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LEGISLATIVE

UFO INFO

(COLONNA, K.)

RE: UFO INFO

August 19, 1966

Mr. Kerry Colonna
10646 Drakewood Avenue
Culver City, California

Dear Mr. Colonna:

Thank you for your letter of August 13th requesting information on unidentified flying objects. I am enclosing some material but I am afraid that we do not have very much that will be useful to you.

Some of this information is material that has been sent to me from time to time by those who write me on this matter. Of course I am pleased to enclose the copies of the press statements that I have made but we have made no attempt to gather and collect material on UFOs because there are a number of organizations already doing this in addition to the Air Force. My main concern has been that a Congressional hearing be held and the unexplained sightings considered, all available information examined, and the results made fully available to the public. You will find that this is the subject of my press releases.

I regret that I have no copies of the hearings that you mention. We received a few copies which were quickly gone and we find that the committee has no more copies available for distribution. However I hope the enclosed materials will be helpful.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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10646 Drakewood Avenue
Culver City, California
August 13, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am doing an extensive, private investigation on UFOs and would appreciate any information you may have to offer.

This might possibly include the April 21, 1966 News Release, and the April 5, 1966 Hearing by Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives (No. 55).

I would appreciate it if any information could be mailed by the end of summer because of time and educational purposes.

Once again, I thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kerry Colonna
Kerry Colonna

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10646 Drakewood Avenue
Culver City, California
September 1, 1966

UFO

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LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Mr. Ford:

I truly appreciate your aggressivness in answering my letter of August 13th. Your information added much to my knowledge.

If you were to read closly the third paragraph of the opening statements on Project Blue Book ,1 February 1966 ,it states that the objectives of Project Blue Book are two-fold: first, to determine if ufo's pose a threat to the security of the US; and second, to determine whether UFOs exhibit any unique scientific information or advanced technology which could contribute to research. (As if they expect these objects to be interplanetary so they can determine how our space visitors travel through space.) Now, while they are trying to copy these marvelous craft, they explain it away as some easily explainible object; "In the course of accomplishing these objectives, Project Blue Book strives to identify and explain all UFO sightings reported to the Air Force." In the conclusions it states (1) no UFO reported has given any indication of threat to national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings catergorized as unidentified represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge; (They may have learned alot more from the 'identified' such as swamp gas, and they didn't know that the planet Venus could follow you car or plane and make 180 degree turns at thousands of miles per hour; but they still try to develop what they are explaining away) (3) "there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles." Then, three paragraphs down, it says; "The Air Force does not deny the possibility that some form of life may exist on other planets in the universe. However, to date, the Air Force has neither received nor discovered any evidence which proves the existence and intra-space mobility of extraterrestrial life. The Air Force continues to extend an open invitation to anyone

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who feels that he possesses any evidence of extraterrestrial vehicles operating within the earth's near space envelope to submit his evidence for analysis.

These are the only places where they mention anything about a connection between UFOs and extraterrestrial vehicles. What made them bring up anything about extraterrestrial vehicles? Their purposes are to determine if they cause a threat to security, if they can find out any scientific information, and to explain them away; but it mentions nothing about determining the cause of UFOs and whether or not they are extraterrestrial!! Also, why would they want any evidence which proves the existence and intra-space mobility of extraterrestrial life?

My point is that they are making alot of statements against the proposed purpose of Project Blue Book.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the information and I hope that you might keep my address on file in case you run across any added information which I might be able to use. It would be greatly accepted! You can write me any time, and I would answer any outside questions with theories that you might have.

I do feel you should press for an open congressional or committee hearing on UFOs. The only skeptics and disbelievers are the uninformed, so inform them!

Sincerely,

Kerry Colonna
Kerry Colonna

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UFO

(HAYTER, R.)

RE: SUPPORT INV.

August 17, 1966

Miss Rebecca Hayter
Route #1
Holston, Virginia

Dear Miss Hayter:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter. I am pleased to know of your interest in the Republican Party and about the work that you are doing in that area. We called the Teen-Age Republican Headquarters here in Washington and they will be sending some special material to you that should be helpful in organizing a club in that area.

Thank you for your support of my call for a Congressional investigation of the UFO sightings as well. As you may know, as a result of my urging the House Committee on Armed Services did hold one day of hearings. However the most recent development is that the Air Force is due to award grants to six universities to make a study of the unexplained sightings. Unfortunately we have no further information regarding this, but I thought you would like to see the enclosed statements that I made.

