how many of them had been after business dinners.

During the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Adolf Hitler refused to present a gold medal to Jesse Owens, the American track star. Yesterday, in Los Angeles, Constantin Von Dzierbowski, the West German Consul-General, presented Mr. Owens a medal from his government for the work the former runner was said to have done to "correct misconceptions about the German people." Mr. Owens, who is 60 years old and lives in Phoenix, Ariz., accepted it.

In Concord, N.H., a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Eleanor Mullaley, told Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. that, contrary to his expressed hopes, she was not leaving her job in the state prison system forever. The Governor had said

that Sister Eleanor had quit her job to go back to college for her doctorate and that he hoped she would eventually find a new job in another state.

The nun, as an administrator in the prison system, has been a proponent of liberal reforms the Governor opposes. In a letter to Mr. Thomson, she said "your tendency to charge in and attack all levels of state agencies regardless of your knowledge or lack of it is characteristic of your administration. . . . I look forward to working with you upon my return."

JAMES F. O'RILEY

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April 13, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY SCHECTER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

SUBJECT: U. S. News & World Report Story

Note the attached USNWR article on UFOs and what the President may be doing regarding them.

Could you advise me who on staff might be coordinating that?

Many thanks. Apparently in the campaign the President did say he would turn loose some reports or records on UFOs.

JP/ew

Chances Now for Tax Rebate ... Official Word Coming On "UFO's" ... If Ham Jordan Won't Answer a Call—

Odds now are better than 50-50 that President Carter's proposal for a \$50 tax rebate will be killed in Congress.

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Before the year is out, the Government—perhaps the President—is expected to make what are described as "unsettling disclosures" about UFO's—unidentified flying objects. Such revelations, based on information from the CIA, would be a reversal of official policy that in the past has downgraded UFO incidents.

★ ★ ★

The serious nature of the acute dental problems that afflict Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev is underscored by this report reaching Western intelligence agents: Brezhnev walked out of a meeting in the Kremlin, yanked out his dentures and threw them on the floor.

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Some White House advisers already are reconciling themselves not only to congressional action overturning Carter's decision to cut back water projects, but also to an override of any presidential veto of bills providing money for such projects.

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Soviet diplomats are letting it be known that they consider the President's reported plan to name a political appointee as Ambassador to Moscow "naïve and stupid." According to these officials, the best U.S. ambassadors have been career men with a background in Russian affairs.

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From one Governor after a meeting with Andrew Young, Ambassador to the U.N.: "As long as you talk Africa with him, he's with you. As far as the rest of the world is concerned, he couldn't care less."

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Getting serious consideration by Republican leaders is the idea of a party

miniconvention next year as a forum for publicizing the party's candidates for Congress in 1978—and for assailing Carter's record.

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No issue has drawn as much mail to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the Government's ban on saccharin. About 600 to 800 letters a day are pouring into the agency, nearly all in opposition to the ban.

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Several key members of Congress report that, after the frustrations of trying unsuccessfully to reach top White House aide Hamilton Jordan by phone, they have called the President himself—and were put right through.

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The way many diplomatic experts see it, the U.S. is likely to give Egypt's Anwar Sadat most of what he wants, including more arms, to maintain his role as the most influential Arab leader in the Middle East. Should he lose out, it is feared, extremists would take over and sabotage peace prospects.

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A surprisingly harsh attack on Carter by AFL-CIO leader Lane Kirkland, in a speech to a union meeting on April 5, was a carefully calculated attempt to shake up the President. It reflects the feeling of union leaders that, though Carter listens to them, he ignores virtually all their requests.

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Once bitter enemies, Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito and Albania's Enver Hoxha suddenly are developing friendly relations. Reason: Both fear Soviet plots inside their countries.

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Despite avowals of openness, Carter aides are having second thoughts about discussing sensitive issues with committees of Congress. Complained one of them: "Secrets told even in closed

sessions circulate through Washington in hours."

★ ★ ★

Democratic leaders already are grooming Tom Bradley, a black who was re-elected Mayor of Los Angeles by a wide margin, to take the Senate seat of Republican S. I. Hayakawa in 1982.

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The Administration's plan to make coal the nation's key fuel is causing concern among many businessmen who fear that it will vest "OPEC-like control" over the U.S. economy in the hands of a United Mine Workers union already plagued by internal dissension and inability to keep its members in line.

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Canadian officials now admit that they miscalculated early this year in warning that the U.S. would get no Canadian natural gas next winter. Supplies are enough to permit the flow to continue for at least three or four years.

★ ★ ★

Among the sticky internal conflicts to be ironed out by Defense Secretary Harold Brown: sharp differences among the armed services on how much detail to make public on junkets arranged by the military for members of Congress. One branch now thinks that it tells too much, even revealing the brands of liquor stocked for trips.

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Cuban officials are puzzled by Carter's interest in resuming ties with them. As one put it: "It wasn't an issue in his presidential campaign, so why is he moving so fast after the inauguration?"

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One Russian official's explanation of the progress of human rights in the Soviet Union: "Under Stalin, dissident Andrei Sakharov would have been killed rather than allowed to stay alive and complain about injustice."

POST SCRIPT



By Margaret Thomas—The Washington Post

The security-conscious Pentagon has locks for everything — even non-secrets.

That unidentified flying object Jimmy Carter saw eight years ago in rural Georgia has been identified. It was the planet Venus, known otherwise as the evening star. UFO debunker Robert Sheaffer says so. He pinpointed Carter's appearance before the Leary, Ga., Lions Club (when the UFO was reportedly seen) as Jan. 6, 1969, and says on that night Venus was almost 100 times brighter than a first-magnitude star and was just about where Himself said he saw the UFO. Leary Lions Prexy Fred Hart said he thought they were all looking at a weather balloon.

Jot this down: the most recent leak is the combination on the locks on the 8th- and 5th-floor restrooms of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission headquarters at 1111 18th St. NW. The numbers: 4-1-3.

Now over at the Pentagon they have locks for everything, including a room in the outer ring and under the eaves. Like those truck signs saying "driver does not carry cash," this door has a sign saying "contains no classified material." Daniel Ellsberg, please call your psychiatrist.

Also in a little room under the eaves at the Pentagon is A. Ernest Fitzgerald, the Air Force civilian executive who blew the whistle on the C-5 cost overruns and has otherwise served as a military gadfly. He is now down to one-third of a secretary and owes something like \$400,000 in legal fees spent to get his job back in 1973.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) was delivered by a midwife, and says "believe me, I have no complaints."

House Budget Committee Chairman Robert N. Giaimo (D-Conn.) got fed up the other day with Rep. Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) over oratory on defense spending and fired off a Cicero (not Illinois) line, "Quo usque tandem abutere patient-

ia nostra, O Catalina?" (not exactly flawless Latin), which translates (in flawless English) "How long, oh Cataline, will you continue to abuse our patience?"

Naturally, Ichord came back with another Cicero line (this one strictly Illinois, via Mark Twain): "Once you have done in the budget, once you get the statistics, it is much like getting down the unvirtuous woman. Once you get her down, you can do anything you want to."

This will advise you that there was an NLRB election at the University of Rochester in New York to vote for or against representation by the United Personhood of Research Assistants and Video Artists. The outcome is not known here.

Some of the old, disgruntled hands over at Joe Califano's HEW, smelling purge, have started calling His Secretaryship "Uncle Joe."

Transition Tidbits: GSA accountants have begun a search for a \$500 Treasury check made out to Hamilton Jordan. Jordan has claimed he lost the per diem check, which was to cover his moving expenses, and now reportedly wants the five bills marked off against the \$3,000 in salary advances GSA wants him to repay so they can close the transition account.

And speaking of moving expenses, it cost the taxpayers \$11,612 to move President-emeritus Ford from Washington to California. Plus we went for \$2,311 for a Sony videotape recorder plus three 60-minute video-cassettes, and \$500 to former White House gag writer Bob Orben for a draft of Ford's March 18 economic speech in New York.

The new NASA telephone directory has this disclaimer: "Notice—this directory is compiled from information fur-

nished by each Headquarters organization. It is therefore only as accurate as the information furnished." These are the people who've taken us to the moon?

Aboard the Ship of State: White House Deputy Press Secretary Rex Granum got involved during a recent briefing in this kind of imbroglio with the respected press corps:

Granum: "The President has sent a memo to all the members of the Cabinet informing them he understands that in the past Cabinet secretaries have commissioned oil portraits at government expense..."

Reporter No. 1: "He's reading this from the newspaper, it's been in the press."

Granum: "You don't understand the significance here. We haven't announced this. In the future they will be..."

Reporter No. 2: "Polaroid snapshots?"

Granum: "... Color photographs. The practice began in the early 1800s. It was brought to Bert Lance's attention by Sen. Percy..."

Reporter No. 3: "Is that the same Sen. Percy who owns all that Bell and Howell stock?"

Reporter No. 4: "Will that apply to his own portrait?"

Reporter No. 5: "Rosalynn's gonna croch- et it for him."

Bill Brock arranged his vacation with some care. The GOP national chairman wasn't available for comment Thursday after the Nixon-Frost Tent Show. He was in Greece.

PPS: Pete Teeley, director of communications for the Republican National Committee, said his office did so know where the GOP was meeting in Chicago a weekend ago. In fine Republican tradition he wanted to know just who from the Post called anyway. Well just who was it who answered, Dick Tuck?

—Robert H. Williams

President Carter's "UFO Sighting" Is Finally Identified

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JIMMY CARTER

President Jimmy Carter's widely-reported "UFO sighting", which he
made public while Governor of Georgia, was in fact a misidentification

of the planet Venus, a leading UFO researcher has discovered. Several errors of observation within Mr. Carter's report demonstrate that the eyewitness testimony of even a future President of the United States cannot be taken at face value when investigating UFO sightings.

The incident occurred in the small town of Leary, Georgia, about 40 miles from Plains, on the evening of January 6, 1969. Mr. Carter was the local District Governor of the Lion's Club, and had come to Leary to boost the local chapter. While standing outdoors at approximately 7:15 PM, waiting for the Lion's Club meeting to begin, Mr. Carter reports seeing a single "self-luminous" object, "as bright as the moon", which reportedly approached and then receded several times. Mr. Carter reports that his "UFO" was in the western sky, at about 30° elevation. This almost perfectly matches the known position of Venus, which was in the west-southwest at an altitude of 25° . Weather records show that the sky was clear at the time of the sighting.

"No other object generates as many UFO reports as the planet Venus", says Robert Sheaffer, a well-known UFO writer and debunker, who solved the Carter UFO mystery. He is a founding member of the Committee to Expose UFO Nonsense, a group of no-nonsense UFO investigators. "Venus is not as bright as the moon, nor does it actually approach the viewer, or change size and brightness", says Sheaffer, "but descriptions such as these are typical of misidentifications of a bright planet. Every time that Venus reaches its maximum brilliance in the evening sky, hundreds of 'UFO sightings' of this type are made". At the time of the Carter sighting, Venus was a

brilliant evening star, nearly 100 times brighter than a first-magnitude star.

Mr. Carter is in good company in misinterpreting Venus as a UFO. Many highly-trained and responsible persons, including airplane pilots, scientists, policemen, and military personnel, have made the same mistake. During World War II, U.S. aircraft tried to shoot down Venus on numerous occasions, believing it to be an enemy aircraft. In October of 1973, Ohio Governor John Gilligan made headlines by reportedly sighting a UFO. Governor Gilligan's "UFO" turned out to be a misidentification of the planet Mars.

Sheaffer's investigation revealed that many of the details published concerning this incident were widely misreported. These errors significantly hindered the investigation. The location of the sighting has been widely misreported as Thomaston, Georgia, and the year as 1973. In his handwritten UFO sighting report, mailed in 1973 to the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, Mr. Carter incorrectly recalled the date as sometime in October, 1969. However, official records from the Lion's Club International headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois give the date of Carter's Leary Lion's Club speech as January 6 of that year. Attempts to determine the date by interviewing numerous Leary residents had been unsuccessful. Mr. Carter made no mention of any "UFO sighting" in his report filed with the Lion's Club.

Although Carter reports that "ten members" of the Leary Lion's Club also witnessed the event, attempts to locate ten other witnesses proved fruitless. No one else seems to have paid much attention to

the 'UFO'. While most Leary residents interviewed by Sheaffer did recall Mr. Carter's visit, even those who attended the meeting generally had no recollection or knowledge of any unidentified object being sighted. The only Leary resident who recalled the incident at all was Fred Hart, 1969 President of the Leary Lion's Club, who faintly recalled standing outside with Carter, watching a light in the sky. Mr. Hart believed that the object might be a "weather balloon", and said that the incident did not leave much of an impression on him. He believes the 'UFO' to have been some ordinary object, and agrees that it might have been a bright planet.

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FROM: Frank Press *FP*

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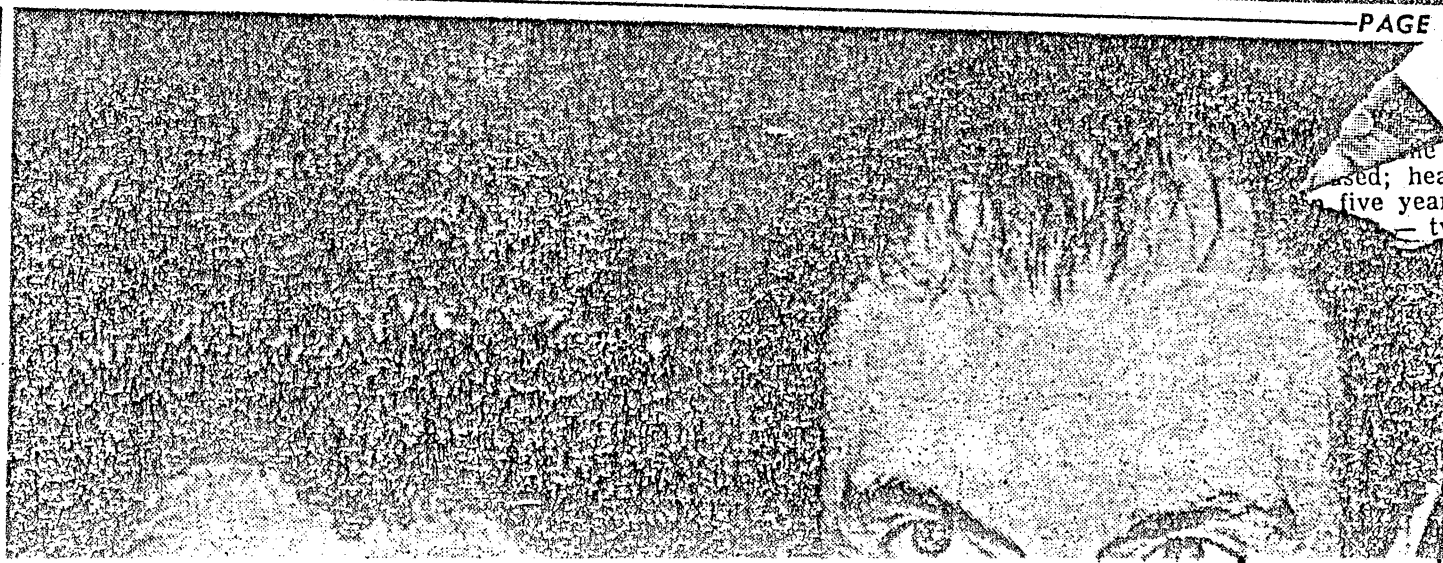
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By MALCOLM BALFOUR

Jimmy Carter believes in UFOs — because he has seen one himself. And if he becomes President, he'll release to the public all UFO data in the possession of the government.

Speaking exclusively to The ENQUIRER, the Democratic front-runner declared:

"If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public, and the scientists.

"I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one."

Carter talked frankly and without hesitation about the phenomenon he witnessed one night in Thomaston, Ga., in 1973, after a late-evening speech before the local Lions Club.

"It was a very peculiar aberration, but about 20 people saw it," he said.

"It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it was very bright, it changed colors and it was about the size of the moon. We watched it for 10 minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was.

"One thing's for sure, I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky!"

Carter's 23-year-old son Jeff, campaigning for his father in Flint, Mich., gave The ENQUIRER further details

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about the former Governor's remarkable experience.

