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(PIFFOR, G.)

RE: INVESTIGATION

May 18, 1966

Ms. Geraldine Gifford
Box 536
El Granada, California

Dear Ms. Gifford:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning my reply to your letter. I was pleased to write you and am glad to hear from you again. I assure you that I have not let up on my charges of mismanagement and am enclosing the statements that you might not have seen.

I am glad that you wrote me about flying saucers and that you support my proposal for an investigation. However I will not be the one to open such an investigation, as you state in your letter. As you know the House Committee on Armed Services held hearings as a result of my request. A copy of these hearings is enclosed. In addition, because of the pressure I exerted, a contract is being let to a university, as you may know, that will be conducting an investigation starting this fall. It will be an independent, fair inquiry I am told, and its report will be made fully available to the public. However I will not be opening an investigation personally, as some believe, nevertheless I am pleased to have your confidence and support.

Thank you also for your comments on the troop transport that exploded, Rep. Celler, the seating of Communist China in the UN, getting out of the UN, Russian fishing trawlers, and Proposal 14 in California. I appreciate having your remarks and observations and I assure you that they do not go unheeded.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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enc.

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The Hon. Gerald Ford
House Speaker
Washington DC

Should we write again?

Box 536,
El Granada
Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Ford,

Thank you for being kind enough to answer my long letter concerning the Viet-Nam mess accepted by Sen. McNamara. I hope you will keep questioning him also. The House Armed Service ^{Committee} seem to be doing a good job. I hope he is finished once and for all this traitor.

Sir we have been urged to write you regarding the flyings saucers mystery since so many reliable people have really seen these flying objects they should be heard, now I hope you will open up an investigation soon.

Something ^{else} of vital importance Mr. Ford is the troop transport plane, exploding on takeoff, or in mid air, how convenient killing a few hundred boys, could this be sabotage? isn't it about time Sir to start another investigation, its all been so hushed up, nothing seen TV news media, very little in the papers, this last flight was carrying troops from Fort Ord Calif I haven't been able to find out anything further I've talked with, this is just more treason by this anti-christ-mob to murder as many of our young men, gentlemen, Patriots as possible. I hope all pray that your honorable Patriots will blow the lid off of this mess, and don't let Emmanuel Celler and his ilk stand in your way, he has blocked all good legislation and seems to rule with an iron fist.³ This Conspiracy is almost in complete control of the whole world Mr. Ford, what they plan on doing to us good white Christians is unbelievable, fight while you can, the time is short.

I'm sure you are getting good response
for your talks on TV and we hope to see
your Patriotic as often as possible.

I urge you to oppose all efforts
to seat Communist-Chinese in the U.N.
this will surely mean our friends
and others I talk with me should get
out of the U.N. now.

Thank you again Sir don't give
up the fight.

Very sincerely,

Geraldine Giggard.

P.S. How about this Soviet Communist
fishing boat are we going to repair
their fishing craft then turn
around and give them the fish
our fishermen have caught, if we aren't
being run by Bolsheviks in our
Government what would you
call it something is rotten now
Prop 14 in Calif is declared by the
Liberal I think to be illegal, we've lost
our voting rights Sir. no more freedom
Mr. Ford.

COPY — Congressman Gerald Ford

SUNDAY
MAY 1, 1966

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DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT McNAMARA
HAS DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF UFO'S —
SAYING UFO'S ARE MERELY OPTICAL ILLUSIONS,
THIS, IN SPITE OF TREMENDOUS EFFORTS BY THE
UFO'S TO PROVE THEIR UTTER REALITY TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ... THEY ARE, IN FACT, IN THE
PROCESS OF ENDING THE LONG U.S. DROUGHT.
I COMMUNICATE WITH, AND CAN SPEAK FOR,
THE UFO INTELLIGENCES, THEREFORE LET IT
GO ON RECORD — THAT McNAMARA WILL
HENCEFORTH BE A SPECIAL TARGET FOR
UFO (SAUCER INTELLIGENCE) WRATH AND
HOSTILITY!!!

P.K. MAN

~~Owens~~
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Owens
1114 Spruce
Phila. Pa.

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(ANDREWS, J.)

RE: SUPPORT INVEST.

May 5, 1966

Mr. John Andrews
Hawk Model Company
4600 N. Olcott
Chicago 56, Illinois

Dear Mr. Andrews:

I appreciated your letter of April 21st concerning unidentified flying objects. As you may know, the House Committee on Armed Services, held hearings on UFO's, and a copy of those hearings is enclosed for your information.