Thank you again for your support and interest in the Republican Party.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Thank her for UFO support, send releases
and tell ~~you~~/ her what the status is. Call RNC and have
them send TAR organizing information to her. Thank her
for her support of the Republican Party and tell her that
Mr. Ford will continue to urge a Congressional invest.

Port 1

Holston, Va
Aug 4 1966

Mr. Gerald Ford
Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C.

RE 7-0176

Dear Mr. Ford,

I am not one of your constituents
but I am an ardent Republican. I have just graduated
from High school, and am trying to do everything
possibly to get a Republican elected to take the
place of W. Pat Jennings. But I am straying
from the subject.

I have read where you were trying
to get a Senate or House hearing on the UFO sightings.
I urge you to push this thing and make the
People of the United States and the World realize
these things are real. The people have been
bluffed, fooled and put in such a state of fear.

that they laugh at the truth. I know there
 are such things. I also ^{as I have seen them} know that they will
 cause a great crisis in the security of this
 nation & the world. Please do everything
 possible to get the wheels rolling for a hearing.
 The people of this nation are intelligent
 enough to know the truth and not as naive
 as some of Johnson's legion or grass would have
 them believe. ^{if they are given the chance} Thank you very much. I am

Very sincerely yours
 Phyllis Hayter

P.S. This probably is proper but I will tell
 Senator Dickson I think wonderfully &
 to keep trying to put Prayers back in Schools.
 Also I am trying to start a Republican
 Youth Club, on a large scale, to
 eventually become national, for people
 (Teachers or others) to help spread the Republican

Ideas, I would appreciate any help
you or any other Republicans can give me
in getting started. We are going to
start group in the schools. We are also
going to ask for state & National Recognition.
Who knows maybe by '65 we can add
support to the National ^{Presidential} Campaign if the
country lasts that long.

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(NYERGES, N.)

RE: UFO AND POWER
FAILURE

August 19, 1966

Mr. Napoleon G. Nyerger
807 Fifth Street, Apartment #5
Santa Monica, California 90403

Dear Mr. Nyerger:

Thank you for your letter of August 11th regarding unidentified flying objects. I am pleased to hear from you again, however I should clarify the fact that I do not serve as the head of a committee investigating UFOs as I am not allowed, as Minority Leader, to serve on any committees.

I was interested to have your observations concerning the sightings of an object that reportedly made a connection to a power line and thus might have been the cause of the power black-out. Frankly, I have no information that would either confirm or deny that this might have happened.

As I serve on no committee that is studying these sightings, I am afraid I have no information that I could pass along to you. At the moment, no Congressional committee is studying UFOs and although the Air Force intends to give grants to six universities to make their own studies, this has not been done yet. You may wish to write to the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and they may be able to provide you with more information on these particular sightings.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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Aug 11 1966

Hon Gerald Ford
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C.
Honorable sir;

I wish to gratefully acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in reply to my questions about the House Committee, of which you are the head, that is investigating reports of Unidentified Flying Objects.

I have just recently read an article in the August 1966 issue of "TRUE" magazine by John G. Kuller which was a condensation of the latest book entitled "Incident at Exeter". The book deals with the many, many reports of sightings by apparently reliable people, including the Police. I intend to obtain the book and read it in its entirety. My reason for writing to you is this. One incident mentioned in the book is worthy of closer scrutiny and investigation. The author speaks of two cases where UFO's have been seen to hover over high power lines and actually coming so close that a long tube was extended from the object and came in contact with the wire itself. One instance was reported by two separate observers at the almost same time as the big blackout occurred in the East and New York City. Is there any possibility of a connection between these 2 events? The information released to the public about the big power failure indicates that there was no actual defective equipment actually discovered, that all damage was caused by the subsequent overload on the network itself. I would like to learn what your committee has uncovered on this subject and receive a copy of your hearings, if any are publicly released. Thank you,

Napoleon G. Nyerges
807 1/2 11th St - apt #5
Santa Monica 90403
Calif.

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(BATEMAN, F.)

RE: REQUIREMENT
FOR UNV. STUDY

August 16, 1966

Mr. Frank F. Bateman, Jr.
Box 5371
College Station
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bateman:

Thank you for your letter of August 8th requesting certain information about the requirements for the participation in the study of UFO's by universities in the United States.