"After his speech in Thomaston, my father was stepping out into the parking lot of the club with a group of businessmen when they spotted the UFO," he said.

"It had three lights — clustered together about the size of the moon. My dad said they were changing color from red to green. It was positioned off to one side of the moon.

"He knew it couldn't have been an aircraft of any type we have. Remember, he's a nuclear physicist who served with the Navy.

"He now believes that (UFO sightings) should be investigated."

W. Asbury Stembridge of Macon, Ga., former Georgia district chairman for Lions Club International, remembers Jimmy Carter talking about the UFO.

"Jimmy told me about it himself," he said. "And my wife Charlotte saw the same UFO. She described it to me as a large reddish object that looked similar to the moon, and seemed to be changing colors."

Interviewed by The ENQUIRER,

Mrs. Charlotte Stembridge, a school teacher, said: "The object was three balls of light, clustered in a circle, flashing and changing from red to green. It drifted slowly across the sky — then disappeared quickly."

A former Georgia state representative, attorney Milton Jones of Columbus, Ga., stated: "I vividly remember Jimmy telling me about spotting the UFO.

"I was a skeptic at the time, and in a conversation with him I said I doubted UFOs existed. Jimmy said immediately that he believed UFOs existed because he had seen one. He told me how he had stepped out of a civic club meeting with a group of businessmen, and how he had observed a UFO for about 10 minutes."

Carter's 77-year-old mother Lillian told The ENQUIRER at the family home in Plains, Ga.: "The UFO made a huge impression on Jimmy — he told me about the sighting several times. He's always been a down-to-earth, no-nonsense boy, and the sighting by him, as far as I'm concerned, is as firm as money in the bank."

Alcee Maxfield, former full-time state secretary Lions Club International in Georgia, said: "I heard Jimmy

talk several times about spotting the UFO.

"I was particularly impressed because Jimmy is a scientist, a specialist in nuclear engineering. He can tell the difference between a meteor, a star formation, or any other natural phenomena — and something that's out of this world."



JIMMY CARTER
"The UFO was very bright and about the size of the moon."

The director of a leading UFO investigative group, Jack Acuff of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, in Washington, D.C., told The ENQUIRER: "Material on UFOs is locked up in the National Archives that has never been made public.

"If a President were to have it released, it would be exciting news to the scientific community, and of inestimable benefit to the public.

"It's very significant that someone of Carter's stature has made this statement."

Specialist Calls It 'The Most Important Breakthrough...' New X-Ray Treatment for Rectal Cancer Is 92% Successful

A revolutionary X-ray treatment for rectal cancer, hailed as "the most important breakthrough to date," has proven successful in 92 percent of patients. All are free of cancer even after...

tion, beamed from outside the body," explained Dr. O'Connor.

"But this was abandoned because of the...



Notes on People

Added Presidential Worry: Pollen Count

President Nixon said yesterday that he was a member of the sneezing minority — those Americans afflicted this time of year with hay fever. Mr. Nixon disclosed his irritation as he was having his picture taken before a meeting with members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

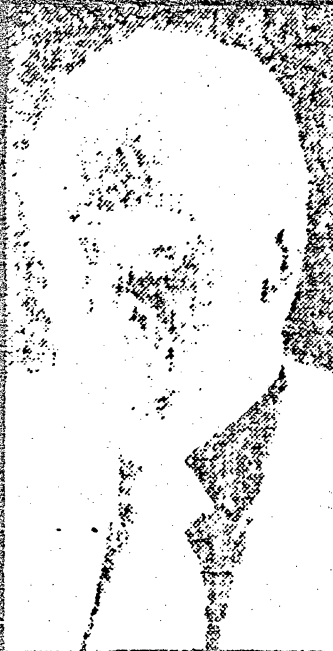
Hay fever, the President said, was the reason that "my eyes look swollen." He said that "it hits me in the eyes" and causes him to "sneeze a little."

Mr. Nixon said the affliction strikes him annually on Sept. 5 and persists until the first of October. For relief, Mr. Nixon said, he cruises on the Potomac River aboard the Navy yacht, Sequoia. Of recommended medication, he added, "I find the shots are worse than the hay fever."

However, Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said he had told Mr. Nixon repeatedly that his trouble was not hay fever. "I'm not going to argue with him any more," Dr. Tkach said. "In all the years I've known him, he's never been known to have hay fever."

Dr. Tkach also said the President had described the trouble to him as an affliction known in California as "walnuts." Dr. Tkach said he never heard of walnuts, the alleged allergy.

The Mayor of Cleveland, James J. Park, was found not guilty of assault and battery on a policeman. The case entered on a confrontation the Mayor was said to have had with Patrolman Arnold E. Evans on the day in July when the City Council failed to override Mr. Park's veto of fully paid hospitalization for policemen and firemen. The Municipal Court said there was no evidence to sus-



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The President yesterday

tain the charge that the Mayor had committed a crime. The policeman had charged that Mr. Park grabbed his badge during a scuffle.

The Vatican announced that Ildebrando Cardinal Antonelli, considered one of the most powerful conservative prelates in the church hierarchy, has resigned as head of the Vatican Congregation of the Religious. His resignation was said to be in compliance with the Vatican rule that ranking Holy See officials resign at the age of 75. The Cardinal was 75 on Aug. 3.

The Senate confirmed by voice vote the nomination of William D. Ruckelshaus as Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Ruckelshaus was nominated for the post by President Nixon in July after having resigned as acting director of the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation. Before that, he had been the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency and an assistant attorney general for two years, until December 1970.

A dispatch from Statesboro, Ga., quoted Gov. Jimmy Carter on unidentified flying objects. "I've seen one myself," Mr. Carter said he had seen the object—shining and saucer-shaped—before he became Governor. He did not specify the date or place of the sighting, but noted that at the time he had been with friends after a business dinner.

The dispatch said there have been a number of U.F.O. sightings in the South recently, but did not specify how many of them had been after business dinners.

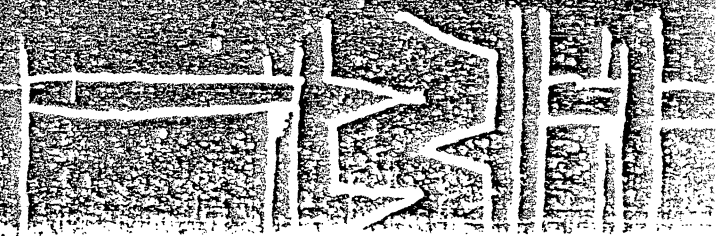
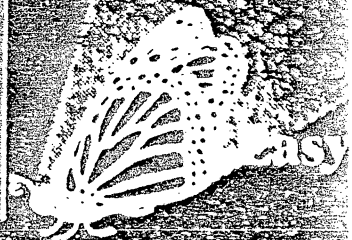
During the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Adolf Hitler refused to present a gold medal to Jesse Owens, the American track star. Yesterday, in Los Angeles, Constantin Von Dzierbowski, the West German Consul-General, presented Mr. Owens a medal from his government for the work the former runner was said to have done to "correct misconceptions about the German people." Mr. Owens, who is 60 years old and lives in Phoenix, Ariz., accepted it.

In Concord, N.H., a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Eleanor Mullaley, told Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. that, contrary to his expressed hopes, she was not leaving her job in the state prison system forever. The Governor had said

that Sister Eleanor had to leave her job to go back to college for her doctorate and that he hoped she would eventually find a new job in another state.

The nun, as an administrator in the prison system, has been a proponent of liberal reforms, the Governor proposes. In a letter to Mr. Thomson, she said "your hesitancy to charge in and attack all levels of state agencies regardless of your knowledge or lack of it is characteristic of your administration. . . . I look forward to working with you upon return."

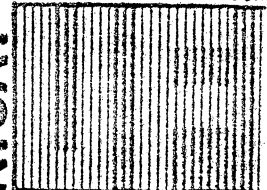
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JIMMY CARTER'S 1973 UFO REPORT

During the autumn of 1973 hundreds of people throughout the United States reported UFOs to NICAP. Among reports were two made by state governors. During the recent presidential campaign, Jimmy Carter was quoted National Enquirer as stating, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information that this country has about sightings available to the public. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one."

President Carter's conviction in UFOs is understandable since he not only saw one but also was one of the two governors who reported a UFO to NICAP in 1973.

On October 12, 1973, then-Governor Carter responded to NICAP's inquiries about his sighting with a letter and form. NICAP's Regional Investigator, Harry Lederman, handled the investigation.

President Carter's UFO sighting has been briefly reported by the news media, sometimes accurately, sometimes inaccurately. Since Jimmy Carter is the first U.S. President to speak publicly about a personal experience, NICAP believes its members should have the complete report as it was submitted. President Carter's handwritten report has been typed for clarity.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

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| 1. Name Jimmy Carter | Place of Employment |
| Address State Capitol Atlanta | Occupation Governor |
| Telephone (404) 656-1776 | Date of birth |
| | Education Graduate |
| | Special Training Nuclear Physics |
| | Military Service U.S. Navy |
| 2. Date of Observation October 1969 | Time AM PM 7:15 Time Zone EST |
| 3. Locality of Observation Leary, Georgia | |
| 4. How long did you see the object? _____ Hours 10-12 Minutes _____ Seconds _____ | |
| 5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. Shortly after dark. | |
| 6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Not in sight. | |
| 7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Stars. | |
| 8. Were there more than one object? No. | If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction movement, if any. |

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc.? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? **Yes.**
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. **At one time, as bright as the moon.**
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
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| a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes | f. Drop anything? |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | g. Change brightness? yes |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | h. Change shape? size |
| d. Give off smoke? | i. Change color? yes |
| e. Leave any visible trail? | |

Seemed to move toward us from a distance, stopped-moved partially away—returned, then departed. Bluish at first, then reddish, luminous, not solid.

13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. **no.**
14. Was there any wind? **no.** If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? **no.**
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? **no** What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
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| a. Fuzzy or blurred. | b. Like a bright star. | c. Sharply outlined. X |
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18. Was the object — a. Self-luminous? **x** b. Dull finish? c. Reflecting? d. Transparent?
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? **came close, moved away-came close then moved away.**
20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:
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|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| a. Pinhead | c. Dime | e. Half dollar | g. Orange | i. Larger |
| b. Pea | d. Nickel | f. Silver dollar | h. Grapefruit | |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. **About the same as moon, maybe a little smaller. Varied from brighter/larger than planet to apparent size of moon.**

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? **10-12 men all watched it. Brightness attracted us.**
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? **Outdoors waiting for a meeting to begin at 7:30pm**
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? **Moved to distance then disappeared**
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. **Not pertinent**
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. **no.**
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). **Difficult. Maybe 300-1000 yards.**
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch. **About 30° above horizon.**
28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

Ten members of Leary Georgia Lions Club

29. What do you think you saw?
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| a. Extraterrestrial device? | e. Satellite? |
| b. UFO? | f. Hoax? |
| c. Planet or star? | g. Other? (Please specify). |
| d. Aircraft? | |

30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

31. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

Appeared from West--About 30° up.

32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? No

33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No

34. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you if requested. No

35. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. No.

36. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

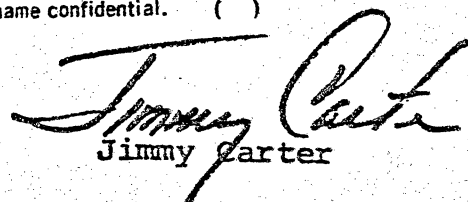
You may use my name. (X)

Please keep my name confidential. ()

37. Date of filling out this report

9-18-73

Signature:


Jimmy Carter

Dutch Police Involved With UFO Reports

The Dutch police have given their full cooperation to a UFO research group in the Netherlands (NOBOVO) by informing the research team of all UFO reports that are received.

In the Netherlands there are three types of police. They have community police, state police, and military police. Every single agency has agreed to give their support and cooperation to assist with the UFO research work. Before the state police could cooperate with NOBOVO, there was an inquiry by

an official judicial commission to look into the activities of the NOBOVO. Their findings were positive; that this group, very much like NICAP, is solely dedicated to the scientific research.

Recently the Netherlands had a UFO sighting over a military air base. For the first time in history of Dutch UFO research, an official UFO investigation was held. To date, there has been no conclusive evidence as to what was seen over the base.

ERRATUM

A misprint appeared in the January 1977 newsletter in the article entitled, "Mystery Of The Missing Pond." The temperature read 85° F and should have been -5°

POST SCRIPT

CONTAINS NO
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

By Margaret Thomas—The Washington Post

The security-conscious Pentagon has locks for everything — even non-secrets.

That unidentified flying object Jimmy Carter saw eight years ago in rural Georgia has been identified. It was the planet Venus, known otherwise as the evening star. UFO debunker Robert Sheaffer says so. He pinpointed Carter's appearance before the Leary, Ga., Lions Club (when the UFO was reportedly seen) as Jan. 6, 1969, and says on that night Venus was almost 100 times brighter than a first-magnitude star and was just about where Himself said he saw the UFO. Leary Lions Prexy Fred Hart said he thought they were all looking at a weather balloon.

Jot this down: the most recent leak is the combination on the locks on the 8th- and 5th-floor restrooms of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission headquarters at 1111 18th St. NW. The numbers: 4-1-3.

Now over at the Pentagon they have locks for everything, including a room in the outer ring and under the eaves. Like those truck signs saying "driver does not carry cash," this door has a sign saying "contains no classified material." Daniel Ellsberg, please call your psychiatrist.

Also in a little room under the eaves at the Pentagon is A. Ernest Fitzgerald, the Air Force civilian executive who blew the whistle on the C-5 cost overruns and has otherwise served as a military gadfly. He is now down to one-third of a secretary and owes something like \$400,000 in legal fees spent to get his job back in 1973.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) was delivered by a midwife, and says "believe me, I have no complaints."

House Budget Committee Chairman Robert N. Giaimo (D-Conn.) got fed up the other day with Rep. Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) over oratory on defense spending and fired off a Cicero (not Illinois) line, "Quo usque tandem abutere patient-

ia nostra, O Catalina?" (not exactly flawless Latin), which translates (in flawless English) "How long, oh Cataline, will you continue to abuse our patience?"

Naturally, Ichord came back with another Cicero line (this one strictly Illinois, via Mark Twain): "Once you have done in the budget, once you get the statistics, it is much like getting down the unvirtuous woman. Once you get her down, you can do anything you want to."

This will advise you that there was an NLRB election at the University of Rochester in New York to vote for or against representation by the United Personhood of Research Assistants and Video Artists. The outcome is not known here.

Some of the old, disgruntled hands over at Joe Califano's HEW, smelling purge, have started calling His Secretaryship "Uncle Joe."

Transition Tidbits: GSA accountants have begun a search for a \$500 Treasury check made out to Hamilton Jordan. Jordan has claimed he lost the per diem check, which was to cover his moving expenses, and now reportedly wants the five bills marked off against the \$3,000 in salary advances GSA wants him to repay so they can close the transition account.

And speaking of moving expenses, it cost the taxpayers \$11,612 to move President-emeritus Ford from Washington to California. Plus we went for \$2,311 for a Sony videotape recorder plus three 60-minute video-cassettes, and \$500 to former White House gag writer Bob Orben for a draft of Ford's March 18 economic speech in New York.

The new NASA telephone directory has this disclaimer: "Notice—this directory is compiled from information fur-

nished by each Headquarters organization. It is therefore only as accurate as the information furnished." These are the people who've taken us to the moon?

Aboard the Ship of State: White House Deputy Press Secretary Rex Granum got involved during a recent briefing in this kind of imbroglia with the respected press corps:

Granum: "The President has sent a memo to all the members of the Cabinet informing them he understands that in the past Cabinet secretaries have commissioned oil portraits at government expense..."

Reporter No. 1: "He's reading this from the newspaper, it's been in the press."

Granum: "You don't understand the significance here... We haven't announced this. In the future they will be..."

Reporter No. 2: "Polaroid snapshots?"

Granum: "... Color photographs. The practice began in the early 1800s. It was brought to Bert Lance's attention by Sen. Percy..."

Reporter No. 3: "Is that the same Sen. Percy who owns all that Bell and Howell stock?"

Reporter No. 4: "Will that apply to his own portrait?"

Reporter No. 5: "Rosalynn's gonna crochet it for him."

