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February 18, 1969

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
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Dear Mr. Konley,

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 7 relative to your interest in Unidentified Flying Objects.

It was thoughtful of you to write me as you did and I appreciate having the benefit of your views about this matter. Let me assure you that they do not go unheeded by me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

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CONGRESSMAN
GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford,

Some time ago you said to give the Condon committee a chance to see what their findings will be, and also to pave further action on this UFO issue until we have a Republican President in office. Well, the Condon report is out, and it smells to the high heaven, and we now have a Republican President - Mr. Nixon. I ask you now - will you or will you not raise this sacred cow not only in Congress, but the Senate as well? How much longer do we have to put up with all the stalling? Another 21 years Jerry? Please ask President Nixon where he stands on this issue his own view, not someone else's. also: 1.) Who were the civilian scientists that worked for "Project Blue Book" before the Condon committee? 2.) What were these scientists paid? 3.) What the hell did they find out?

Sincerely,
Raymond G. Konley

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SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
"UFO" APPENDIX.
NATIONAL REPORT
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

What about UFO free news reporting? when?

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NBC Chief Wary About TV Controls

Omaha, Neb. -AP- Threats of governmental control over television news programs and broadcast reporting strike at the public's right to a free flow of information, a network executive said Monday night.

"If television is to continue to expand its journalistic role, to provide greater service, it needs the encouragement of



Julian Goodman

freedom," said Julian Goodman, president of the National Broadcasting Co.

Goodman spoke at the 11th annual KMTV television public service awards dinner.

Television's rapid growth and the reliance the public places on it has generated some serious problems, he said.


"Voices have been raised on Capitol Hill decrying the influence of television," Goodman said.

"Because many of the facts we report are disturbing and threatening, and because television brings the public into close contact with them, the medium is too often associated with the disagreeable news it transmits, and too often held accountable, in some strange way, for the events it reports," he added.

Goodman said the serious problems the nation faced would not just disappear if television stopped showing and talking about them.

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COMMITTEE CHARTER

FORMED ON SEPTEMBER 2ND 1968

PURPOSE: TO FIGHT PRESIDENTIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CENSORSHIP OF THE "UNITED PRESS - INTERNATIONAL" - ON THE "FLYING SAUCER" ISSUE; IN ALL IT'S MANY ASPECTS; AS THEY TAKE PLACE - NOT 6 MONTHS, OR YEARS LATER! TO SEEK PEOPLE; WITH THEIR IDEAS TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP OF NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS ON UFO'S.

REASONS: TO GAIN PUBLIC INTEREST OF OUR NEWSPAPERS REPORTING UFO CASES - WHEN AND WHERE THEY TAKE PLACE; ON THE DAY THEY TAKE PLACE!

FINDINGS: AFTER 5 YEARS STUDY OF UFO'S, FROM 1964 TO 1969, I, RAYMOND GRANT - KONLEY - FIND THAT IT IS RELIGIOUS FRIGHT; THAT HOLDS THE "FLYING SAUCER" TRUTH DOWN. I PERSONALLY FEEL, THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT, FEARS A WORLD WIDE RELIGIOUS PANIC; IF THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS - UFO'S - WERE EVER DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC OFFICIALLY!

RAMIFICATIONS: BIG AND SMALL BUSINESSES WOULD LOSE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS; DO TO THE REVOLUTIONARY METHODS OF PROPULSION OF UFO'S. THE MILITARY WOULD BE AT A TOTAL LOSE TO EXPLAIN OUR SO CALLED SECURITY - IN VIEW OF SUCH OBVIOUSLY SUPERIOR CRAFT.

METHODS: WE ARE NON PROFIT. WE HOLD NO MEETINGS. WE DO NOT CHARGE DUES. WE CORRESPOND BY PHONE AND LETTERS WITH OUR OWN SELF STAMPED ENVELOPES TO HELP DEFRAY COST OF CORRESPONDENCE. MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE FREE.

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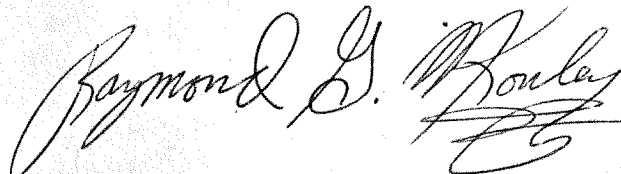
COMMENTS: IT IS HOPED THAT PUBLIC INDIGNATION; WILL DEMAND CONGRESS TO GET THE UFO'S TRUTH OUT IN THE OPEN, AND TELL IT LIKE IT IS! AFTER ALL, THE CONDON COMMITTEE, COULD NOT, OR WOULD NOT, SAY YES OR NO TO UFO'S.

THIS CHARTER DRAWN UP ON JANUARY 30TH 1969.

HOPING FOR ACTION.

SINCERELY,

SIGNED BY



RAYMOND G. KONLEY

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To Congressman Ford from Raymond J. Honley

Appendix

Unidentified Flying Objects

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ROBERT F. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, May 25, 1967

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD an article entitled "White Paper on UFO's," written by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and published in the Christian Science Monitor of May 23, 1967.

Dr. Hynek, who is chairman of the department of astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University, makes some interesting comments on UFO's and attempts to learn more about them. I commend his article to the attention of those who are interested in this phenomenon.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

WHITE PAPER ON UFO'S
(By Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Special to the Christian Science Monitor)

(NOTE.—Chairman of the department of astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University, Dr. J. Allen Hynek is a distinguished astrophysicist. He is also deeply interested in the "flying saucer" mystery. He served many years as civilian consultant to the United States Air Force saucer investigating team. Here he sums up the state of the saucer puzzle as the first full-fledged scientific investigation of flying saucers gets under way.)

The United States Air Force has charged a group of scientists at the University of Colorado, under the leadership of Dr. Edward Condon, to look into the problem of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). They are expected to determine the nature and extent of the problem and to answer, if possible, the question: What are UFOs and what can be done about them?

Their answer may depend in part on how the question is phrased and on how terms are defined.

To most people UFO means a visitor from outer space. For others—an unspecified number, since statistics are very hard to obtain—a quasireligious interpretation is added to the space-visitor concept.

An increasing number of people tell me, largely through uninvited correspondence, that UFOs are really an ESP phenomenon. Still others speak in terms of "active" or even "living" plasma (a gas made up of positively and negatively electrically charged particles).

To a majority of scientists, however, UFO and flying saucer still mean merely a misidentification of a common object, a hallucination, or a hoax.

