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LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(THOMPSON, J. D.)

RE: SUPPORT

June 29, 1966

Mr. John D. Thompson
1340 Orchard Park Nr. Dr.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46280

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your recent letter in support of my proposal for a full Congressional investigation of UFOs. As you know, the House Committee on Armed Services did hold one day of hearings after which it was decided that an independent study should be made of the unexplained sightings.

The Air Force plans to announce shortly the name of a university which will receive a grant to make such a study and which will, in turn, select five other universities to assist it and also receive grants.

Thank you also for your comments on the Air Force restriction and you may be assured that your observations do not go unheeded.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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John D. Thompson
1340 Orchard Pk. Nr. Dr.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (46280

Dear Mr. Ford,

I am sending this letter in full support of the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). As a good citizen I myself have seen such phenomenon. I have seen these objects just last year, I have sent a report to Project Blue Book Chief, Maj. Hector Quintanilla Jr. regarding this subject. I have observed the skies vary much lately do to my sighting, and in the past I have seen this same phenomenon many times do my frequently observing. Some of the other reports are on file by the National Investigation Committee On Aerial Phenomena in Washington.

Also regarding this subject I wish you would look into this bit of information. That under the Joint Chiefs Of Staffs Regulations (JANAP 146, section III, title 18, Code 793) Threatens imposition of penalties of 1 to 10 years imprisiment and/or up to \$10,000 fine any Air Force pilot who reviles an (Offical-Report). I feel that this restriction should be thrown out and eliminated completly. And that the people should be able to know whats going on in our own Armed Forces, I also believe that certain things shoud be kept from the public, but this one should not be placed on the officers or any one man.

Sencerly, Assocoated member / NICAP/

John D. Thompson

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UFOs

PEDAS, TED

RE: INFO

June 28, 1966

Mr. Ted Pedas
Astronomy Director
Farrell Area School District
Farrell, Pennsylvania 16121

Dear Mr. Pedas:

I am most honored that you wish to include my actions on the subject of the UFOs in your planned series of columns on this subject.

I am enclosing 4 statements on this subject which I hope may be of some use to you. If you need further assistance, do not hesitate to call on me.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford M.C.

GRF/cd

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June 25th, 1966

Farrell Area
School District
Mr. Ted Pedas
Astronomy Director
Farrell, Pa. 16121

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

Dear Hon. Ford,

During the recent "flying saucer" outburst you were instrumental for making statements to the press concerning a congressional investigation on this subject.

I am the astronomy and space science writer for five area newspapers (Comined circulation of over 1,000,000) and am now in the process of preparing a multi- series of columns on UFOs. I wish to include your own actions on this subject and would appreciate receiving any information available from your office.

Thanking your for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Ted Pedas

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UFO

(OLSEN, T.)

RE: STATUS OF INVEST.

June 27, 1966

Mr. Thomas M. Olsen, Director
UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc.
P. O. Box 57, Riderwood,
Maryland 21139

Dear Mr. Olsen:

Thank you for your letter of June 23rd requesting information on the status of the investigation of UFOs that we call for a Congressional inquiry prompted

Matters have changed since my press release of April 21st and the Air Force has now decided not to let a contract to an independent group of scientists, but rather to issue grants to six universities to make a study of the unexplained sightings. We are told by the Air Force that the lead university will be revealed in the papers sometime within the next month and then that university will pick five others to assist it and they will also receive grants. We are told that the current investigations that are made when they begin work, probably still sometime in the fall, will be done on a geographical basis, with the closest university checking out the sighting.

I am sorry that I cannot give you any further information at this time such as the name of the lead university or the others as this is all the information that I have been provided by the Air Force.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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IMMEDIATE REPLY PLEASE NOTE ENCLOSURES

REPLY NO LATER THAN _____

UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc.
P. O. Box 57, Riderwood
Maryland 21139, USA

TO

The Hon. Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20001

SUBJECT Name of UFO Study Group

MESSAGE

DATE

23/6/66

After reading your press release dated 21 April, stating that the USAF has contracted with a group of scientists to make an independent study of UFO -- starting soon after 1 July -- we submitted the enclosed inquiry (copy dated 23 April 1966). Unfortunately, we did not have the correct name of this special study group and we received a negative reply. (Copy also enclosed, dated 23 May.) We would appreciate your help in supplying the official name in order that we may inquire again. (Colonel Spaulding's objection regarding the "voluminous UFO files" is no more applicable to our proposed effort than it is to the subject scientific study.)

SENT BY

Thomas M. Olsen
Thomas M. Olsen, Director

REPLY

DATE

ANSWERED BY _____

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MAY 23 1966

Dear Mr. Olsen:

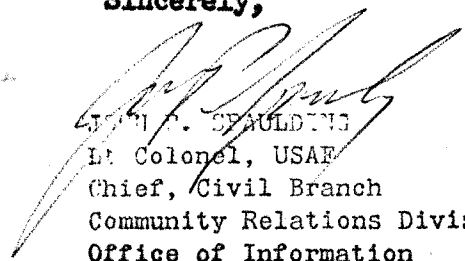
The Secretary of the Air Force has asked that I reply to your letter offering to provide a computer scan of UFO reports for study by the Carl Sagan Committee.

Dr. Carl Sagan was a member of the Scientific Advisory Board ad hoc Committee which recently studied the UFO program, but he has indicated that he has no knowledge of a Carl Sagan Committee.

In any case, it would not be feasible for us to transport our voluminous UFO files to a facility capable of producing this work.

I regret that we cannot give you a more favorable reply.

Sincerely,



JOSEPH P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. Thomas M. Olsen, Director
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LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(LYONS, J.)

RE: STATUS OF INVEST.

June 27, 1966

Mr. James Lyons
105 High Street
Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyons:

Thank you for your letter of June 23rd requesting information on the status of the investigation of UFOs that my call for a Congressional inquiry prompted.

As you may know, the Air Force originally decided to let a contract to an independent group of scientists to make a study of the unexplained sightings, but now plans to issue grants to six universities to make this study. We are told by the Air Force that the lead university will be revealed in the newspapers sometime within the next month. After that university is chosen, it will in turn choose five others to assist it and they will also receive grants for this work. Work will probably begin in the fall, with the burden of current investigations being assigned on a geographical basis.

I am sorry that I cannot give you any further information at this time, but this is all that we have been told. As you know I wanted a Congressional investigation, but feel that this is a step in the right direction.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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Gerald R. Ford
Representative

June 23, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

Sometime ago during the controversy over unidentified flying objects you called for "full blown" open congressional hearings. Although a partly open hearing was held on April 5, 1966, this was not sufficient to dull public concern. Little publicity was given to this hearing.

Since many inquiries on this subject have been proposed before but met with apathy or unconcern resulting in failure, maybe with your influence a different attitude will be taken. In reading into the UFO subjects it seems many other congressmen also hold your view, but nothing has been done. Could you tell any plans that may be instituted. What is your opinion now? I am well aware of all the Air Force's official opinions.

Thank You

James Lyons
105 High St.
Fall River, Mass.

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(PHIELSCHIEFTER, R.)