We are informed by the Air Force that a contract is being let to a university to conduct an inquiry. All the information I have at present is that the teams that will be doing the work will be doing it on a part-time basis and will not be operational until after September 1 of this year. I am sorry that I cannot give you any further information at this time, as I have none.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

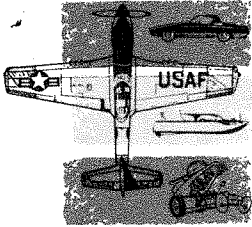
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HAWK MODEL COMPANY 4600 N. OLCOTT CHICAGO 56, ILLINOIS

UNderhill 7-7434

April 21, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford
State of Michigan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

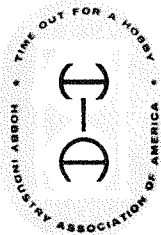
This is a very serious letter concerning a matter of great importance to the United States.

The persistent unidentified flying object reports that have caused public pressure on Congress and your subsequent comments regarding an investigation (following Dr. Hynek's humiliation at the hands of the townspeople in Michigan) prompts me to write to you.

I am sure that when the proper time comes, and after the nation has been adequately prepared, the full story of the UFO will be released. The story will probably have an interest magnitude close to that of the first atomic bomb. I am sure the normal pattern of public preparation will be followed and we offer our services in whatever way we can--as producers of scale models--that would assist and parallel the government's plan. I am sure that we both know there is definitely something of importance in the UFO sightings and we both know that this is an accepted fact in high government circles.

Our firm is the only company that produces a scale model kit of the Lockheed U-2. The reason why ours is the only firm has much to do with integrity and our handling of security information.

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April 21, 1966

For references on myself and my firm may I suggest:

Mr. Clarence L. Johnson
Advanced Development Projects
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
Burbank, California

Mr. Weston B. Haskell
Assistant to the President
Kaman Aircraft Corporation
Bloomfield, Connecticut

Mr. Dick Schram
Chicago Aerial Industries
Barrington, Illinois

Capt. James W. Berry
Naval Special Training Devices Center
Port Washington, New York 11050

If we can we would very much like to work with the government and the USAF on this and, if nothing else, I would like to be kept abreast of the various releasable reports that come out of the investigation.

I trust that you will transmit copies of this letter to the various interested agencies.

Sincerely,

HAWK MODEL COMPANY



John Andrews

JA/tk

(BUREAU, N.Y.)

RE. AMMUNITION
IN TESTIMONY

May 5, 1966

Mr. Tad Bloecher
117 East 63rd Street
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. Bloecher:

Thank you for your letter of April 28th concerning a certain part of the testimony in the hearings that were held by the House Committee on Armed Services.

I must admit that the portion where Mr. Schweiker says: "Do I understand that you said none of the unexplained objects have been sighted on radar? Major QUINTANILLA. "No, sir: I said 1.5 percent;" and then where he says "That is correct. We have no radar cases which are unexplained," is ambiguous.

If Major Quintanilla was here in Washington, we would have been glad to phone him and try to clear this up, but as you know, he is not. I am pleased to hear that you have written to him, as that is what I would have to do. I will be interested to hear the outcome.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

317 East 83rd Street
New York, New York 10028
April 28, 1966

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

Dear Sir,

You may recall I wrote you several weeks ago supporting your request for Congressional Hearings on the subject of unidentified flying objects. In return I received a thoughtful and considerate letter from you, which prompts me to write to you once again, concerning the results of that Hearing on UFOs.

I have been examining the report (No. 55) of the Armed Services Committee on Hearings on UFOs that took place April 5. The disingenuous side-stepping and pussy-footing of Messrs. Brown, Hynek and Quintanilla is distressing, to say the least; but of real concern is the lie, in the record, by Major Quintanilla, claiming "We have no radar cases which are unexplained" (pages 6072-73 in Report No. 55).

May I refer you to the late Edward J. Ruppelt's book, Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (Doubleday and Co., 1956); while Captain in the Air Force, Ruppelt was in charge of Project Bluebook (1951-53) and wrote his book based on personal, first-hand experience with the subject. He gives details on a number of radar reports of UFOs that were classified as "unknowns" just during his brief tenure in that department. Several examples of these unexplained cases include the Washington, D.C. radar-visual reports of July 19-20 and July 26-27, 1952 (pp. 164-170); or the July 29, 1952 case over your home state of Michigan in which three F94s were scrambled to investigate an "unknown" north of Fort Huron; or the report at Yaak, Montana, August 1, 1952 (p. 194). Three cases all within a period of less than two weeks. How many more over a period of nineteen years? The cases I have referred to were published and have been known to anyone who is at least fairly familiar with the subject for a number of years; considering this, how can Major Quintanilla make such a statement as he did to the members of the Armed Services Committee, and not be expected to account for it to the members of that committee?