Bill Brock arranged his vacation with some care. The GOP national chairman wasn't available for comment Thursday after the Nixon-Frost Tent Show. He was in Greece.

PPS: Pete Teeley, director of communications for the Republican National Committee, said his office did so know where the GOP was meeting in Chicago a weekend ago. In fine Republican tradition he wanted to know just who from the Post called anyway. Well just who was it who answered, Dick Tuck?

—Robert H. Williams

President Carter's "UFO Sighting" Is Finally Identified

EXCLUSIVE—Jimmy Carter: The Night I Saw a UFO

**CARTER:
I SAW A UFO**

talk several times
UFO.

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JIMMY CARTER
"The UFO was very
bright and about the

All the Gov't's UFO Information Public

"I HAVE

A UFO!"

ADMITS

JIMMY CARTER

**"I Have Seen A
UFO" Admits
Jimmy Carter**

President Jimmy Carter's widely-reported "UFO sighting", which he made public while Governor of Georgia, was in fact a misidentificat

of the planet Venus, a leading UFO researcher has discovered. Several errors of observation within Mr. Carter's report demonstrate that the eyewitness testimony of even a future President of the United States cannot be taken at face value when investigating UFO sightings.

The incident occurred in the small town of Leary, Georgia, about 40 miles from Plains, on the evening of January 6, 1969. Mr. Carter was the local District Governor of the Lion's Club, and had come to Leary to boost the local chapter. While standing outdoors at approximately 7:15 PM, waiting for the Lion's Club meeting to begin, Mr. Carter reports seeing a single "self-luminous" object, "as bright as the moon", which reportedly approached and then receded several times. Mr. Carter reports that his "UFO" was in the western sky, at about 30° elevation. This almost perfectly matches the known position of Venus, which was in the west-southwest at an altitude of 25° . Weather records show that the sky was clear at the time of the sighting.

"No other object generates as many UFO reports as the planet Venus", says Robert Sheaffer, a well-known UFO writer and debunker, who solved the Carter UFO mystery. He is a founding member of the Committee to Expose UFO Nonsense, a group of no-nonsense UFO investigators. "Venus is not as bright as the moon, nor does it actually approach the viewer, or change size and brightness", says Sheaffer, "but descriptions such as these are typical of misidentifications of a bright planet. Every time that Venus reaches its maximum brilliance in the evening sky, hundreds of 'UFO sightings' of this type are made". At the time of the Carter sighting, Venus was a

brilliant evening star, nearly 100 times brighter than a first-magnitude star.

Mr. Carter is in good company in misinterpreting Venus as a UFO. Many highly-trained and responsible persons, including airplane pilots, scientists, policemen, and military personnel, have made the same mistake. During World War II, U.S. aircraft tried to shoot down Venus on numerous occasions, believing it to be an enemy aircraft. In October of 1973, Ohio Governor John Gilligan made headlines by reportedly sighting a UFO. Governor Gilligan's "UFO" turned out to be a misidentification of the planet Mars.

Sheaffer's investigation revealed that many of the details published concerning this incident were widely misreported. These errors significantly hindered the investigation. The location of the sighting has been widely misreported as Thomaston, Georgia, and the year as 1973. In his handwritten UFO sighting report, mailed in 1973 to the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, Mr. Carter incorrectly recalled the date as sometime in October, 1969. However, official records from the Lion's Club International headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois give the date of Carter's Leary Lion's Club speech as January 6 of that year. Attempts to determine the date by interviewing numerous Leary residents had been unsuccessful. Mr. Carter made no mention of any "UFO sighting" in his report filed with the Lion's Club.

Although Carter reports that "ten members" of the Leary Lion's Club also witnessed the event, attempts to locate ten other witnesses proved fruitless. No one else seems to have paid much attention to

the 'UFO'. While most Leary residents interviewed by Sheaffer did recall Mr. Carter's visit, even those who attended the meeting generally had no recollection or knowledge of any unidentified object being sighted. The only Leary resident who recalled the incident at all was Fred Hart, 1969 President of the Leary Lion's Club, who faintly recalled standing outside with Carter, watching a light in the sky. Mr. Hart believed that the object might be a "weather balloon", and said that the incident did not leave much of an impression on him. He believes the 'UFO' to have been some ordinary object, and agrees that it might have been a bright planet.

(end)

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(Silver Spring, Maryland)

UFO

August 3, 1977

Dear Mr. Canovaca:

Thank you for sending Mr. Powell a copy of the second issue of "Good Morning, Mr. President." He appreciated the kind offer to write a column for the publication, but has declined.

We are appreciative that you brought your ideas to the attention of the White House and recognize that the UFO phenomena is of considerable interest in some quarters in this country and throughout the world.

Years of investigation, outside the government and within, have revealed that UFO phenomena fall into essentially three categories: 1) phenomena that have been explained in terms of natural events and human activity; 2) proven hoaxes; 3) those sights which have not been fully explained and which have led to speculation that they may be extra-terrestrial in origin, but which cannot be substantiated.

The government does not see any evidence that the UFO phenomena is a threat to national security or to humanity at large. Any incidents which involve the military or federal property or personnel will be investigated and the government will keep an open mind on this subject. However, the Administration sees no need at present for any other federal involvement.

Again, we appreciate your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison

Mr. Rafael A. Canovaca
President and Publisher
Good Morning, Mr. President
134 Sunset Avenue
Island Park, New York 11558

JP/ew

bcc: Stan Schneider -- thanks for your help

August 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

FROM: Stan Schneider *SS*
Assistant to the Director,
Office of Science and Technology Policy

SUBJECT: Response to UFO Inquiry

With reference to the attached correspondence from Rafael A. Canovaca and his proposed campaign of "Welcome, UFO's to Earth," we recommend a brief response from your office along the lines of the following:

1. Appreciation for bringing his ideas to the attention of the White House.
2. Recognition that the UFO phenomena is of widespread interest in this country and throughout the world.
3. Statement to the effect that years of investigation within and outside of government have revealed that UFO phenomena fall into essentially three categories:
 - a) Phenomena that have been explained in terms of natural events and human activity.
 - b) Proven hoaxes.
 - c) Those sightings which have not been fully explained and which have led to speculation that they may be extra-terrestrial in origin but which cannot be substantiated.
4. The government does not see any evidence that the UFO phenomenon is a threat to national security nor more broadly to humanity at large. It will continue to investigate any incidents that involve the military or Federal property or personnel and keep an open mind on the subject. Otherwise, we see no need at present for any other Federal involvement.

Unless, for political reasons, the President decides to involve himself personally in this issue and recommend a specific program of research or other action, the best approach seems to be to avoid any government recognition of the UFO issue as one which deserves our serious involvement. It has been our experience that whenever we show any interest in response to UFO inquiries, we encourage an increase in contacts and persistent accusations of conspiracy and cover-up. It seems to be a no-win situation. In view of the burden this has become on our Office, Dr. Press has recently written to Dr. Robert Frosch, Administrator of NASA recommending that NASA become the focal point of a new investigation of UFOs and the agency to handle public inquiries. We will let you know of his response.

Attached is a recent article on the subject of UFOs which presents the best review of the current positions.

Attachment

cc: Dr. Press
OSTP Reading File

Mr. Schneider -

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I advised Jim Parker that
you are the UFO expert
in the Office and response
would have to wait until
your return from leave. b

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Stan - Please handle

June 30, 1977

MEMO TO: DR. FRANK PRESS
FROM: Jim Purks *JP*
Media Liaison
SUBJECT: "Good Morning, Mr. President"

Many thanks for your recent Memo bringing me up-to-date on the UFO matter.

In the interest of uniformity, I am sending you this communication from Mr. Canovaca, who apparently is attempting a national Write-The-President campaign on an aspect of the UFO question.

You may have handled similar correspondence and I was interested in my response following whatever guidelines your office may have established.

Please advise and, again, thanks.

JP/ew

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June 5, 1977

The Honorable Jody Powell
White House Press Secretary
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Secretary Powell:

It is my pleasure to enclose the second issue of "Good Morning, Mr. President" and the brochure of "Welcome, UFO's to Earth." We are sending this appeal to the 145 heads of State represented at the United Nations.

You can be sure, Sir, that when this "Welcome, UFO's to Earth" program become more widely known, the response will be so tremendous that you will feel very happy and proud of your moral assistance. Please let people know it.

If you agree with this plan you, Sir, can assist us with your valuable comments, suggestions and criticisms, which will be seriously considered by the President, and in the planning of this program. The third number will be dedicated entirely to those comments of this world appeal to serve humanity.

We are now in the process of appointing honorary and emeritus members, an Honorary International Advisory Board, a Press Board, a Trustee Board, the Director of our Scientific Division and the Honorary Chairman. Names to be withheld until final completion.

I PROPOSE TO FORM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION.

In reference to "Good Morning, Mr. President" it will circulate through respected channel of communication -- members of both houses, leading political leaders, universities, libraries, corporations, labor unions, subscriber, etc. The future issues will consist of comments from citizens from every part of the country, together with the opinions of leading citizens from every walk of life.

It will be a great honor, as well as guidance to all citizens to have your opinion. The columns of this news letter are open to you, Secretary Powell.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. I look forward, with pleasure, to the honor of hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,


Rafael A. Canovaca,
President and Publisher

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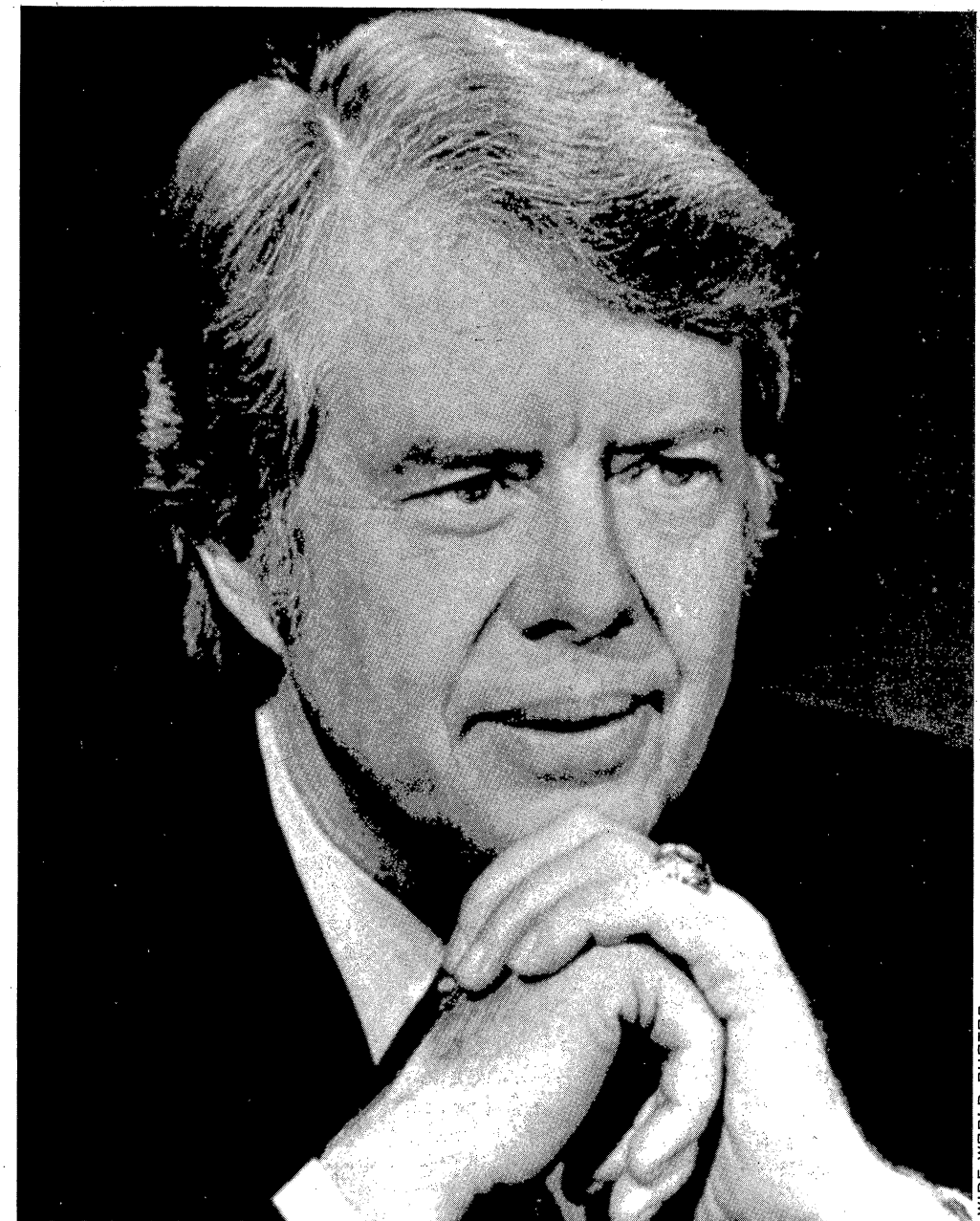
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"Serve our country by saving energy"

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A World Appeal:

Welcome, UFO's, To Earth!



WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

The Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America

Not in the service of man, but the citizenry
Not in the service of ideologies, but the country
Not in the service of the president, but the presidency

Dear President Carter:

A problem which has distressed you as much as it distresses us, is the policy of with-holding information about the sightings of UFO's, an unsolved mystery which you, Mr. President, can resolve by releasing data.

The world citizenry should not be deceived by governmental agencies, and it is time for these same agencies to include on their agendas, discussions, which would cause the truth to be revealed concerning UFO's, and further, encourage the analysis of these inexplicable phenomena.

In this second issue of Good Morning, Mr. President we welcome your opinion and an open discussion about the world-wide appeal to WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH. I am the privileged author of a plan and it is my desire to inform you, Mr. President, and heads of 145 governments represented at the United Nations, of this plan.

Be assured that WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH does not wish to invade or interfere with science, or with any governmental agency. But it does offer an invitation to all men, regardless of who they are, to consider participation in the three major projects of my proposed plan. As follows:

- First: To establish Telepathic Studies Centers
- Second: To study university courses in ufology
- Third: To install Spacial Landing Gardens, everywhere

This appeal to all men is not made in scientific terms so as to be understood by all. It is not offered on social, political or religious terms, and we avoid ideologic division. This is a humanitarian appeal for the benefit of all mankind, where the interest of all humanity converge.

While the world lives with tension and fear of an escalating nuclear-biological holocaust which would cause complete self-destruction, my plan may be construed as premature and perhaps ridiculous.

Nevertheless for countless millions of believers of this great enigma (and for the skeptics who believe only what they can see) there is an urgency in the belief of other lives and their interest in our planet.

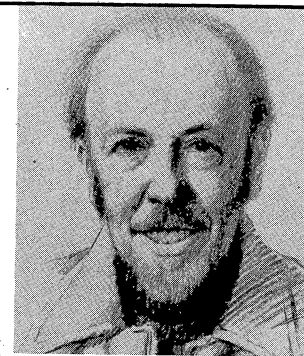
We must concede that we are living through days of distress, despair and confusion, all of which affect the lives of every human being, not to mention the painful future of forthcoming generations. Our children are not living a proper childhood; they are living under a state of psychosis because of the environment and threat of war, the disintegra-

Good Morning, Mr. President

Founded January 20, 1977

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tion of home life, the effects of a society sick with drugs, avarice, power, crime and demoralization -- all leading in one direction: War!

Being more concerned with our own self-destruction, individuals and nations, we are not viewing clearly the threat of oblivion which hangs over our civilization -- not by war alone, but by the loss of oxygen which maintains life on our planet, or by nuclear war, either by purpose or accident with nuclear installations. If all on earth can be wiped out so easily, what is the use or expediency of man-power? Of what benefit are our brilliant brains and fantastic achievements?

The answer is that to properly use the brilliant brains of man for the betterment of humanity, I propose for consideration by heads of governments and the ordinary man the following concept:

A program that offers welcome to beings from other intelligences by showing them a peaceful gesture of humanism and common sense by presenting a WORLD PEACE TREATY signed by all nations on earth!

I have profound hope that such an event will come to pass.