RE: STATUS OF INVEST.

June 28, 1966

Mr. Ray Phielschiefter
1537 - 3rd Avenue North
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mr. Phielschiefter:

Thank you for your letter of June 25th asking what Congress is doing to solve the UFO mystery. As you may know, as the result of my calling for a Congressional investigation, the House Committee on Armed Services held hearings and a copy of these hearings is enclosed.

As the result of these hearings it was initially decided to let a contract to an independent group of scientists, who would then make a study of the unexplained sightings, make a report independent of the Air Force's findings, and make it fully available to the public. These plans were changed and they Air Force now plans to make grants to six universities to make an investigation of the unexplained sightings.

The lead university will be announced within a month we are told and that this university will select five other universities to assist it. These universities will also then receive grants and will proceed on their study of the sightings, with current observations being handled on a geographical basis.

I can not tell you at this time what university or universities will be chosen because the Air Force has not as of yet released this information. However it should be carried in the newspapers. You ask for my personal views of the UFO mystery. My personal view as expressed in the enclosed statements, is that a Congressional investigation should be held, all the evidence examined, and a full report made to the public. While I called for a Congressional investigation, I feel what is being done is a step in the right direction. You asked in your letter for reports or documents that I may have. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Armed Services hearings that I hope will be interesting. The other information enclosed has been sent to me by various correspondents and I can not vouch for its authenticity, however since you wished any material I might have, I am passing it along.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Dear Sir:

June 25, 1966

I would like to know what congress is doing to solve the U.F.O. mystery? It is obvious that the air force is failing in its duty to let the American people know the truth about U.F.O.s.

I would greatly appreciate any information you can give me about what Congress is doing towards a Congressional hearing on U.F.O.s. also I would appreciate the following information.

① What are your own personal views of the U.F.O. mystery?

② What are some of the views of other congressmen towards U.F.O.s?

③ Do you have any U.F.O. reports, documents or Congressional reports on U.F.O.s and if so could you send them to me?

It is sincerely hoped that Congress will inves-

investigate the UFO problem and
then give a report to the
people. I for one want to
know what is going on.
The air force will not tell
the people and I frankly
can not see any reason
why such information is
being withheld.

Please reply soon.

Sincerely

Ray Phielschiefer

Ray Phielschiefer
1537 3rd Ave North
Texas City, Texas 77590

LEGISLATIVE

UFO'S

EARLEY, GEORGE

RE: FURTHER
INVESTIGATION

June 21, 1966

Mr. George V. Earley
9 Hiram Lane
Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Dear Mr. Earley:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 16 concerning the UFO's.

Further hearings into this question are planned for the fall. These hearings will be conducted by one or more universities which have not been designated as of yet. I am very sorry but I do not know when this designation will be made, who might be so designated, or when the hearings will start. I am sure, however, that there will adequate coverage of these investigations when they do take place.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford M.C.

GRF/tl

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UFO
GEORGE W. EARLEY

9 HIRAM LANE

BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

06002

16 June 1966

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

Dear Representative Ford:

My sincere apologies for such a belated letter of thanks for the material on ufo which you were kind enough to have sent to me. I found the hearing report most interesting; the USAF report which you forwarded some days later was, of course, identical with material already inserted in the hearing report. I find it odd how chary they seem to be about giving out information about a phenomena which they repeatedly say offers no threat to the security and well-being of the USA.

Having some additional questions about ufo and having been sent the address in the Pentagon to which one can write - this having been in the Washington STAR - I wrote on 1 June 1966 to Mrs. Sarah Hunt at SAFOI, including with my letter copies of prior letters which had never been answered. As yet I still have no reply but would hope that they will reply shortly - it seems that at least a minute amount of my tax money could be so spent.

I am enclosing here a page of the hearing report with some marginal notes. As you probably recall, the USAF in its annual summary of ufo sightings, points with pride to the small total of "Unknowns" and on the attached sheet is listed 10 years of ufo data with "only" 3.4% unknowns out of the 10 year total of 6817 sighting reports. I note, however, that there is another category called "Insufficient Evidence" which contains 1240 sighting reports (18.1%) which are equally unidentified! I submit that the USAF has been doing a bit of statistical manipulating here...semantic manipulation as well! It may well be claimed that if there were more data that the "Insufficient Evidence" reports would be identified as various conventional objects and/or phenomena...the fact remains, however, that they are still unidentified and no amount of figure or word flummery should be allowed to obscure the fact. Together, these two categories account for over 20% of the total sighting reports made during the 10 year period reported on; an examination of the figures released for 1965 will show similar high percentages. I would certainly be interested in your comments on this as well as any comments you might be able to elicit from the USAF.

I note too that the hearing report reports the USAF as saying that they do not know of any scientists who back NICAP's hypothesis that some UFO reports are of extra-terrestrial spacecraft. I am also enclosing a list of NICAP advisers and Board members and can only wonder why none of these people were not called. You will note NASA personnel and former military flight personnel as well as others of technically qualified backgrounds,

You also mention further hearings to be held in the fall - could you provide details on this as there was nothing in the papers here. Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

George W. Earley

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"The World of Flying Saucers," by Menzel and Roy. A scientific examination of the classic UFO reports.

"The Moon. Meteorites, and Comets," Dated 1963, by Middlehurst and Kuiper. Continuous analysis of Soviet moon photos. Chapter on Siberian meteorite and photos or comets computation of various comet orbital photos.

"The Nature of Light and color in the Open Air," by Minnaert, Dover Publications. This is an excellent paperback written in understandable lay language.

"Meteors," by Oliver. Standard text by foremost authority on meteors.

"Photographic History of Mars," 1905-61, by Slipher, E. C., published by Lowell Observatory.

"Anatomy of a Phenomenon," by Valle, Jacques.

"First Man to the Moon," by Von Braun, Wernher.

Total UFO (object) sightings¹

Year	Total sightings	Unidentified	Source
1947	122	12	Case files.
1948	156	7	Do.
1949	196	22	Blue book, page 108.
1950	210	27	Case files.
1951	169	22	Do.
1952	1,501	303	Blue book, page 108.
1953	509	42	Case files.
1954	487	46	Do.
1955	545	24	Do.
1956	670	14	Do.
1957	1,006	14	Do.
1958	627	10	Do.
1959	390	12	Do.
1960	557	14	Do.
1961	591	13	Do.
1962	474	15	Do.
1963	399	14	Do.
1964	562	19	Do.
1965	886	16	Do.
Total	10,147	646	

¹ Compiled Jan. 17, 1966.

