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1966: Unidentified Flying Objects, April (folder B48-22)  
*Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers*

HON. REP. GEROLD R. FORD,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.A.

attach to my file 7/19/66

M/F/H

Dear Mr. Ford;

I want to thank you for your reply to my letter. I want you to know with what pleasure I feel confidence in you and your representation of us there.

As I think of it, IF the people who are given the job of trying to learn the truth of the UFO things REALLY are, are allowed by these things to learn the truth, it would truly be a wonderful thing. However, the TV states that the job has been turned over to the "scientists"; and most of them are the most unbelieving possible in anything actually supernatural,--as I'M SURE THESE ARE. Also, if they should learn about the "things" living here in bodies that look like people I have my doubts they would believe that, from the things I heard these men say on TV. And I know this to be true. The difference is that these Demon Spirits, while they can make bodies like ours, they can't make a LIVING SOUL to put in it. Therefore they are a form of vampire. This may shock you. But I've known it for about 7 years, when a Dr. John Strange from N.Y. City wrote a book entitled "MY FRIEND FROM VENUS", and it contained a photograph of this 'man',--which incidentally was an exact picture of another who had let the movie industry make a movie of him and his activities, about a year before Dr. Strange had his encounter with this 'being'. Upon my investigation I learned there were 700 of them here at that time. (NO I'm not a spiritualist) It just happens that I'm a Child of God, and He has put these bits of information in my hands, so they fit together. I was literally attacked by a woman in a grocery store, last November, who is one of these things. --right out of a clear sky. What happened would stretch the imagination of anyone who is not in the know of things happening these LAST DAYS.

There is NO OTHER PLANET that is habitable; and anyone landing there will die there, as they won't ever be able to get off again. And I DONT BELIEVE GOD WILL LET MAN SET FOOT ON ANY OF THEM.

There is another question that must be pressed to the ultimate and fast. That is the terrible rise in food prices. A year ago I could live on \$15 per month for food. Then in June 1965, as we went into the Meijer Food Market, we found them marking up the food about 20%. Then it has come up several times since. As I went yesterday for my month's food (my daughter takes me then), My bill was almost \$33 for about what cost me \$15 a year ago. US on Social Security can't buy food at that rate.

I DONT BELIEVE THIS GREAT RAISE IS NECESSARY. The carriers have not been raised in pay to this extent, and I KNOW the clerks have not received raises in pay. Our Meijer Markets are the Cut-rate stores. The others charge even more.

I don't eat white bread, or things made with grain, or milk, as those are the things that cause heart trouble,

hardening of the arteries, and cancer. They already caused me a stroke which I'm trying to live down.

Also the FLOURIDATION PROBLEM. I learn from PREVENTION magazine that THE U.S. HEALTH DEPT. has been sucked in by the Communists to the extent they are trying to FORCE flouridation of ALL water on to every person. This stuff is toxic in ANY degree, and to anyone with any kind of weakness, especially kidney weakness, it is plain murder. It crystalizes the bones in everyone, and any older person breaking a bone it is impossible to heal. I have a friend about 70 yrs old, otherwise in glorious health, until she broke an ankle last January. It hasn't even begun to heal.

I know the whole history of flouridation; how we were throwing away the refuse from the aluminum smelters during World War II, until the Russians asked for it, and got it free for hauling it away. They made flouride from it, which they used to deadead the minds of the prisoners; and they fed them according to what they intended to do with them. That is how they herded them into the gas chambers without trouble. Then after the war they sold the idea to our U.S. HEALTH DEPARTMENT. We understand EVERY water Department has a man who will dump in a lethal dose at the signal from UP AHEAD, when it comes time for the Communists to strike. They also have a man in every Gas, Electric and Water Dept. to shut off all facilities at a given signal. This all ties to the same men who are pushing Flouridation.

This U.S. HEALTH DEPT. is so unethical that it should be destroyed and built up clean from scratch. It was them who has persecuted so unmercifully, the wonderful scientists and men who found a treatment for cancer. They are the same men who have done all they can to prohibit DIVINE HEALING BY THE VERY GOD IN HEAVEN, thru some of our Great Men and Women of God. 2 years ago it cost A.A.Allen of Arizona, \$25,000 to get clear of them.

I know about Divine healing, because JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF told me to do it, and I've seen glcoma, and cancer and broken bones, and Blood poisoning, and gangrene, etc, go as I laid my hand on people in the Name of Jesus Christ.

But FLOURIDATION IS the wickedest thing one American can impose on his country. According to Scientists and Doctors IT DONT DO ONE THING IT IS CREDITED WITH, but instead breaks down the health of the nation. It must be some relation to the Christless ones making all the trouble in the country.

I wish you could do something about it. God Bless you in what you do do, and keep you safe.

Please forgive bad typing as I had to try to train my left hand to work alone, as I'm paralyzed.

JESSIE M. DAVIS,  
1878 Dowd St.,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

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LEGISLATIVE

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(SLATER, E.)

RE: ETHERIAL THINGS

April 28, 1966

Mrs. Elliott Slater  
R.R. 1, Box 5  
Troutdale, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Slater:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 11th enclosing the material which I was interested to see.

I appreciate having your comments and your specific references to the booklets that you enclosed.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

Troutdale Oregon

April 11 1966

Gerald R. Ford

House Republican Leader  
Wash D. C.

Dear Sir

I am mailing you two  
booklets, on page 39 of the  
Globe & The Glory of boat  
people will find a splendid  
description of Space People  
& flying saucers. This  
book has been telepathically  
received through a channel  
in New Zealand. One will  
have to recognize E.S.P. to  
accept it.

Then in the Unversonian  
magazine on page 1. is an  
account of the landing on  
Venus of the Russian Probe  
we reviewed it in class & I  
have it on tape just as we  
heard it direct. I shall be  
glad to send you a copy of

page. should you be interested  
We feel our government  
is being secretive with  
the knowledge they have  
because of economy. Truly  
knowing how they take  
energy from the atmosphere  
& change dimensions would  
upset the apple cart of  
power companies.

Any way they are our  
friends & their one mission  
we are told is the combing  
out atmosphere of loaded atomic  
particles. And sending the  
holes pierced in the ionosphere  
belt. But an atomic war game  
would be to much for them.

I feel the articles on page  
49 & 50 concerning the first  
trip of our astronauts will  
interest you also.

Sincerely  
Mrs Elliott Slater  
Troutdale Or

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(STEWART, J. D.)