Without any doubt, millions of witnessess throughout the world, including you, Mr. President, (*) provide thorough proof that extra-terrestrial life is slowly approaching us, without warning of any of their ideas, intentions or motives. We are so busy with material things in many new fields, that we ignore, or fail to take time, to extend a universal greeting to our visitors, to be prepared to receive them, while there is still time, in a spirit of friendship, harmony and peace -- instead of confusion, hysteria and terror. The time has come when we must act in the interest of survival!

It is true that science must give the last word, but to wait for a final scientific verdict may be too late. An official landing of these intelligent beings from other worlds may descent upon us before long.

Sir, would you honor this world appeal with your public approval? This approval could be linked to heads of government, so that it could constitute a World Proclamation of Welcome Space Beings from wherever they come. Some day, at the permanent World Center, such documents to posterity could be preserved and permanently exhibited in a "Earth and Space Hall" World Center. This will provide a timeless legacy of the Twentieth Century's statements.

In a sincere effort to avoid mis-interpretation due to any difference in expression, this same letter, without any basic alterations, will be addressed to each of the heads of world government.

The background of this writer is unrelated to science or academic pretension. This writer is following an inspiration from somewhere -- and extending the message to the world with love and compassion. If we could succeed in the experiment I have proposed for world mental affinity, we could also use this mindpower in action for peace on earth.

Mr. President, you have the power to inform your fellow citizens and the entire world of this appeal. If you endorse this plan, and help in its cause, you will earn the deepest thanks of the world and the gratification of all humanity.

We are waiting anxiously for your decision -- one that could be monumental.

Respectfully yours,

WELCOME,UFO's TO EARTH

Rafael A. Canovaca
Director

(*) "I don't laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFO's, because I've seen one myself."
Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, September, 1973.

Letters to be considered for publication should include your name, address, telephone number and a photograph, if available, to be published. Your letter is welcome and appreciated, however, we regret that we are not able to acknowledge or return letters and photographs. Address your mail to: President Carter, c/o "Good Morning, Mr. President", 134 Sunset Avenue, Island Park, New York 11558.

Notes on People

Added Presidential Worry: Pollen Count

President Nixon said yesterday that he was a member of the sneezing minority — those Americans afflicted this time of year with hay fever. Mr. Nixon disclosed his irritation as he was having his picture taken before a meeting with members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Hay fever, the President said, was the reason that "my eyes look swollen." He said that "it hits me in the eyes" and causes him to "sneeze a little."

Mr. Nixon said the affliction strikes him annually on Sept. 5 and persists until the first of October. For relief, Mr. Nixon said, he cruises on the Potomac River aboard the Navy yacht, Sequoia. Of recommended medication, he added, "I find the shots are worse than the hay fever."

However, Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said he had told Mr. Nixon repeatedly that his trouble was not hay fever. "I'm not going to argue with him any more," Dr. Tkach said. "In all the years I've known him, he's never been known to have hay fever."

Dr. Tkach also said the President had described the trouble to him as an affliction known in California as "walnuts." Dr. Tkach said he never heard of walnuts, the alleged allergy.

The Mayor of Cleveland, Ralph J. Perk, was found not guilty of assault and battery on a policeman. The case centered on a confrontation the Mayor was said to have had with Patrolman Arnold V. Hovan on the day in July when the City Council failed to override Mr. Perk's veto of fully paid hospitalization for policemen and firemen.

The Municipal Court said there was no evidence to sus-



The President yesterday

tain the charge that the Mayor had committed a crime. The policeman had charged that Mr. Perk grabbed his badge during a scuffle.

The Vatican announced that Ildebrando Cardinal Antonelli, considered one of the most powerful conservative prelates in the church hierarchy, has resigned as head of the Vatican Congregation of the Religious. His resignation was said to be in compliance with the Vatican rule that ranking Holy See officials resign at the age of 75. The Cardinal was 75 on Aug. 3.

The Senate confirmed by voice vote the nomination of William D. Ruckelshaus as Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Ruckelshaus was nominated for the post by President Nixon in July after having resigned as acting director of the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation. Before that, he had been the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency and an assistant attorney general for two years, until December 1970.

A dispatch from Statesboro, Ga., quoted Gov. Jimmy Carter on unidentified flying objects: "I've seen one myself." Mr. Carter said he had seen the object—shining and saucer-shaped—before he became Governor. He did not specify the date or place of the sighting, but noted that at the time he had been with friends after a business dinner.

The dispatch said there have been a number of U.F.O. sightings in the South recently, but did not specify how many of them had been after business dinners.

During the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Adolf Hitler refused to present a gold medal to Jesse Owens, the American track star. Yesterday, in Los Angeles, Constantin Von Dörmowski, the West German Consul-General, presented Mr. Owens a medal from his government for the work the former runner was said to have done to "correct misconceptions about the German people." Mr. Owens, who is 60 years old and lives in Phoenix, Ariz., accepted it.

In Concord, N.H., a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Eleanor Mullaley, told Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. that, contrary to his expressed hopes, she was not leaving her job in the state prison system forever. The Governor had said

that Sister Eleanor had quit her job to go back to college for her doctorate and that he hoped she would eventually find a new job in another state.

The nun, as an administrator in the prison system, has been a proponent of liberal reforms the Governor opposes. In a letter to Mr. Thomson, she said "your tendency to charge in and attack all levels of state agencies regardless of your knowledge or lack of it is characteristic of your administration. . . I look forward to working with you upon my return."

JAMES F. CLARITY

Senate Votes \$2.8-Billion For Military Construction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (UPI)—The Senate approved today a \$2.8-billion military construction authorization bill.

The measure, approved by voice vote with little debate, authorizes some 680 military construction projects for the current fiscal year at 287 installations in the United States and overseas.

The Defense Department had sought more than \$2.9-billion.

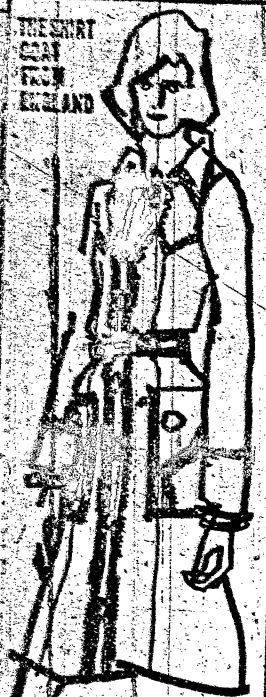
At least \$50-million in the authorization will go toward construction of facilities to aid in the transfer of military personnel from bases that have been phased out.

Kennedy Asks Impeachment If Nixon Defies High Court

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (Reuters)—Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said today that Congress would have no recourse except to begin impeachment proceedings if President Nixon defied any Supreme Court order to "surrender" White

House tape recordings to Watergate conversations. "The constitutional crisis we now have over Watergate is by comparison to the crisis we would have if the President were to defy the Supreme Court," Mr. Kennedy told the Senate.

The White House has said that Mr. Nixon will obey a "definitive" ruling by the Supreme Court, but has made no attempt to define the term definitive.



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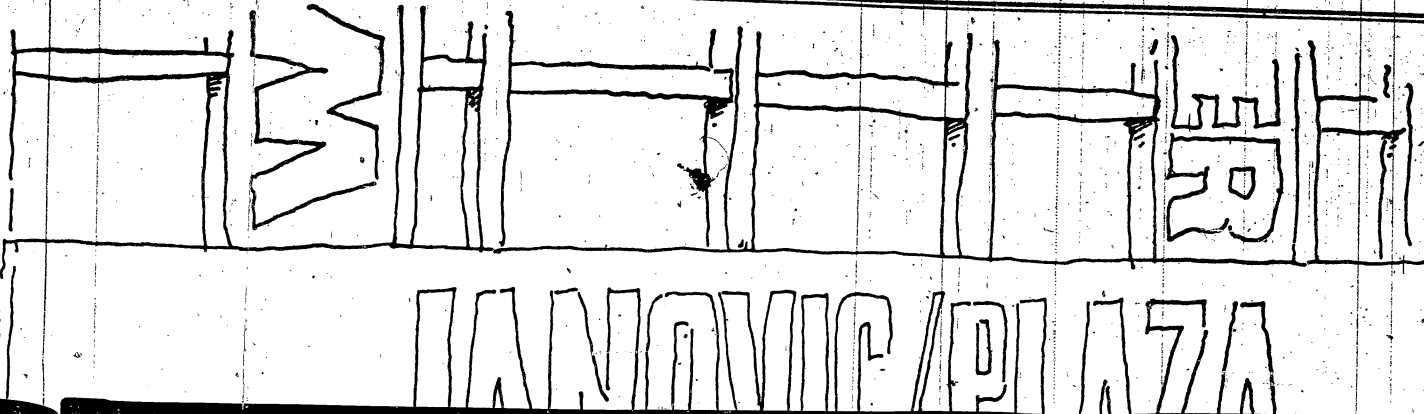
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By being prepared for the landing of these intelligent beings, thus receiving them in a spirit of brotherhood, we shall avoid possible fear, hysteria, and panic of the masses at this intense and dramatic moment in the annals of our civilization, following man's equally historic discovery of the New World and his odyssey of landing on the surface of the Moon.

By means of the study and practice of telepathy, besides man's applying his mental powers toward communication with other worlds, he will be using the incalculable force of his mind to benefit himself. Certainly, man will find his divine essence, his noble aspirations, and his glorious destiny, thus proving his immortality.

This Program consists of three basic projects:

1. CENTERS OF TELEPATHIC STUDIES:

Centers must be formed of families or groups with proven spirituality and belief in this science, so as to eliminate the intervention of negative thoughts, of curiosity, of diversion, or of trickery. Although the numbers of each center would be decided by its organizers, for the greatest affinity, we advise limiting it to five persons.

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June 30, 1977

MEMO TO: DR. FRANK PRESS
FROM: Jim Purks
Media Liaison
SUBJECT: "Good Morning, Mr. President"

Many thanks for your recent Memo bringing me up-to-date on the UFO matter.

In the interest of uniformity, I am sending you this communication from Mr. Canovaca, who apparently is attempting a national Write-The-President campaign on an aspect of the UFO question.

You may have handled similar correspondence and I was interested in my response following whatever guidelines your office may have established.

Please advise and, again, thanks.

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June 5, 1977

The Honorable Jody Powell
White House Press Secretary
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Secretary Powell:

It is my pleasure to enclose the second issue of "Good Morning, Mr. President" and the brochure of "Welcome, UFO's to Earth." We are sending this appeal to the 145 heads of State represented at the United Nations.

You can be sure, Sir, that when this "Welcome, UFO's to Earth" program become more widely known, the response will be so tremendous that you will feel very happy and proud of your moral assistance. Please let people know it.

If you agree with this plan you, Sir, can assist us with your valuable comments, suggestions and criticisms, which will be seriously considered by the President, and in the planning of this program. The third number will be dedicated entirely to those comments of this world appeal to serve humanity.

We are now in the process of appointing honorary and emeritus members, an Honorary International Advisory Board, a Press Board, a Trustee Board, the Director of our Scientific Division and the Honorary Chairman. Names to be withheld until final completion.

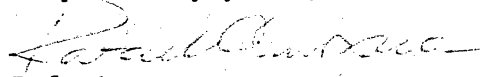
I PROPOSE TO FORM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION.

In reference to "Good Morning, Mr. President" it will circulate through respected channel of communication -- members of both houses, leading political leaders, universities, libraries, corporations, labor unions, subscriber, etc. The future issues will consist of comments from citizens from every part of the country, together with the opinions of leading citizens from every walk of life.

It will be a great honor, as well as guidance to all citizens to have your opinion. The columns of this news letter are open to you, Secretary Powell.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. I look forward, with pleasure, to the honor of hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,



Rafael A. Canovaca,

Good Morning, Mr. President.™

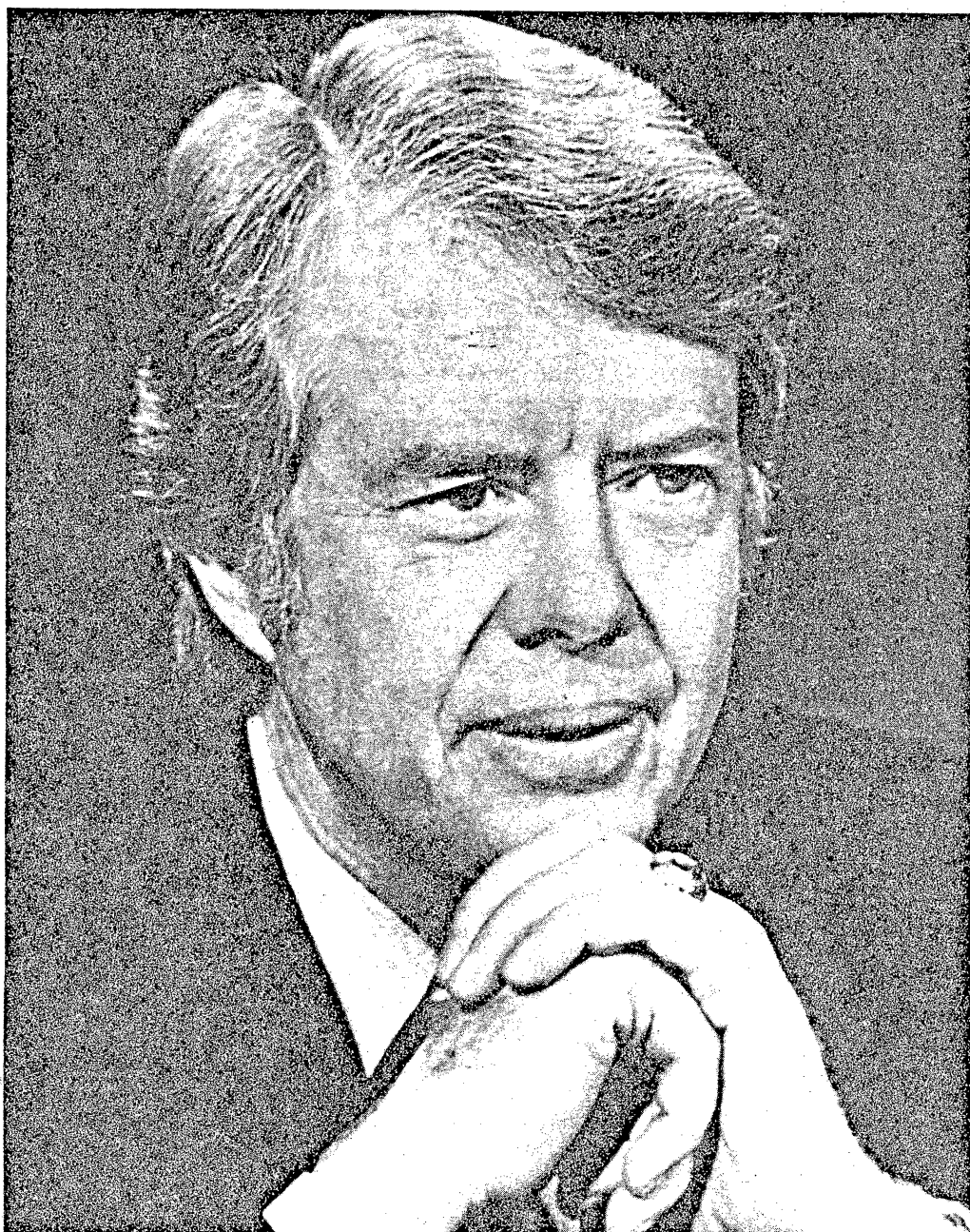
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A World Appeal: _____

Welcome, *UFO's*, To Earth!



WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

The Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America

Not in the service of man, but the citizenry
Not in the service of ideologies, but the country
Not in the service of the president, but the presidency

Dear President Carter:

A problem which has distressed you as much as it distresses us, is the policy of with-holding information about the sightings of UFO's, an unsolved mystery which you, Mr. President, can resolve by releasing data.

The world citizenry should not be deceived by governmental agencies, and it is time for these same agencies to include on their agendas, discussions, which would cause the truth to be revealed concerning UFO's, and further, encourage the analysis of these inexplicable phenomena.

In this second issue of Good Morning, Mr. President we welcome your opinion and an open discussion about the world-wide appeal to WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH. I am the privileged author of a plan and it is my desire to inform you, Mr. President, and heads of 145 governments represented at the United Nations, of this plan.