Statistical data for years 1953-64¹

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Total
TOTAL CASES BY CATEGORY													
Astronomical	175	137	135	222	341	221	144	235	203	136	85	123	2,167
Missiles and rockets	2	1	1	3	2	6	6	13	17	11	16	34	83
Aircraft	73	80	124	148	210	104	63	66	77	68	73	71	1,167
Balloon	78	69	102	93	114	50	31	22	37	19	23	20	665
Insufficient data	79	102	95	132	101	111	65	105	115	94	98	99	1,240
Other	83	63	65	61	120	93	75	94	77	65	50	50	916
Satellite	0	0	0	0	6	13	0	21	69	77	82	143	417
Unidentified	42	46	24	14	14	10	12	14	13	15	14	19	237
Total	505	437	545	670	1,006	827	380	557	591	474	399	562	6,817
ASTRONOMICAL SIGHTINGS													
Meteors	70	92	79	88	179	168	100	187	119	95	57	61	1,295
Stars and planets	101	44	52	131	144	56	40	45	78	36	23	55	805
Other	4	1	4	3	18	7	4	3	6	5	5	7	67
Total	175	137	135	222	341	231	144	235	203	136	85	123	2,167
OTHER CASES													
Hoaxes, hallucinations, unreliable reports and psychological causes	15	6	18	16	37	29	14	13	17	11	16	34	226
Reflections	4	4	4	3	2	6	14	12	13	9	13	7	63
Fares and fireworks	3	3	4	6	8	3	5	7	3	3	0	2	51
Mirages and inversions	8	3	4	1	5	8	4	5	4	3	0	0	59
Search and groundlights	6	6	14	9	12	8	5	6	6	3	0	2	37
Clouds and contrails	0	3	2	1	9	5	4	4	5	4	6	0	47
Chaff	0	3	0	1	2	6	1	3	4	5	6	1	27
Birds	4	7	3	6	1	6	1	3	2	2	2	4	34
Radio analysis	15	7	1	3	27	1	8	3	2	0	1	2	87
Photo analysis	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	6	3	2	1	3	40
Physical specimens	1	6	5	3	5	10	3	7	4	15	3	6	70
Satellite decay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Other	1	7	4	0	9	1	3	3	4	3	4	4	48
Total	62	59	65	61	120	93	75	94	77	65	58	83	916

18.1%
- 3.4%

¹ Compiled Nov. 1, 1965.

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New Adviser

Mr. Robert F. Morse, a member of Brandt & Morse Consulting Engineers, Richmond, Va., has agreed to serve as a NICAP Adviser. Mr. Morse, who recently became a NICAP member, is a professional engineer and a licensed private pilot. He has been investigating the UFO subject personally since 1947 and has amassed a large collection of literature.

Formerly a member of a prominent early UFO investigation group, which subsequently disbanded, Morse says he "decided not to join any more UFO organizations until one particular one would prove to stand the test of time and to have its feet on the ground . . . (not) an organization that might at times follow down the blind alleys brought about by the Lunatic Frings."

GRAPHY OF RECOMMENDED U.F.O. MATERIAL

John Fuller (G.P. Putnam's Sons; scheduled for \$5.95) A detailed study of UFO sightings in England, 1965. Also examines other recent UFO

ery; 1965 \$4.95) - "...a new and provocative theory only called UFOs. Vallee's suggestions that on a national scale be given increased scientific attention." - Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman, Dept. of Aeronautics, Chief Liaison UFO consultant to the USAF.

1964: \$5.00) see other side for description.

and Lyle G. Boyd (Doubleday 1963; \$4.50) This book may help you to understand more about the "uninvestigated and unresolved", this debunking science fiction writer is both factually accurate and witty.

by & Richard Hall (Richard Hall, 1916 17th St., Washington, D.C.) Analysis of the UFO problem in general. Factual and objective. Contains important documents in appendix.

William-Frederick Press, 1962 \$4.45) - The American Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) contends that the people into disbelieving in the existence of alien life. European and South American UFO reports not investigated.

by L.J. Tacker (Van Nostrand, 1960; \$3.50) Tacker was the Pentagon spokesman on UFOs for many years. Investigations; includes an appendix of "facts" and date of book publication.

by Guy A. Bayne, USMC, ret. (Putnam, 1960; \$3.50) An analysis of UFO sightings, and the operations of NICAP. Contain a history of UFO sightings.

Aime Michel (Criterion, 1959; \$4.50)

Criterion; 1956; \$3.95)

by Robert E.J. Ruppelt, USAFR (Doubleday 1956 \$2.95)

by Robert E. Ruppelt, 1953 \$3.00)

by Guy A. Bayne (Holt, 1953 \$3.00)

of Intelligent Life on Other Planets * *

by Robert E. Ruppelt, 1966 \$6.95) - An excellent discussion of various theories of cosmology, by the Science Editor of

by Robert E. Ruppelt, 1964 \$5.75) - The detailed report, with illustrations, of a study made for the USAF by the RAND Corporation. Characteristics of stars and planets capable of supporting life. Ruppelt has estimated the probability of finding life on other planets. (A "popularized" version, co-authored with Robert E. Ruppelt, published by Random House at \$4.95. The Blaisdell

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(LEONHARDT, R. D.)

RE: INFO

May 24, 1966

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
146 South Third Street
Medford, Wisconsin 54451

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th telling me of your support of my proposal for a Congressional investigation of UFOs. I am pleased to have your backing and am sending my most recent press release on this matter as well as others I have issued.

I have also asked the House Committee on Armed Services to send you a copy of the hearings that they held. Thank you again for your support and interest.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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UFD
1146 South Third Street
Medford, Wisconsin 54451
May 15, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

Since World War II there have been many reports of unknown objects in our skies and around the world. There has been much credible, scientific evidence that forces one to take a serious attitude toward these reports.

You, no doubt, are familiar with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, directed by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S.M.C., Ret. As an associate member of this organization, I know of their efforts to promote an open investigation of the facts. I wish to thank you for your recent call for congressional hearings. If you can send me any reports on these or other related hearings, I would deeply appreciate it.

Please continue to search for the truth in regard to these mysterious happenings in our skies. If, indeed, we are being visited by an extraterrestrial civilization, it would be one of the most important occurrences in the history of mankind. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald D. Leonhardt
Ronald D. Leonhardt

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(GEISLER, W. C.)

RE: STUDY

June 1, 1966

Mr. William C. Geisler
5444 Woodside Road
Mentor on the Lake, Ohio

Dear Mr. Geisler:

Thank you for your letter of May 26th. I assure you that I do still feel that there should be a Congressional investigation of UFOs. I think the enclosed statements will display that I have continue to maintain that this should be done.

However as the result of my request, the House Committee on Armed Services did hold some hearings and the outcome of this was the call for a study by a university as described in the most recent press release enclosed.

I have had correspondence with Bill Van Horn and thus appreciate having your comments. You ask what the real answer is, and I still feel that it is a Congressional investigation. However the university study will be a good step in the right direction.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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enc.

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5444 Woodside Road
Mentor on the Lake, Ohio
May 26, 1966

Congressman Gerald Ford
Longworth Building
Washington 25, District of Columbia

Dear Congressman Ford;

During the recent Hillsdale, Michigan sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects you made a public statement that there should be congressional hearings on the subject. Do you still feel the same way?

I have become very interested in UFO investigations and have spent quite some time researching the subject. But I would like to hear some answers from the United States Air Force besides the 'party line' they have been handing out the past nineteen years.