RE: STATEMENT

April 27, 1966

Mr. J. Douglas Stewart  
100 Second Street  
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of April 25th with your comments on the investigation of unidentified flying objects.

In your letter you mention the seminar you will be moderating at Ohio University on May 5th and ask for a public statement that may be presented to the group.

I hope the enclosed press releases will serve your purposes as they are the most complete statements that I have on my position at this time.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

UFO

100 Second Street  
Athens, Ohio  
April 25, 1966

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.  
Congressional Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford;

Thank you for your letter of April 4. Though I have heard no more about it in the press, I sincerely hope that you will continue to push your request for Congressional hearings into the U.F.O. situation.

I did see in the press, however, that the Air Force had dismissed the sightings by hundreds of residents of Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania--including two Portage County (Ohio) deputy sheriffs who chased the 'object' for some 85 miles--as probably the planet Venus or an Echo satellite. This must reach some new high for undermining the public's confidence in its law enforcement officials, and is certainly a situation which must not be allowed to continue.

I have been asked to moderate an open discussion of the U.F.O. situation for students and faculty here at Ohio University, to be held Thursday, May 5. If there is any public statement you would care to make for such a group--there is a great deal of interest and concern here, as I'm sure there is on college campuses all across the country--I would very much appreciate hearing from you before that date, either in writing or on tape.

Thank you very much for your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Douglas Stewart*

J. Douglas Stewart

UFO  
LAKEVIEW LODGE  
104 Monument Avenue  
Kissimmee, Fla, 32741

April 25, 1966

Dear Congressman Ford:

Thank you for your response, dated April 20, '66, regarding my previous correspondence regarding the subject of UFO's.

I am pleased to hear that an investigation of unexplained UFO sightings by a panel of scientists has been "proposed". I hope however that the investigation goes beyond the "proposal" stage, that you follow up on this, that it doesn't die of suffocation in red-tape, lack of funds, or apathy.

In regard to the books I referred to in my earlier correspondence, the proposal was made on the premise that any individual/s who is or are to investigate a controversial subject as UFO's, or who requests an investigation to be made, should have or obtain some, if not considerable, background information. Whether or not a reading of pertinent subject matter may be considered personally edifying is secondary to the above consideration.

In reminder of portions of my earlier correspondence I am enclosing for your perusal a recent report of a UFO sighting, and an "explanation" of same by our USAF. You will note that a portion of the account was made by a former USAF "gunner" in Korea. I am confident that you, as most sensible individuals in this land, will regard as most highly improbable that a member of the US Air Force, after having been selected on basis of intellect, good health, physically fit; excellent vision, subsequently trained in identification of aircraft, judging distances as part of his gunnery training, could have mistaken "Venus" for an object which he reported as having an antenna protruding from the bottom, and hovering above his cruiser. For the USAF to offer ridiculous statements, as they did in this instance,

in the light of detailed accounts to the contrary, is regarded by me, and others I dare say, as an insult to the public's interpretation of good common sense.

I urge you to take whatever measures may be within your province, or initiate steps, to restrain the USAF from further attempting to explain future sightings, on the basis that it is unqualified to do so, and that a conflict of interest factor is involved for the Air Force to do so. I base the latter on the assumption that no Air Force spokesman is going to officially admit there are intelligently operated spacecraft which can outdistance, outrun, outmaneuver any USAF aircraft of current vintage.

Aside from investigation and explanation of UFO's I feel quite strongly that space travel considerations beyond the confines of this globe are becoming a matter of reality. Accordingly, a government agency (a part of the Dept of Transportation as I see it) should be proposed to consider all the implications of space travel to and from neighboring planets. I feel this area of responsibility should be clearly established within our civilian government (thinking in terms of peace) rather than for it to become a charge of the USAF (in terms of security or defense). While we should not downgrade the factor of security, as long as our globe remains an armed camp, our interests in this field should be directed along peaceful lines.

Having confidence that you'll remain on the Washington scene for a considerable time, that before long the reality of UFO's and presence of intelligent life on other inhabited planets will have been verified as a matter of public record and acceptance, and in the light of the great strides of aviation within the past 60 years, I trust you will consider my suggestions in a favorable light when the time and occasion is deemed appropriate.

Kindest regards

  
WALTER J. DIMITRI  
MSGT, USAF, Retired

# Patrol Car Chases UFO

RAVENNA, Ohio (UPI) Two Portage County sheriff deputies Sunday followed a "bright circular" unidentified object from Atwater, Ohio, to Freedom, Pa., a distance of 85 miles. Deputies Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff were investigating a routine traffic accident at 5 a.m. when they were alerted by radio to be on the lookout for an object heading their way.

**SPAUR**, A former Air Force gunner during the Korean War, said the circular object "about 30 to 45 feet in diameter traveled at speeds from 80 to 100 miles an hour."

"It was about 1,000 feet in the air and was extremely bright," Spaur radioed to the Portage County sheriff's headquarters here.

The two deputies were joined in the chase at East Palestine, Ohio, just across the state line from Pennsylvania, by East Palestine Patrolman Wayne Huston.

**HUSTON SAID** the object appeared larger than an airliner and traveled in a straight line. He said it would change altitude suddenly.

"It was a funny thing," Huston said, "but when the object got too far ahead of us it appeared to stop and wait."

Spaur reported the object, which had something like an antenna protruding from the bottom, hovered above the cruiser in which Spaur and Neff were riding.

**SPAUR AND Neff** were questioned by an "Air Force colonel" in Freedom.

(Air Force headquarters at Greater Pittsburgh Airport said it had no report on the UFO).

"The chase lasted about 50 minutes and in that time, the object was reported seen by at least six or seven other departments, both in Ohio and Pennsylvania," the deputies said.

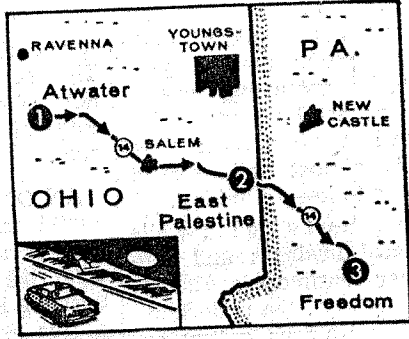
**NEFF**, A one-time Seabee, agreed with Spaur in the description of the object and added that it "had no wings."

"It was really weird," was the way Spaur described his feeling while reporting via radio that the object was hovering above the cruiser.

The deputies said they followed the object down State Route 224 to State Route 14 through Salem, East Palestine and into Pennsylvania.