Be assured that WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH does not wish to invade or interfere with science, or with any governmental agency. But it does offer an invitation to all men, regardless of who they are, to consider participation in the three major projects of my proposed plan. As follows:

- First: To establish Telepathic Studies Centers
- Second: To study university courses in ufology
- Third: To install Spacial Landing Gardens, everywhere

This appeal to all men is not made in scientific terms so as to be understood by all. It is not offered on social, political or religious terms, and we avoid ideologic division. This is a humanitarian appeal for the benefit of all mankind, where the interest of all humanity converge.

While the world lives with tension and fear of an escalating nuclear-biological holocaust which would cause complete self-destruction, my plan may be construed as premature and perhaps ridiculous.

Nevertheless for countless millions of believers of this great enigma (and for the skeptics who believe only what they can see) there is an urgency in the belief of other lives and their interest in our planet.

We must concede that we are living through days of distress, despair and confusion, all of which affect the lives of every human being, not to mention the painful future of forthcoming generations. Our children are not living a proper childhood; they are living under a state of psychosis because of the environment and threat of war, the disintegra-

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tion of home life, the effects of a society sick with drugs, avarice, power, crime and demoralization -- all leading in one direction: War!

Being more concerned with our own self-destruction, individuals and nations, we are not viewing clearly the threat of oblivion which hangs over our civilization -- not by war alone, but by the loss of oxygen which maintains life on our planet, or by nuclear war, either by purpose or accident with nuclear installations. If all on earth can be wiped out so easily, what is the use or expediency of man-power? Of what benefit are our brilliant brains and fantastic achievements?

The answer is that to properly use the brilliant brains of man for the betterment of humanity, I propose for consideration by heads of governments and the ordinary man the following concept:

A program that offers welcome to beings from other intelligences by showing them a peaceful gesture of humanism and common sense by presenting a WORLD PEACE TREATY signed by all nations on earth!

I have profound hope that such an event will come to pass.

Without any doubt, millions of witnessess throughout the world, including you, Mr. President, (*) provide thorough proof that extra-terrestrial life is slowly approaching us, without warning of any of their ideas, intentions or motives. We are so busy with material things in many new fields, that we ignore, or fail to take time, to extend a universal greeting to our visitors, to be prepared to receive them, while there is still time, in a spirit of friendship, harmony and peace -- instead of confusion, hysteria and terror. The time has come when we must act in the interest of survival!

It is true that science must give the last word, but to wait for a final scientific verdict may be too late. An official landing of these intelligent beings from other worlds may descent upon us before long.

Sir, would you honor this world appeal with your public approval? This approval could be linked to heads of government, so that it could constitute a World Proclamation of Welcome Space Beings from wherever they come. Some day, at the permanent World Center, such documents to posterity could be preserved and permanently exhibited in a "Earth and Space Hall" World Center. This will provide a time-

In a sincere effort to avoid mis-interpretation due to any difference in expression, this same letter, without any basic alterations, will be addressed to each of the heads of world government.

The background of this writer is unrelated to science or academic pretension. This writer is following an inspiration from somewhere -- and extending the message to the world with love and compassion. If we could succeed in the experiment I have proposed for world mental affinity, we could also use this mindpower in action for peace on earth.

Mr. President, you have the power to inform your fellow citizens and the entire world of this appeal. If you endorse this plan, and help in its cause, you will earn the deepest thanks of the world and the gratification of all humanity.

We are waiting anxiously for your decision -- one that could be monumental.

Respectfully yours,

WELCOME,UFO's TO EARTH

Rafael A. Canovaca
Director

(*) "I don't laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFO's, because I've seen one myself."
Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, September, 1973.

With acknowledgment to all those dedicated to the noble effort of exploring the universe

WELCOME, *UFO's To Earth!*

A TELEPATHIC WORLD PROGRAM

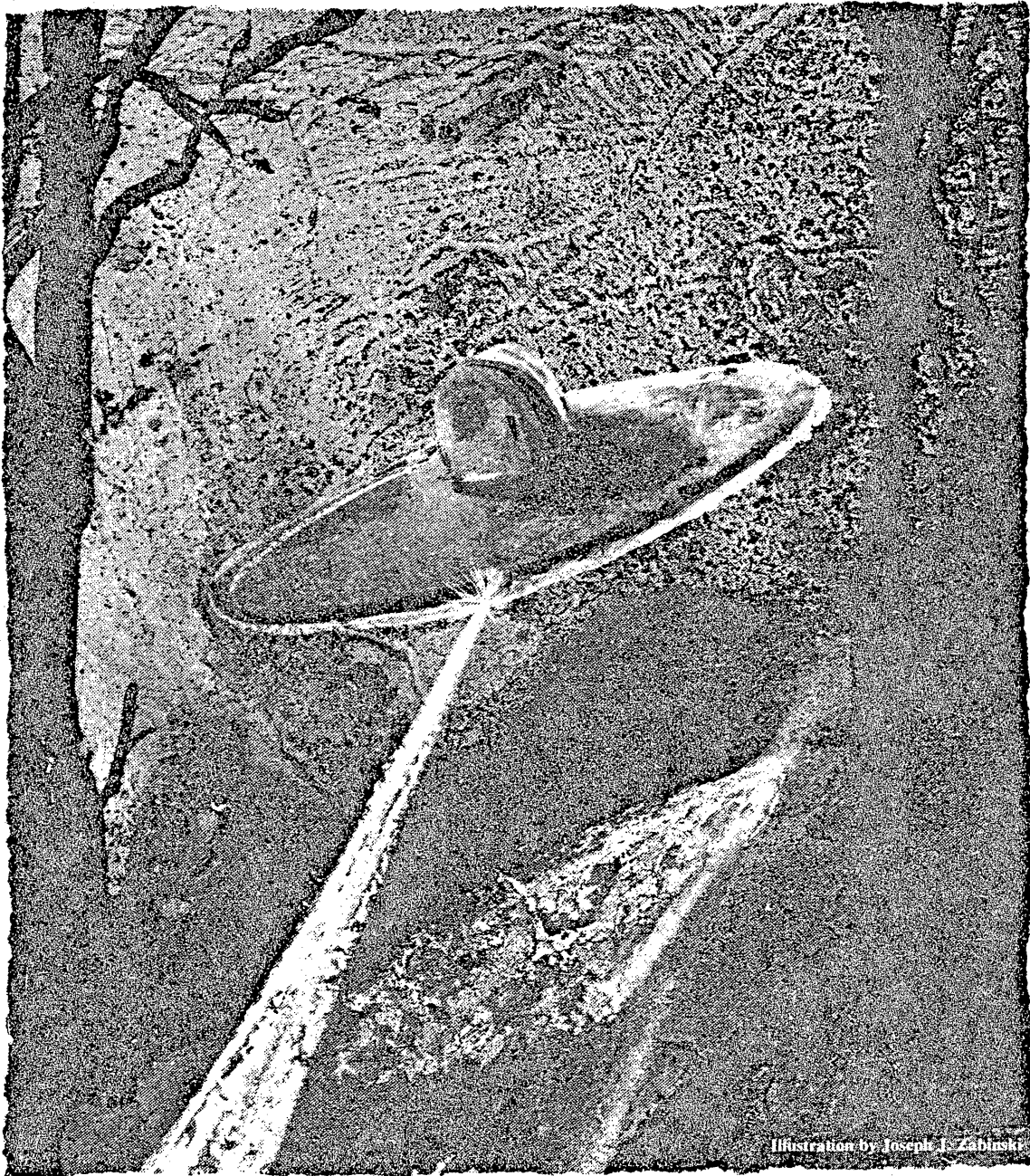


Illustration by Joseph J. Zabinski

Let Us Receive Space Beings As Brothers In Harmony, Friendship And Peace,
Rather Than With The Din Of Battle

Interim World Center: 134 Sunset Avenue, Island Park, New York 11558 (U.S.A.)

Introduction To Telepathic Practice

The study of telepathy is totally natural.

Manifestations must be received without any idea of mystery. It is a science much like other sciences and, as such, should be studied and practiced.

The immortals of all ages attribute their great works to outside sensations received into their consciousness.

As for the formation of a Center, please keep in mind the following principles:

The simpler the better. Relax your body and elevate your mind in tune with the Universal Cosmic Mind.

Practice in absolute silence without any distraction.

Adopt the posture which will offer you the most relaxation.

Do not play with hypnotism or other forms of the occult. If you do not possess control, this may be fatal.

See only the divine manifestation in your spirit.

Concentration is not recommended, for if one is very conscious of himself, his mind will not have control.

Mental repose is the key to success.

Send your messages toward beings of other worlds without audible words.

Project your sentiments of love and peace to earth and into space, in the silent language of your mental power.

Telepathy can be practiced in groups, individually, at home or outdoors, provided that there isn't distraction.

Be assured that, wherever you may be, your mind is as much a sender as a receiver.

UNIVERSITY COURSES:

2. Following the example of the Northwestern University in America, other universities of the world are invited to offer academic courses on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's), for the scientific preparation of present and future generations in knowledge so necessary to the relations of our world with creatures of other worlds.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, eminent authority and scientist, is in charge of these studies at the above-mentioned university.

Our Scientific Division plans to offer a home correspondence course for people wishing to study this subject. Successively, other courses such as telepathy, astrology, astronomy, etc., will be included in our Program of scientific enlightenment within the reach of all.

3. SPACIAL LANDING GARDENS:

Doubtlessly, space beings (in UFO's) have misteriously landed on our planet, and thus we know that they do not need landing fields or special terrain to realize this purpose. Therefore, these Spacial Landing Gardens can be installed anywhere, bearing the below given message:

WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH!

Also, we suggest the use of flags, billboards, and luminious sings to be installed in appropriates places, showing to our visitors our great interest in their official landing on earth, drawing their attention by different means, both mental and physical.

For the accomplishment of this plan, governments, universities, corporations and individuals, are hereby invited to install these gardens dedicated to UFO's crews, welcoming those beings who constantly surround and observe our planet-if they are not already among us!

Note: with great pleasure, we refer to the notice published in the press (AP) that on August 16, 1976, in the Village of Ares, Bordeaux, in France, there was installed a landing field for the UFO's with the invitation: UFO's, France Awaits You! (there is no connection with this installation and our Program.)

How can you share the achievement of this program?

- A. Forming your Telepathic Study Center.
- B. Sending us your comments, suggestions, and criticisms, which could be considered for publication in the forthcoming book entitled: Welcome, UFO's to Earth!
- C. Passing from mouth to mouth the spirit of this program.

TO RADIO, TELEVISION and INTERNATIONAL PRESS: As indispensable support for the success of this endeavor of universal projection, heartfully we appeal for your assistance in carrying out this message of welcome to beings of other worlds.

Program

WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH! is a call to man inviting him to use the no tangible forces of telepathy, to penetrate the mysteries of the universe, conveying our message of love and peace to the intelligent beings of other worlds, informing those brothers of our desire to receive them in harmony, understanding and peace.

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By means of the study and practice of telepathy, besides man's applying his mental powers toward communication with other worlds, he will be using the incalculable force of his mind to benefit himself. Certainly, man will find his divine essence, his noble aspirations, and his glorious destiny, thus proving his immortality.

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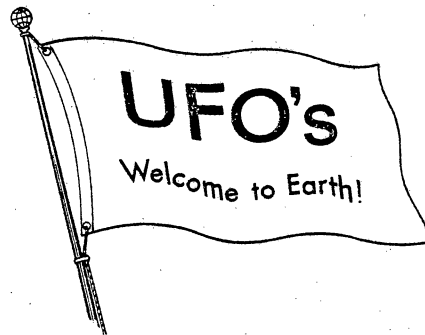
After a long year of work on this Program,
moved and inspired by my love for humanity
in which I see a divine creation, my spirit
is irresistibly demanding to present it for
the consideration of man.

As I have received, so shall I offer: with
love to all.

Sincerely,

Rafael A. Canovaca
Author

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With Our Compliments...

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UFOs

September 9, 1977

MEMO FOR: FRANK PRESS

FROM: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

SUBJ: Continuing Saga of UFO Inquiries

Dr. Press, could you send me a note helping me with a response to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Mr. Todd's letter?

Also, any updating of the UFO situation, if anything has changed since your June 14 Memo to me would be appreciated.

Many thanks.

JP/ew

Enclosure

Robert Todd
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AUG 29 1977

Mr. Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Purks:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 25, which was in response to my letter of August 11 regarding information on documents pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

According to information I have gathered in private research into exactly what UFO-related documentation is available from the Federal Government, the President's staff was misinformed if they were advised that all such documentation has been turned over to the National Archives.

I respectfully invite your attention to the records of the Air Force Director of Intelligence Special Studies Group (circa 1953), which are located at the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland, and at the Federal Records Center, Region 3, Alexandria, Virginia, all of which are inaccessible to the general public. The Special Studies Group was concerned with, in part, the problem UFOs presented to Air Force intelligence. Almost certainly its records contain information about UFOs, information which has yet to be made public.

Additionally, the records of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) pertaining to UFOs have likewise not been made public, except under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, an extremely costly method of obtaining documentation. This is particularly true when such requests are submitted by members of the general public.

Admittedly, it is unlikely (though not entirely impossible) that the CIA's records would add little to the understanding of the phenomenon itself, but would go a long way toward clarifying exactly what the CIA did and did not do with respect to UFOs. The Agency's actions with regard to this phenomenon have long been held suspect. Many believe the Agency guilty of a cover-up. Voluntary release of its UFO-related documentation would aid greatly in dispelling

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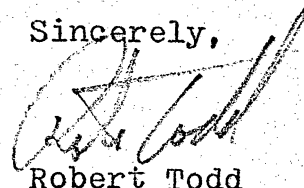
this notion, if indeed it has no basis in fact. The handling of the phenomenon by the Federal Government has become as controversial as the phenomenon itself, if not more so.

As long as the records cited above remain locked away from public view, it cannot be said that all UFO documentation has been released to the public. Therefore, it would logically follow that it cannot be said that "the pledge attributed to the President by the National Enquirer" has been fulfilled.

I would appreciate very much being advised as to whether any action is going to be taken to make the above-mentioned records available to the public.

Again, my thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Todd", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'R'.

Robert Todd

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American Style: UFO Conference - Zanies and the Serious.

By JACK CHEEVERS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO AP - At one table, "UFO Magazine," and "Flying Saucer Digest," were selling next to "The Zeta Reticulin Incident." Sales of "UFOs - Myth and Mystery," were, well, astronomical.

A few feet away, a man named Alpha hawked "UFO kits," stuffed with star maps between snatches of conversation with a man wearing a moon pendant and a lightning-bolt T-shirt.

The gathering of zanies and serious students of the extraterrestrial was the 14th annual National UFO - Unidentified Flying Object - Conference. It came complete with brainy-looking kids behind inch-thick glasses, young mothers bouncing babies on their knees and tweedy scientific types.

About 500 fans of the far-out packed the hotel ballroom to hear speeches, trade UFO stories and speculate about why more and more little green men seem to be touching down on Planet Earth.

The conference was keyed by Stanton Friedman, a self-described "Ralph Nader of the UFO world," and nuclear physicist who ha

made a career of contradicting government reports debunking UFOs.

"The government's investigation of UFOs has been completely inadequate," he said. "Sightings by military people, like pilots, are reported to the Air Force's Air Defense Command, where they slap an immediate security clamp on the information."

After years of working for government space contractors and seeing

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what secrets the government keeps, Friedman came to believe flying saucers are real and the government knows it - but is keeping its mouth shut.

"They're out there all right, and the government is aware of it. But even if you've seen the saucers, wait'll you see the drivers," he said.

In the 1950s, when he worked on nuclear powered aircraft engines, Friedman said he thought the whole idea of gleaming saucers running cars off country roads and aliens in the neighborhood was crazy.

Then, in 1955, he read Project Bluebook's Report 14.

Project Bluebook was a 20-year-long investigation by the Air Force of reported UFO sightings by military personnel, especially fighter pilots.

In its heyday, Friedman said, Project Bluebook consisted of a major, a desk sergeant and a couple of filing cabinets. He said much evidence documenting the existence of saucers was intentionally covered up and will never surface.

"I've talked to about 75 former military people, some of whom reported their sightings to Bluebook. What happened to all those reports?" he asked.