Enclosed is a copy of the "Special Report of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee to Review Project "Blue Book," which the Air Force tells us has the information on the requirements that you were interested in.

They also enclosed a copy of "Project Blue Book Report" for February, 1966 which may be helpful. I am sorry for the delay in getting this material to you but our regular contact in the Air Force is on sick leave, and consequently did not return our calls.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Box 5371
College station
Raleigh, N. C.
August 8, 1966

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

I am writing to ask your help in determining the nature of the research that the Air Force will require of the one "lead" university and the other five universities which will be taking part in the investigation of unexplained UFO reports as a result of an Air Force grant to the "lead" university.

There are a small number of students and faculty members at North Carolina State University (at which I am a junior in political science) who have expressed an interest in proposing to the administration that a letter be sent to the Air Force indicating that the University is interested in the possibility of participating in the investigation of the unexplained reports. However, before the faculty members or even the administration can be expected to endorse such a proposal or action, information is needed to determine which department might be involved, how many persons might be needed, how much paper work might be required, etc.

It would therefore be greatly appreciated if you could forward any existing written material which might be available concerning the requirements for participation in the program, or if none is available, if you could let me know from whom or from what department such information might be obtained.

Let me once again thank you for your interest and time.

Sincerely,
Frank F. Bateman, Jr.
Frank F. Bateman, Jr.

News release -

*8/11/66 : CALLED COL. CHARKSON, 11-72854, LEFT
WORD FOR HIM TO CALL ~~WIFE~~ SICK COL. ROBERTS
W/C*

LEGISLATIVE

UFP

(LARSEN, S.)

RE: HEARING

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August 1, 1966

Mr. Sherman J. Larsen
2926 Applegate Road
Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Larsen:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter. It has taken a few days, but we have been able to obtain one copy of the hearings and it is enclosed.

I hope that it will be useful for your files.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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SHERMAN J. LARSEN
2926 Applegate Road
Glenview Illinois
60025

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

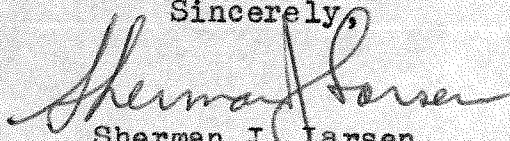
Dear Sir:

Now that the excitement has died down again I would be most appreciative of your sending to me a copy of Report No 55 bearing the title " Unidentified Flying Objects" which is the Hearings by the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives of the Second Session of the Eighty Ninth Congress. The book dated April 5, 1966.

My interest in the subject has been constant over the past 13 years and I have developed a considerable file on the subject.

Your cooperation would be most thankful.

Sincerely,


Sherman J. Larsen

coming 7/29

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

Barrow
UFO

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SEP 29 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

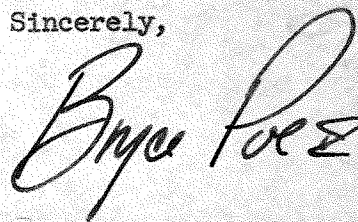
We recently sent you information concerning the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). A Mr. Robert Barrow had written you regarding this subject.

In our letter, we advised that the basic Air Force regulation dealing with UFOs was AFR 200-2, and that it was in the process of being revised. Shortly after we dispatched this letter to you, a copy of the revised AFR, now titled, AFR 80-17, became available. A copy is attached for your use.

You will note that, as predicted, the new regulation indicates that Research and Development personnel now have primary interest in these investigations.

We hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,



Attachment

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives

BYRCE POE, II, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Plans Group
Legislative Liaison

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

U- UFO.
(Barrow)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SEP 26 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

This is in response to your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Robert Barrow concerning the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The decision of the Air Force to contract with independent scientists to assist in its UFO investigations does not mean that the Air Force's basic role in the investigation of UFO reports has been altered. Rather the decision represents a desire by the Air Force to have UFO investigations improved and strengthened.

Scientists involved in the investigation of UFO reports under an Air Force study grant will have the full cooperation of the Air Force and access to all its Blue Book files, the basic files on UFO reports. All Air Force files on Blue Book are already open to inspection by scientists and bona fide news media representatives. We do not limit access to these files or use of information obtained from them, except that we ask those obtaining such information to honor the right to privacy of those individuals who make reports to us so that they will not be subject to embarrassment. With respect to making information available, the Air Force will continue to comply with the law of the land, including the "freedom of information" act.