I hope that the record may be straightened out and the committee members advised of this misinformation. I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to Chairman Rivers, Major Quintanilla, Dr. Hynek (whom I have known personally for over ten years), and N.I.C.A.P., in Washington. I would greatly appreciate knowing the results--if any--of this attempt to get at least part of the record straight. Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Ted Bloecher

Cc: Chairman Rivers
Major Quintanilla
Dr. Hynek
NICAP

Ted Bloecher

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(MC FERRAN, F. H.)

RE: WHETHER WE GOT
HIS TAPE

May 3, 1966

Mr. Frank H. McFerran
Box 1332
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. McFerran:

Thank you for your letter of April 21st. I want to assure you that your recorded tape was received and heard, and is returned for your re-use.

I was interested to hear the contents of the recording and to know of your support for the Congressional investigation that I proposed. My main concern has been that an impartial investigation be made of the unexplained sightings and that the facts revealed by this inquiry be made fully available to the public. While I had felt that a Congressional investigation would best serve this purpose, the House Committee on Armed Services has decided to let a contract after July 1 to a university to allow it to make a full study into the matter. I am assured by the Air Force that the investigation will be fair and thorough.

I am also told that the report resulting from the university inquiry will be made fully available to the public. At present I do not have any further details as to how the university will select those responsible for making the investigation. While I had called for a Congressional investigation, I feel that this inquiry will be a good first step.

While I am not the Gerald Ford that you knew from Owensboro, Kentucky, I am pleased to know that we have a mutual friend in Congressman Ed Reinecke.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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UFD

21 April 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know just as a matter of record, whether you received a reel of recorded tape concerning unidentified flying objects, *which I sent about three weeks ago.*

The contents of the tape may or may not be of value to you, and there is no reason why you should answer. However, I have a real desire to know whether you received the tape, or whether it might possibly have been side-tracked before it reached you.

Incidentally, I have followed your efforts to shake this subject out of the secrecy the Air Force is giving it, and I also read the disgusting article Ralph McGill handed you. But this thing is too big to turn over to the Ralph McGills, and it will come out if we really push..

Incidentally too, I listen to the Armed Forces Radio every afternoon, and although I am sure it is not administration policy, you are getting a hell of ~~an~~ a lot of publicity which I am sure a lot of G. I.s find favorable.

If I can be of any benefit to you please let me know. And the next time you see Ed Reinecke -- my fellow Atlas Shrugged quoting friend -- please give him my best regards.

Incidentally too, in case you happen to be slightly under 46 years old, formerly of Owensboro, Kentucky and you went to Daviess County High School (probably a friend of Don Culley), then I stuck my finger in your eye because you were bigger than I was, (but younger than I was) and you were wrecking hell out of my erector set, and that was the only way I could stop you (at the ~~an~~ age of about 5 or 6), and your mother went home mad as a hornet, and my mother gave me hell for sticking my finger in your eye. If you're not they same Gerald Ford, then I've got the wrong Gerald Ford.

Best regards.

Sincerely,
Frank H. McFerran
Frank H. McFerran

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(WEITZEL, W. B.)

RE: SIGHT INFO

May 23, 1966

Mr. William B. Weitzel, Chairman
NICAP Pittsburgh Subcommittee
5709 Woodmont Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217

Dear Mr. Weitzel:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 17th enclosing a copy of your letter to Congressman Stanton regarding the April 17th sighting.

While I appreciate having the information on this sighting, my main concern has been that a Congressional investigation be held, all the facts examined on the unexplained sightings, and that the report be made fully available to the public.