From the crowd that hung on Friedman's every word, it appears interest in things intergalactic is on the upswing. But what do the star-trekkers want with we earthlings, anyway?

By the end of World War II, Friedman said, "any intelligent space traveler could see that we'd be leaving the planet. It would make sense to them to gather all the data available about the newest addition to the family of space travelers.

"For all we know, UFOs could be nothing more than a bunch of alien graduate students on a field trip."

End Adv Pms Mon Aug 29 Sent Aug 15

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August 10, 1977

Dear Mr. Tokarz:

As you indicated, the area of UFOs is one where debates can go on continuously and will. I appreciated your June 19 letter and apologize for the delay in responding.

We will continue to keep informed in this area and please be assured the President will make certain he is informed accurately and fully on all matters that pertain to national security. Should you have further comments or inquiries in this area, I suggest you contact Dr. Frank Press, Science Advisor to President Carter.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
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Mr. Jim Purks
Media Liason & Special Asst.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 19, 1977

Dear Mr. Purks,

Many thanks for your reply letter of June 14, 1977 re the subject of UFOs or as the CIA and Special Services calls them--"readily unidentifiable aerborne objects".

I do not wish to enter into a debate on this subject but please permit me to point out several facts of which you seem totally unaware of-- the reason being clear and plain--that the CIA is misleading the President! I say this with full conviction and substantial proof. Your recent letter has confirmed this. Your statement "The CIA said it has not been involved with UFO reports for about 25 years" is so ludicrous that I cannot believe Mr. Carter, a man of high intelligence, would even consider it. Without getting too involved here, I would suggest you take a moment out of your busy schedule to look at the partially declassified proceedings of "THE CIA-ROBERTSON PANEL" recommendations of 1953. If you have the opportunity please look at Tab "C" which is declassified but still common knowledge to thousands of researchers. I strongly urge in the name of public truth that you investigate this matter carefully lest the President assume wrongly that the CIA is not still in full control of the entire UFO situation, including mass media manipulation on this important topic. Also, the UFO reports & investigations in the public archives only represents a minute fraction of the over-all reports (756). They avoid the more bona-fide cases like the abduction of Police Chief Herbert Schirmer of Ashland, Nebraska in 1967, the Betty & Barney Hill case, among hundreds of others of this magnitude. Incidentally the archive reports are not much good without names, dates and locations. Incidentally, computer print-out sheets on UFOs have surfaced from the CIA HQ in Langley, Va. in recent years, lest anyone be under the illusion that this is not one of the CIA's top priority fields of endeavor. Unfortunately, though, it appears that this agency has never really reformed despite all the recent revelations. I trust Admiral Turner will attempt to furnish President Carter with the true facts about UFOs--facts that are most certainly being withheld for probably inane reasons.

Many Americans and Canadians are fully aware of this carefully construed cover-up. Many are now trying to obtain the full story through the FIA Act but I understand that UFOs are one of the most closely guarded secrets of the Pentagon and the success rate is poor. Yet the documents released to date all point in one direction. I urge you to bring this matter to the President's attention so that the public may finally know the complete truth about UFOs that they are entitled to. Best Wishes.

Sincerely



Harry Tokarz

UFO

September 28, 1977

MEMO FOR: DR. FRANK PRESS
SCIENCE ADVISER

FROM: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

SUBJ: NASA-UFO Inquiries

I talked to Ralph Gibson, Public Affairs, NASA, and said please spread the word that public inquiries on UFOs should be channeled as follows:

Ralph Gibson
FGM/NASA Headquarters
Washington, D. C. 20546
755-8364

The main reason he called was to advise us that they do not have a CODE 4 designation. Please use the FGM/NASA Headquarters.

Thanks.

JP/ew

UFO

October 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Bolen:

I appreciated the sample copy of the New Realities. I can't recall ever seeing my name in a magazine before. Guess it's difficult for a North Florida fellow to get used to that. But I was accurately and fairly quoted and I appreciate your journalistic dedication to that objective.

Dr. Frank Press, the President's Science Adviser, has told me that future public inquiries about UFOs are to be referred to NSAA. Also, someone at NASA is being assigned to look into UFO reports for the past 10 years to determine if a new study is considered necessary.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

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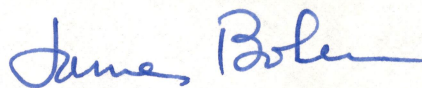
Dear Mr. Purks:

Enclosed is a copy of our latest issue of New Realities just out with follow-up report on possible "unsettling disclosures" forthcoming by year-end as reported in the April 18 edition of U.S. News & World Report...coming from either the President or The White House.

The report appears on page 34, in which you and Mr. Stanley Schneider are quoted. I very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter. And I hope you enjoy the issue.

Good luck with the UFO project. I have a hunch that NASA will be handling it shortly, and hope to follow this up with our next issue. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



James Bolen, Editor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SEP 22 1977

Dear Mr. Tokarz:

I have your letter of September 11 related to your previous inquiries to Jim Purks, Special Assistant for Media Liaison at the White House, concerning the world-wide phenomenon of UFO's.

I appreciate your interest in and concern about this phenomenon. While our office has had a number of public inquiries on this matter since its re-establishment in 1976 we have not become involved in it in a scientific way. Therefore I do not believe we can give you the kind of information you are seeking.

Both to establish a central place in the Federal Government to which the public can direct their questions on UFO's, and possibly to initiate a new program of serious scientific investigation on UFO's, we have recently recommended that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration become the lead agency for these activities. They have agreed to handle public inquiries, and at present also have under study a review of UFO activity during the past ten years. If, as a result of this preliminary review, they conclude that a new full-scale scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon is warranted they will present the case for such a study. Their determination on this will probably not come before the end of the year at which time their decision and any plans will be announced.

There is no doubt that a great deal of confusion and doubt has been generated by the handling of this matter over the years. We hope to begin to correct this in the months ahead. We hope you will bear with us while this matter is

studied and a new approach is developed for dealing with it in ways that will satisfy both public needs and the requirements of a proper scientific investigation.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED:
FRANK PRESS

Frank Press
Science and Technology
Adviser

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cc: Jim Purk ✓
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With acknowledgment to all those dedicated to the noble effort of exploring the universe

WELCOME, *UFO's To Earth!*

A TELEPATHIC WORLD PROGRAM

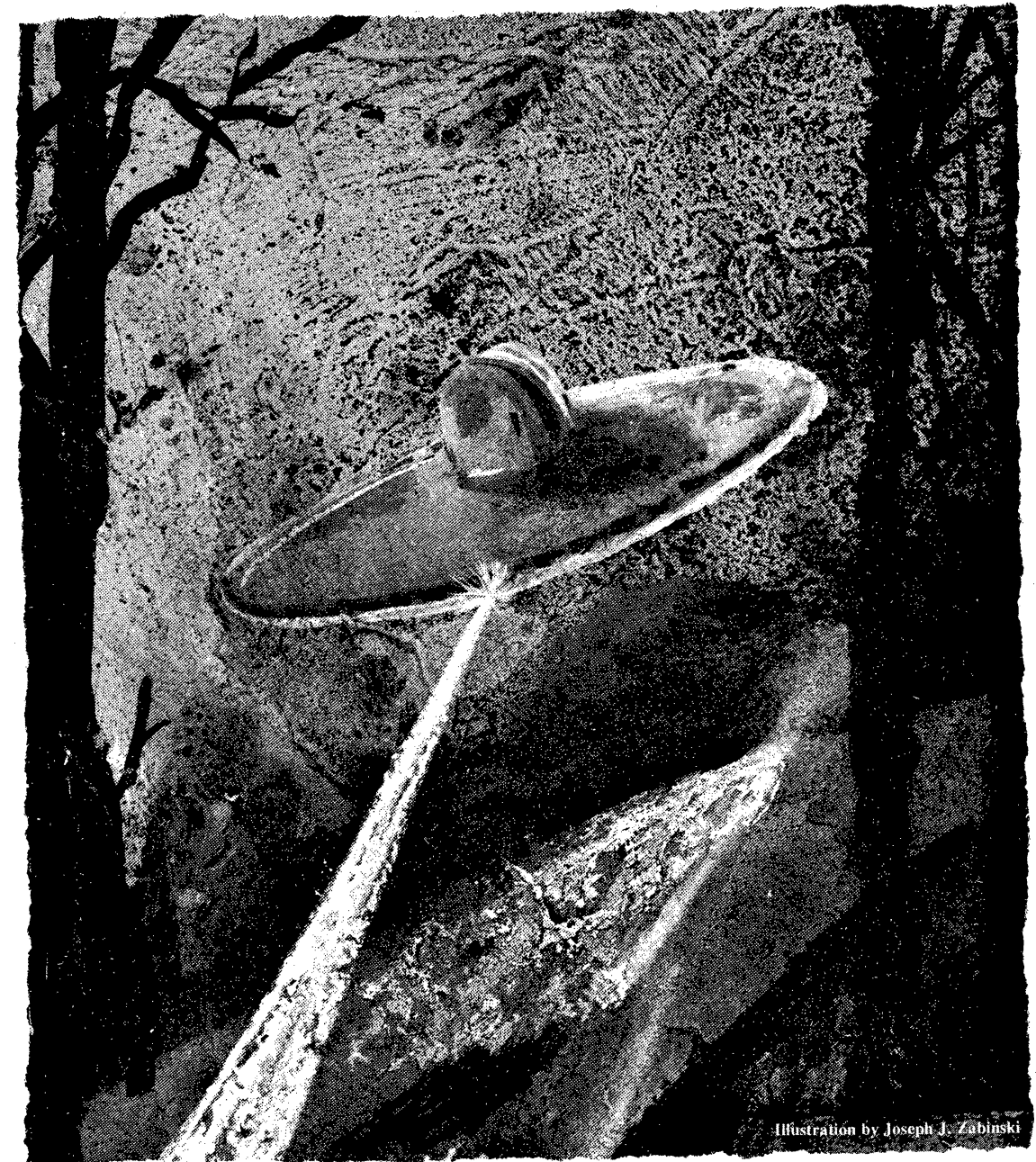


Illustration by Joseph J. Zabinski

Let Us Receive Space Beings As Brothers In Harmony, Friendship And Peace,
Rather Than With The Din Of Battle

Interim World Center: 134 Sunset Avenue, Island Park, New York 11558 (U.S.A.)

Introduction To Telepathic Practice

The study of telepathy is totally natural.

Manifestations must be received without any idea of mystery. It is a science much like other sciences and, as such, should be studied and practiced.

The immortals of all ages attribute their great works to outside sensations received into their consciousness.

As for the formation of a Center, please keep in mind the following principles:

The simpler the better. Relax your body and elevate your mind in tune with the Universal Cosmic Mind.

Practice in absolute silence without any distraction.

Adopt the posture which will offer you the most relaxation.

Do not play with hypnotism or other forms of the occult. If you do not possess control, this may be fatal.

See only the divine manifestation in your spirit.

Concentration is not recommended, for if one is very conscious of himself, his mind will not have control.

Mental repose is the key to success.

Send your messages toward beings of other worlds without audible words.

Project your sentiments of love and peace to earth and into space, in the silent language of your mental power.

Telepathy can be practiced in groups, individually, at home or outdoors, provided that there isn't distraction.

Be assured that, wherever you may be, your mind is as much a sender as a receiver.

UNIVERSITY COURSES:

2. Following the example of the Northwestern University in America, other universities of the world are invited to offer academic courses on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's), for the scientific preparation of present and future generations in knowledge so necessary to the relations of our world with creatures of other worlds.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, eminent authority and scientist, is in charge of these studies at the above-mentioned university.

Our Scientific Division plans to offer a home correspondence course for people wishing to study this subject. Successively, other courses such as telepathy, astrology, astronomy, etc., will be included in our Program of scientific enlightenment within the reach of all.

3. SPACIAL LANDING GARDENS:

Doubtlessly, space beings (in UFO's) have mysteriously landed on our planet, and thus we know that they do not need landing fields or special terrain to realize this purpose. Therefore, these Spacial Landing Gardens can be installed anywhere, bearing the below given message:

WELCOME, UFO's TO EARTH!

Also, we suggest the use of flags, billboards, and luminous signs to be installed in appropriate places, showing to our visitors our great interest in their official landing on earth, drawing their attention by different means, both mental and physical.

For the accomplishment of this plan, governments, universities, corporations and individuals, are hereby invited to install these gardens dedicated to UFO's crews, welcoming those beings who constantly surround and observe our planet-if they are not already among us!

Note: with great pleasure, we refer to the notice published in the press (AP) that on August 16, 1976, in the Village of Ares, Bordeaux, in France, there was installed a landing field for the UFO's with the invitation: UFO's, France Awaits You! (there is no connection with this installation and our Program.)

How can you share the achievement of this program?

- A. Forming your Telepathic Study Center.
- B. Sending us your comments, suggestions, and criticisms, which could be considered for publication in the forthcoming book entitled: Welcome, UFO's to Earth!
- C. Passing from mouth to mouth the spirit of this program.

TO RADIO, TELEVISION and INTERNATIONAL PRESS: As indispensable support for the success of this endeavor of universal projection, heartfully we appeal for your assistance in carrying out this message of welcome to beings of other worlds.

Earth and space brothers:

Whoever you are, from wherever you may come,
let me extend this invitation in the spirit
of brotherhood.

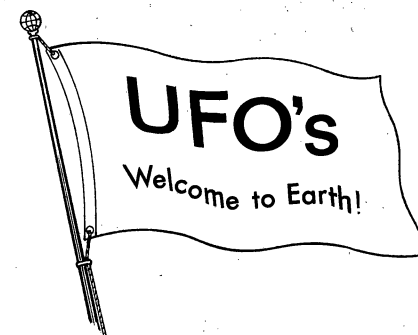
After a long year of work on this Program,
moved and inspired by my love for humanity
in which I see a divine creation, my spirit
is irresistibly demanding to present it for
the consideration of man.

As I have received, so shall I offer: with
love to all.

Sincerely,

Rafael A. Canovaca
Author

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With Our Compliments...

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vestigation. Before that, he had been the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency and an assistant attorney general for two years, until December 1970.

A dispatch from Statesboro, Ga., quoted Gov. Jimmy Carter on unidentified flying objects, "I've seen one myself." Mr. Carter said he had seen the object—shining and saucer-shaped—before he became Governor. He did not specify the date or place of the sighting, but noted that at the time he had been with friends after a business dinner.

The dispatch said there have been a number of U.F.O. sightings in the South recently, but did not specify how many of them had been after business dinners.

During the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Adolf Hitler refused to present a gold medal to Jesse Owens, the American track star. Yesterday, in Los Angeles, Constantin Von Dzierbowski, the West German Consul-General, presented Mr. Owens a medal from his government for the work the former runner was said to have done to "correct misconceptions about the German people." Mr. Owens, who is 60 years old and lives in Phoenix, Ariz., accepted it.

In Concord, N.H., a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Eleanor Mullaley, told Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. that, contrary to his expressed hopes, she was not leaving her job in the state prison system forever. The Governor had said

that Sister Eleanor had quit her job to go back to college for her doctorate and that he hoped she would eventually find a new job in another state.

The nun, as an administrator in the prison system, has been a proponent of liberal reforms the Governor opposes. In a letter to Mr. Thomson, she said "your tendency to charge in and attack all levels of state agencies regardless of your knowledge or lack of it is characteristic of your administration. . . . I look forward to working with you upon my return."

JAMES F. CLARITY

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UFO

September 20, 1977

MEMO FOR: WALT WURFEL
FROM: Jim
SUBJ: UFOs- National Inquirer

Bob Pratt of the National Enquirer has been working a long time on the UFO stories, and has the tape of the Carter interview in which he is quoted as saying he saw one once and if elected would make certain that information about them is made available to the public.

Since then, we have said basically all records are unclassified and available at Archives, or through the Freedom of Information Act, and therefore the President's commitment is fulfilled.

However, Pratt is pressing ahead and says there are incidents where the armed services have not divulged everything and have occasionally told us -- the Press Office -- stories later found not to be true.

He is writing a story now and has formally requested a statement from Jody on UFO policy. He wants to hear within a couple of days. I have usually handled UFO news inquiries from out-of-state, but this one is especially pressing. Could you check with Jody and help me out to see if any kind of "policy statement" requested by Pratt will be made?