**THE SUMMIT** County sheriff's office started the chain of events after a woman called and reported seeing the object in the sky.

Chief Gerald Bucher of the Man-



Chase Route

Ohio deputies Sunday reported chasing "bright circular" flying object from (1) Atwood, Ohio, to (3) Freedom, Pa., 85 miles. At (2) East Palestine, city policeman joined chase.

tua, Ohio, Police Department reported seeing the object and said he took pictures of it.

In Benton Harbor, Mich., a flying object described as so bright "you couldn't look straight at it" was sighted early Sunday near the downtown section of the city. Three rubbish collectors said they saw the object hover over a motel along the St. Joseph River.

## AF Reports Sky 'Saucer' Really Venus

WASHINGTON — (AP) —

That object in the sky Deputy Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, of Ravenna, Ohio, said he and his partner chased for an hour and a half last Sunday probably was the planet Venus, says the Air Force.

Spaur reported "somebody had control over" the object. But the Air Force said "radar indicates that no airborne objects were in the area at the time of the sighting." Venus was rising in the southeast at the time, the Air Force said, and was brighter than any star in the sky.

The same night, Police Chief Gerald Buchert, of nearby Mantua, Ohio, said he took a picture of an object resembling "two table saucers put together." Concerning Buchert's claim, the Air Force said:

"Photoanalysis of the negative . . . indicates that the 'very bright light' which he tried to photograph does not appear as an image. The two images which appear on the negative are probably the result of processing defects due to old fogged film and poor handling . . ."

Hundreds of persons in both Ohio and Pennsylvania reported seeing a "brilliant and shiny" object in the sky early Sunday. The Air Force did not comment on this.

ORLANDO SCUDINEC. (ORLANDO, FLA)  
APRIL 18, 1966

MIAMI HERALD - APRIL 24, 1966

Copy - Gerald Ford UFO  
N/A  
(Believe you have this copy, referred to, in your file.)

Tuesday  
April 26, 1966

Mr. George Clark  
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear George:

See attached clip, then read this following quote from the letter I just sent you last Tuesday, April 19:

"Something momentous is in the wind...with the Si's. So big that they are actually going to attempt to bring one of their craft down into Philadelphia to contact me! One of the big ones, that is.

For some time I have been trying to get them to do just that...but not until today did they signal that they were going to come into Philadelphia into Center City...to try a contact with me. That is how important it is to them to make a contact physically with their human contact.

I understand from "thinking with them" that ordinarily they hate to go into a city...down around buildings, etc. But...frustrated over the U.S. Government's refusal to help me meet them in the Michigan woods, or in an isolated European castle...then they will make an effort to find me, here. They know where I am at all times...but reaching me with one of their large craft...that's something else.

So...when you read about the UFO seen in Philadelphia, in the days or weeks ahead...you will know who it is linking up with."

That's what I wrote you, George...exactly one week ago. Now read clipping.

P K Man (Owens) *Owens*

P.S. If you will check the picture of this UFO, in this clipping, taken by the 14 year old boy...you will readily see that this UFO, and the UFO photographed in Australia and pictured in the Life magazine article on UFO's several weeks ago...are exactly the same.

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AP Wirephoto  
This photo of long-tailed meteor that streaked across northeast U. S. was taken by 14-year-old Utica, N. Y., youth, Dana DeGeorge, as he stood in his back yard with a friend.

# Huge Fireball Sighted Flashing Over East By Startled Thousands

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Maryland countryside about 10 miles north of the Capitol. A Ridley Park man said he

spotted the thing when his collie, Jamie, began barking at the sky.

The man, John W. Brown, of 237 Stoney Hill rd., said the thing, which he spotted from his backyard, "was well over 10,000 or 12,000 feet high. It was directly overhead and going on a bullet trajectory and died out about 15 degrees above the horizon."

## VAPOR TRAIL LEFT

An official of Yale University Observatory in Connecticut said the object might have been a Bolide — a type of meteor which enters the atmosphere at slower speeds and seems to travel at a level altitude.

The object's long tail left a vapor trail similar to that left by jet planes at high altitudes. This brought fears it was a plane burning and about to crash.

Flying saucer fears also were rampant, especially, in all probability, since the recent mysterious UFO sightings in Michigan and elsewhere.

## HEAD AT PORTHOLE

In Asbury Park, N.J., someone with a wilder explanation told the city's newspaper, "I saw a head peering out a porthole."

Near Atlantic City, an engineer at the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Corp., at Pomona, told State Police the object was a meteor that exploded on entering the earth's atmosphere.

Descriptions of the object ranged from "huge Roman Candle" to "starburst," "fireworks," and "flying saucers." Its color varied in observers' eyes from dazzling white to blue green or red. All agreed on one thing—the object was traveling on a descending course from south to north.

## 'LANDING' REPORTED

Police from the Carolinas to Toronto checked reports of downed aircraft or that the object landed in their areas. "Everyone thought it came down near them," a Coast Guard official said.

In Bucks county, a woman called police to say the fireball crashed down on the Levittown parkway.

In Scranton, a man was talking on the phone with another man in Binghamton, N. Y. They saw the object at the same time.

## Meteor Flashes Over East

# Thousands Sight 'Fireball'

By ROBERT J. HAYES  
Of The Inquirer Staff

A bright ball of fire trailing a long fiery tail startled thousands in the Delaware Valley and most of the Mid-Atlantic Coast as it shot across the sky near sundown Monday.

The object, reported seen in Rochester, N. Y., Boston, in areas of Ohio and the Carolinas, was described soon after it was sighted by astronomers and Federal Aviation Agency authorities as a meteor.

Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of the Franklin Institute's Fels Planetarium, said the fireball was seen by a member of his staff, Edward Bailey, of Bala Cynwyd.

"From his description," Dr. Levitt said, "it was most likely a meteor, but there are too many unknowns."

"The object," he said, "was very unusual for two reasons. For one, it was as bright as a full

moon. It was also very slow. You can usually count on seeing meteors only for about 15 seconds."

The object, seen about 8:10 P. M., caused a general swamping of area police switchboards. Philadelphia police headquar-

ters alone reported more than 500 calls—many from policemen. Municipal telephones buzzed to the tune of about 1000 calls. Phone calls swamped police boards in Delaware, Montgomery, Chester and Bucks counties, and in North and South New Jersey.

About an hour after the meteor was seen here, Dr. Levitt said he received a report the object had been sighted over Boston. He said observers in New England had reported it was headed for a crash-down in Canada.