As a result of my long association with the problem, I would suggest the following practical definition of a UFO: Any reported aerial or surface visual sighting or radar return which remains unexplained by conventional

means even after examination by competent persons. This definition of unidentified flying objects, it will be observed, specifies neither "flying" nor "objects." It merely states that UFOs are reports that defy explanation by conventional means.

So far UFOs exist as reports only. A Gallup Poll indicates that 5 million Americans think they have sighted UFOs. The reports themselves are as real as rain. They exist and come in respectable numbers from the United States and dozens of other countries.

Here are three recent cases. In view of the ridicule often heaped on "saucer reporters," names and places have been omitted. But the persons involved can be classified as competent, reliable observers.

CASE 1

A man of unimpeachable reputation in his community recorded just a few weeks ago that as he turned off into the road in a relatively isolated countryside, a metallic-looking, cylindrical object with a dome-shaped top was standing on the road directly in his right of way.

Its size was estimated to be nearly 20 feet high and about half that in width.

As the witness flicked his bright lights on at a measured distance of 250 feet from the object (all measurements were checked by a competent investigator who "reenacted," the event with the witness a few days later), the object took off vertically without noise but with emission of a blast of intensely white light from the bottom.

The road took fire, and later examination showed the burn to be characteristic of intense heat applied for a short period. Four small holes in the macadam road were found at the exact location of the apparition. As the man drove past where he said the object had been, parts of the road were still burning.

Samples of the pavement are currently being analyzed. The investigator, with the aid of state troopers built a gasoline fire on adjoining portions of the road but was unable to duplicate the appearance of the original burned spot.

CASE 2

A radar controller received a call from a commercial jetliner late at night asking for identification of an object sighted relatively near him. The controller replied that he had a fast-moving target on his radarscope at the position indicated by the jetliner pilot.

The pilot reported that the object was not an aircraft, was fast-moving and very bright, and was making a sharp left turn. Another jetliner called in to query the nature of the same unidentified light. The first pilot then reported by radio that the object didn't look like an aircraft and was very bright. The radar controller reported that the object paralleled the jetliner for about 10 miles and then made a turn of about 110 degrees to the left. The target faded about five miles after rolling out of the turn.

CASE 3

A report from a ship at sea stated that the leading signalman had sighted several objects at night moving rapidly toward the ship at an undetermined altitude. Four moving targets were detected on the air-search radar and tracked for five minutes. When over the ship, the objects were reported to have spread to circular formations and remained overhead for approximately three minutes.

The report stated that the maneuver was observed both visually and by radar, that the objects were tracked at speeds in excess of 3,000 knots, and that challenges were made by IFF (identification friend or foe) but not answered. The sighting was reportedly witnessed by the commanding officer, all bridge personnel, and numerous hands topside.

It is to be emphasized that the foregoing three cases are characteristic of reports made by observers of good past records. Only very detailed and intense investigation could serve to establish whether the stimuli that gave rise to the reports corresponded in any measure with the reports themselves.

In short, the reports stand as reports. Nothing more, nothing less.

The question that arises is: Do any of them remain unexplained by conventional means even after examination by competent people? There is strong evidence that some do—but it still is not conclusive. We anxiously look to the findings of the Condon Committee for an evaluation of this evidence.

We have a parallel in the history of science. Thomas Jefferson once said that he would sooner believe that two Yankee professors had lied than that stones had fallen from the sky. He was referring to the widespread reports at that time from people, good and true, from this and other countries, who said they had seen stones fall from the sky.

It is interesting to contemplate what might have happened had Thomas Jefferson appointed a "Condon Committee" to investigate these "UFO" reports of his day. How might they have gone about proving or disproving that stones (meteorites, as we know them today) fell from the sky?

The problem would have been soon solved for them. For, shortly after they would have convened, a veritable shower of iron meteorites landed in France. The meteorites were observed and examined by so many scientists that the evidence was incontrovertible that stones could fall from the sky.

The problem was that the imagery was all wrong. What different images are suggested by "a stone falling from the sky" and "a meteorite in orbit around the sun colliding with the earth"?

When the UFO problem is solved, it may similarly turn out that the images suggested by "flying saucer" and "UFO" are likewise totally misleading.

Furthermore, today's UFOs may not pose as difficult a problem as would have confronted our hypothetical Jeffersonian Condon Committee. Jefferson lived before photography or radar. Today's committee has available the benefit of continuous photographic and radar surveillance.

MILITARY EVIDENCE UNCERTAIN

It has often been charged that if there were anything to the UFO business at all, these far-flung radar and photographic surveillance systems would surely have picked up UFOs. This does not necessarily follow, given the present use of these systems.

One generally sees what one is looking for, and in highly mission-oriented projects, such as being on the alert for objects flying on a prescribed course (from Russia), and photographing satellites in prescribed orbits, it is conceivable that highly unusual events would be missed or, if noted at all, dismissed as a malfunction, an interloper of some conventional sort, or simply as a "sport."

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American radar daily picks up many "unknowns," probably from a variety of causes. We can hope that the Condon Committee will find it possible to place one of its own representatives in such key surveillance spots for a significant length of time.

It has been my experience that merely to rely on pronouncements of officialdom on anything other than the particular task they perform with scrupulous care is apt to be somewhat less than definitive.

Today we do have photographs of UFOs. But what, exactly, do they show? No one knows for sure.

The UFO problem is a fine example of that remarkable phenomenon, the "explanation gap." This is the phenomenon of sidestepping a situation when its explanation does not represent a "next step," but a gap.

With the UFO we seem to encounter not a neat, logical next step in the present scientific jig-saw puzzle but a gap—an odd-ball piece for which no place has as yet been prepared.

Whenever the human mind has been presented with "facts" that do not seem to fit in with a recognized world picture, or to represent a logical "next step" to be fitted into that framework, it has often reared like a skittish horse, and we were generally treated to strange mental excursions. Every branch of science has experienced this.

When, for instance, the existence of fossils of extinct species was first established, many were the wild hypotheses, and contrived answers, to explain the fact of fossils, in an attempt to avoid the unwelcome implications of the many fossil-fingers pointing unmistakably to biological evolution.

The history of science is replete with such famous skeletons in the scientific closet.

We seem to be in the midst of such a situation again. The UFO controversy has abounded with many pat answers: ball lightning, plasma, perception anomalies, mirages, space visitors. All these are glibly put forward in place of the broad scientific inquiry which the whole subject certainly seems to call for—after at least 20 years of confusion.

As in the past, there are many "jump-to-conclusion" answers, many hobby horses to ride, to explain the truly puzzling cases.

Some people who have given only cursory attention to the UFO phenomenon are certain that a simple answer lies in their particular field of specialization (plasma experts, abnormal psychologists, etc.).