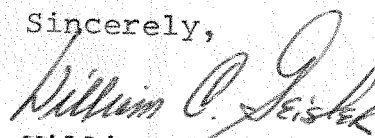
Dr. J. Allen Hynek did an excellent job of 'explaining' the Hillsdale sightings with the phrase "swamp gas," but William Van Horn, Defense Director of Hillsdale County, Michigan has some rather different opinions. According to Mr. Van Horn, Dr. Hynek spent only three hours on his Hillsdale investigation, before making his conclusions. Mr. Van Horn, however, found that the average monthly temperatures proved that swamp gas could not form at all, and that furthermore, during the night in question, the wind condition was such that if swamp gas could have appeared, the wind would have dispersed it before it became visible.

Dr. Hynek represents the UFO investigations for the Air Force "Project Blue Book." Now WHY would a representative of the U. S. Air Force come out with such a statement after only a mere token appearance at the scene?

It's my opinion that the Air Force, as well as other federal agencies, have been, and still are withholding information from the public about the subject of UFO. It is only public minded officials like you, Mr. Ford, who can get to the bottom of it, or the top, as the case may be, and keep the public informed.

We no longer live in the days of Orson Wells, and the American public has become vastly more sophisticated in the past twenty years. What is the real answer?

Sincerely,


William C. Geisler

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(SAMURICK)

RE: STUDY

June 7, 1966

Mr. Mark A. Samwick
3533 Roger Drive
Wantagh, New York

Dear Mr. Samwick:

Thank you for your letter of May 31st about the investigation of UFOs. There certainly has been progress made in the study of these sightings. The House Committee on Armed Services held one day of hearings and then decided that a contract should be let to a university to make an objective study of the unexplained sightings, and later make their report public.

We continue to check on the status of the project with the Air Force and they tell us now that the contract may not be let until after September 1st, and that it may be to more than one university.

This is the most recent information that we have, but I thought you would like to have copies of the press statements that I issued earlier this year. Copies of the Armed Services Committee hearings are available if you wish to write the Committee for them.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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enc.

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3533 Roger Drive
Wantagh, New York
May 31, 1966

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
514 Crown View Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sir,

In the newspapers of late March of this year, I read that you were trying to promote a Congressional investigation to probe the Air Force treatment of UFOs, but that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and others were presenting opposition. I was glad to hear that someone with authority was doing something to bring the Air Force's censorship of UFO sittings out into the open. Unfortunately, however, I have not heard any more about the investigation over the past two months.

I am seventeen years old and I am a junior in high school. For the past four or five years, I have been collecting articles and reports on UFO sittings, and this has grown to become my hobby. I would like you to know that my friends and I support your views on this subject, as I am sure many other people do.

I am writing this letter to find out if you have made any progress in promoting the investigation. I would appreciate any information you could send me about the investigation and the sitting at Ann Arbor.

I realize that you are very busy, but I hope that you can find some time to answer this letter. Thank you very much, and I wish you the best of luck with your investigation.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Samwick

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(SMILEY, C. H.)

RE: PROGRESS

June 6, 1966

Mr. Chaites H. Smiley
4204 Greenwood
Bolt, Michigan

Dear Mr. Smiley:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter on UFOs with your comments on the CBS television program. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed release, which is my most recent.

We have continued to check on the status of the investigation of the sightings that is going to be conducted by a university or universities as a result of my request.

We are now told that the contract for this investigation will not be let until this fall and that is the most recent information that I have. I do not know what university or universities will be chosen, nor do I know what date the contract will be let. However I am assured that the study will be objective and that the results will be made public.

Thank you for your support.

Kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Dear Sir

Not knowing how to say what I would like to say, I will try my best.

Not long ago, C.B.S. Television had a program on U.F.O.'s. I was not pleased how they tried to cover up the real subject at hand. They said these people were seeing things made by the United States, not in those direct words, but this is what they lead everyone to believe.

I realize the United States has many things that myself and many others know nothing about. But does the United States test these planes (experimental) and other objects in pop. areas. I would say NO.

Many people in the United States were asking the question about U.F.O. Are they or are they not from Outer Space. This program I think set these people to think, as it is no possible.

This program showed me nothing. I do believe there are or is someone or something out there.

In my last letter backing you on this subject you did not answer my question on where I may find the progress our government is making.

I thank you for answering my last letter. I would also want you to know I am back of you 100% on the subject.

Charles H. Smiley
4204 Greenwood
Holt, Michigan

Thank you
Charles Smiley

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)(BEECHER, B.)

RE: SUPPORT

June 10, 1966

Mr. Brook Beecher
3907 Lewis Avenue
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Brook:

Thank you for your letter of June 4th indicating your support for my action that have been directed towards a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

I appreciate your encouragement and thought you would like to see the enclosed press release, in case you had not seen it. We do not know at this time what University will be carrying out this project. As you may also know, the House Committee on Armed Services did hold one day of hearings as the result of my request.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR HONORABLE SIR.

MY NAME IS BROOK BEECHER, I AM 15 YEARS OLD AND VERY INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT OF UFOs. THE ORGANIZATION I BELONG TO (NIGAP) IS TRYING TO BRING THE FACTS OUT.

I HATE TO BOTHER YOU BUT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DONT UNDERSTAND AND DONT LIKE.. PLEASE BE IN A RELAXEFUL STATE WHILE I GLADLY INFORM YOU.

I AM TALKING ABOUT THE UFO SIGHTINGS THAT ARE INVESTIGATED BY OUR AIR FORCE. HUNDREDS THEM HAVE BEEN SEEN BY POLICEMEN, PILOTS AIR FORCE AND CIVILIAN, ASTRONOMERS AND SCIENTISTS. THEY HAVE BEEN TRACKED ON RADAR MANY TIMES AT AIR FORCE AND OTHER BASES AT SPEEDS UP TO NINE THOUSAND MILES AN HOUR. ALSO THEY HAVE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED ON GUN CAMERAS AND TELESCOPE CAMERAS BY MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING AIR FORCE MEN POLICE AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE OF GOOD RELIABILITY I AM AWARE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE FAKED AND PEOPLE CAN BE HOAXERS. BUT HOW CAN THEY EXPLAIN, THE ONES THAT WERE SEEN AND TRACKED ON RADAR AND EVEN PHOTOGRAPHED BY NEWSMEN, POLICE AND OTHER PEOPLE LAST AUGUST FOR TWO WEEKS? THEY WERE SEEN IN SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA AND PHOTOGRAPHED FLYING ABOVE THE CAPITOL DOME. THEY WERE ALSO SIGHTED IN OKLAHOMA CITY, KANSAS CITY, AND MINNEAPOLIS. IN MINNEAPOLIS AND SAINT PAUL ALONE DOZENS OF POLICE OFFICERS REPORTED THEM. IN SAINT PAUL PART WAS BLACKED OUT WHEN ONE OF THE SIGHTINGS OCCURED. ALSO NORTH HOLLYWOOD, SANA ANA, AND MANY OTHER CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ALONG REPORTED THEM. MANY OTHER COUNTRIES SAW THEM AND PHOTOGRAPHED THEM TOO INCLUDING PORTUGAL, SANTIAGO, CHILE AND BUENOS AIRES. DURING THE FLAP MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPORTED THEM OVER WHOLE CITIES IN MEXICO. THE AMOUNT OF SIGHTINGS INCREASED SO RAPIDLY THAT ONE OF THE NEWS PAPERS IN MEXICO SAID " TOURISTS ATTRACTIONS HAVE INCREASED GREATLY OVER THE PAST YEAR AND HALF OF THE INCREASE CAME FROM OUTER SPACE. YOU MIGHT THINK THEY WERE METEORS, KITES, AIRCRAFT, ILLUSIONS AND OTHER THINGS THAT CAN FOOL A PERSON. BUT DO THEY TURN 90 DEGREE ANGLES, GO THOUSANDS OF MILES AN HOUR AND STOP ALL OF A SUDDEN? WE CANT DO THIS!