For your background, here is the latest report from Dr. Frank Press, our Science Adviser. (We could say that for now the Administration is supporting Dr. Press in asking NASA to handle UFO inquiries and assigning one of their project officers to determine if a new study is needed.)

Thanks.'

JP/ew

cc: Pat Bario w/Attachments

UFO

September 16, 1977

MEMO FOR: BILL DRUMMOND
FROM: Jim Purks
SUBJ: UFOs

Here's an addition to your UFO file.

It boils down to this: 1) WE'll be sending all public inquiries on ~~S~~UFOs to NASA; and 2) NASA is considering assigning a "project officer" to look into the past 10 years of UFO reports, etc., to determine if there is need for another government inquiry.

JP/ew

Enclosures

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

September 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

FROM: Frank Press *FP*

SUBJECT: UFO Inquiries

The attached copies of correspondence between Dr. Robert A. Frosch and myself will bring you up-to-date on the current status of our arrangement to have NASA become the focal point of all public inquiries on UFOs.

On the basis of the arrangement indicated in that correspondence, I believe that our offices should routinely forward all future public inquiries on UFOs to NASA (Code 4) for response.

If you wish to reply to the attached letter from Robert Todd, I suggest that you tell him that all UFO records that are not classified are available through Freedom of Information requests to the appropriate sources. Mr. Todd can gain access to the material he seeks through this procedure. We believe that such availability, in effect, fills the President's commitment.

Attachment

- (1) 7/21/77 letter from Press to Frosch
- (2) 9/6/77 letter from Frosch to Press (encl. NASA Info Sheet 76-6 on UFOs)
- (3) 9/14/77 letter from Press to Frosch
- (4) 8/29/77 letter from Todd to Purks

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

September 14, 1977

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of September 6 responding to my letter of July 21 recommending that NASA become a focal point for Federal activity in UFO matters.

I am pleased that you agree that NASA can handle the public inquiries on UFOs. The fact that my Office and the White House can direct such inquiries to NASA will relieve my small staff of a responsibility we are not equipped to handle. Therefore, I have asked my assistant, Stan Schneider, who has discussed this matter with your Executive Officer, Ed Andrews, to forward all our UFO inquiries to NASA.

Regarding the recommendation for NASA to become a focal point for the scientific and technical appraisal of the UFO phenomenon, I can understand your reluctance to commit the agency to a formal program before evaluating the current status and recent history of UFO activity and determining what might be involved in conducting a serious study on this matter. Therefore, I concur with your idea of assigning a project officer at NASA to review the situation before deciding whether to undertake a more formal inquiry.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Jim Purks of the White House Media Liaison Office of our exchange of ideas on this subject so that they are in the communications loop on this situation. I will suggest that he forward all public inquiries on UFOs to the White House to NASA (Code 4) for response.

I would appreciate it if NASA could keep my office, through Stan Schneider, informed of any progress the agency makes toward a decision on a possible UFO study.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED:

FRANK
Frank Press
Director

Honorable Robert A. Frosch
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

cc: Jim Purks, W.H. Media Liaison ✓



National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

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Office of the Administrator

SEP 6 1977

Honorable Frank Press
Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Frank:

In your letter of July 21 you expressed the view that NASA should be the focal point for UFO matters, and specifically recommended that a panel of inquiry be formed by NASA to see if there are any significant new findings since the Condon report and that NASA become the focal point for general correspondence and inquiries.

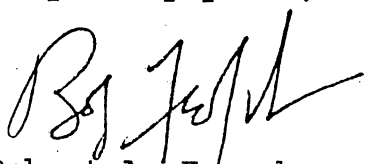
While we are inclined to agree with your recommendation, there are a number of questions which need to be resolved before any formal program is undertaken. You may know that the Air Force served as the focal point for UFO matters during the 1960's and devoted considerable resources to the program. It, however, concluded, in the absence of significant findings, that the program warranted no more than routine form letter answers to inquiries and has been handling the program in that manner since about 1970. It now handles a small number of inquiries, perhaps 10 to 12 monthly. NASA, likewise, handles routine inquiries by form letter response, 10 to 12 formal inquiries and a somewhat larger number of public inquiries monthly. NASA uses the information sheet attached in its responses. The Air Force uses similar data.

From the point of view of the Administration as a whole, this is economical. However, it fails to provide a recognized focal point for technical appraisal of sightings and understandably results in some frustration to individuals making what they consider to be serious inquiries.

A panel of inquiry such as you suggest might possibly discover new significant findings. It would certainly generate current

interest and could lead to the designation of NASA as the focal point for UFO matters. It would require some additional resources for the inquiry and for follow-on activity. Before committing to this, I feel that we should assure ourselves that an inquiry is justified. I believe we could do this by naming a NASA project officer to review reports of the last ten years and to provide a specific recommendation relative to any further inquiry by the end of this year. If you concur, I will initiate this action.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Frosch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert A. Frosch
Administrator

Enclosure

INFORMATION SHEET

FGM 76-6

Prepared by

FGM/Office of Public Affairs

NASA Headquarters

Washington, D.C. 20546

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

NASA is not involved in research concerning unidentified flying objects. Reports of unidentified objects entering U.S. air space are of interest to the U.S. military as a regular part of defense surveillance, but no government agency is conducting an ongoing investigation of UFOs at this time.

An extensive study known as Project Blue Book was undertaken in the 1960's by the U.S. Air Force through a contract with the University of Colorado. Based on the findings of this study as reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences, the Air Force terminated the project December 17, 1969.

The University of Colorado report, entitled Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, was published in paperback by Bantam Books. A three-volume photoduplication (AD 680:975-6-7) may be purchased for \$18 from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151. The complete reports were transferred from Air Force storage in July 1976 to The National Archives, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20408. Those wishing to view the report must obtain a researcher's permit from the National Archives and Records Service.

The University of Colorado study reached the following conclusions: (1) there was no evidence that the subject of UFOs had been "shrouded in official security"; (2) UFOs did not constitute any hazard to national security; (3) two decades of UFO study had made no significant contribution to scientific knowledge; and (4) further extensive study of the general topic could not be expected to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of science.

The panel of the National Academy of Sciences agreed with these conclusions and further commented, "On the basis of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

Although the U.S. government no longer dedicates funds and personnel to the study of UFOs, investigations are continuing under private auspices. The Center for UFO Studies, P.O. Box 11, Northfield, Illinois 60093 (telephone 312/491-1870) is a source for publications and information on UFO phenomena. The National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Suite 23, 3535 University Boulevard, Kensington, Maryland 20795 (telephone 301/949-1267) also replies to requests for general information. Both organizations investigate reported sightings of unidentified flying objects.

July 1976

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

JUL 21 1977

Dear Bob:

We have discovered that the White House is becoming the focal point for an increasing number of inquiries concerning UFO's. As you know, there appears to be a national revival of interest in the matter with a younger generation becoming involved. Those of us in the Executive Office are ill-equipped to handle these kinds of inquiries.

It seems to me that the focal point for the UFO question ought to be in NASA. I recommend two things: since it has been nearly a decade since the Condon report, I believe that a small panel of inquiry could be formed to see if there are any new significant findings. Since this is a public relations problem as much as anything else, people who are known to be interested in the problem and also highly known, such as Carl Sagan, ought to be involved. This is a panel of inquiry that could be formed by NASA.

The second thing I would like to suggest is that NASA become the focal point for general correspondence and that those inquiries which come to the White House be sent to the designated desk at NASA.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED:

FRANK

Frank Press
Director

A.
Robert Frosch
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
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Washington, D.C. 20546

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A STARRY-EYED VISITOR

Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of the tiny Caribbean island-state of Grenada, hopes to bring up a rather unusual subject during his talk this week with President Carter—unidentified flying objects. (Carter plans to meet with each of the nineteen Latin American heads of state when they are in Washington for the formal signing of the Panama Canal pact.) The State Department has received word that Gairy is almost certain to discuss UFO's during his session with the President. Gairy is a well-known UFO buff—and Carter reported seeing a UFO himself several years ago.



Gairy: A bit of UFO diplomacy

BROWN IN 1980?

Although aides to Gov. Jerry Brown of California deny the reports, the White House believes that Brown has definitely decided to challenge Jimmy Carter for the Democratic nomination in 1980. Word has reached Carter aides that Brown is telling friends that such a bid, even if it fails, is a no-lose proposition. It would establish his credentials as a major political force and also leave Brown with an organization to build on for a possible 1984 campaign. The reports have sparked a debate among Carter strategists. Some privately fear Brown, remembering his four primary victories in 1976. Others believe Brown's candidacy would actually benefit Carter: a challenge from the left (Brown) and another from the right (the GOP) would enhance Carter's credentials as a moderate.

WRITING ON THE WALL

George Lucas, writer and director of "Star Wars," is working on a sequel to "American Graffiti," his 1973 hit. He plans to update two characters who survived the original film—Curt, played by Richard Dreyfuss, and Terry (Toad), portrayed by John Martin Smith—and possibly send them to fight in Vietnam. Hollywood plans for several Vietnam films next year.

YANKS' LABOR WOES

Baseball's New York Yankees are among the sport's highest-paid players, but owner George Steinbrenner's largesse doesn't appear to have filtered down to his office

staff. Apparently dissatisfied with pay and working conditions, many of the front-office staffers have banded together to form a union—and they hope shortly to sign an agreement with the Teamsters. The move, unprecedented in the major leagues, may prove to be another labor headache for club owners, who already must contend with a strong player's union.

A TACIT AGREEMENT

In an effort to avoid a Congressional dogfight over a formal extension of the SALT I accord limiting offensive weapons, Administration officials are planning to seek a tacit extension of the pact, which is slated to expire Oct. 3. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin have privately discussed the possibility of an extension—which would probably be for six months or a year—several times during the past month. Treaty talks have stalled over such key issues as the Cruise missile and the Soviet Backfire

bomber. A formal request for the interim accord's extension might have triggered a bloody Congressional battle that would have hindered the delicate negotiations.

THE MAFIA: HELP WANTED

The Marines aren't the only ones looking for "a few good men." The Mafia, for the first time since 1957, recently undertook a membership drive in an attempt to replenish its ranks. Carmine Galante, the reputed top boss of the crime network, conceived the idea and it was quickly approved by the other Mafia chieftains. It is believed that each of the nation's Mafia families added an additional twenty soldiers to its rolls.

BETTY'S XMAS SHOW

Though former President Gerald Ford has not traveled abroad since leaving the White House, his wife, Betty, is already packing her bags. The former First Lady leaves for the Soviet Union this month to begin work on an NBC television special on the Bolshoi ballet to be aired this Christmas. A former professional dancer herself, Mrs. Ford will spend a week with the ballet in Moscow, viewing the production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

—NEIL HERSHBERG with bureau reports



Culver Pictures

'American Graffiti'



AP

Betty Ford

UFO

September 16, 1977

Dear Mr. Todd:

I appreciated your August 29th letter and contacted Br. Frank Press, the White House Science Adviser.

Regarding the reports which you referred to, I have been advised that they are available through the Freedom of Information Act, and you can pursue this course. This availability fulfills the President's commitment reported in the National Enquirer.

Second, in the future, all UFO inquiries are to be handled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and public inquiries will be forwarded to them. You can contact Robert A. Frosch, Administrator, for further details.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison

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AUG 29 1977

Mr. Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Purks:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 25, which was in response to my letter of August 11 regarding information on documents pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

According to information I have gathered in private research into exactly what UFO-related documentation is available from the Federal Government, the President's staff was misinformed if they were advised that all such documentation has been turned over to the National Archives.

I respectfully invite your attention to the records of the Air Force Director of Intelligence Special Studies Group (circa 1953), which are located at the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland, and at the Federal Records Center, Region 3, Alexandria, Virginia, all of which are inaccessible to the general public. The Special Studies Group was concerned with, in part, the problem UFOs presented to Air Force intelligence. Almost certainly its records contain information about UFOs, information which has yet to be made public.

Additionally, the records of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) pertaining to UFOs have likewise not been made public, except under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, an extremely costly method of obtaining documentation. This is particularly true when such requests are submitted by members of the general public.

Admittedly, it is unlikely (though not entirely impossible) that the CIA's records would add little to the understanding of the phenomenon itself, but would go a long way toward clarifying exactly what the CIA did and did not do with respect to UFOs. The Agency's actions with regard to this phenomenon have long been held suspect. Many believe the Agency guilty of a cover-up. Voluntary release of its UFO-related documentation would aid greatly in dispelling

Mr. Jim Purks
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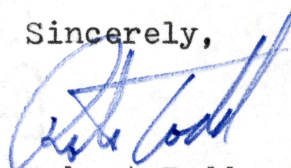
this notion, if indeed it has no basis in fact. The handling of the phenomenon by the Federal Government has become as controversial as the phenomenon itself, if not more so.

As long as the records cited above remain locked away from public view, it cannot be said that all UFO documentation has been released to the public. Therefore, it would logically follow that it cannot be said that "the pledge attributed to the President by the National Enquirer" has been fulfilled.

I would appreciate very much being advised as to whether any action is going to be taken to make the above-mentioned records available to the public.

Again, my thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Robert Todd

UFO

August 25, 1977

Dear Mr. Todd:

Thank you for your letter to the Press Secretary concerning information on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Shortly after assuming office, the President's staff inquired into the status of documents about UFO sightings and learned that they all had been declassified and made available to the public in the National Archives. The President has been advised that there are no other records and the Federal Government refers UFO sightings to private organizations. The declassification of the documents fulfills the objectives of the pledge attributed to the President by the National Enquirer.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
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August 11, 1977

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Washington, D.C. 20500

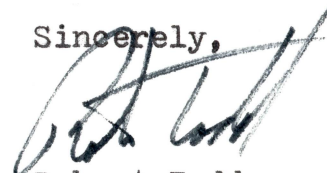
Dear Sir:

While campaigning for the Presidency, President Carter was quoted in the National Enquirer as having pledged to release all records in the possession of the Federal government pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), if he were to become President. As is common knowledge, Mr. Carter has become President, and I was just wondering if he intends to honor his promise?

Any information you might be able to furnish regarding the above would be extremely appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert Todd

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NASA ready to undertake it

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Conversation with
Dr. Press

12/28/77

the guy you see in the McDonald's commercials, the working daddy who's more than half a kid himself and who wants things to be simple so that he can enjoy them. At the very end he becomes one of a dozen or so citizen-astronauts who set out on a new space adventure—the first real Joe, with his kid's grin and schlumpy walk, to get into that line of chiseled jaws, stainless-steel minds and neat clipboards. As Truffaut says, it's the "ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances" who are important, not the technicians. That grin is Spielberg's political message, in case anyone is looking. Truffaut's smile is beautiful as he greets the aliens, his face illuminated by a yearning and hopeful intelligence. (As it happens, Truffaut himself has no interest in UFO's.)

It's Truffaut who exchanges the final gesture of hail and farewell with the creature from another world. When he made "2001" ten years ago, Kubrick also filmed extraterrestrial beings, but he decided they were unconvincing and cut them out. Here again Spielberg is a simpler and more open artist. The mother ship disgorges a swarm of spacetykes, possibly kids from Alpha Centauri on a field trip to Earth, the South Bronx of space. Spielberg shot them in detail but has made them into luminous little charmers.

He takes a chance with the chief alien, designed by Carlo Rambaldi out of a

consensus of reports from those who've claimed close encounters of the third kind. Out of the layers of light appears this androgynous doll, ideally bald, with an oasis of features in the center of its space-face. Truffaut smiles. Hesitantly, the alien produces a cockeyed little smile as if smiling is something they've gone way beyond out there in the galaxy. It's a grace note, a gesture of interspecies goodwill. STOP AND BE FRIENDLY, reads a sign held up by one of the UFO-watchers early in the film. Spielberg's message is that homely sentiment enlarged to cosmic proportions.

—JACK KROLL

The Galileo of UFOlogy

If there's a powerful sense of scientific know-how about "Close Encounters," the man most responsible is J. Allen Hynek, its technical consultant. As founder-director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., the 67-year-old astronomer is probably the world's ranking expert on the science—or art—of UFOlogy. His advice to the movie-makers was to base incidents on actual UFO reports. "The difference between '2001,' 'Star Wars' and 'Close Encounters,'" he says, "is that people coming out from the first two wouldn't say, 'This could happen to me,' but people coming home from 'Close Encounters' could."