Because of my request, certain progress has been made. I am enclosing a release on that I thought you would like to see.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

5709 Woodmont St.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

May 17, 1966

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

Sent clippings on NICAP + UFO

Dear Mr. Ford:

Richard Hall, Assistant Director of NICAP, suggested I send you the enclosed information. I have been conducting an investigation of the April 17, 1966 sighting of an unidentified flying object which was "chased" from Portage County, Ohio, into Conway, Pennsylvania, by two Deputy Sheriffs. This event caused much excitement and the press gave much publicity to the fact that the Air Force's evaluation was that the witnesses had observed an artificial satellite, then Venus. Because the facts of the case indicated otherwise, I informed Congressman William Stanton of this. Judge Cook, of the Portage County Common Pleas Court, also expressed to Mr. Stanton his dissatisfaction with the Air Force's conclusion, and Mr. Stanton visited Lt. Col. Spaulding in the Pentagon to request a more thorough investigation. (This had apparently consisted of two 2-3 minute telephone interviews with one of the four observers.)

On May 10, Major Hector Quintanilla conducted an interview in the Portage County Court House, after which he reiterated his original conclusion, claiming he saw nothing to dispute this. Despite his repeated assurances that he was gathering information objectively, he rejected substantial and vital portions of testimony and indicated other serious gaps in his investigation. Since I was sure Mr. Stanton had wished the Air Force to make more than a token concession to his request, I again wrote to him, on May 11. A copy of that letter is enclosed. In order to back up my claims, I delayed sending the letter until now, having typed a transcript of the May 10 interview, from a tape recording made at that time. I am not able to send you a copy of that transcript, but Mr. Stanton has one and will have shortly a complete tape copy. I urge you to examine at least the transcript, as it says much more than I am able to in a brief letter.

I hope you find this information enlightening.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Weitzel

William B. Weitzel, Chairman
NICAP Pittsburgh Subcommittee

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May 11, 1966

Honorable William Stanton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stanton:

Major Hector Quintanilla visited the Portage County Sheriff's Office yesterday afternoon, and after watching and hearing his incredible performance, I felt it best to write you. I and all the others present with him are grateful for your efforts in bringing this event about, and I wish I could return a report that what transpired was in line with the intended aim of the visit: that a thorough and fairly conducted investigation of the April 17 UFO sighting would be made, to collect enough facts for an adequate basis of analysis.

The following persons were present during the entire interview: Major Quintanilla, Sheriff Ross Dustman, Deputy Dale Spaur, and Mounted Deputy Wilbur Neff. After it started, another Deputy, the Radio Operator who talked with Spaur that morning, Robert Wilson, came in. I, David Webb (a NICAP Investigator from Alliance, Ohio), Carol Clapp of the Record-Courier, and Tom Schley of the Beaver County (Pa.) Times were there at the start, but Mrs. Clapp and Mr. Schley left after a while. When the oral part of the testimony began, Major Quintanilla requested that I and Mr. Webb leave the room, and we complied. I observed the interview in person for about one half of its two-hour length, talked with Major Quintanilla and the Deputies afterwards, and have heard a tape recording made in the presence of everyone there and with their knowledge; this tape lasts the entire session. The interview was held in a third floor room of the County Court House.

It should be emphasized that Major Quintanilla was most polite and patient, only occasionally interrupting testimony, and that he seemed to have good reasons for requesting NICAP representatives to leave the room. At no time did he object to anyone else's requests, and the general atmosphere, while tense, was almost congenial. Although some loud words were spoken, none were harsh.

My characterization of Major Quintanilla's performance as "incredible" is based on the following. Not only did he reiterate his original satellite-Venus explanation of the UFO sighting, but he tried to talk us into it. He also seemed unconcerned regarding certain anomalies in his interpretation which were pointed out to him directly. He left the impression that he had come only to

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satisfy certain demands for his physical presence in the area, and that he had brought his conclusion with him. It appeared to be a complete waste of time, on his part and on ours.

The Major's line of argument was, briefly, that he had (1) taken testimony on the phone from Dale Spaur that was identical with that gathered at the interview yesterday, (2) checked all the conventional aerial activity in the vicinity of the sighting, (3) analyzed the testimony and compared it with his activity-check, and found no indication of radar reception of the UFO near Greater Pittsburgh Airport, (4) concluded that there was no UFO at the time. He clouded the issue of the thoroughness of his investigation, pointing out that he conferred for thirty five minutes with computer experts setting up a program for analysis of satellite activity in the area at that time, thus obscuring the fact that his own confrontation with, or confrontation by Blue Book representatives with, the participants in the event lasted less than five minutes.

How the information gained in the conference over a two hour period could be identical with that from a couple of perfunctory phone calls is beyond me.