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IF WE DID WE WOULD BLACK OUT BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE G FORCES THRUSED AGAINST US. UFOs HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CAUSE CARS TO STOP, TVs GO BLUR, AND RADIOS GO DEAD. WHEN THE OBJECT FLIES AWAY ALL OF THESE ARE IN NORMAL WORKING CONDITION. A LOT OF SCIENTISTS THINK THIS IS DUE TO MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE CAUSED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE FIELDS.

DO METEORITES STARS & PLANETS SHOW ON RADAR? THEN WHEN AIR FORCE JETS APPROACH THEM, THE SCREEN GOES BLANK AND THEY ARE LEFT TO CHASE EMPTY AIR. THEN THEY REAPPEAR AGAIN SOMEWHERE ELSE. NOW ONE MAY THINK, OH IT DOESNT HAPPEN VERY OFTEN . WHY BOTHER? THEY ARE WRONG ! AIR FORCE JETS CHASE THEM AND SOME HAVE CRASHED DOING SO. OUR AIR FORCE CHASES THEM ALL THE TIME DURING A FLAP. A FLAP IS A WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS SEEN DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD. WHAT HAPPENS TO PILOTS WHO REPORT THIS? THEY ARE TOLD TO WRITE DOWN THIER REPORT AND FORGET IT. WHEN THEY RETIRE, LUCKILY SOME OF THEM HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE (BEYOND TEN YEAR RESTRICTIONS) TO REPORT EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAW AND ADMIT THAT OUR AIR FORCE IS AND HAS BEEN KEEPING ALMOST ALL UFO THAT CAN NOT BE IDENTIFIED IN ANY WAY. WHEN THEY DO THIS THE AIR FORCE CALLS THEM NUTS OR CRAZY, MAYBE SOME OF THEM ARE, BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT EVERYONE OF THEM IS CRAZY OR INSANE? ME AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE DONT THINK SO.

OH LET ME TELL YOU HOW THE AIR FORCE EXPLAINED THE ONES THAT WERE SEEN LAST AUGUST THE THIRD WHICH IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY FLAPS OR WAVES THAT HAVE OCCURED SINCE 1947. I SHALL QUOTE FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE DURING THE EIGHT STATE WAVE THAT STARTED AT ONE IN THE MORNING AND LASTED THOUGH OUT THAT EVENTFUL DAY. " THE AIR FORCE SAID WHAT HUNDREDS OF PERSONS SAW SUNDAY NIGHT AND BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY WAS THE PLANET JUPITER OR ASSORTED STARS. (THE KANSAS CITY RADAR STATION PICKED THEM UP AT I BELIEVE 21,000 FEET HIGH). ORDINARY RADAR DOES NOT PICK UP PLANETS OR STARS THE AIR FORCE LISTED. THAT IS AS FAR FROM THE TRUTH AS YOU CAN GET" SAID ROBERT RISSER, DIRECTOR OF THE SCIENCE AND ART FOUNDATION PLANETARIUM IN OKLAHOMA CITY. HE SAID WATCHERS IN OKLAHOMA CERTAINLY DID NOT SEE THE STARS AND PLANET THE AIR FORCE LISTED. SOMEBODY HAS MADE A MISTAKE. THESE STARS AND PLANET JUPITER ARE ON THE OPPISITE SIDE OF THE EARTH FROM OKLAHOMA CITY AT TIME OF YEAR. (OVER BY INDIA). THIS WAS WHAT THE MINNEAPOLIS PAPER SAID LAST AUGUST 4, 1966. IT SHOULD HAVE HIT THE FRONT PAGE. BUT NO IT EITHER IS IN A SECTION OF THE PAPER NOT VERY NOTICEABLE OR NOT AT ALL. (SOME PAPERS I AM AWARE OF THIS, DO PUBLISH THE NEWS IN ITS PROPER PLACE). IT WAS ON THE RADIO EVERY DAY AND TV STATIONS ANNOUNCE IT

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BUT WHY NOT IN THE PAPERS? THAT IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE LOOK AT. THIS I WISH I COULD ANSWER.

THE LAST FLAP (MARCH&APRIL 1966) PRESENTS A GOOD CASE OF AIR FORCE RIDICULE OF REPORTS. ON MARCH 20th, 1966, 40 PEOPLE AND 12 POLICEMEN SAW A UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT HOVERING HOVERING OVER THE GROUND(REFERRED AS SWAMP GAS).THE SAWMP I AGREE IS AN UNLIKELY PLACE FOR A VISIT FROM OUTER SPACE. THE NEWS BROADCASTER SAID MAYBE OUR SWAMPS ARE PARADISE FOR THEM, HUH. I WAS JUST JOKEING, SOMETIMES READING A LONG LETTER AS MINE CAN GET VERY BOREING. THE NEXT DAY 87 GIEL COLLEGE STUDENTS, A CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR AND AN ASSISTANT DEAN SAW A UFO HOVER ABOVE A SWAMP FOR FOUR HOURS AND TAKE OFF. I ADMIT COLLEGE GIRLS CAN GET PRETTY EXCITED AND START IMAGINING THINGS, B UT SIGHTINGS INCREASED GREATLY FOR 7 MORE DAYS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES -- TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, OHIO, WISCONSIN, AND MICHIGAN. FROM MAINE TO THE ROCKIES OBJECTS YET TO BE IDENTIFY POPPED OUT OF THE SKY WITHOUT THE EXCEPTION OF THE COLLEGE PRANSTERS WHO SET OF ROTARY BALLONS TO DECIEVE THE PEOPLE OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WHILE THIS WAS HAPPENING THE AIR FORCE REFUSED TO TALK TO REPORTERS. AND IT DENIED KEEPING UFO REPORTS UNDER SECURITY. FINALLY AFTER MANY PEOPLE OF GOOD RELIABILITY REPORTED SEEING THESE THINGS THE AIR FORCE SENT IN DR. H. ALLEN HYNEK(WHOM IM SURE YOU ARE WELL FAMILAR WITH) A US AIR FORCE INVESTIGATOR TO HEAD INVESTIGATIONS IN MICHIGANS SWAMP AREAS. THEY EXPLAINED THEM ALL RIGHT, HE SAID IT WAS PROBABLY SWAMP GAS CAUSED BY ROTTEN VEGETATION. DONT TELL ME THAT SWAMP GAS JUSTS APPEARS, HOVERS, AND FINALLY FLYS AWAY TO JOIN FOUR OTHER SWAMP GASES IN THE SKY. AND TO BE SWAMP GAS IT HAD TO BE ON FIRE TO SHOW SUCH A FLARE. MANY PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT SOME OF THE AIR FORCES EXPLANATIONS ARE NEITHER REASONABLE NOR INTELLIGENCE. A POLICEMEN TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF TWO UFOs STREAKING ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY. PROFESSOR HYNEK SAID IT COULD BE A TIME EXPOSURE OF THE PLANET VENUS AND THE RISING MOON, WELL MAYBE SO, AND MAYBE 90% OF THE SIGHTINGS ARE BALLONS, KITES, HOAXES ETC. BUT THERE ARE SO MANY SIGHTINGS THAT THE AIR FORCE CAN NOT ACCOUNT FOR, THAT THEY SOMETIMES HAVE TO MAKE UP AN EXPLANATION TO QUITE DOWN THE PEOPLE AND SOME OF THIER DEBUNKING STORIES ARE SO RIDICULOUS THAT YOU BEGAN TO WONDER IF THIER IMAGINATION IS VERY BRIGHT AFTER ALL. ONE SIGHTING THE AIR FORCE LISTED AS THE PLANET MARS, IT SOON GOT AROUND LATER THAT THE PLANET WASNT EVEN UP UNTIL AN HOUR AFTER THE SIGHTING OCCURED.