Whatever it was, Dr. Levitt

said, it was big. Its chances of coming down in one piece, he said, depended on its composition.

"If it's iron, it could make it down in one piece," he said. "If it's a stone and iron mixture—friable—it will probably break up."

Apparently the object's destination depended largely upon where you were sitting when you saw it.

A private pilot landed at the Bridgeport, N. J., airport and reported seeing "a large, brilliantly green spherical object about 5000 feet in the air going at about 600 miles an hour."

"It was headed due west, and extinguished itself in the vicinity of the General Electric plant in Chester."

In Washington, reports were that the object landed in the

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Gerald R. Ford, U.S.  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

VFA  
MIA

Dear Mr Ford: I have yours of April 21st. which included the News  
Congressman, Release. Very interesting if it all carries. We had another  
UFO sighting near here last week and from the description  
I got in the papers and over the radio, I draw the object below.

I cannot tell the porportion, nor the measurements, but AEROdynamically it will fly. Of course I have not told all, however it is NOT from outer space.

This is the first time that I have ever heard of an account of these UFO's where the description has made any sense. Of course if the UFO happens to be from outer space, the description is not going to give much detail and they will not show on the RADAR screen.

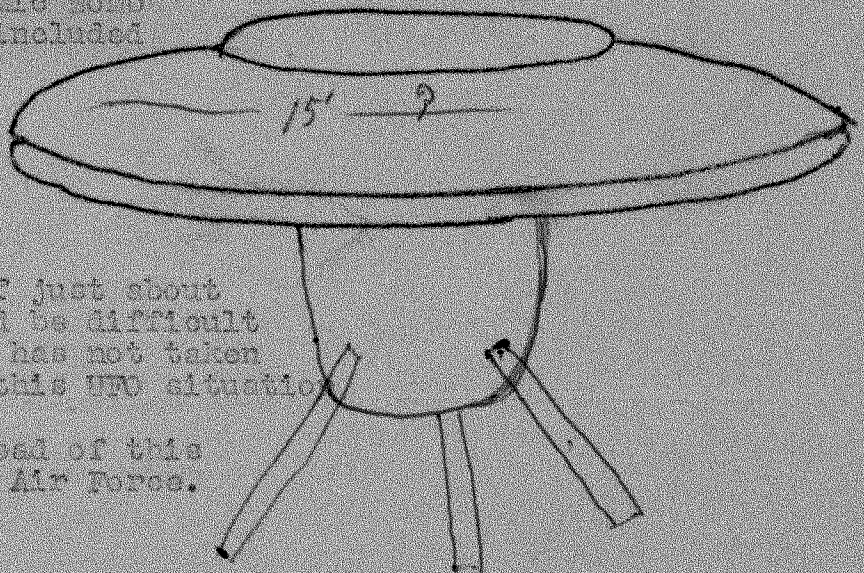
Now we have and especially in the midwest, thousands of small mechanics shops, out in the country. There are several in each county, you probably know of a few yourself up in Michigan. Some of the operators are scientists in any sense of the word.

They make all parts of things and work on many types of machines though many may seem a little odd, none of them are MITS, I believe that we are going to have to contend with many types of UFO turned out by these MICHIGANS who attempt for some kind of secrecy with patent rights in view.

This gadget below was sighted near WIMA GRISTY IND, I did not go over and make any investigation. As the Air Force stated in your MITS LETTER there is too much effort involved to be running around the country on your own expense.

It was reported that the object landed in a swamp where small trees had broken limbs left and the 3 marks where the legs set in the soft dirt. I seem to think the pilot ran out of fuel and landed in the first cover that showed. The object below, I question it's maneuverability and fuel supply for any distance.

I am not too excited about a study of the situation being made up completely of scientists from any University, under contract by the Air Force or otherwise. I remember full well that many college professors were given credit for the Atomic Bomb and I feel that it also included a nice piece of money, possibly to keep quiet on the subject, whether they had anything to do with it or not.



I AM suspicious of just about anything. I think it would be difficult to find any college that has not taken some kind of a stand on this UFO situation.

Who by the way is head of this operation concerning the Air Force.

Respt

R. F. VALE  
Wolf Lake  
Ind.

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(ECKLIN, J. W.)

RE: KNOWS HOW  
SAUCERS ARE RUN

April 21, 1966

Mr. John W. Ecklin  
506 Oriendale Drive  
Monteville, Alabama 35806

Dear Mr. Ecklin:

Thank you for your letter of April 6th telling me that you are of the opinion that the UFO debate will not be resolved until we see there is the possibility of getting propulsion from something other than a rocket. You also tell me that you believe there are such things because you say you understand how they are propelled and enclose a copy of your article "Tomorrow's Physics" to demonstrate this principle.

I was interested to have your opinions and your observations and I am sure that someone more scientifically-inclined than I would be able to understand them. However my main purpose in this UFO matter has been, and will continue to be, that of seeing that an investigation is held, all possible evidence examined, and the results made known to the public. As you will see from the enclosed releases a step in this direction is being made.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

PHOTOCOPY FROM GERALD FORD LIBRARY

506 Greendale Dr.  
Huntsville, Ala 35806  
April 6, 1966

Representative G. R. Ford  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It seems to me the UFO debate will not be resolved until we see there is the possibility of getting propulsion from something other than a rocket.

I believe there are such things because I see how they can be propelled.

Sincerely,

John W. Eklun

Enc.: Tomorrow's Physics  
Summary  
cc: File

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(HOLM G . L.)

RE: COPY OF BILL  
AND INFORMATION

April 21, 1966

Mr. Gary Lunde Holm  
427 - 5th Avenue, N.W.  
Minot, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Holm:

Thank you for your recent card requesting a copy of my bill calling for a Congressional investigation into unidentified flying objects and also requesting any information that I or the Air Force have.

Although I called for an investigation by the Congress, I introduced no bill as this is not a legislative matter at the present time. For that reason I cannot send you a copy of "my bill" as none exists.

However I am pleased to send you copies of each of the press releases that I have made as well as a copy of the hearings by the House Committee on Armed Services. I hope this information will be helpful and if you wish material from the Air Force, you may want to write them directly. You may address them simply: Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

PHOTOCOPY FROM GERALD FORD LIBRARY

Dear Congressman Ford:

Please send me a copy of  
your bill calling for a Congressional  
investigation into U.F.O.'s.  
Also, if possible, could I get  
any further information you or  
the Air Force has on this  
subject.