SOME PREFER TO POINT ELSEWHERE

Others, generally those who have given at least some attention to the subject, hold that a simple answer exists in someone else's field! The psychologist may maintain that the answer lies in meteorological optics, while a physicist may maintain that the answer lies in the psychological realm, etc. It would seem that the more a specialist in one field studies the phenomenon, the more he realizes that the answer does not lie in his own particular field and so he points his finger to someone else's field of specialization.

We don't know in what field, or fields, of human inquiry its study properly belongs. This adds greatly to the puzzlement.

The available data, if properly organized and studied by modern methods of analysis (e.g., correlation and pattern-recognition studies) with the aid of electronic computers, might soon tell us. But this has not yet been done. It should be.

Let us look at the facts again. The facts are that reports of "mightily strange things seen skyward" exist. They have been made by people of established sanity and sensibility, and the strangeness of many of these reports is such that it does not seem likely that all the reporters, in dozens of countries, could have been deluded over a score of years, by ordinary phenomena simply and honestly misidentified.

Did a truly "strange" event actually take place in each of these cases? To be truly scientific our inquiry must set aside, at least

for the moment, preconceived notions and prejudices as to whether a strange event could have taken place. The basic facts must be established.

The history of science cautions us to be humble in our approach to the universe we live in. We really know so little yet.

Our task today in approaching the UFO problem is admittedly difficult. No scientific committee can command a UFO to appear before its waiting cameras, spectroscopes, and tape recorders. In the absence of incontrovertibly authenticated photographs, it is not even certain whether UFOs, as reports, represent real objects or real physical phenomena in the objective world. If only there were some "hardware" to study, how simple matters would be! Hundreds of laboratory tests could be run and the exact physical nature of the UFO could be established.

When one has to deal only with "tons of reports"—and little else—well, it is the reports that must be dealt with. Sophisticated methods must be applied to the analysis of these reports. New methods for handling circumstantial evidence need to be developed. The task is not an easy one, but unless we undertake it, we are faced with a continuing and nagging mystery.

In dealing with these reports we might first ask: Why was a given report made in the first place? What was the motivation? Was it a seeking for publicity that caused one or more persons to report a UFO? Or a patriotic conscience? Or personal gain?

Any serious study of UFO reports soon shows that the majority of reports have been made in good faith, with little or no desire for publicity. They have been made even with the almost certain knowledge that there was little or nothing for the reporters to gain save the censure and the ridicule of their peers.

HOW MANY DON'T REPORT?

This, of course, immediately raises the question, if certain people were brave enough to make a report, how many—and with very good reason—did not report? One can only guess, but the recent phenomenon of the delayed report, a report that has been kept hidden for even as long as 10 or 15 years, indicates that there exists a large body of persons who did not, or would not, report an unusual sighting when or if they saw one.

Some may well question whether it is not better to forget reports as such and take a more active, vigorous approach. If UFOs exist—whatever they are—why not go out into the field and do something positive about it? UFO "task forces" could be set up—teams—that travel to areas of reported UFO activity and set up cameras and other instruments and lie in wait to "capture" a UFO.

This would be decried by many as a foolish expenditure of taxpayers' money. Certainly, however, if the Condon Committee of the University of Colorado finds that there is more to the problem than sheer nonsense, this would be advisable if not, indeed, the only practical and necessary step.

Congressman Frank Horton Salutes the Volunteer Firefighter

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. FRANK HORTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1967

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, there are 250,000 volunteer firefighters throughout

this country who daily give up their time and, in many cases, endanger their own lives, for the sake of the safety of their neighbors.

These groups of civic-minded men and women have banded together in the spirit of selflessness which is a heritage in the United States.

The loosely gathered, uncoordinated groups of men who hauled buckets to the scenes of fires in the early days of our history are a far cry from the volunteer companies of our modern era. Volunteer fire companies in the 36th Congressional District are skilled and well led. Through their efforts, they have acquired the best and most sophisticated modern firefighting equipment.

I know firsthand of the exemplary work done in Monroe and Wayne Counties by volunteer firefighters. They have saved countless lives and thousands of dollar in property.

Seldom do we have the time to stop in our busy schedules to pay honor to these men who, because they are always present, seldom are noticed.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak before a group of volunteer firefighters from Marion, N.Y., a community in my district. It gave me the opportunity to laud the dedication and public service which they render daily to the communities in which they live.

I should like to offer it to my colleagues today:

FIREFIGHTING: A NOBLE PURSUIT

Ever since man discovered fire, he has been struggling to control it. And the tried and true method of fighting fires with able-bodied volunteers, which reaches back to the earliest days of civilization, is still employed today in thousands of communities across the United States.

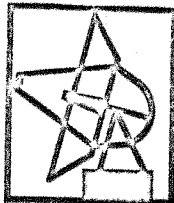
I am here tonight to pay tribute to the Marion Fire Department and to the more than 250,000 volunteer firefighters throughout this country who give their time and their efforts, without compensation, to their community so that it may be a safer place in which to live. The role of the volunteer firefighter is well symbolized by the motto which appeared on a United States commemorative stamp issued some 20 years ago in honor of the 300th anniversary of the passage of the first law setting up the rudiments of a volunteer firefighting organization. It read: "Unselfish Public Service—Courage—Duty." What words could better describe the men who dash from their homes on a moment's notice to save houses, property, and even lives? I think it is fitting indeed that we take time out here tonight to give all of you a well deserved word of thanks.

Firefighting has a long and rich tradition. In the early days of Rome, guards were posted to watch for the outbreak of fire, and slaves were volunteered by their masters to put out the blaze. Emperor Augustus had so organized volunteer firefighting that he had a 7,000 man fire department at his command. The Middle Ages, however, saw a decline in firefighting techniques, and the larger cities of the period had to depend on a rough and not always too-ready volunteer service. Following the great London fire of 1666, it became apparent that a more organized regular volunteer fire protection service was needed.

In colonial America, the first specialized equipment for fighting fires was the leather bucket. In the better organized communities, a watchman would run through the streets of the town shouting, "Throw out your buckets!" which would then be collected by the volunteers rushing to put out

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NATIONAL REPORT

UFO controversy rekindled

BOULDER, COLO. — Further investigations of unidentified flying objects, a topic apparently closed by the scientist-authors of the Condon report, might yet be resurrected by a professional society. Even a congressional investigation is a remote possibility.

The study, prepared by Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado under a \$539,740 Air Force contract, concluded that the UFOs were not likely to be of extraterrestrial origin and recommended that further studies be discouraged. A National Academy of Sciences panel under the chairmanship of Dr. Gerald M. Clemence of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., gave the Condon report its blessing on the criteria of scope, methodology, and findings.