The basic Air Force regulation dealing with UFOs is AFR 200-2. This regulation is revised from time to time as our needs require. It is currently under revision and will be changed to indicate, among other things, that our research and development personnel have the primary interest in UFO investigations.

The Air Force does not prevent individuals from reporting to the public any information they have concerning UFOs. In order to avoid a situation, however, in which these personal opinions are construed as official positions of the Air Force, AFR 200-2 provides that:

"If newsmen, writers, publishers, or private individuals desire to release unofficial information concerning a UFO sighting, Air Force activities will make every effort to assure that the statements, theories, opinions, and allegations of these individuals or groups are not associated with or represented as official information."

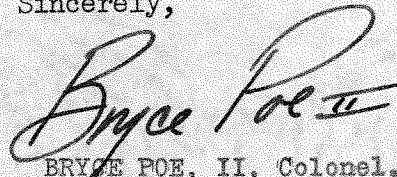
sent 9/28.

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We are enclosing a number of items for your own files which may prove useful or interesting to you.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bryce Poe II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "II" written as a superscript.

BRYCE POE, II, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Plans Group
Legislative Liaison

Attachments

Honorable Gerald R. Ford

House of Representatives

1. Q. Will the Air Force make available all of its files on UFOs, both unclassified and classified, to the panel of scientists?

A. Scientists involved in investigation of UFO reports under the Air Force study grant will have the full cooperation of the Air Force including all Blue Book files.

2. Q. Will the public have access to all information discovered through scientific investigation by the panel, relating to UFOs? (Would this not apply to the provisions in the "Freedom of Information" law?)

A. All Air Force files on Blue Book are already open to inspection by scientists and bona fide news media representatives. We do not limit access or use of information obtained except that we ask such people to honor right to privacy of those individuals who make reports to us so that they will not be subject to embarrassment.

The Air Force will continue to comply with the law of the land. However, it is difficult to conceive how we might increase the availability of information on this subject.

3. Q. Will the U.S. Air Force amend or void its regulation dealing with its UFO investigation (AFR 200-2), and other official orders dealing with UFOs, now that the investigation will not be its responsibility?

A. AFR 200-2 has been revised from time to time to reflect procedural changes. It is under revision now to reflect changes including a change that our research and development personnel have the primary interest in UFO investigations.

4. Q. Will military personnel and pilots, commercial airlines pilots, and civilian pilots now affected, due to official orders, by the above-mentioned regulation and orders, be allowed to report their sightings in public, instead of reporting only in secret (under threat of court-martial) only to their superiors?

A. AFR 200-2 dated 20 July 1962, states, "The Office of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, will release to the public or unofficial persons or organizations all information or releases concerning UFOs, regardless of origin or nature."

"If newsmen, writers, publishers or private individuals desire to release unofficial information concerning a UFO sighting, Air Force activities will make every effort to assure that the statements, theories, opinions, and allegations of these individuals or groups are not associated with or represented as official information."

SUSPENSE

"U" FOR UFO

(BARROW, R.)

RE: QUESTIONS ABOUT
AIR FORCE PROCEDURE

August 30, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter of August 26th asking several questions about Air Force procedures to be used in connection with the proposed university study of UFOs.

While I cannot speak for the Air Force in answering these questions, I am pleased to pass them along to an Air Force spokesman, requesting that he provide us with a reply.

As soon as I have an answer to my letter, I will pass the information along to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF: jb

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SUSPENSE

"U" FOR UFO

(CLARKSON, C.)

RE: ROBT. BARROW
REQUEST

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August 30, 1966

Colonel Clarkson
SAFLL - Plan
5D919, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Clarkson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have received from a Mr. Robert Barrow asking a number of questions about Air Force procedure in connection with the investigation of UFOs.

I would appreciate any information that you could pass along to me that might be helpful in answering this man's questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

August 26, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Because of your relation with last March's Michigan UFO sighting "flap," and your familiarity with various resulting aspects of the situation, I thought that you might best be able to answer a few questions. I originally planned to inquire into the Department of the Air Force, but I seriously doubt that my letter would be answered.

As you know, due to the demands of yourself and others concerned about the proper investigation of the UFO phenomenon, the Air Force is attempting to rid itself of the responsibility of investigating the sightings by organizing a panel of university scientists that would undertake the task.