Respectfully,  
Gary Lunde Holm  
427 15th Ave. N.W.  
Minot, N. Dakota

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Congressman Gerald Ford  
of Michigan  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.



LEGISLATIVE

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(BIRMINGHAM, N.)

RE: WAVIS HEARINGS  
FROM ARMED SERVICE

April 20, 1966

Mr. Norman N. Birnberg  
3035 W. Ainslie  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Mr Birnberg:

Thank you for your letter of April 7th asking to have your name put on the mailing-list to receive a copy of the hearings before the House Committee on Armed Services.

We have requested these hearings from the Committee and they will be sent to you under separate cover as soon as they arrive in the office.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

PHOTOCOPY FROM GERALD FORD LIBRARY

3035 W. Ainslie  
Chicago, Ill., 60625  
April 7, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

Please put me on the mailing-list to receive a copy of the  
hearings before the House Committee on Armed Services concerning unidentified  
flying objects.

Sincerely,

  
Norman N. Birnberg

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(IMPLER, J H.)

RE: AGAINST  
INVESTIGATION

April 20, 1966

Mr. J. H. Immler  
Home Builders Association of Stark County  
Fulton Road Shopping Center  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Immler:

I am sorry that you received the wrong reply in response to your letter expressing opposition to my calling for an investigation of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

I regret that the error happened and I hope you will excuse it. Being in business yourself, you may understand that mistakes occasionally occur where large volumes of mail are dealt with.

It is unfortunate that this happened and I am also sorry that we do not see eye-to-eye on the need to reassure some of my good Michigan people about the objects that they have seen in the night skies. I assure you that I agree with you that there are many more critical issues than UFO's, however hearings have been held on Viet Nam and we have statements and discussions and statements about that problem almost daily. It is not being neglected, I assure you.

The fact that your letter was confused with another one does not reflect on the way that your letter was phrased. It was a mistake and was not done intentionally.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Office of the Minority Leader**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C.**

April 4, 1966

Mr. J.H. Immler  
Home Builders Association of Stark Country  
Fulton Road Shopping Center  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Immler

I was pleased to have your recent message in support of the statements that I made on the television program, FACE THE NATION.

It was good to hear from you and I appreciated having your specific comments. Despite the many issues which concern us today, I am sure that we all can agree that the most important task before us now is to lay the groundwork for a Republican victory this fall.

Only by increasing our numbers in the Congress can we really have an effective check on the programs and policies of the Johnson Administration which deeply concern so many of us. Your encouragement means a lot to me.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

Dear Rep. Ford,

Thank you for your answer above. A recheck of my letter would show, that while I do support your stand generally I had written you urging most strongly that you drop any idea for an investigation of UFO in Michigan at this critical time when we might all think more of Viet Nam, et al. I was I thot most urgent on this and expressed my very strong disapproval of your intended investigation as frivolous and not the stand of one talking economy in government. This of course, you may consider "encouragement". I do hope for more Republicans in Congress, I hope you continue as one of them. And I hope, a little better re-check on letters might help. Would you like to answer this..on the UFO investigation?

Sincerely,



4/9/66

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(MELZER, B.)

RE: HEARINGS

April 14, 1966

Ms. Barbara Melzer  
5932 Longview Drive  
La Grange, Illinois

Dear Ms. Melzer:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 6th with your comments and suggestions for an investigation of unidentified flying objects.

Your remarks are certainly welcomed and while I will not be the one to decide what type of examination takes place, I would certainly hope that a fair and open hearing could be held.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

Let's ask  
3932 Longview Drive  
La Grange, Illinois  
April 6, 1966

Rep. Gerald R. Ford  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

These are a few thoughts I've been mulling around and have finally put down on paper.

1. I'm very glad the Air Force has been persuaded to reexamine the UFO.
2. I hope to dear God we will not be so head-in-the-clouds pompous as to look into only the American reports. Isolation of this sort is absurd. People all over the world have written reports about unexplained phenomena - these should be included.
3. Let's hope this "panel of experts" has a membership of practical and theoretical and social scientists, with a few engineers and aero-space

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efforts to boot. And, that they are all presented with all relative data on unexplained reports. Bashing a sighting of Venus or the latest weather balloon is of no use and may prove harmful because it breeds contempt.

4. Keep ridicule, skepticism and fanaticism out of the hearings. (Put Bepko in the last category.)

5. Have the French astronomer Jacques Vallee if not on the panel, at least a consultant of it.

I would recommend (but who am I?)

that everyone involved read his book.

Anatomy of a Phenomenon - Beguery - 1965.

He is not a fanatic or a pure skeptic, he is lucid and critical and has studied UFO reports from all over the globe - including Blue Books.

I would like to hear something about what things are instead of what they aren't + haven't done.

Very truly yours,  
Barbara Welzer

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(FAY, A. B.)

W:R COMPLIMENTS  
ON EDITORIAL

April 14, 1966

Mr. Albert B. Fay  
1801 Dallas Avenue  
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr,

I was pleased to have your letter of April 4th enclosing the clipping from the normally Democrat-controlled HOUSTON CHRONICLE. I was glad to have this for my "scrapbook" and appreciate your sending it along to me as I otherwise would not have seen it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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# Republican National Committee



*Gerald Ford*

RAY C. BLISS  
CHAIRMAN

ALBERT B. FAY  
MEMBER FOR TEXAS  
1801 DALLAS AVE.  
HOUSTON 3, TEXAS

4 April 1966

Hon. Gerald Ford  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a most complimentary editorial about  
you from our Democrat-controlled HOUSTON CHRONICLE.

Sincerely,

ALBERT B. FAY

ABF/u

Encl.

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(BERNT, K. L.)

RE: IDEAS ON  
CAUSE

April 14, 1966

Mr. Karl L. Bernt  
1016 Bridge Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Dear Mr. Bernt:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 3rd offering a possible explanation for the cause of the unidentified flying objects that have been seen.

Although I have called for a Congressional investigation of UFO's, I am not in a position to judge whether or not there is some simple explanation for these sightings, whether they are military crafts, or whether they are extra-terrestrial objects.

Therefore, I cannot tell you whether your deduction is the proper one or not. You may wish to write to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and ask them this question.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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JFD

April 3, 1966

Honorable Gerald Ford  
Rep. House Minority Leader  
Lansing, Michigan

Congressman Ford;

I would like to offer a plausible explanation (1) for the appearance of the U.F.O.'s, (2) why they, if not a vehicle of ours or an other nation do not contact us. (3) where possibly they may be from.