That there was indeed a non-astronomical body at all times is clear to all familiar with the Deputies' testimony save the Major. I will not burden you with a prolonged repetition of my former letter detailing a rebuttal to the astronomical explanation. But I will point out a significant difference in the status of that rebuttal now and before this interview. Before, it was possible that the astronomical conclusion was based on a paucity of first-hand information gathered by Blue Book, indicated by their brief interviews (total less than five minutes) with one observer only (Spaur), and, according to Spaur's statement, a strong lack of interest in following up the fact of its (the sighting's) great length in time and across several counties. During the interview the Major was confronted with all these details; yet his conclusion remained unaltered.

Either he was somehow unaware of the testimony, or there is no contradiction between testimony and explanation. I will make no further speculations.

It did seem, though, that the Major's general approach, which is odd from an evaluative and investigative standpoint, was to discount those portions of testimony which conflicted with his prior explanation. Using this approach, one could, for example,

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easily identify a lightning bug with the sun. Both move through the sky, either overhead or near the horizon; both emit light; both can be observed by many people at one time. Aside from these general features, however, there are particular ones which make quite a difference. And there is also a matter of degree in the supposed similarities.

Particular differences between satellite-Venus and this UFO were the antenna at its rear, its metallic sheen, its differentiated shape, its brilliant cone-shaped light, its being viewed to the south, north, east, north, south, north, south and southeast, in that sequence, its humming noise, and variations in velocity and altitude, alternating, not changing continuously, from great to small.

Major Quintanilla showed that a satellite's, or Venus', regular motion can appear, from eye movements or atmospheric disturbances, to be irregular. This does not account for the gross changes in direction, altitude, or speed of the UFO, which changes were quick and precise.

Neither a satellite nor Venus would be so bright as to cast a spot of light on the ground beneath them, to the rear when they moved forward, or directly underneath when they were stationary. Neither, of course, would be stationary in the first place.

Neither one would fill one sixth of the viewing area of a car's windshield. Neither would cause Spaur and Neff to be petrified with astonishment and fear, or cause a temporary loss of feeling of reality, when hovering overhead, as did the UFO.

Now, in response to these anomalies, Major Quintanilla completely disregarded those which were utterly incompatible with a Venus-satellite explanation, and deprecated the degree of those which, in their extent, likewise contradicted such an explanation. He stoutly maintained, without citing an examination of a map, that the observed object was always to the southeast, despite the fact that Spaur and Neff were initially traveling due east, then due south, and observed the object as described earlier, in diverse directions. To reconcile these discrepancies he stated, in his "incredible" way, that roads wind. The Deputies' route, of course, was as much a part of the observation as was the UFO, and likewise has verification from independent sources.

Speaking of independent sources, I wonder if Major Quintanilla plans to interview any of them? Or will Dale Spaur continue to be

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seen by the press as the personal focal point of this alarmingly deteriorated situation?

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USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

Major Quintanilla was quoted three weeks ago in the *Ravenna Record-Courier* as deciding not to send an investigator here because of the difficulty of recreating the scene. At this conference he stated he preferred sitting in his office pushing buttons, using communications channels, to interviewing witnesses in person. Surely this represents administrative efficiency; but must part of the available testimony of witnesses be selectively ignored to allow categorizing the rest? Must witnesses be ignored altogether? I have interviewed eleven who offered significant or interesting information in this case. It seems that testimonies as well as buttons have been pushed. The sole extent of testimony collected by representatives of the Air Force, among all these candidates, was less than five minutes, from Deputy Spaur, as far as I was aware. I am definitely not saying that, absolutely, Blue Book analyzed only this much testimony. But there are glaring gaps.

I say "selectively" ignored for this reason: Major Quintanilla reasoning clearly exhibits an a priori assumption that UFOs are not unconventional objects. Thus when testimony indicates the contrary, it is ignored or deprecated. (I am still limiting my statements to the April 17 sighting, but NICAP has a bulk of evidence that other Blue Book investigations have been similarly conducted.)

One of Blue Book's stated aims, to which I presume Major Quintanilla subscribes, is a scientific investigation of UFO phenomena. It is not scientific to ignore facts in favor of presumptions.

This is my criticism of Major Quintanilla's conduct in this session, Mr. Stanton. He did not appear to be here to investigate, analyze, or evaluate. He appeared to come prepared chiefly to select, reject, and persuade. It is, I believe you will agree, incredible that an officer representing so vital a project as Blue Book would be so inclined.

I have made some strong statements in this letter. I will be glad to submit tape recordings and signed statements to back them up.