Just before the report was issued, however, a special committee on UFOs of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics expressed its doubts about current studies in the field and said the matter needs a "quantitative, scientific" investigation.

The 32,000-member organization, most prestigious in the aerospace field, set up the committee a year ago under the chairmanship of Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner, an atmospheric physicist at the Environmental Science Services Administration laboratories, Boulder, Colo. A committee member said it was coincidental that the chairman was located next door to Condon and that there had been no exchange of information during the Condon study.

A meeting of the committee was scheduled in New York late last month to determine what AIAA should do. A new study along the lines of the Condon investigation was considered unlikely—on financial grounds, if for no other reason—but there was sentiment in the committee for open forums at future society meetings to debate the findings, or even a special UFO symposium.

Congressional dissatisfaction with the Condon findings was expressed immediately after disclosure. Rep. William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.) attacked the report as "delaying an eventual solution to the UFO puzzle" and called for public hearings by the House Science and Astronautics Committee of which he is a member. Rep. Jerry L. Pettis (R-Cal.) said he planned to introduce a resolution calling for a congressional investigation.

Key to any future congressional action is committee chairman George P. Miller (D-Cal.). However, in the past, he has opposed involving his committee in controversial issues while

it has its hands full each year meeting congressional approval for space money bills. He agreed to a one-day public hearing last summer on the grounds that there be no criticism of the Condon study (I-R, Sept. 1968, p. 26). This time he is satisfied with the results and told *Industrial Research* he felt it was "clear the matter can be laid to rest."

Strongest criticism of the Condon findings came, as expected, from the Washington-based National Investigations Committee on Aeronautics Phenomena (NICAP), which attacked the scope of the study. Why were only 59 cases investigated, the group asked, when NICAP had 11,000 reports in its files of which 3,000 were classified as unexplained? Major Donald B. Keyhoe (USMC-ret.), NICAP director, said many of the sightings not within the Condon study offered the strongest evidence of extraterrestrial origin. He cited observations at Socorro, N.M., Red Bluff, Cal., Newport News, Virginia, and the Florida Everglades.

Dr. James E. McDonald, physicist at the University of Arizona (Tucson), independently agreed with NICAP and added he believed the extraterrestrial hypothesis was still the most probable. □

vacuuming trash


LOS ANGELES—A new application of vacuum technology—collecting trash—is scheduled to get its first American test in about 2 years at the Los Angeles County Martin Luther King Memorial Hospital under construction in the Watts section here.

The vacuum involved is modest by comparison to laboratory systems—25 torr, or about 1/15 of normal atmospheric pressure—but is able to move basketball-sized rocks at speeds up to 55 mph over distances up to 8 km and up 30-degree slopes. Just to make the tests difficult, experimenters inserted auto batteries and Christmas trees into the system. They too were swept along.

Purpose of the system is to move trash horizontally, thus eliminating the push carts needed in large hospitals and apartment buildings. Gravity is still the most cost-effective means of vertical movement, at least in one direction, but an automated horizontal system is expected to be cheaper and cleaner than present methods.

The idea originated in Sweden, where systems built by AB Centralsug—"sug" is the Swedish word for vacuum—of Stockholm have been oper-

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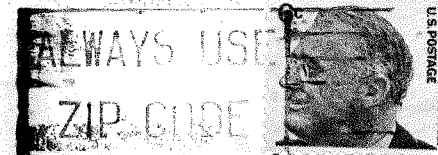
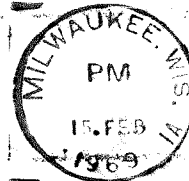
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Rep. Gerald R. Ford,
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Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ford,

Thank you very much for sending me the ~~National Academy of Sciences~~ report on the Colorado U.F.O. investigation.

This will make an awful lot of real good people appear awfully foolish.

I was especially interested in the conclusion of the report: "On the basis of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

Mr. Ford, I have knowledge that the investigators do not.

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Why did I not testify? The answer is very simple: I wasn't asked.

Sincerely yours,

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"U.F.O."

(Groskopf, Helen F. Mrs.)

January 31, 1969

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Hartman
Arkansas

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Mrs. Helen F. Greshoff
Hartman Ark.

M E M O

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To: Rep. Gerald K. Ford; Sen. Everett Dirksen; John Paul Hammerschmidt; Dr. Edward Condon; Maj. Donald Keyhoe;

(After article appearing in May 14 1968 issue of Look magazine entitled "Flying Saucer Placed", written by John G. Fuller:

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No reply.

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And so it has been!

JOHN PHILIP BESSOR
6349 WALNUT STREET
PITTSBURGH, PENN'A
U.S.A. 15206

UFO
N/E/D

February the 3rd, 1969

Dear Friend Gerald Ford :-

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated January the 31st, in which you enclose the "review" of the Colorado Report. I am enclosing a condensed version of the Low Memo, which was written in 1966, and which really will set one straight as to precisely what has been going on behind your backs and the public's backs. All the nice "gooey" PROPAGANDA put out by the Condon boys is rather spoiled by the Low Memo, for it PLAINLY SHOWS that the whole Condon Report was RIGGED from the word "go"! You were fooled, Dirksen was fooled and other congressmen were fooled in 1966 when you were led to believe there would be a wholly IMPARTIAL, UNBIASED study made of UFOs. This whole thing is, frankly, a slap on your faces, and shows to what lengths the silencers (whether the C.I.A. or the Air Force) will go to hoodwink the American taxpayer! It is shameful! We have been deliberately lied to on this UFO matter since 1949!

Scripps-Howard is a great offender in suppressing UFO facts, precisely as it is delinquent in giving the other side of the story on this fluoridation racket: it refuses to carry ANY anti-fluoridation articles or letters, and this is the truth and not sheer imagination on my part. The Pittsburgh Press refused to carry the Low Memo I enclose, although it headlined the Condon bluff.

So..... I respectfully suggest that you contact NICAP, and try your "darned-est" to effect a LONG overdue congressional investigation on the whole matter of UFOs. It required a congressional hearing in 1957 to draw out the term "cesium-137" (the muscle-seeker) from a most reluctant A.E.C.! So.... we shall have to DIG for the truth. Too damned much hanky-panky going on! AND WHO PAYS FOR IT ? THE PUBLIC !

Your supporter and well-wisher, always!

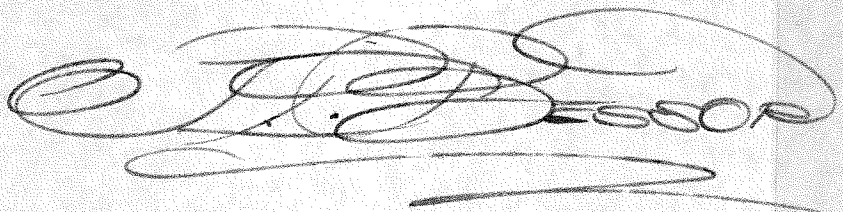
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John P. Bessor
6349 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, Penn'a

January the 17th, 1969

► Please keep.