If what I discuss does not be the correct answer, it may at least focus our nation's attention on the correct solution.

First, observation over the years shows us the majority of the U.F.O.'s when sighted on the ground are usually in the vicinity of, or over

we see conditions that could  
answer most of our questions. (3)

Thus they appear mostly at  
night to hide their operations, as  
the smaller liaison vehicles  
shuttle to earth and back to a  
waiting larger mother ship as has  
been observed, which acts as a  
tanker. The U.F.O.'s have a tube underneath.

Jupiter because of its large  
mass would have proportionately  
less water. We know that  
methane and ammonia do exist there.  
They also prefer land water without  
other chemicals as contained in sea  
water and has no nitrates or  
ammonia. When they return they  
still have the oxygen remaining to  
react with their natural gases.

Perhaps they could not exist here  
or on Mars because they are  
accustomed to a rarified oxygen  
atmosphere, however, they do need water.  
(see opposite side)

water. Also related are high <sup>②</sup>  
tension or frequency wires.  
when they do seem to be  
following us, as they hove with  
our cars and trucks they are  
using diversionary tactics, making  
believe they are observing us.

Their primary interest is for  
refueling or stealing if we may  
call it of our water. At first  
this may seem simple, however,  
a simple current of electricity will  
decompose water into  $H^+$  and  $O^{--}$

At present our U.S. Army is perfecting  
a military engine capable of running  
on  $NH_3$  or ammonia, hydrogen is  
even more powerful however risky too  
handle. M.I.T also is researching a gravity  
machine.

If where these objects come from  
one a planet such as Jupiter  
where science has said life could  
exist and some water is present,

If we may believe some accounts, these people are about 4-5 feet high 80-100 lbs and a greenish coloring this would exactly fit the conditions as the density, gravity and chemical conditions of Jupiter.

Perhaps at one time Mars did have more water but was taken by them. Also why do our polar glaciers seem to recede without an increase of our water supply?

If anything I hope this was good for a laugh if not true.

Sincerely,

P.S.  
I have an idea  
of how they  
create a non-  
gravitational field.

Mr. Carl L. Bernt  
1016 Bridge St  
Grand Rapids Mich.  
49504

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(GREGORY, N.)

RE: RIGHT OR  
WRONG ON HER  
IDEA

April 13, 1966

Mrs. Neva Gregory  
1142 Washington Avenue  
Muskegon, Michigan 49441

Dear Mrs. Gregory:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter enclosing the clipping of the letter that you wrote and asking me if you are right or wrong in your explanation of the probably cause of these unidentified flying objects.

Although I have called for a Congressional investigation of UFO's, I am not in a position to judge whether or not there is some simple explanation for these sightings, whether they are military craft, or whether they are extra-terrestrial objects.

Therefore, I cannot tell you whether your deduction is the proper one or not. You may wish to write to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and ask them this question. I am returning your clipping in case you need it to do this.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Muskegon Mich

April 4, 1966

Congressman Gerald Ford

Dear Sir

I enclose the enclosed.

I know you are asking for an investigation of U. F. O. I don't know who to write too. So maybe you could give them this clipping. I am just curious to know how right or wrong I am.

If I remember my geography lessons correctly, it is the only possible deduction I could come to at this time.

Thank you.

Mrs Neva Gregory

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(KILLBEY, L.)

REL OFFER HELP

April 13, 1966

Mr. Lawrence L. Kibbey  
Credit Clearing House  
412-414 Tussing Building  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kibbey:

Thank you for your letter of April 6th offering the services of yourself and others to bring pressure to bear on the government to give you some answers on the cause of unidentified flying objects.

I appreciate your support for the investigation and suggest that you may want to write to the Chairman of the House Committees on Armed Services and Science and Astronautics as I have done and as others have done, requesting an investigation.

In your letter you requested releases that I have made and you will find these enclosed. They also contain the names of the Chairmen of these two committees and their addresses. Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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April 6, 1966

Rep. Gerald R. Ford  
H230 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ford:

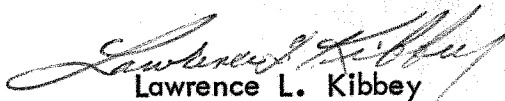
In reading the account of the 1961 Secret House Hearings on UFO's in Sunday's Detroit News, I couldn't help but want to yell "White Wash." After reading the many accounts of the Michigan sightings, I have attended four meetings with other people that would like some answers to a lot of questions about U.F.O.'s. Many of us would like to offer our services to help bring pressure to bear on the government to give us some answers.

Do you feel we could be of assistance by taking up a petition or forming groups to send on to you any information that might be of help in presenting an honest and clear picture to the American public. We want to help but are a little uncertain as to where to start.

Would you please send us any materials, clippings, or news releases that might help us present a reliable picture to the people we talk to.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can give us.

Very truly,

  
Lawrence L. Kibbey

LLK/blc

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(CHAMBERLAIN, E.)

RE: INFO

April 13, 1966

Mr. Ernest Chamberlain  
Route #2  
Lynnville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a statement on the unidentified flying objects that were sighted over Michigan.

I am pleased to enclose the three statements that I have made on this matter and I hope that they will be useful to you.

Kindest personal regards.

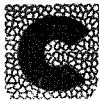
Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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ERNEST F. CHAMBERLAIN

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Route #2  
Lynnville, Indiana  
47619

Senator Gerald Ford  
Washington, D. C.

Good morning, Senator--

I Apologize in advance for intruding into your busy day, but I would like to ask you for a statement on the UFO's recently sighted over Michigan, and your request for a congressional inquiry into same.

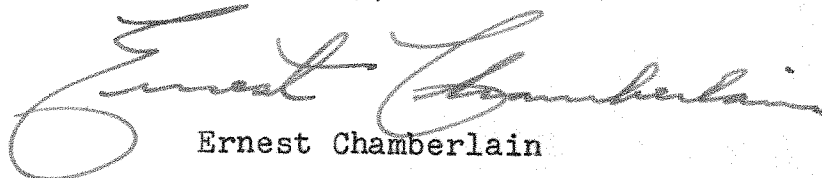
I am preparing an article for a national magazine, THE SCARE IN THE SKIES: FACT OR FANTASY?, and personally believe "Fact" in some instances over the past years.

Something is out there, Senator.

However, my article will not be editorial opinion; it will be a presentation of things as they are--or appear to be.

May I hear from you, sir?

Cordially,

  
Ernest Chamberlain

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(UDALL, M.)