Finally, please be advised that my sole reason for writing is to report on this situation; whether it can be rectified or not, I do not know. But I felt it necessary to inform you that the circumstances which prompted my first letter, in part a routine NICAP action, have not altered and show no signs of improving.

Sincerely yours,

William Weitzel

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William B. Weitzel

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(BLAKE, R.)

RE: HSS: SUPPORT

May 24, 1966

Mrs. Estelle Blake
19018 Leepwood Avenue
Garden, California 90247

Dear Mrs. Blake:

This is just a note to thank you for your card supporting my proposal that hearings on UFOs be made public and to enclose my recent release on this matter.

Thank you for your encouragement.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Apr. 20, 1966

Dear Sir ~~Just send~~
~~statement~~

I feel it is necessary
~~that~~ U.F.O. be
made public.

The people would
then know & this
would eliminate any
fear.

Fear is destructive
to a nation. Knowledge
frees people from
fear. Mrs. Estelle Blake
19018 Leopard Ave
Gardena, Calif. 90247

Ms. Estelle F. Blake
79018 Leapwood Ave
Gardena, Calif. 90247



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
House Office Bldg
Washington DC. 20515

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(BROWN, C.)

RE: SUPPORT

May 25, 1966

Miss Carol Brown
1857 San Leandro Lane
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Miss Brown:

I am deeply appreciative of your letter of May 6th supporting my call for an impartial investigation of UFOs. I was pleased to do this not only for the people of Michigan but for all those across the nation who have been concerned about these unexplained sightings.

As a result of my request, hearings were held by the House Committee on Armed Services and now a contract is being let to a university to study the unexplained sightings. Enclosed are some releases I thought you would be interested to see.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Santa Barbara, Calif.
May 6, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for having the sense and the courage to ask for an impartial investigation of the VFO's. I realize that this is a "crackpot" subject and one not likely to do much for you at the polls — and, also, that my support is of even less value. I am a registered Republican, but, obviously, not in your state. And, I come from an area noted for "crackpot" people. None of this is of any benefit to you.

You, however, are trying to be

of benefit to all of us. You have requested an impartial investigation of these objects. May I add my support to this, for whatever it is worth?

Only recently I read Edward J. Reppelt's book, The Report on UFO's, Doubleday and Company, 1956. He was, after all, the former head of the Air Force Project Blue Book.

Never having witnessed any of these objects, I can, however, appreciate the feeling of the people you represent. I can only add that I hope you will continue to press for the investigation you promised them - and all of us, really - immediately after the recent Michigan sittings.

Sincerely yours

1857 San Leandro Lane Carol Braun
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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UFO INFO

(KEEFE, C.)

RE: INFO

May 24, 1966

Miss Cheryl Keefe
1 Marion Avenue
Horseneater, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Keefe:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th requesting information on UFOs for a debate. I do not know if the material I am enclosing will be very helpful as you wish information that will help you prove your point and I am enclosing the statements that I have made concerning my proposal for an investigation.

Nevertheless, I hope the enclosed releases will be of some assistance to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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3 Marion Ave.
Worcester, Mass.
May 19, 1966

Dear Rep. Ford,

I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade prep at Providence Street Jr. High School in Worcester, Mass. Because I believe in U.F.O.'s, I have been elected captain of a debating team in my English class to prove that these are such things.

I have read an article concerning you, in our local newspaper, "The Evening Gazette", and was very impressed by the way you planned to investigate the sightings.

I would like to know if you could possibly send me some information that would help me in my argument. Although I have never seen one, I still believe that these "things" exist.

If there is any charge for such information, my parents will guarantee to pay.

Thanking you in advance and waiting for your reply;

Respectfully
yours,

Cheryl Keefe
3 Marion Ave.

Worcester, Mass.
01604

P.S. My debate is scheduled for
May 31, 1966.

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UFO

(BARROW, R. E.)

RE: INVET.

May 25, 1966

Mr. Robert E. Barrow
4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter of May 20th expressing your continued support for full and complete disclosure of the facts regarding the investigation of UFOs.

I appreciate your welcome to Syracuse on June 2nd and I assure you that I am looking forward to my visit. Thank you again for your support and backing.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

May 20, 1966

Congressman Gerald R. Ford
Congress of the United States
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for your letter of May 17. The news concerning the scientific study of UFOs is indeed welcome.