Dear Sir :-

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Poisonous 'Darts' Aimed At Respiratory System

[Second of a Series.]

By WILLIAM J. PERKINSON

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The Air We Breathe



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Proof Evasive

"There is no doubt that they are harmful to plant life but when you try to say what is in the air we breathe and what is harmful to humans and why it is harmful you run into difficulty as far as legal proof and numbers are concerned . . .

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✓ The heart and lung system have to work harder and harder as the air becomes more and more polluted.

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To help understand why medical experts believe the theory is correct it is necessary to know what sulfur oxides and particulates are.

Sulfur oxides are gases and vapors produced by the burning of coal, oil and other fuels with a high sulfur content.

Sulfur oxides are emitted as the gases from those fuels which are vented to atmosphere.

Unburned Particles

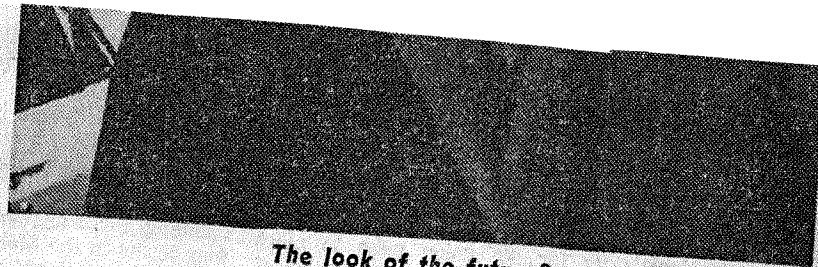
Particulates are tiny unburned, grimy sootlike particles of unburned fuel.

Public Health Service experts say particulates generally range in size from less than one micron — one twenty-five thousandths of an inch — to the size of a small raindrop.

Curiously, Public Health Service experts explain, the particulates that the average person finds most annoying are the ones that seem to offer the least health hazards.

These particulates are the grimy, soot-like dirt in the air that can be seen. They are the particulates that soil your clothes, plants, cars, window sills.

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"Due to the filtration mechanism of the respiratory tract, particles of greater than 10 microns—one-twenty-five hundredths of an inch — in diameter do not reach the lung."

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Control Of Solids

"The practical significance of this lies in the fact that, while it is technically difficult to control the emission of sulfur dioxide, it is relatively easy to control the emission of solid particles so that reducing the amount of solids in the atmosphere might also reduce the ill effects of sulfur acids.

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TOMORROW: Air pollution and the weather.

LEGISLATIVE

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24 January 1969

Dear Gerald Ford :-

As Minority Whip, will you please TRY to effect a long overdue congressional investigation of "flying saucers" ?

As you see by the papers, the Condon Report has deliberately LIED to the American taxpayer, and the Academy of Sciences neatly "endorsed" the "findings", finding no other easy way out, I suppose, due to apparent C.I.A. advisement.

The whole "report" has plainly thumbed its nose at you, Dirksen and other trusting gentlemen, who assumed, in 1966, that there would be a fully honest and unbiased investigation undertaken by a wholly impartial university group. You were plainly deceived. Those honest observers in Michigan were deceived and made fools of. And who picked up the tab for this "investigation" ? Ol' John Q. Taxpayer!

I also wish you to do all you can to effect FEDERAL CONTROLS on all air, water and food pollutants. In Japan, the children are already wearing masks in an effort to reduce the intake of air pollutants. Our blue skies are becoming fewer and fewer. By 1980, no doubt, our days will be gray with pollution.

I hope that you are a FIGHTER. We need men who think of the people's rights, who play no favorites.

The C.I.A. requires a good looking into, and the A.E.C. (it just completed another "test") needs a darned good going over. What a boondoggle!

Sincerely,


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Sincerely

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January 7th, 1969

Dear and respected Gerald Ford :-

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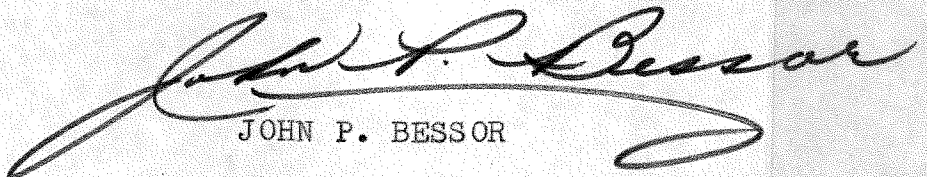
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I sincerely hope that you will now realize that you have been arrogantly deceived, and that you will do all in your power to effect a LONG OVERDUE congressional investigation at the earliest possible moment.

Is it not regrettable, speaking on another subject, that Nixon promised, before election, that he would do away with the highly questionable 10% surtax, and then, safely elected, has decided to retain it? This vacillation bodes no good. He will be as "weak" a President as smiling Eisenhower was.

May 1969 prove a pleasant and healthy one for you and your family!

Very truly,


JOHN P. BESSOR

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"UFO"

(Scott, R. F.)

February 12, 1969

Mr. R. F. Scott
Post Office Box 115
Lamar, Arkansas 72846

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You also asked how you could obtain a copy of the "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects." Copies of this publication are available by writing the following address and enclosing \$3 per copy:

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Springfield, Virginia 22151

Order No. PB 179541

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Encl.

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Rep. Ford:

Jan. 29, 1969

Enclosed are 2 articles on UFO's or Flying Saucers for your files.

Since the Condon report on UFO's has been released to the public, I was wondering what your personal opinion is regarding the report?

According to my information, Dr. Condon had already denied the existance of UFO's before he began the investigation; a waste of 500,000 taxpayers dollars. And distortion of facts.

Would it be possible to borrow or obtain a copy of 247 page book entitled "Symposium on Un-identified Flying Objects." Sub-title "Hearings Before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U. S. House of Representatives, 19th Congress, Date July 29, 1968.

The American people should be told the full facts about the UFO'S----NOW.

Perhaps with the new administration, this can be accomplished. Let us hope so.

Senator Roush is demanding a Senate investigation of UFO's, now. I am for this.

Sincerely,
R. F. Scott
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November 22, 1968



FLYING SAUCERS: WHAT ARE THEY, WHERE ARE THEY FROM, WHY ARE THEY HERE?