Actually, I think that this is, indeed, a wise and most essential step. The U.S. Air Force and its various investigative agencies have done little towards finding out more about UFOs. The most prominent results of the Air Force "research," seemingly, are ridicule of observers and slanderous statements toward pilots. I would certainly hope that, although the U.S.A.F. is relieved of the responsibility of investigating UFO reports, that it would still be held responsible for the lies and actions it has thrown at hundreds of persons in order to keep its own mistakes out of public view (in particular, the Air Force has cruelly ridiculed such pilots as Captain Killian, and Captain W.B. Nash).

Regarding the above-mentioned questions, they refer to the amount of jurisdiction the Air Force will have over UFO sightings once the investigation responsibility is passed on to other hands. These are a few of the questions that arise in my mind:

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a) Will the Air Force make available all of its files on UFOs, both unclassified and ~~##~~classified, to the panel of scientists?

b) Will the public have access to all information discovered through scientific investigation by the panel, relating to UFOs? (Would this not apply to the provisions in the "Freedom of Information" law?).

c) Will the U.S. Air Force amend or void its regulation dealing with its UFO investigation (AFR 200-2), and other official orders dealing with UFO s, now that the investigation will not be its responsibility.

d) Will military personnel~~#~~ and pilots, commercial airlines pilots, and civilian pilots now affected, due to official orders, by the above-mentioned regulation and orders, be allowed to report their sightings in public, instead of reporting only in secret (under threat of court-martial) to only their superiors?

Basically, I am attempting to find out whether all of the ridiculous security measures dealing with the investigations of such phenomena (some now outdated) will be relaxed or "erased from the books" completely, now that the investigation will hardly be a military or official matter.

Should you have an opportunity to obtain information that might be applied to the above questions, I would appreciate knowing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Barrow

Robert Barrow
Member,
National Investigations
Committee on Aerial
Phenomena (NICAP) and
Aerial Phenomena Research
Organization (APRO)

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(KONLEY, R. G.)

RE:

September 2, 1966

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
1815 E. Nembarry Blvd., Apt. E
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter enclosing the interview with Major Donald E. Keyhoe, regarding UFO's.

As you know I have expressed a good deal of concern about this problem and about my opinion that the American people are entitled to all the facts on flying saucers.

It is for this reason that I urged, and continue to urge a Congressional investigation. As you probably know I wrote to the chairman of the two committees concerned and did all that I could to see that such a hearing was held.

However, as you also know, we Republicans are outnumbered in the Congress by more than 2-to-1 therefore I cannot be as effective as I would like to be because we simply don't have the numbers. Your support for Republican candidates at the polls would be appreciated because we are going to need backing if we are going to be successful in getting the UFO story told.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

Here is just a very good sample of what a person can purchase from any bookstore, and the magazines are numerous in such reports.

The Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" was to release its findings to the public, but now it appears that they have bought more time for working the issue, and be granted some kind of immunity from doing so.

Does this seem consistent with our policy of no censorship? What will the public benefit from such hush passing? Is there some possible religious implications to the M.F.O. information somewhere?

Sir, I have the deepest respect for you and the straight forward position you took in getting the M.F.O. problem out as far as you did, but this M.F.O. controversy must get out of the whispering stage and debated with frank and open mindedness now, because of the remarkable possibility of communication with superior intelligence.

We talk of trying to find some form of life on other planets, and plan to expend vast sums of money to do so, without first trying to make some effort to contact - in an intelligent way, with these M.F.O.'s - who has never been tried by the Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" scientists -

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to my knowledge, and what would we have to lose by trying? Is the thought of superior intelligence right here from some distant planet so thought numbing we cannot face it like rational, intelligent human beings should?

Remember the tragic mistakes towards science findings of the past, and ask yourself what we have to gain from such fear and censorship! Take Charles Darwin and Galileo as examples, and it becomes quite evident that the same stupid pattern is repeating itself today.

Mr. Ford, I fully realize that neither the Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" nor the "Pentagon" could exercise such censorship, because they do not have the power or authority to do so. Therefore, it must come from the "White House" handed on down from Harry S. Truman and each succeeding president thereafter. Of course I do not blame any president from withholding such information from the public, because of the mass panic they think it might create, but sooner or later the truth must come from the president. He is the one person who should have access to all top secret or any other information, and I believe right now he could say what he knows about these M.F.O.s.

I ask you, why is it that just about the time this M.F.O. business seems to be getting near the top of the news, when, something convenient in the news comes along to drown it out? Maybe this is just a coincidence, but I cannot help wondering! Is this any less important?

The Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" maintains that there was a congressional hearing regarding-

U.F.O.* This is misleading, because the hearing was only discussed very briefly by the "House Committee on Armed Services", and was never debated openly on the full Senate floor. If this were ever allowed, it would lead to recognition of the unknown proven M.F.O. existence, and continued debate, probing, and reliable witnesses called forward now, would bring the whole thing out in the open.

The Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" says constantly that these M.F.O.s are not a national defence threat, and pose no problems. Well, let's place these statements before the Congress and see what happens. If such censorship can start from something like this, then where does it end? Every time it involves some mass hysteria supposedly we must be kept in the dark. I believe that if the countries of the world can withstand the shock of Atom Bombs, then they can be told the truth now, because if there are a few mentally unbalanced people that might go off the deep end, they will do so regardless of such information. What do we have now? I did not see people go crazy because of the Atom Bomb when it was announced, therefore if such news might sober people up, and bring back law and order, at least it will give them something to think about for awhile instead of all this foolishness we have today.

You will never have a greater opportunity for exposing this thing to the public, than you do right now, because the way this thing is being handled, the way it is - there will come a time when it will be lyeed away so skillfully by the Air Force, that we

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will never be able to get the truth even if a M.F.O.
lands in a persons back yard. We must get it out in
the open. before this country develops a prototype
of a M.F.O. to cover up the actions of the real ones.
This thing surely does rest in yours and other courageous
people like you.

Ask Dr. Herman Oberth, at Huntsville Alabama
and see his point of view, because he is a German
rocket expert working here and he could say plenty.

Thanking you very much for your kind attention and time,
and looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
Raymond S. Mowley

ATTACHMENT

Here is a copy of a letter
I hope you find interesting
also.

an exclusive SAGA interview with
Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe,
USMC (Ret.)

"THE AIR FORCE IS LYING ABOUT UFO's!"

The A.F. not only has tracked UFO's
on radar—but pilots have
seen them flying in formation

The A.F. not only has evidence but proof of landings

The A.F. is deliberately misleading the public—
because they've been ordered to!

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Saucer sighted over California highway belies Air Force skepticism toward UFO reports.



Above, C.O.R.E. workers come to aid of man wounded during Harlem riots of July, 1964. Right, armed youth reflects frustrations of ghetto living that have sent inflamed mobs into city streets.



Handbill passed out at 1964 Harlem riots shows desire of extremists to fan flames of mob rule.



Watts wasteland is grim legacy of worst mob outburst in recent years. Instigated by reports of police brutality, rioting left 35 dead, more than 1,000 injured, and caused over \$100 million in property damage.

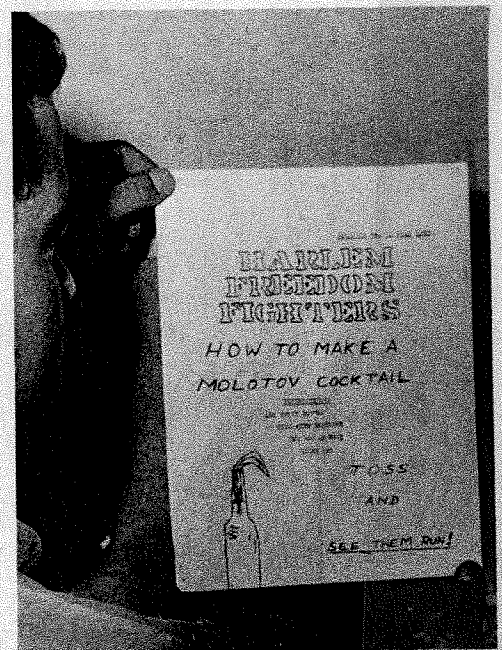
colored teen-agers were being taught how to kill whites with knives or by karate blows with their bare hands.

● In the same riot-torn district, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, who is both a clergyman and a U. S. Congressman, told Black Muslims at a rally: "Anything we get we will have to fight for, to seize for ourselves. We will invade the white man's heaven, the United States."

● In Cleveland, a shouting mob protested and tried to halt the building of a new school by occupying and refusing to move from the excavation.

● In Alabama, according to the State's own Attorney General Richmond Flowers, the Klan procures weapons with ease, has stolen grenades, machine guns and ammunition from Army posts and National Guard armories.

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SAGA: What do you think of that recent television program produced by CBS-TV News?