Today, there are as many UFO spotters as ever. "When I lecture around the country, I frequently ask how many in the audience think they have had a UFO experience," says Hynek. "Ten to twenty per cent raise their hands. But when I ask how many reported it, I get very few hands. I hope the movie will reduce the threat of ridicule—that it will make people feel it's safe to report a UFO."

Hynek, a onetime UFO consultant to the Air Force, finally stopped dismissing UFO reports a decade ago because there were just too many of them from responsible citizens and too many similarities in reports from all over the world. For example, he says, reported sightings often occur near power lines, near small bodies of water and near schoolhouses and military installations. (The high incidence of military sightings, he says, may be partially explained by the fact that they occur in places guarded around the clock by people who are trained to observe.) Still, Hynek admits that the vast majority of the several sightings reported every day to his center are readily explainable—as planets, weather balloons, rocket launchings and the like.



Jeff Lowenthal—Newsweek

Hynek with map of sightings, and a sampling of UFO photos

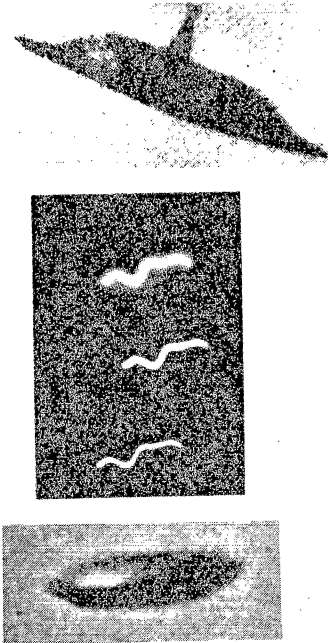
The Evanston center is not alone in investigating UFO's. In response to a White House request, NASA is setting up a committee to study reports of sightings during the past decade. The French Government already has a similar organization (whose director, coincidentally, bears a distinct resemblance to François Truffaut, who plays the expert in the movie). Privately financed teams are going after UFO's even more aggressively. In Phoenix, Ariz., William Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch is using computers to analyze photographs of alleged UFO's. In Austin, Texas, Ray Stanford of Project Starlight International has devised a computerized tracking system to monitor any UFO's that might appear in the neighborhood. One refinement: a laser system to communicate with aliens in a UFO in case they knock out conventional radio equipment.

Visible Symbol: Such enterprises—as well as the stories of "contactees" who claim to be front people for extraterrestrials on earth—bring scorn on UFOlogy from established scientists. But Hynek is undismayed. "It's no longer possible to sweep away the whole subject," he says. "It reminds me of the days of Galileo,

when he was trying to get people to look at sunspots. They would say that the sun is the visible symbol of God; God is perfect; therefore the sun is perfect; therefore spots can't exist; therefore there's no point in looking." Hynek also takes comfort from a poll conducted last year by Stanford University physicist Peter Sturrock of the American Astronomical Society membership. Fifty-three per cent of those responding agreed that UFO's deserved scientific study.

What does Hynek himself believe UFO's might really be? "We have the questions, not the answers," he says. But he emphasizes that speculation should not be limited to flying saucers: UFO's, he says, may be psychic phenomena and the "aliens" may not come from outer space but from a "parallel reality." "That really intrigues me," says Hynek, "but I've no evidence. As they say on 'Dragnet,' all we want are the facts, ma'am. I will speculate that a very advanced civilization might know something about the connection between mind and matter that we don't. But I don't give theories because I don't know *what* to believe."

—PETER GWYNNE with KATRINE AMES



UFOs

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Carter Is Facing Rebuff On Reviving UFO Probe

Associated Press

The White House, whose chief occupant once spotted a strange glowing blob in the sky, wants the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to look into reopening the government's probe of unidentified flying objects.

But NASA officials aren't eager to do it without some solid evidence such as a "little green man," or at least a piece of metal from a UFO.

"We're not anxious to do it because we're not sure what we can do," said Dave Williamson, NASA assistant for special projects. "It's my personal opinion that it's not wise to do research on something that is not a measurable phenomena. Spending public money for such research is questionable.

"There is no measurable UFO evidence such as a piece of metal, flesh or cloth. We don't even have any radio signals," he said. "A photograph is not a measurement . . ."

"Give me one little green man —not a theory or memory of one

—and we can have a multimillion-dollar program," he said. "It's a scientific dilemma. How do you prove something that doesn't exist?"

"It's like the Loch Ness monster revisited. Everyone sees it, but there is no physical evidence," he said.

Williamson heads a group of technical experts who will recommend by the end of the year what NASA should do about a White House request that it establish a UFO panel of inquiry. The panel would take up where the Air Force left off 10 years ago when it closed its UFO investigation, Project Blue Book.

The Air Force concluded after a decade of study and considerable expense that, in the absence of significant findings, continuation of the project was unwarranted.

Williamson will make the recommendation to NASA Administrator Robert A. Frosch, who will then pass along his own decision to President Carter's science adviser, Dr. Frank Press.

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12/9/77 Reports of U.F.O. Sightings Appear to Rise With the Curtain

By BOYCE RENSBERGER

Popular interest in flying saucers appears to be rising again and, with the rise, reports of U.F.O. sightings have been pouring into Government offices in increasing numbers, according to spokesmen for the White House and the space agency.

One stimulus appears to have been last summer's movie "Star Wars," a science fiction film filled with flying objects piloted by creatures from outer space.

An even greater spur to U.F.O. reports is expected from a new movie called "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Unlike "Star Wars," "Close Encounters" deals with fictional visits to this planet by space ships from elsewhere.

By planting or reawakening the idea in the minds of both the gullible and the hoaxers, the movie is expected to trigger a self-sustaining chain reaction of U.F.O. sightings and interest in the subject.

"There are always many stimuli out there to be seen—meteors, fireballs, aircraft anticollision lights and so on," said Philip J. Klass, an editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine and author of books debunking flying saucer myths. "It just takes something like this movie to get the idea going."

The White House saw the reports coming some weeks ago and asked the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-

ministration to take over the job of answering letters on the subject from citizens. NASA agreed.

"Public interest in this has been brewing for several months, slowly building up," said Stanley D. Schneider, an aide to Frank Press, the White House science adviser who made the request to NASA. "It was getting to be more than we could handle."

Mr. Schneider said that the letters began almost as soon as President Carter took office, having once reported a U.F.O. himself and having made a campaign to release all Government files on the subject.

He said that the movie "Star Wars,"

appeared to have spurred an upsurge of inquiries last summer, and he forecast that "Close Encounters" would trigger a far larger response.

Dr. Press asked the administrator of the space agency, Robert A. Frosch, to consider reopening a Government investigation of the validity and significance of U.F.O. reports. The Federal Government has not concerned itself with investigating the subject since 1969, when Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado issued a federally sponsored report based on more than 30 years of files of the Air Force's Project Bluebook, as the Government inquiry was called. The report said

that there was no hard evidence that U.F.O.'s were anything but conventional phenomena misunderstood.

NASA is expected to say that no investigation is warranted. One reason, cited by an official of the agency is that no credible physical evidence for the extraterrestrial origin of a flying object has been produced.

"We're a physics agency here," said David Williamson, an assistant administrator for special projects, "and we would have to have, in evidentiary form, something physical to work with."

U.F.O. reports have even entered official deliberations of the United Na-

tions. A Special Political Committee of the General Assembly began debate Wednesday on a proposal to establish a U.N. agency to study U.F.O. reports and establish contact with any alien creatures in spacecraft that might be encountered.

The proposal came from the delegation of Grenada, the Caribbean island nation whose Prime Minister, Sir Eric M. Gairy, has long advocated such an agency.

Mr. Klass, the U.F.O. debunker, is chairman of the subcommittee on U.F.O.'s of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a relatively young group

of scientists, philosophers and others working to counteract what they see as growing public acceptance of paranormal and pseudoscientific topics for which no credible evidence has been found.

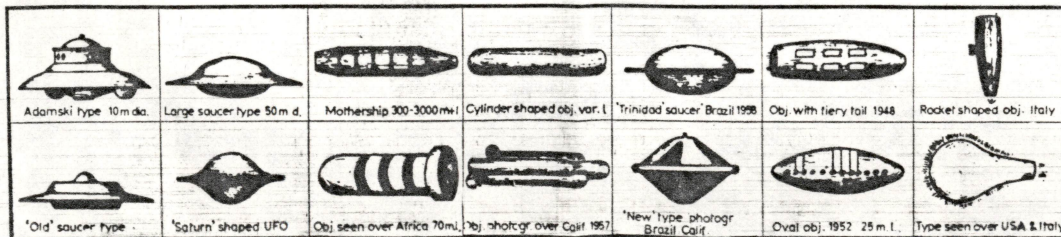
He contends that waves of U.F.O. sightings are not related to waves of U.F.O.'s but to a muted form of mass hysteria. He has traced what he calls "U.F.O. flaps" to the original sightings that triggered a spreading ripple of subsequent purported sightings.

If a U.F.O. report gets a modicum of publicity wherever it occurs, additional sightings are likely to be reported in ensuing days, he said. As the weeks go by, news of the reports spreads and the flap radiates out in an ever-widening circle.

Eventually, Mr. Klass said, the center of the flap loses interest and further sightings get little or no publicity. In about two months, he said, the flap dies down.

He also said he has correlated the success of a flap in spreading with the amount of competing news. In slow news periods, flaps are more likely to propagate, he said.

"All of this, I think, supports my contention that psychological factors are the main ones in a U.F.O. flap," Mr. Klass said. "That's why this 'Close Encounters' movie, I think, is going to have such an effect. If people think there are U.F.O.'s to be seen, they will go out and look for one."



Sachnowski/New Scientist Magazine

Some of the various types of unidentified flying objects purported to have been observed over the Earth

NASA Rejects Carter Request To Reopen UFO Investigation

12/28/77

Associated Press

The U.S. space agency has rejected a White House request to reopen a government probe into unidentified flying objects, saying it would be "wasteful and probably unproductive."

But the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it stands ready to analyze any "bona fide physical evidence from credible sources"—evidence that it said has never been found.

The rejection was made in a letter sent last week by NASA Administrator Robert Frosch to Dr. Frank Press, President Carter's science adviser. Press said he accepted NASA's conclusions and did not plan to pursue the matter.

In 1969, the Air Force closed the government's formal UFO investigation, called Project Blue Book. After 22 years of study and considerable expense, the Air Force concluded that, in the absence of significant findings, continuation of the project was unwarranted.

In a letter to Frosch in July, Press asked that NASA become the government's focal point in a "national revival" of interest in reports of UFO sightings. He recommended that the agency establish a small panel of inquiry.

Press said there was an upsurge in letters received by his office asking about UFOs, especially from young people. He said his staff was too small to answer them and assigned the job to NASA.

Many of the recent letters, averaging two or three a day, have been prompted by the new UFO movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Several demand that Carter make good on a campaign promise that if there were any secrets about UFOs he would flush them out.

Carter reported in 1973, while governor of Georgia, that several years earlier he had seen a UFO in the form of a "glowing light" in the night sky. "I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they have seen UFOs because I've seen one myself," Carter was quoted as saying.

Frosch wrote Press that a NASA technical committee had carefully considered establishing a UFO panel. "I do not feel that we could mount a research effort without a better starting point than we have been able to identify thus far," he added.

"I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish a research activity in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject."

We've Been Asked

Is There Something to UFO's After All?

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The White House recently acknowledged "a national revival of interest" in unidentified flying objects. Has there been an upsurge in the reporting of UFO sightings recently?

Nobody has an exact count. Public agencies and private groups that investigate UFO's have received thousands of reports since 1947, when the sighting of a "flying saucer" near Mount Rainier, Wash., was widely reported in the newspapers. The number of reports rises and falls every few years; the last big wave was in 1973. Some experts predicted that a new movie about a fictional UFO episode, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," would spark a flurry of UFO reports. But so far it hasn't.

What kinds of objects or phenomena are most often reported?

The most common ones are moving lights or spheres in the night sky. Among recent reports: "cigar-shaped apparition glowing red at each end"; "six red-orange lights hovering over ground and treetops"; "silver 'straw hat' the size of the moon."

How many of these sightings are given much credence by UFO experts?

Most can be explained. Among the objects that have been misidentified as UFO's are stars, planets, meteors, advertising planes, helicopters, balloons and even a street light.

What about the others?

Opinions differ sharply. Persons who advocate more research on UFO's contend that the unexplained sightings are an indication of life from other worlds visiting earth. Disbelievers argue that the phenomena either have logical explanations or are fabricated reports.

What kind of research on UFO's has been proposed?

UFO groups believe that the federal government should at least finance analyses of reported sightings. Some advocate a traveling team of scientists to investigate UFO's as soon as they are reported.

Hasn't the government already looked into this?

Between 1947 and 1969, teams of Air Force experts as well as a group of University of Colorado scientists

investigated 12,618 UFO reports. While 701 sightings were classified as unidentified, the Air Force said that it was unable to find any evidence of either "extraterrestrial vehicles" or "technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

Has the government considered new UFO studies?

Yes. After mail to the White House about UFO's increased last year, Frank Press, science adviser to the President, asked the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine "if there are any new significant findings" about the phenomena. But NASA concluded that "the absence of tangible or physical evidence" would make a UFO project "wasteful and probably unproductive."

Haven't there been allegations that the government has suppressed much of what it knows about UFO sightings?

Some groups make this charge. But the government insists that all files of Project Blue Book, the federal UFO study that ended in 1969, are now available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., for public inspection. Officials concede that there may be a few UFO reports in the files of other government agencies. But they assert that these documents don't shed any additional light on UFO phenomena.

Didn't President Carter once report seeing a UFO?

Yes. Carter has said that while on his way to make a speech in 1969, he saw a bright object about the size of the moon that came within a few hundred yards of him and then disappeared. He said in a 1976 interview that the sighting had convinced him that UFO's exist, but he has made no public statement on the subject since becoming President.

How do scientists feel about UFO's?

A survey of the American Astronomical Society last year showed that



"How long do you suppose they'll go on shutting their eyes to the obvious?"

53 per cent of its members believed that the phenomena deserve scientific study. Sixty-two of the 1,356 members who answered the survey said they had seen UFO's.

What about the general public?

In 1973, during the last big wave of UFO sightings, the Gallup Poll reported that "an astonishing 11 per cent" of those polled said they had seen a UFO, and 51 per cent believed that UFO's "are real and not just a figment of the imagination or cases of hallucination."

Is much interest in UFO's expressed by other nations?

Private groups interested in UFO's have worldwide memberships, but few governments have taken official action. The Caribbean nation of Grenada has sought an inquiry by the United Nations for several years. The General Assembly has agreed to consider the idea this year.

What are the prospects of further UFO research?

Skeptics say that a dramatic event such as a UFO landing witnessed by thousands would be about the only thing that would lead to a large-scale UFO study. But UFO enthusiasts insist that interest has never been higher and that a major new effort to solve the UFO mystery could be just around the corner.



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February 3, 1978

Mr. Stanley D. Schneider
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Stan:

Enclosed are xerox copies of NASA Headquarters Information Sheet 78-1, UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, which replaces a 1976 version.

Along with an appropriate covering letter, this sheet will be NASA's standard response to UFO queries received here or forwarded to us from your office. We are also sending copies to our centers across the country and to the USAF Community Relations Office at the Pentagon.

Queries from citizens with bona fide physical UFO evidence for NASA laboratory analysis will be processed on an individual basis by a committee, already appointed.

This, we hope, brings everybody up to date on the subject.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Gibson
Public Services Branch

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What Were Those Mysterious Craft?

By Ward Sinclair and Art Harris
Washington Post Staff Writers

During two weeks in 1975, a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

In several instances, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft to carry on the unsuccessful pursuit. The records do not indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of the secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings unless specifically asked.

An Air Force press officer who deals with UFO inquiries said he could have no comment yesterday on questions about general security and military responses related to the rash of sightings at strategic installations in 1975.

The Defense Department position, cited in that memo and reiterated yesterday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

That object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F4, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

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