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SOMETIMES THE AIR FORCE RELY ON THIER EXPLANATIONS SO MUCH THAT THEY DONT EVEN BOTHER TO INVESTIGATE. THIS MAKES PEOPLE MAD AND VERY DISGUSTED SO MUCH THAT THEY JUST CANT QUITE SWALLOW THE EXPLANATIONS DOWN.

THE AF EXPLAINED THE HOVERING OF A UFO SIGHTED BY COLLEGE GIRLS, A DEAN AND A CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR FOR FOUR HOURS WERE PROBABLY MISCHIEVOUS BOYS HOLDING FLARES IN THE AIR AS A PRANK. ALSO THEY DECLINED THE JUDGMENT OF PEOPLE BY EXPLAINING NUMERIOUS OTHER SIGHTINGS AS BALLONS WITH ROTARY BLADES & FLARES (WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY SOME WERE) KITES AND IMAGINATION, MAYBE QUITE POSSIBLE THAT MOST OF THEM WERE, BUT COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT ALL OF THE SO CALLED GHOSTS THAT ARE TRACKED ON RADAR CAN BE SO SIMPLE EXPLAINED AS RADAR PHENOMENA, AND THAT ALL OF THE RELIABLE PEOPLE THAT DONT BELONG TO THE CRACKPOT SOCIETY WHICH INCLUDES PILOTS, POLICEMEN, SCIENTISTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE ARE EITHER SEEING MIRAGES AND OTHER ASTROBOMICAL EFFECTS OR IMAGINING THINGS THAT DONT EXIST. NO I DONT THINK SO AND NEITHER DO MANY OTHER PEOPLE. THIER MUST BE SOMETHING TO THIS I DONT THINK THE AIR FORCE KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE (FLYING SAUCER IS THE TERM USED FOR PEOPLE LIVING A GENERALLY DULL LIFE TRYING TO BRING EXTERRISAL EXISTENCE) I DONT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE I DONT DOUBT SAUCERS ARE REAL MUST BE SOME FORM OF LIFE BEYOND THAT WE KNOW OF, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING I SHALL STICK TO THE NAME UFOS .BUT WHENEVER AN AF INVESTIGATION IS LEAD OUT THEY SHOULD INCLUDE WE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ON IT. WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE THIS SITUATION WHICH IS CRITICAL.

SOMETIMES YOU DO GET AROUND TO TALKING ABOUT IT.BUT MOST OF THE CONGRESSMEN MUST FEEL IT IS A WASTE OF TIME SINCE THE AIR FORCE CAN EXPLAN THEM SO EASILY. ON AUGUST 6 1961 THE NEWSPAPER NOTED" NO HOUSE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WILL BE HELD THIS SESSION" THE AIR FORCE IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING IT. IT IS BELIEVED HOWEVER THAT THE AIR FORCE AS USUAL, HAS BEEN URGING AGAINST ANY UFO HEARINGS AT ALL. THE AIR FORCE IS THE SOLE OFFICAL INVESTIGATOR AND REPORTER ON UFO SIGHTINGS. ITS REPEATED STORY IS THAT ALL OF THE SIGHTINGS CAN BE EXPLAINED AWAY AS FAMILIAR OBJECTS, MIS-IDENTIFIED.(THERE ARE SOME SIGHTINGS SO REALISTIC THAT THE AIR FORCE HAS TO MAKE UP AN EXPLANATION TO QUITE DOWN PUBLIC. 20 YEARS AGO THE AIR FORCE FEARED A PUBLIC PANIC. NEW THEY

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FEAR AN RISEING ATTACK FROM THE PUBLIC FOR SECURING SOME OF THESE REPORTS FOR SO LONG.

WHEN PEOPLE ATTACK THE AIR FORCE FOR DEBUNKING THE SIGHTINGS SO RIDICULOUSLY THEY ARE MEANT FOR THE WHOLE AIR FORCE. THIS IS NOT FAR BECAUSE THE WHOLE AIR FORCE IS NOT INVOLVED ONLY A VERY SMALL PORTION OF IT(I INVESTIGATING OFFICER AT EACH AIR FORCE BASE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTS SUBMITTED IN HIS AREA TO BE SENT TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB FOR IDENTIFICATION IF NOT ON THE SPOT IDENTIFIED.) PLEASE ! I AM NOT TRYING TO ATTACK THE AF BY SAYING IT IS A FRAUD I WAS ONLY TO CALL TO THE POINT OF WHAT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HEARING.

AIR FORCE PILOTS HAVE CHASED UFOs AND SOME HAVE DIED DOING SO. I DONT THINK UFOs ARE A THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY SOMETHING ORDINARY OR UNUSUAL MUST HAVE OCCURRED WHITE THE CHASE WAS ON. ONE CASE WHICH OCCURRED 18-1948 YEARS AGO I WILL CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION WAS AT GODDARD AFBASE. UNKNOWNs WERE TRACKED ON RADAR SO THE COMMAND SENT OUT JET INTERSCOPERS TO PURSUE THE OBJECT. A SQUADON OF PLANES SET OUT FOR THE UFO. FINALLY THEY GAVE UP CHASE. BUT THE SQUAD LEADER CAPTAIN MANTEL REARED OVER NEAR IT WAYNUP HIGH. HIS LAST WORDS WERE (MY GOD I CAN SEE PEOPLE IN IT) WHICH REALLY DOESNT MEAN MUCH. BUT THE FACT THAT HIS SON WAS FOUND WITH A WRECKED PLANE BELOW. THE AIR FORCE SAID HE WAS CHASEING THE PLANET VENIUS.