KEYHOE: What they did was turn this over in effect to the Air Force and let them run the show. The Air Force presented quite a few kook stories; interviews with people who claimed idiotic things like flying with spacemen. This was deliberate . . . to ridicule the subject. There were no reports of sightings by serious people or by Air Force pilots who have chased these things and have seen them flying in formation. There were no veteran airline captains interviewed, no expert radar men. As a matter of fact, the Air Force denied there was any radar tracking of UFO's.

This is untrue! There are many cases in official military records, but they refuse to admit it. There are many cases of tracking by the satellite tracking facilities and they still have the nerve to deny any such cases. This is an extreme example of deliberately misleading the public.

SAGA: Why would the Air Force deliberately mislead the public?

KEYHOE: I really think that all the publicity of the last few months has put the Air Force out on a limb. Actually, I feel sorry for some of the officials who have to carry out the orders to debunk sighting reports by competent, reliable observers. These Air Force officers know that many reports they have to explain away are true. The

policy for all of this is set at a high level in government, probably higher than the Air Force. These officers just carry out their orders and try to debunk all reports of UFO sightings. Take the Exeter case, for example, where the Air Force had to retract one statement and try another one. Air Force officers first said that those who claimed to have sighted UFO had been misled by stars and planets, and then the explanation was low flying jet aircraft, which is ridiculous because no jet can slow down to hover, and this object hovered for 20 minutes about 100 feet off the ground.

The Air Force is on the spot. It has orders to completely play down these sightings before the situation gets out of hand. This is present U.S. policy regarding UFO's.

SAGA: Do you think that the Air Force knows something that the public does not? Some hard evidence of close observations or landings?

KEYHOE: Certainly! They have not only evidence but proof of landings. During the last year and a half there has been a great increase in touch landings. These things, whatever they are, have put down for a few moments and even a minute or longer. There are recorded cases—recorded in NICAP files, I might add—where the ground has been found radioactive after a UFO's departure. There also has been one case where a UFO blew a hole in a highway near Pretoria, South Africa. They

have made very close approaches to aircraft and cars and it all seems to be entering into a new phase. I believe that the Pentagon is worried about this increase in sightings. Moreover, it appears that the people in the Pentagon who control censorship of this subject are also at their wits end. They don't know whether to come out gradually with news about UFO's or come out all at once with what is available in the way of information. However, as this decision to level with the American people must come from high up in government, the Defense Department censors can always take the simple approach to this problem and say nothing as well as cover this issue with a security blanket.

SAGA: Do you think that this information is labeled TOP-SECRET?

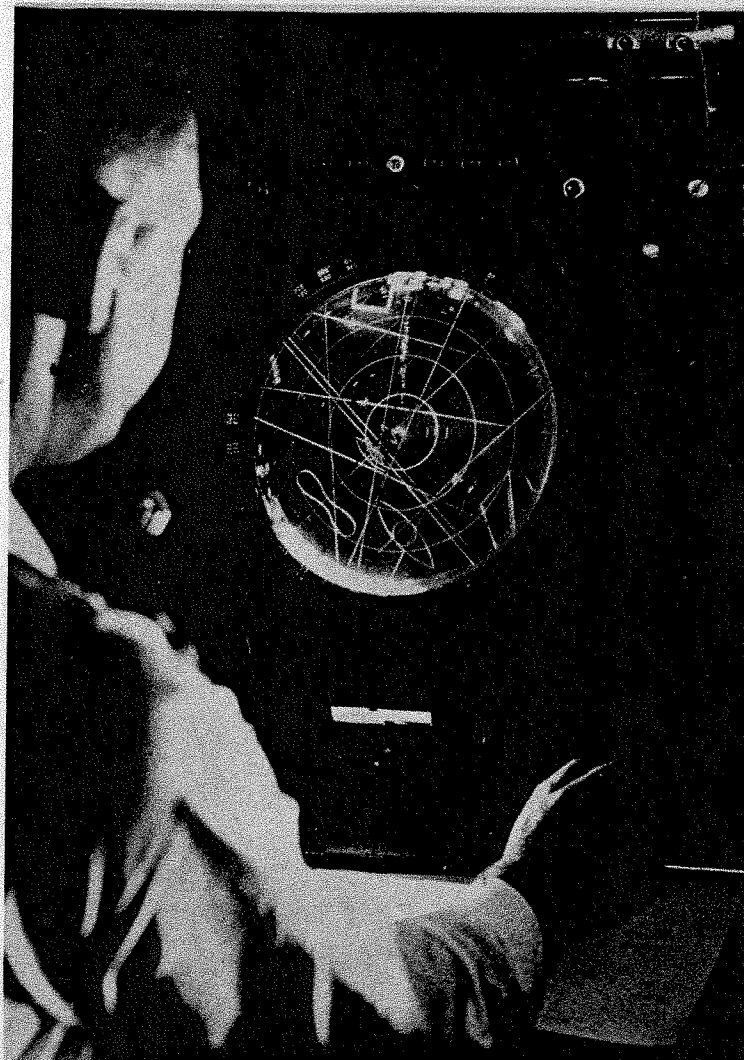
KEYHOE: Some of it is. I'm not at liberty to give you the man's name, but three years ago a very prominent U.S. Senator, who was in a good position to receive classified information, was denied UFO facts although he was cleared for TOP-SECRET. He said: "I have asked repeatedly for all the UFO information that is available and that I know is in the hands of the Air Force. It's very embarrassing when I have to continue asking to have this turned over to me and the information is never forthcoming. I just can't get it!" I assure you that this did happen but I cannot reveal this man's name.