RE: COPY  
LETTER RE SENT

April 21, 1966

Honorable Morris K. Udall  
455 House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Morris:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the copy of the letter that you received from Dr. James E. McDonald. Jim McDonald's letter was excellent and I was pleased to write him, giving him the status of the investigation.

I appreciate your offer of help and assistance and thought you would like to see the enclosed release which was released today.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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MORRIS K. UDALL  
2D DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  
455 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEES:  
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS  
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 1, 1966

*UFD*  
*Excellent letter*  
*Thank you Dr. McDonald*  
*Explain to Dr. what com. on demand*  
*Service is doing.*  
*Still with you*

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
House of Representatives  
H-230 Capitol

Dear Gerry:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received from a constituent and good friend, Dr. James E. McDonald, Director of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona. I'm sure you will be interested in what he has to say.

I think Jim has an excellent suggestion which ought to be considered, and I'm sure with your interest in the subject you will want to respond to him directly. I'll be glad to work with you if I can be of any help.

Best regards,

*M. Udall*  
Morris K. Udall

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Enclosure

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Miss Rayan  
Sec. to J. Edgar Hoover  
Time

Mrs. Army Luce

~~Blount~~ views on UFO  
602  
955-6220.

43 Bellwood  
Estates  
Phoenix, Ariz.

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(LUCE, MRS. H.)

RE: SUPPORT  
AND WANT  
STATEMENT

Note of telephone call----4/18/66: I talked to Mrs. Luce and she expressed support for the Congressional investigation of UFO's; expressed disdain for "Project BlueBook" and hope that Mr. Ford would continue to press for an investigation.

She wanted us to give our best wishes to Mr. Ford and pass along note that she called. I sent her the releases that she wanted.

jb

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(HAIR, ROSIE)

RE: STUDY

April 6, 1966

Mrs. Rosie Hair  
2186 Townsend  
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hair:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 29th, telling me of your respect for our system of government. While imperfect as it may be, it is as Winston Churchill once said, "the worst form of government except for any other that has ever been tried."

Your kind message of support is certainly appreciated and is encouraging to me as I set about my work of this day. Regarding the conversation you overheard on the bus, I want you to know that I am concerned about the unexplained sightings of UFO's over Michigan skies and I think the enclosed statements testify to that fact.

I assure you that I do not push this aside as some matter to be lightly dismissed, and for that reason, I have called for a full and open investigation of the sightings.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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VFD

Gerald R. Ford  
House Office Building  
Washington D.C.

Gerald

Dear Sir;

At a very young age, I learned to respect our system of Government. It isn't a perfect system, it can't be because it is a system created by imperfect men, but to me it's one of the best systems in this confused world of men. One thing that makes it so wonderful an individual like myself can have a small part in creating a world I want to live in and have my children live in. Another very important thing is that I know a man like you, Gerald R. Ford is in Washington D.C. to vote, and to give voice for the better of our Country. I put Michigan second, because reading some of your views, you are a rep. of Michigan, but more so the entire American People.

Now for the first time, I am shocked  
at the men as a body, who are in Washington  
who represent the American People. Last  
night on our city here I heard a woman  
chase the United States Air Force, and  
Congress. This really hurt me, but I  
can almost understand her feelings. I  
can't see you and any other official  
over looking the reports on the strange  
U.F.O. sightings seen in Michigan, and  
parts of the country. These U.F.O.'s  
have been seen by responsible men.  
If the men who patrol (the police) we  
are a bunch of swamp gas, surely then  
we are really in trouble. Police men  
has seen this. If the Air Force knows  
anything, and keeps it from the public  
then they are wrong! This is an intelligent  
society, not a society of thrill seeking  
Nuts. I believe the Government should  
investigate these sightings. There has to  
be something to them. Mr. Ford, please  
don't push it off as just another  
star like some expect to want us  
to believe.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Russ Hair  
Detroit 14, Mich

LEGISLATIVE

UFOR's

(BUSH, R.)

RE:

April 6, 1966

Mr. Ronald Bush  
31698 E. Bellvine  
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your letter of April 2nd and your seven inch reel of recording tape that you sent under separate cover with the request that I record my comments on unidentified flying objects.

I regret that we do not have the facilities to record on this tape here in the office however I am pleased to enclose some statements along with the returned tape that may be helpful for your program.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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31698 E. Bellvine  
Birmingham, Mich.  
48010  
4/2/66

HERE IT IS FRANK -- WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Representative Gerald R. Ford  
Cannon House Office Building  
Room 351  
Washington D.C.

THE TAPE IS TOO BIG FOR  
OUR MACHINE

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am a senior at Wylie Groves H. S. in Birmingham, Mich. For my term project in radio speech class I am doing a documentary on unidentified flying objects. Along with this letter I have sent a seven inch reel of recording tape. I realize you are probably very busy so if you have time and if you feel the questions are reasonable, would you please personally answer the following questions, briefly, on the tape?

1. Why do you feel it is necessary to initiate a congressional investigation of the U.F.O. sightings?
2. Do you believe the Air Force has done an adequate job in informing the public of the true nature and validity of the U.F.O. sightings the Air Force has investigated?
3. Using all the information you have access to as a congressman do you think there is sufficient grounds for believing that objects of unearthly origin have been flying through our atmosphere?
4. Why haven't the newservices carried some of the cases of U.F.O. sightings which are unexplained and seem valid.

If you do not wish to answer all of the questions or you do not have time to answer them would it be possible to send me some information on why you think a congressional investigation is necessary? If you record your answers the tape will be played as part of my program in the form of an interview.

I have included a large self-addressed stamped envelope to use for returning the tape. Any additional information you wish to put on the tape or send will be appreciated.

Thankyou very much for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Bush

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(LORENZEN, C. E.)

RE: BULLETINS  
SHE SENT

April 9, 1966

Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen  
Secretary  
Aerial Phenomena Research Association  
3910 East Kleindale Road  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Lorenzen:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 28th telling me of your phone conversation with a member of my staff and about the book you which I wrote you about a few days ago.

I did note the marked portions of your book which I was interested to see. I appreciate having your suggestions about a scientifically oriented study of UFO's and although I will not be the one to determine what type of examination will be held or even the one to decide whether a full examination will be held, I am pleased to hear from you.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed statement which gives the most recent information that I have publicized on the status of the investigation.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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*Aerial Phenomena Research Organization*

3910 EAST KLEINDALE ROAD  
602-326-0059  
TUCSON, ARIZONA - 85716

28 March 1966

Representative Gerald Ford  
The Capitol Building H230  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir:

This letter is in confirmation of and reference to my telephone call this afternoon during which I spoke with your Secretary. I have read in various news releases in the last few days, of your suggestion for a Congressional Hearing concerning the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects.