IT WAS STILL DAY (I DONT HAVE THE FULL DETAILS WITH ME I SENT IT TO A FRIEND OF MINE) AND USUALLY WHEN VENIUS CAN BE FOUND ONCE IT IS PRETTY HARD FOR THE PILOT TO KEEP TRACK OF IT AND VENIUS DOES NOT GET TRACKED ON RADAR! ~~AF JET WHAT MODEL I CANT MAKE OUT I DONT HAVE THE REPORT WITH ME WERE SENT OUT TO INTERCEPT A UFO BY LAKE SUPERIOR. NOVEMBER 23, 1953~~

AN UNKNOWN OBJECT WAS REPORTED IN THE SKY OVER LAKE SUPERIOR. FROM KINROSS AIR FORCE BASE IN MICHIGAN, AN F-89 JET TOOK OFF TO INVESTIGATE? AT CONTROLS WERE LT. MONCLA JR., AND IN REAR COCKPIT PREPARINT TO TRACK THE UFO WAS LT. WILSON. AN AF RADAR CREW FOLLOVED THE WHOLE OPERATION FROM THE GROUND. THEY SAW THE F-89 FOLLOE THE UFO FOR 160 MILES .OVER LAKE SUPERIOR. THIER WAS NO ADVANCE INDICATION OF ANY TROUBLE. BUT SUDDENLY THE UFO BLIPS AND THE JET BOTH MERGED ON THE RADARSCOPE. THE REST WAS SILENCE. RADIO CALLS TO MONCLA & WILSON WERE UNANSWERED. A TWO DAY SEARCH OF THE LAKE TURNED UP NOT A SINGLE PEICE OF WRECKAGE NOT A LIFEJACKET, NOT A SLICK OF OIL. THE AIR FORCE MAIE ALL KINDS OF ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAN AWAY THIS WEIRD EPISODE. AT FIRST THEB UFO WAS EXPLAINED AS AN OFF COUSE CANADIAN AIRLINER, THEN AS A ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE JET. BUT NEITHER HELD WATER. IT IS A POSITIVE FACT SUBSTAINED BY

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20,000 feet

(PLANE)

THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE IT SELF IN LETTERS TO NI.OAP, THAT NO CANADIAN AIR CRAFT OF ANY KIND WERE IN THE VICINITY AT THE TIME. I SHALL LET YOU ON A EQUALLY WEIRD INCIDENT.

ON APRIL 8, 1964, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHED FROM CAPE KENNEDY THE FIRST TWO MAN GEMINI CAPSULE. THE CAPSULE WENT INTO ITS PLANNED ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH. THIS FIRST TEST WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. YOU READ ABOUT IT THE NEXT MORNING IN THE PAPER.

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU DIDNT READ. THE GEMINI CAPSULE WAS STILL IN ITS FIRST ORBIT WHEN FOUR UNKNOWN SPACECRAFT FLEW UP TO IT. WHILE STARTLED RADAR TRACKERS WATCHED THEIR SCREENS IN OPEN MOUTHED AMAZEMENT, THE FOUR TOOK UP POSITIONS AROUND THE CAPSULE-- TWO ABOVE IT ONE BENEATH, ONE AFT. THEY DREW CLOSE TO THE TO THE CAPSULE AND PACED IT FOR A FULL ORBIT OF THE EARTH. THEN APPARENTLY FINISHED WITH WITH THEIR SCRUTINY, THEY PULLED AWAY AND VANISHED INTO THE UNKNOWN. THE FACT YOU HAVENT HEARD IT- HAVENT BEEN ALLOWED TO HEAR IT- IS AS FRIGHTING AS THE STORY ITSELF. IF YOU WISH TO CHECK ON THESE INCIDENTS THEY ARE ON FILE AT NI. OAP WASHINGTON D.C.

I WENT TO LISTEN TO COLONEL HARRY F. MAY U.S.A.E. RESERVE OFFICER AT A LECTURE. HE SAID THAT WE WITH THE HUMAN EYE CAN ONLY SEE 1 MILEOMETER OF 1 MILEOMETER OF ONE PERCENT OF ALL OF THE LIGHT RAYS KNOWN TO MAN. THESE FIGURES HE PUT TOGETHER WITH HIS OWN STUDY OF COSMIC & ULTRAVIOLENT RAYS. THE MEANING OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE NOT OF MUCH VALUE. BUT AFTER THE LECTURE I WENT APOUN THE PLATFORM TO QUESTION HIM. THE QUESTION OF MOST IMPORTANCE I THREW AT HIM WAS WHAT ARE AIR FORCE REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS 200-2 PARAGRAPH 9&II. MY DID HE STIFFEN HE SEEM TO BE THINKING WHERE DID YOU GET KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH RULES. OTHER PEOPLE WERE LISTENING AND I DID NOT WISH TO HARM HIM BEING AN OFFICER ONLY DOING HIS DUTY, I TOLD HIM TO FORGET THE QUESTION THAT I KNEW WHAT THEY CONTAINED.

YOU MAY ASK WHAT IS STATED IN ITS CONTENTS. THIS I CAN NOT TELL YOU WORD FOR WORD ONLY THE AF KNOWS THIS. BUT I SHALL INFORM YOU OF THE GENERAL STATEMENTS IN IT. AF REGULATION 200-2 par 9 STATES ONLY EXPLAINED CASES MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA OF OCCURENCE. THEIR JOB AS YOU KNOW IS TO TURN A UFO TO AN IDENTIFIEDABLE FLYING OBJECT IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

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PAR. II AF REG. 200-2 RESTRICTS AIR FORCE PERSONNAL FROM PUBLICLY DISCUSSING UF's. THE NEXT TIME CONGRESS HAS A HEARING WITH THE AIR FORCE PRESIDING (THE LAST ONE WAS A SHAME ONLY ONE HOUR TWENTY MINUTES ALLOWED TIME) ASK THEM WHAT 200-2 STATE IN REGARD TO UFO IDENTIFICATION SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 9&III IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO HEAR WHAT THEY SAY. THEY SAY THIER FILES ARE OPEN TO NEWS REPORTERS BOOK WRITERS ETC.. BBT WHEN I RECIEVED APOUN REQUEST THE ANNUAL PROJECT BLUEBOOK REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE AF I NOTICED ON PAGE 5 (DATE FEBRUARY 1966) UNDER NON AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS I SHALL QUOTE FROM IT" THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC. THESE CONCERN INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AND PROCEIDURES FOR FORWARDING UFO REPORTS TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY. (WORD FOR WORD). THE FIRST MENTIONED WAS AF REGULATION 200-2, THE SECOND AND LAST IS JANAP I46. WHY? BECAUSE THE AIR FORCE DOESNT WANT THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL TO TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THIER RULES PRETAINING TO THE SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED CASES .WHY ARE THEY CLASSIFIED I CAN NOT TELL YOU BECAUSE I DO NOT KNOW. ON PAGE 9 (9) OF THE SAME BOOKLET WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE OF STATISTICS FOR 1965 UNDER STARS AND PLANETS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST (DURING THE AUGUST JULY)UFO FLAP) YOU WILL SEE THE NUMBER 55 AND FOR THE OTHER MONTHS LESS NUMBERS RANGING FROM 0 TO 20 MOST OF THESE I FEAR WERE DURING THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 3 WHEN THEY WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE AIR FORCE AS BEING THE PLANET JUPITER AND STARS RAGAL WHICH WAS NOT EVEN UP IN THE SKY THAT NIGHT TO THE VISIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT WERE SHINING WHERE INDIA SHOULD BE. YET TO THE AF IT IS LISTED AND STILL REMAINS AS IDENTIFIED.