1. **WHAT ARE FLYING SAUCERS?:** They are extraterrestrial spacecraft of a highly sophisticated design. The manned craft duplicate the gravity conditions and the atmospheric environment from which the occupants come. They are built in many sizes and shapes, according to their function. Some are spherical, but most sightings have been of saucer-shaped objects. The "Mother Ships" which house the smaller "Scouts" are tubular, or cigar-shaped. Many small remotely controlled craft (between 3 inches and 10 feet in diameter) are sent out from larger craft as sensor devices — to pick up all types of data, including sound and television pictures. Most of them are a silver, metallic color. At night, the ionization of the atmosphere around the craft will cause it to give off different colors, depending on the intensity of the propulsion power, etc. Many of the objects give off a brilliant white and/or a pulsating red light. Sometimes the force field around a craft will condense the atmosphere around it so that it appears to be a saucer-shaped cloud.

2. **WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?:** Some come from other planets within our own solar system such as Mars, Venus, Saturn, etc. Some come from different planets in other star systems within our Milky Way galaxy. A few come from other galaxies.

3. **WHAT DO SAUCER OCCUPANTS LOOK LIKE?:** They are humanoid, and they can and do pass among us unnoticed. Their skin and hair color varies as does ours, and so does their size. Their height varies from about 3 to 10 feet, depending upon their environmental and racial backgrounds. They are often quite good looking and usually retain a youthful appearance, despite life spans that extend over several hundred years.

4. **COMING FROM DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS, HOW CAN THEY LOOK LIKE US?:** If their environments were radically different from ours, they probably wouldn't look or be human. However, they say that surface conditions on their planets are much closer to our own than we are led to believe by the dogmatic statements of some of our scientists. Temperatures are about the same or milder than ours. Venus, for instance, has no snow even at the poles. Gravity is sometimes less, and sometimes as much as twice that of Earth's. The atmospheric oxygen content of different planets also varies from one half to twice that of ours. Underground bases with artificial gravity and air supply are maintained on our Moon and on other Moons which either are too small or do not rotate sufficiently to hold an atmosphere to them.

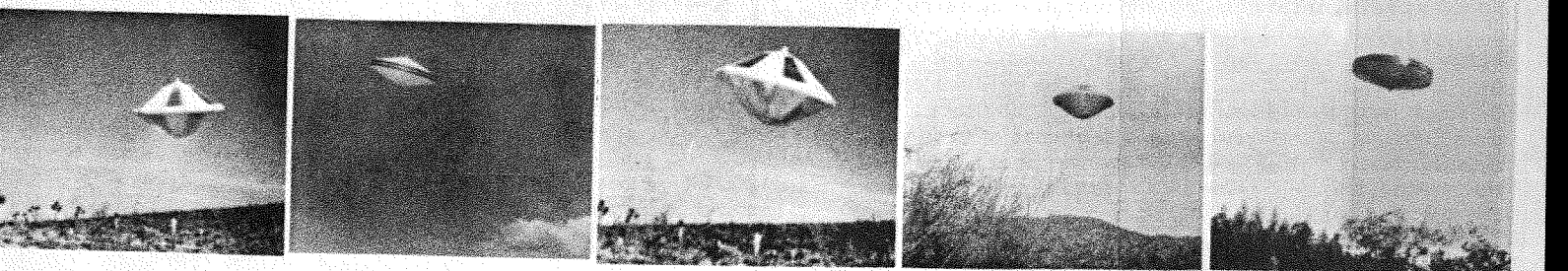
5. **DO THEY SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE?:** They have their own native tongues, as well as a universal language that is spoken by all members of the Universal Alliance of Planets. They very quickly learn any language which is needed for their functioning on Earth. They have monitored our radio and TV programs for years. With their more advanced methods of acquiring knowledge in a short period of time, it is not a laborious task for them (as it is for us) to learn a new language.

6. **HOW DO SAUCERS FLY? WHAT IS THEIR PROPULSION POWER?:** Since most of their travel is in space where there is no atmosphere, they do not fly aerodynamically as do our airplanes. They use various forms and applications of electromagnetism and gravitational fields. They do not carry heavy fuel with them, as do our planes or rockets, but instead use fuel cells or the "fuel" (power) which is ever present throughout the Universe, and which keeps all the planets, stars and galaxies in their orbits. They hover above a planet's surface simply by shielding the amount of gravitational pull on their craft.

7. **HOW DO SAUCER CREWS SURVIVE RIGHT ANGLE TURNS AT THOUSANDS OF MILES PER HOUR?:** The electromagnetic power which propels the craft also propels every atom within the craft at the same time, thus eliminating any G-forces during sudden changes of direction. Thus their craft can fly tight circles around our fastest planes, without any discomfort to their occupants. Unfortunately, the power which propels our airplanes does not also propel the pilot. (The seat he is sitting in does that.) Thus he is subject to the forces of gravity and momentum when any change of direction is made.

8. **HOW DO SAUCERS DISAPPEAR INSTANTANEOUSLY?:** By increasing the strength of the craft's electromagnetic field, light is bent around the craft. Radar can sometimes detect a craft which cannot otherwise be seen. However, the saucers are capable of phasing out radar signals so that the presence of the craft cannot be detected.

9. **SCIENTISTS THEORIZE THAT MATTER WOULD CEASE TO EXIST AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT. IF THIS IS SO, HOW CAN SAUCERS TRAVEL THE VAST DISTANCES BETWEEN THE STARS?:** The Space People say that this theory is as invalid as the previously held belief that man could not surpass the speed of sound. Our own history and continuing progress in scientific achievement offers convincing testimony that the main obstacles to man's progress are the roadblocks in his own mind. That which the mind





of man can conceive he can, in time, achieve. One group of Space People say that after they had developed interplanetary flight (at sub-light speed), it was 1500 years before they were able to surpass "the light barrier" and to achieve interstellar travel. Through friendly exchange of such knowledge with the worlds of other star systems, all advanced planets now have craft that fly many thousand times the speed of light, and vast distances are no longer the barrier they once were.

10. WHAT IS LIFE LIKE ON OTHER PLANETS? DO THEY HAVE WARS AS WE DO?: War has long been eliminated as a means of settling disputes on advanced planets. Poverty, intolerance, injustice, disease and major crime are things of the past. Minor crimes (such as theft) still exist on some planets, but violators are considered sick and are quickly treated and restored to health and society.

Most manufacturing is completely automatic. Man's sustenance for life is his birthright. He lets his knowledge of science and machines work for him. There is much leisure time and visiting of other planets. Many spend all of their time living and traveling in space — their ships being almost completely independent of planets.

11. ARE OTHER PLANETS ORGANIZED INTO A FEDERATION?: Where there is transportation and communication, organization eventually follows. There are many different organizations of planets in the Universe, just as there are yet many independent nations in our world. The Universal Alliance of Planets is the largest in this sector of space. If we choose to accept their offers of help, we should advance sufficiently to qualify for the privileges of Alliance membership in about 200 years.