I hope now that, somehow, we can overcome official denials of UFOs, and get public hearings with the Air Force seen so that the names of hundreds of pilots, scientists, and other qualified observers of UFOs in the past and present, can have their names cleared and free from the ridicule placed on them by careless Air Force policies (and perhaps change some of the strict requirements in AFR 200-2, JANAP 146 (D), and other official orders restricting pilots on reporting, in public, authentic UFO observations which obviously, in many cases, would indicate no threat to our national security).

Incidentally, it is my understanding that you will be in Syracuse on June 2nd to address several Republican organizations. I hope that you enjoy your stay here, no matter how short. Should you have an opportunity to talk with the editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard, I am sure that you will find that the newspaper is in complete agreement with your views on UFOs and "official" denials. The Post-Standard has long been serious on UFOs and skeptical of certain "explanations" set forth by the USAF, in some cases.

I hope that you keep in touch with NICAP, and please let me know of any other significant factors in recent UFO-Congressional events. Thanks again for following through and supporting your Michigan constituents who have made the March sightings.

Sincerely,

Robert Barrow

Robert E. Barrow
Member,
National Investigations
Committee on Aerial
Phenomena (NICAP)

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(THEILEMANN, F.O.)

RE: FUSH STUDY

May 26, 1966

Mrs. F. W. Theilemann
Burnt Hills,
New York

Dear Mrs. Theilemann:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting my proposal for a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

I am pleased to have your support and your comments and thought you would be interested in the enclosed press release which gives the most recent status on this matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Burnt Hills, N.Y.

May 16, 1966.

Representative Gerald Ford,
514 Crown View Drive,
Alexandria, Virginia,

Dear Mr. Ford,

In a recent article in the Christian Science Monitor about a proposed UFO probe, the statement was made that you had asked for a "full and open hearing on UFO's". And they said Air Force Secretary Harold Brown's "scientific-team idea has shunted it aside."

Please don't let this scientific team idea keep the House from investigating.

7 These teams will be just another means of explaining away sightings, rather than investigating them scientifically and telling the public the truth.

The Gallup Poll shows that half of the adult population of the United States, believes that the U.F.O.'s are real. They have the right to know the truth.

This article mentions that the "Air Force realizes it has a public relations problem". I think it has more of a problem than it realizes. Many people won't trust a word they say after the ridicule they heap on

3/ respectable citizens, who happen to have, seen something they can't explain.

Please continue to work toward a "Full and open hearing on UFO's." The American Public has a right to know the truth.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. F.W. Theilmann

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WFO

(MCCARTNEY, S. L.)

RE: FOR STUDY

May 28, 1966

Mrs. S. L. McCartney
500 South 19th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. McCartney:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 23rd and I thought you would be interested in the enclosed press release that gives the most recent information that I have on the status of the investigation.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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May 23, 1966

Rep. Gerald Ford,
c/o House Office Bldg.,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There has been some indication that you would like to see some factual, unbiased information released on the subject of UFOs, and I should like to urge that this be done.

The recent hour long TV program sponsored by I.B.M. was actually propaganda instead of "news" as the military opinions were the same tired and trite routines we've been subjected to for years. Obviously, they perfunctorily investigate all sightings with only one thing in mind: to prove beyond any doubt that the person(s) reporting the sighting is excitable and unreliable, multiplying this "proof" by the number of people involved. The longer this farce is carried on, the sillier our officials are going to look, not only to millions of Americans, but additional millions in other countries, when they are eventually proven to have taken the stupid, sack-over-the-head, attitude which is embarrassing to many people who are convinced that space craft have been observing our world for some time.

I trust you further your plans, and can find out why our military people are so adamant, in the face of tens of thousands of valid sightings, in clinging to their irritating, you-can't-make-me-believe-it stand.

Sincerely yours,

Heena McCartney

Mrs. S. L. McCartney
500 South 19th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

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UFO

(OWENS, H. T.)

RE: PROGRAM

May 18, 1968

Mr. H. T. Owens
1114 Spruce Street, #33
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Owens:

This is just a note to thank you for sending me copies of your letter of May 11th to your friend in CIA and at the television station you watch in Philadelphia.

Although I did not see the program you refer to, I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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Wednesday
May 11, 1966

Congress Ford

UFO

Dear George:

IKMIE

There seems to be no end in sight...for Government stupidity.

Last night, over NBC, for an hour UFO's were explained away as anything and everything but UFO's. "Learned" scientists poo-poo'd the idea of UFO's. And so on...for an hour, to millions of American people.