With all due respect, and considering the fact that you are "uninitiated", so to speak, concerning the various known facts about UFO reports, I suggest that, rather than a Congressional Hearing, we do need a SCIENTIFICALLY ORIENTED study of past reports with a strong emphasis on ~~investigation and study~~ of those which will no doubt come in the near future. We cannot have a hearing concerning a subject which todate deals only with a phenomenon of random occurrence; at least from a scientific and logical point of view, that would not be possible.

Enclosed you will find a brochure which describes this organization, the people who participate on a staff level, and its policies and aims. Also enclosed is a copy of a briefing prepared by Mr. Lorenzen, for President Kennedy in March, 1961. Under separate cover I am sending a copy of my book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" which was the first book to outline the pattern of behavior of the "UFOs" and to attempt to predict their future actions. You will find markers and underlinings on certain pages to call your attention to certain information which should be of interest to you at this time.

In particular, on page 175, bottom of paragraph 1, "that a geographical and military reconnaissance of the whole planet had been undertaken which would not be complete until our power and water supplies were mapped. The main reason for this letter lies with the underlined above. Reports of UFOs hovering over or landed near electrical transmission complexes began in 1959. Certain reports in the last few years indicate this reconnaissance has been stepped up. Last November 9 a completely unexplained (despite what the press reported) power failure crippled the Northeast U. S. for a period of several hours. On the same night the same thing happened in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prior to that, there had been a blackout at Cuernavaca, Mexico, during which time a UFO maneuvered and hovered over that City.

We have found an interesting correlation, besides the preoccupation with electrical power, in the UFO activity of 1965. An alarming number of reports involved hovering or landed UFOs over or near water sources such as reservoirs and fresh water sources. The numbers of reports which involved landed UFOs increased greatly in 1965 over those of other years.

What I am suggesting may seem almost too much to consider if one is not familiar with the UFO activity of the past 19 years. Nevertheless, however, careful documentation and study indicates that, whatever the UFO are, they are being seen in increasing numbers, and their proximity to those installations which concern our electrical power, and our water sources, which constitute our two most vital

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resources, is alarming. Equally alarming is the fact that this is happening not just in the United States, but elsewhere in the world. Brazil, which probably has the greatest potential of any other country in the Western Hemisphere with the exception of the U. S., has been literally overrun with UFOs since 1954, and the electrical and water resources there have also been the sites of UFO landings and hovering maneuvers. This is just an example.

Concerning the Congressional Hearing possibility, a similar organization to ours, named NICAP, and located in Washington, D. C. has concentrated on lobbying for Congressional Hearings since their inception in 1957. They have gotten nowhere and for very good reason. THERE IS A LACK OF BASIC DATA. Sufficient interest to even mildly support such action as hearings, seldom sustains itself for the simple reason that UFO reports are a random thing.

Unfortunately, the field of UFO Research has concentrated on pressure tactics and much time and effort has been wasted which could have been spent on research. It is our suggestion that the research should come first.

Dr. Sprinkle and Dr. Salisbury (see brochure) recently participated on an NBC-TV Public Information production called "The Open Mind". The program in question dealt with the subject of UFOs. Other members of the "roundtable" were Dr. Menzel of Harvard, a well-known "anti-UFO" authority, John Fuller of Saturday Review who recently wrote up the Exeter, New Hampshire sightings for LOOK Magazine, Eric Goldman, the moderator, and Dr. Allen Hynek, consulting astrophysicist to the Air Force's Project Bluebook.

In the course of the discussion Dr. Hynek pointed out that the Air Force is not a scientific organization, and he felt that a civilian research organization should be funded to study the problem. He has made this suggestion to the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Fully cognizant as I am that this letter may well label me as well as my colleagues, as being "crackpot", etc., etc., I feel it is my duty as a human being and an American citizen to inform you of our findings and their possible meaning. And I ask you to consider the following:

With the general attitude of authoritarian groups toward the UFOs in the past 19 years, it is entirely possible that a race (of races) of intelligent beings from beyond the earth, somewhere in space, could reconnoiter this planet, map it geographically, explore our military defenses and ultimately learn sufficient about our civilization, our resources and our psychological make-up to be able to PREPARE AND CARRY OUT AN INVASION without any resistance to speak of for the simple reason that the evidence which was at hand during the 19 years, was completely IGNORED!

We of UFO Research cannot exactly excuse ourselves for, for the most part, we have concentrated on laying the blame for the UFOs any where possible, and generally at the doorstep of the U. S. Air Force. This organization, (APRO) is the only American group which has given any time or effort to speak of, to data study and correlation. We are also the only ones to realize that this problem is a global one and that no statement by the U. S. Air Force or the Congress is going to solve the mystery- THAT MUST BE DONE IN A CAREFUL AND SCIENTIFIC MANNER- and not by emotional people who merely want a snap judgement by some authoritarian agency so that they can hand the responsibility to someone else.

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As Dr. Dudley, one of APRO's physicist advisers has said, "I recommend we use a bit of scientific curiosity to see whatever is the physics of the phenomena so many people are describing as UFOs. Ascribing the phenomena as due to psychological aberrations is nonsense. There is a series of physical phenomena that needs explaining. Let's get on with it in an open-minded, scientifically-oriented manner."

Mr. Ford, I may not be one of your constituents, being an Arizonan, but we do have something in common- we are both Republicans. I have always felt that being a Republican also meant being more or less conservative and certainly responsible.

It is true that hundreds of thousands of Americans can't be wrong- but does that necessarily establish extra-terrestrial visitations as Fact- just because people see things? Experts often say that this is a psychological problem. All right, let's find out- I think the U. S. Congress has the authority to establish a civilian board of competent scientists to deal with this problem and settle the question once and for all.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek has approached the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force with just such a suggestion- possibly it could be carried from there. And possibly Hynek himself should be a part of the panel, having already spent 19 years as Chief scientist with the Air Force UFO project and he has much experience with the subject.

I beg your indulgence for this letter, Mr. Ford, and sincerely hope that you will try to find time to read the enclosures thoroughly and at least take note of the marked passages in my book.

Sincerely Yours,

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P.S. The Presidential briefing mentioned on page 1 is out of print so it cannot be enclosed. I think, however, that you will get the "gist" from our enclosed Bulletin.