12. HOW CAN HUMAN LIFE EXIST ON OTHER PLANETS IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM WHEN SCIENTISTS SAY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE?: It is only impossible according to the present limited understanding of some people. The relatively crude and inaccurate instrumentation used to evaluate surface conditions of other planets constantly invalidates itself. Spectrographic analysis of Earth's atmosphere from Earth-built satellites has indicated that no oxygen is present on Earth. Therefore, by the same criteria by which we evaluate the possibility of life on other nearby planets, we must conclude that life on Earth cannot exist either.

A brief look at history indicates that scientists are often very unscientific. Few scientists are qualified as experts on subjects other than their own specialized field of study. True scientists are not dogmatic and do not ridicule or claim to be authorities on subjects about which they know little or nothing.

13. WHY DOES GOVERNMENT POLICY DEBUNK THE EXISTANCE OF FLYING SAUCERS?: Some special interest groups fear the constructive changes that would come about if the truth were known. Many politicians, churches and financial interests maintain their power, influence and control only through calculated enforcement of ignorance. They fear loss of power and loss of control over people's minds, their votes and their pocketbooks. They prefer the status quo — business as usual, in preference to the welfare of the people.

The Space People say they have repeatedly contacted all heads of major power governments. Many credible reports indicate that the U.S. has had several extraterrestrial craft in their possession for years. Through a planned program of ridicule, and the suppression of the information and evidence in their possession, governments thwart the public's interest in and knowledge of the saucer subject. However, hundreds of private saucer research organizations all over the world are helping to gradually bring the truth to the people.

14. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SPACE PEOPLE IN COMING TO EARTH?: Many of our ancestors came originally to Earth from other worlds and established colonies here. The Space People have been watching our progress and helping to guide our evolution ever since. Many religions were founded by their representatives who came here as teachers. Development of atomic bombs in 1945 indicated to the Space People that our technology would soon be able to destroy all life on Earth, and perhaps even to disintegrate the planet itself. The disintegration of our planet would endanger life (or cause the loss of it) on other planets in our solar system. They also say that radiation from nuclear tests is more harmful to our planet and to the present and future generations than some scientists realize, and that it is imperative that all underground and atmospheric bomb tests be stopped.

To help us solve our problems and transcend this critical period in our evolution, the Space People have come to offer us their help, and the benefit of their advanced knowledge and experience in surmounting similar critical periods in their own evolution. Their main purpose is to help us effect social and economic change in order to create a healthier, happier, peaceful, just and more abundant world. Once we have provided for our material needs, we will have more free time to develop our spiritual natures, so as to qualify to join with them in their travel among the stars.

15. WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION?: It represents a summary of the experiences and information of hundreds of people throughout the world who have, since 1950, had in-person or telepathic contact with people from other planets.

16. WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE SPACE PEOPLE'S GOAL OF WORLD BETTERMENT FOR OUR PLANET?: Learn as much as you can about this vital subject. Then help to pass what you have learned on to others. Quantity reprints of this leaflet are available from AFSCA for 2¢ each, postpaid.

17. WHAT IS AFSCA?: The Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America is a world-wide, non-profit research and educational organization dedicated to the mental, physical, spiritual and economic emancipation of man. It has been disseminating information on the more advanced aspects of Flying Saucer research since its inception in January 1959. It is a complete source of Flying Saucer information and materials. It has members in all 50 states and in 23 foreign countries. It has chapters in over 100 U.S. cities and in 11 foreign countries.

18. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE SAUCER SUBJECT?: Subscribe to AFSCA's quarterly journal, "Flying Saucers International" for information about "Universal Economics: The Key to World Abundance" and "The Great Plan of the Space People." (Six issues for \$3.00. Single copy, 50¢.)

For a list of Flying Saucer books, photos, magazines, post cards, lapel buttons, bumper stickers, etc., send a 6¢ stamp to AFSCA.

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Jan 3, 1969

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Science Finally Gives UFOs Nod

By PAUL HARVEY

The dreamers always must precede the doers across new horizons.

The ethical scientist has opinions, preconceptions, but dares not acknowledge them even to his colleagues. To the professional scientist all new ideas are theoretical until they are supportable with conclusive evidence.

There is no conclusive evidence about "flying saucers." Most men of science, therefore, have expressed either disdain or disinterest in the subject.

The handful of bona fide scientists who did want to speculate on UFOs found themselves in the uncomfortable company of pseudoscientists, commercial cultists, pulp booksellers and crackpots.

Last December's issue of the respected Journal of Aeronautics and Astronautics changed all that. In this technical publication the bigwigs of the esteemed AIAA subscribed to this very meaningful conclusion: "UFO phenomena cannot be resolved without quantitative scientific study; this matter merits the attention of scientists and engineers."

Suddenly the pooh - poohers were themselves refuted.

Suddenly, officially, all Air Force and other studies conducted heretofore were adjudged inadequate.

Suddenly such men as Dr. James McDonald felt less alone. Dr. McDonald, a physicist, head of the department of meteorology, University of Arizona, has been in the forefront of those few respected voices urging "quantitative study."

Inevitably now the evidence he and others have collected will be properly evaluated.

Dr. Allen Hyneck, head of the department of astronomy, Northwestern University now freely confesses his own "conversion."

Having previously rejected the notion of extraterrestrial visitations as preposterous, Dr. Hyneck — a civilian consultant to the Air Force on this subject — now urges thorough scientific examination of accumulated documentation. He says, "I can no longer dismiss the UFO phenomenon with a shrug."

Other respected professional voices join the rising chorus. For Medical Times, Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, eminent psychiatrist, examined scores of UFO "observers," decreed that they are not psychotic, not

suffering hallucination, not publicity - seekers. "More, on the contrary, fearing ridicule, are embarrassed to testify to what they saw."

Notably, Dr. Schwarz, and his colleagues find among mental patients a total absence of any such "observations."

So, concludes Dr. Schwarz, "These reports are neither conscious nor unconscious fabrication. What they say they saw they think they saw!"

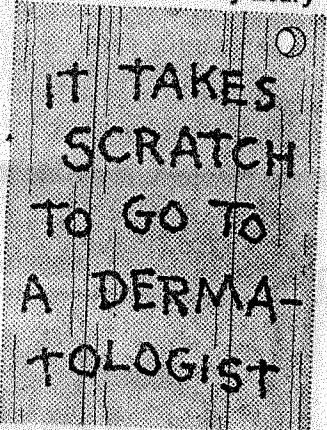
For no man is this now - official recognition more rewarding than for Dr. McDonald. He believes "UFOs constitute the greatest scientific problem of our times." He believes this matter has been "mishandled for 20 years."