Of course, it was quite transparent...the Government is trying to undo the rash of KEM effect of the recent sightings on the people. Good sightings, I might add...solid.

However, this was a catastrophic thing for the povers-that-be to do. Why? The UFO's have been trying to prove their reality, and to make friends with us. Last night they were rejected in a big, big way....and actually, the big lie was told to millions of American people about them.

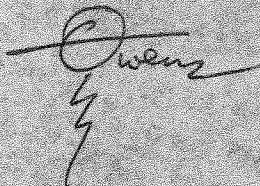
For this act, they will retaliate, I am informed. If they do not exist...how can they predict the following, then make it happen?

Within the time span of five months they will deal the U.S. Government a smashing blow, probably worse than anything it has experienced these past few years. This will be in payment for that show last night. Simple as that.

I do not know what they have in mind. Could be a team of terrible hurricanes sweeping out of the Atlantic onto Florida...could be a terrible disaster in Viet Nam...but will be something on that order, and will be engineered by UFO intelligences.

The program was entitled "Friend, Foe, or Fantasy" - and the full hour was spent proving they are fantasy. They will, in the months ahead..show you (U.S. Govt.) what they can be like as a foe. They wanted to be friends.

P K Han (Owens)



Wednesday, May 11, 1966

NBC
Channel 10
Philadelphia

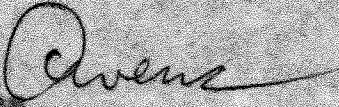
Gentlemen:

Last night, in this viewer's opinion, you created a fraud against the American people. It was a terrible thing to do.

For a week myself and friends have been waiting for the UFO program... and all the ads said that it would be an "objective" view, giving the "fors" and "againstst". What it was...was a solid hour of explaining that UFO's were marsh-gas, and those who claim to see them are either trying to make money, or are irresponsible, nutty people.

I hope enough people rise up in anger, as I did, and as my friends did....to register a strong ~~CONSUMER~~ complaint where it counts.

IBM, NBC, and Channel 10...should be utterly ashamed of themselves.


H. T. Owens
1114 Spruce St., #33
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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(GROSKOPF, H.)

RE: SAN ANDREAS

May 17, 1966

Mrs. Harvey Groskopf
Hartman,
Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Groskopf:

Thank you for your letter of May 7th pointing out some hard facts about the San Andrea fault in relation to the proposed investigation of UFOs.

I appreciate having your observations and comments on this matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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Hartman, Arkansas
May 7, 1966

Rep. Gerald R. Ford,
Office of the Minority Leader,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 regarding proposed
UFO investigation.

Please take a good hard look at this:

The recent underground atomic test conducted by the United States in the Aleutian chain was followed by an earthquake along the San Andrea fault.

The underground atomic test set off by Russia the latter part of March was followed by major quakes in Africa and a series of major quakes in Northern China.

The underground atomic test set off by Russia on April 24 was followed by a major earthquake in central Russia.

The earth's crust is the weakest in the Siberian and Aleutian areas.

Last reports state that the Ashtar Command who have been patrolling the Siberian area have now shifted their patrol to the San Andrea fault.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harvey Proskopf

cc to Senator Everett Dirksen.

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(NADAN, P.)

RE: WANTS COPY OF
UFO REPORT

May 17, 1966

Mr. Paul Nadan
Associate Editor
Crown Publishers
419 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Nadan:

Thank you for your letter of May 10th concerning UFOs. I am pleased that you take note of the fact that the impending investigation of UFOs was stimulated by my proposal for a Congressional investigation.

Regarding obtaining a copy of the official report of the university team that will be making a study this fall in advance of the publication date, I am sorry that I do not have any information at this time as to who will be doing the work so that I could tell you who to contact.

All I know at present is that they do not plan to even start work until after the 1st of September so that it may be quite a while before any report is available. I assure you have the copy of the hearings held by the House Committee on Armed Services recently, but these are enclosed, in case you do not.

I regret that I cannot give you further information at this time and you may wish to write again this summer.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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 *Crown Publishers, INC.*

419 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

May 10, 1966

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

Dear Rep. Ford:

I share your concern for the American people in being reassured on the subject of UFO's.

I congratulate you for provoking the impending Air Force study by scientists and would be vastly interested in the possibilities of publishing such a report with an introduction by yourself.

Would you be interested to use your good offices to see that I get a copy of the report--even before official public release--so that we can consider its suitability for publication along with your participation?

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Paul Nadan
Associate Editor

PN/bh