BEFORE I CIOSE MY LETTER I WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE OF A SIGHTING WHICH OCCURRED THE 17th OF APRIL 1966. DEPUTY SHERIFF DALE SPAUR AND DEPT SHERIFF W.L. NEFF OF RAVENNA OHIO SPOTTED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT(UFO) AT 5 a.m. AND CHASED IT FOR 86 MILES FOR A HOUR AN A HALF FROM NEAR RAVENNA OHIO TO CONWAY PITTSBURG HUNDREDS OF OTHER PERSONS IN BOTH STATES REPORTED SEEING THE BRILLIANT AND SHINNY OBJECT. SPAUR SAID HE CDOCKED IT UP% TO 103 MILES AN HOUR."WHEN WE GOT STALLED IN TRAFFIC, IT WAITED FOR US" HE SAID. POLICE CHIEF GERALD BUCHERT TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OBJECT IN HIS BACK YARD. THE AIR FORCE EXPLAINED THE OBJECT WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS TWO SAUCERS ON TOP OF EACH OTHER ZIG ZIGGING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE ROAD AS THE PASSAGE OF A

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SATELLITE. AS IT APPROACHED THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE SKY, IT DISAPPEARED, AND SHERIFF SPAUR FOCUSED HIS EYES ON THE PLANET VENIUS. POLICE SHERIFF ROSS DUSTMAN CRITICIZED THE REPORT.

" I GO ALONG WITH MY MEN" DUSTMAN SAID. IT WAS NOT A SATELLITE AND NOT VENIUS. I'VE SEEN VENIUS MANY TIMES, BUT I NEVER SAW VENIUS 50 FEET ABOVE A ROAD AND MOVING FROM SIDE TO SIDE LIKE THIS WAS... I HAVE NEVER SEEN VENIUS CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE LIKE THIS. THE AIR FORCE SAID NOTHING TURNED UP IN THE PHOTOGRAPH POLICE SHERIFF BUCHERT TOOK SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH THE CAMERA. THEN ASKED HIM NOT TO RELEASE IT. NOT TO RELEASE PHOTOGRAPHS NOTHING TURNED UP IN. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE OR A MISTAKE HAS (SHALL I SAY A LOT OF MISTAKES) HAS OCCURRED AND THE PUBLIC INGENERAL OUGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT IT.

I WROTE TO OUR LOCAL CONGRESSMEN MR CRAIG HOSMER OF LONG BEACH AND LET HIM ON A FEW FACTS I THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT IT. 2 WEEKS LATER I RECIEVED A RESPECTIVE ANSWER FROM CONGRESSMEN HOSMER. IT SAID" DEAR BROOK; RATHER THAN GO INTO DETAIL IN REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER ABOUT UFOs, I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE HEARINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES ON APRIL 5, 1966, WHICH I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND MOST INTERESTING." IN OTHER WORDS SINCE HE HAS A CAMPAIGN COMEING UP HE SIMPLY DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED. BUT IT WAS VERY NICE OF MR. HOSMER TO SEND ME THE BOOKLET ON THE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE HEARING OF UFOs THEN LEAVE ME WITH A BLANK EXPRESSION. WOULNT PEOPLE THINK HE WAS OFF BEAM IF HE PROPOSED A BILL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION? OUR DISTRICT IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH FINE CONGRESSMEN SO THIER NO USE IMPLYING APOUN HIM AN UNKNOWN BURDEN OF WHICH HE COULD NOT HANDLE HE IS BETTER THE WAY HE IS. IF YOU WISH MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT I SUGGEST YOU TRY AND CONTACT WHICH HE WILL BE MORE THEN GLADME TO SERVE YOU, AND IS DIRECTOR OF N.I.C.A.P.. THEY CAN BE REACHED BY PHONEING North 7-9434. I FELT YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE NOW THAT I COULD TRUST AND WRITE TO I KNOW YOU WILL DO A VERY GOOD JOB ABOUT THIS AND PLEASE DONT FEEL ALONE WE ARE ALL WITH YOU ON THIS SUBJECT AND LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE OF ANY MORE SERVICE TO YOU AT ALL.(PLEASE). I AM JUST A BEGIN NING TYPER BUT TYPED IT SO YOU COULD UNDERSTAND IT. I HAVE SPENT ²⁵ HOURS ON THIS AND COPIED IT TWICE. PLEASE IN YOUR ANSWER LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE SITUATION AND TELL ME WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT I DONT KNOW. PLEASE INFORM ME OF WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT YOU KNOW OF.. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WILL BE WAITING VERY ANXILIOUSLY, RETURN REPLY. REQUESTED.

YOUR FRIEND BROOK BEECHER

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(JESUS, D. A.)

RE: SUPPORT

June 1, 1966

Mr. David B. Jesus
1437 No. Alta Vista Boulevard
Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Jesus:

Thank you for your letter of May 26th indicating your support for my actions that have been directed towards a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

I appreciate your encouragement and thought you would like to see the enclosed press release, in case you had not seen it. We do not know at this time what university will be carrying out this project.

Thank you again for your interest.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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May 26, 1966

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

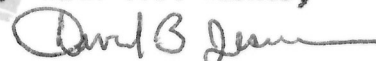
Dear Congressman Ford:

I have just completed reading your letter of March 28, 1966 to L. Mendel Rivers, in which you requested a hearing on unidentified flying objects. I am writing to congratulate you on your courageous and correct stand on UFO's.

Although I have never seen such objects myself, while I was on active duty in the U. S. Army in Thailand, in 1962, a radar sighting occurred. To my knowledge, it was never adequately explained. After arriving back in the States, I wrote to Project Blue Book about the case in question. I was informed that Blue Book had never heard of the incident.

I have two friends who are former Air Force officers. One had a UFO sighting at SAC headquarters in Omaha. He is convinced the UFO's are real objects that could not be manufactured by earth technology. (He held the rank of major in the Air Force, and is now an engineer for a major aero-space company.) My other friend was a Captain, who used to investigate UFO-sighting reports in the field--not on the Blue Book staff. He tells me that at least 2/3 of the reports were never even sent to Blue Book! He was stationed at a radar site, in the mid-1950's, and at least three times in a six month period UFO's were tracked on radar. On each occasion, the station's microwave was knocked out for a 10 minute period.

This is the first time that I have ever written to a governmental official solely for the purpose of telling him what a fine job I think he is doing. I sincerely hope that you will continue in your efforts to bring out the truth, whatever it may be, about the unidentified flying objects. With best wishes,


David B. Jesus