Perhaps we are today where the French were just a few generations ago. Periodically, peasants had whispered or shouted stories about "stones from heaven!"

It took a handful of very brave scientists to coax the French Academy of Science properly to investigate the stories.

But the peasants' accounts proved correct and the very useful science of meteoritics was born.

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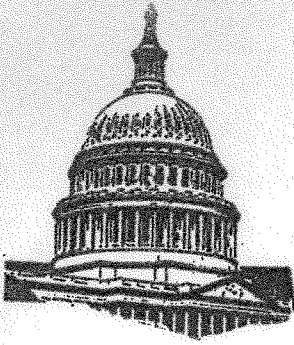
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One can put $3+2$ together and come up with 4 quite easily. For instance the pentagone has always been very instrumental in serving out wool for the suppression of UFOs and at present it is telling the public the AGM is just what it needs. There very definitely is something manipulating the pentagone and other secrets services that is trying to snare us into perpetual militarism.

I still stand on what I said, "about two years time is all we have to wake up and get out of this rut"

You men in government should be aware of these things and realize UFO information should be brought into the U.N. Soon!
Also into Communist countries

Sincerely
Bob Kuehn



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National Investigations Committee

ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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"UFO"

7 February 1969

Hon. Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford;

Warmest Greetings from California.

In view of the findings of the National Academy of Science report regarding Unidentified Flying Objects, do you personally believe that the book is closed on this subject.

Do you expect to encourage any further Congressional action?

We expect to continue filming a thirty nine week series of telecasts that will present other phases of this most interesting phenomena. In the event that you wish to keep posted as to our activities, I shall be very happy to send you a periodic report.

Meanwhile, many thanks for your kindness.

Remaining, Respectfully,

Dr. Frank E. Stranges

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"U.F.O."

(Roberts, Ralph Mrs.)

April 25, 1969

Mrs. Ralph Roberts
Route 1
Fredericktown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Thank you most sincerely for your recent letter and your interest in the report issued by the University of Colorado research team concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. I appreciate having your views and observations concerning this whole subject.

According to the Air Force, the reason the UFO investigation was performed by the team at the University of Colorado was to insure that the work would be done by an independent agency or group rather than anyone under the control of the federal government. I was further told that after Dr. Condon's group finished its report it had a thorough examination by the National Academy of Sciences which agreed with the Condon report. By handling the investigation in this way, two independent groups not controlled by the government or the Air Force looked into this important subject and concurred in their final opinion. The Air Force did make all their information on this issue available to these groups for their study and use.

Because of your deep interest and concern over this subject, I know you will be pleased to read the enclosed copy of the report issued by the Panel of the National Academy of Sciences which conducted the review of the University of Colorado report.

I will continue to maintain my personal interest and will be alert to other instances where I can be helpful and constructive.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.
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Encl.

Frederick ^{Young} ~~Young~~ ^{Woods}

Rte 1
Fredricks Town Ohio
April 10, 1969

Dear Sir:

I have been reading the Saunders' books on the Condon WFO "investigation". One could wish Condon would investigate air and water pollution, inflation, Communism, and come up with such happy conclusions! It would be a small price to pay!

In the Saunders' books I noted references to "Red-baiters" such as McCarty, Nixon, Parmell Thomas, and, of course, Martin Dies. I had wondered why I felt such a sense of dismay at Condon's selection for such an obvious to-be white wash job.

It is unfortunate that "Politics" should be involved in such an investigation. Surely there were others more acceptable to those of us who

believe UFO's exist, whatever they may be.
And that Communists exist, here in the
United States, wherever they may be.

I am sure no Communist, no fellow-
traveller, had to endure the indignities
suffered by Senator McCarthy and by
Whittaker Chambers and Martin Dies.
I think the undidog has been going under
the wrong billing.

I am heartily sick of television
programs wherein the arch-villain
is, you guessed it, an extreme right-
ist, a "super-patriot". Does patriot-
ism ever come qualified by degrees?

As with so many investigations, this
has left me with the horrible feeling
that the government has again lied
to us. We can accept the lie, but
the question that alarms me is the
motive.

Sincerely
Ira Ralph Roberts

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"U.F.O."

(Stranges, Frank E. Dr.)

September 8, 1969

Dr. Frank E. Stranges
Director
National Investigations Committee
on Unidentified Flying Objects
7970 Woodman Avenue
Van Nuys, California 91402

Dear Dr. Stranges:

I have your letter of August 29 and have consulted both the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Science and Astronautics concerning any possibility of open Congressional hearings on the subject of unidentified flying objects.

The spokesmen for the committees tell me that as of today neither of the committees are considering any further hearings on this subject.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Dr. Frank E. Stranges, DIRECTOR

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
on Unidentified Flying Objects

29 August 1969

Hon. Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford;

Warmest Greetings from Van Nuys, California.

I am writing to inform you that I have just returned from Europe where it was my pleasure to speak at the Space and Science Convention at Woburn Abbey, residence of the Duke of Bedford, London.

In view of the fact that the Condon Report has now been completed (re; UFOs) do you foresee any possibility of an open Congressional hearing into the subject ?

If so, what can this organization do in order to help promote such a hearing ?

There is so much muck that clouds this mystery that one is prone to spent much time seperating fact from fancy. I have mis-quoted on several occasions by the press etc., and would therefore believe that a Congressional hearing, on an official level, would reap much fruit and restore much of the confidence of the people in the Air Force as well as any other agency involved in such work.

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Trusting to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Remaining, Respectfully,

Frank E. Stranges

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"U.F.O"

(Missad, Gabe P.D.S.)

Re: address of Dr. Hynek

December 22, 1969

Mr. Gabe P.D.S. Missad
Route 2
Box 297-J
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Mr. Missad:

I have your recent letter concerning locating the address of Dr. J. Allen Hynek who is noted for his research on unidentified flying objects.

According to a magazine article in our files, Dr. Hynek was the Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. This article appeared in 1968 and this is the latest information we have.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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December 10, 1969

Dear Mr. Ford

I'm not sure you will remember me but I wrote to you several years back about obtaining radar equipment to track UFO's.

I have recieved several letters from you in the past in reference to this.

I am still carring on researsh work on UFO's and have been for quite sometime to locate the address of Dr. Allen J. Hynek who does research work on UFO's. I would very much appreciate it if your office could locate his address for me.

If I may ask Mr. Ford what are your personal feelings about the subject - UFO's.

Thank You
Kindest Personal Regards

Sincerely,



Gabe P.D.S. Missad

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