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"THE AIR FORCE IS LYING ABOUT UFO's!"



Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D.C.), has been waging one-man war in effort to get government to tell all it knows about saucer sightings. Here Keyhoe at press conference vigorously denies Air Force explanation by Dr. J. Allen Hynek that recent Michigan UFO's were only swamp-gas clouds. NICAP records contradict other official Air Force rebuttals.



Now this is not unusual. I have heard reports even before this that people who are cleared for TOP-SECRET have not been able to obtain UFO information from the Air Force.

SAGA: Do you have any idea which agency of government is actually pulling the wires here and telling the Air Force how to handle the UFO problem?

KEYHOE: There's a lot of speculation here and you don't have too many agencies of government to choose from. First, you have the Central Intelligence Agency which has had a finger in this for some time. I know that back in 1953 the CIA was in on a discussion at the Pentagon on what to do next as regards UFO's. In effect, the CIA at that time recommended that the UFO story be played down as much as possible.

Of course, there's the National Security Council which at least once that I know of flatly denied that it had anything to do with the

Airport radar tracking systems have followed UFO's in flight.

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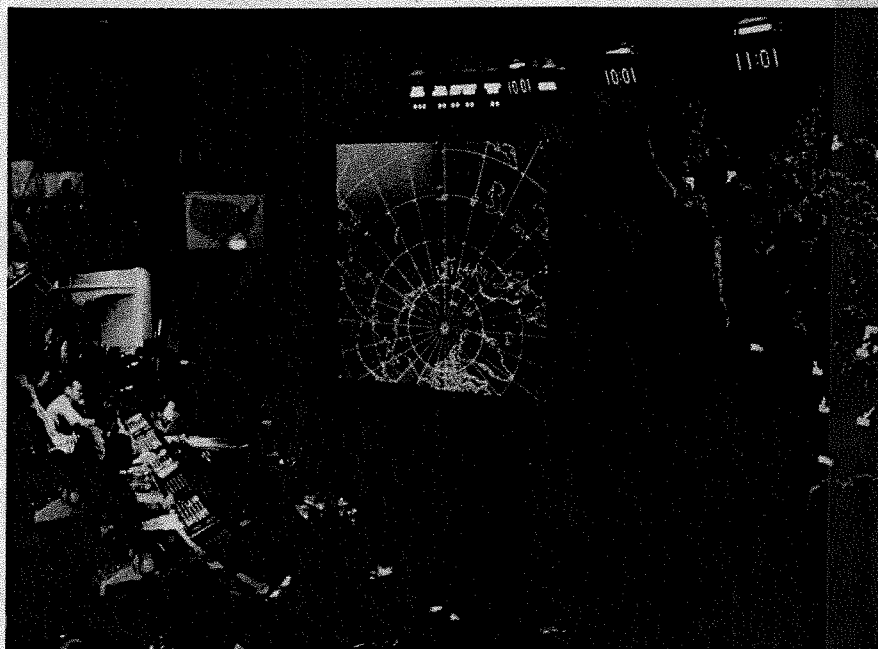
subject, which doesn't mean anything because it would have had to be denied.

Then there's the FBI which really has nothing to do directly with this problem other than on a number of occasions in the past when they were asked by the Air Force to make a character check on individuals who claimed to have sighted UFO's.

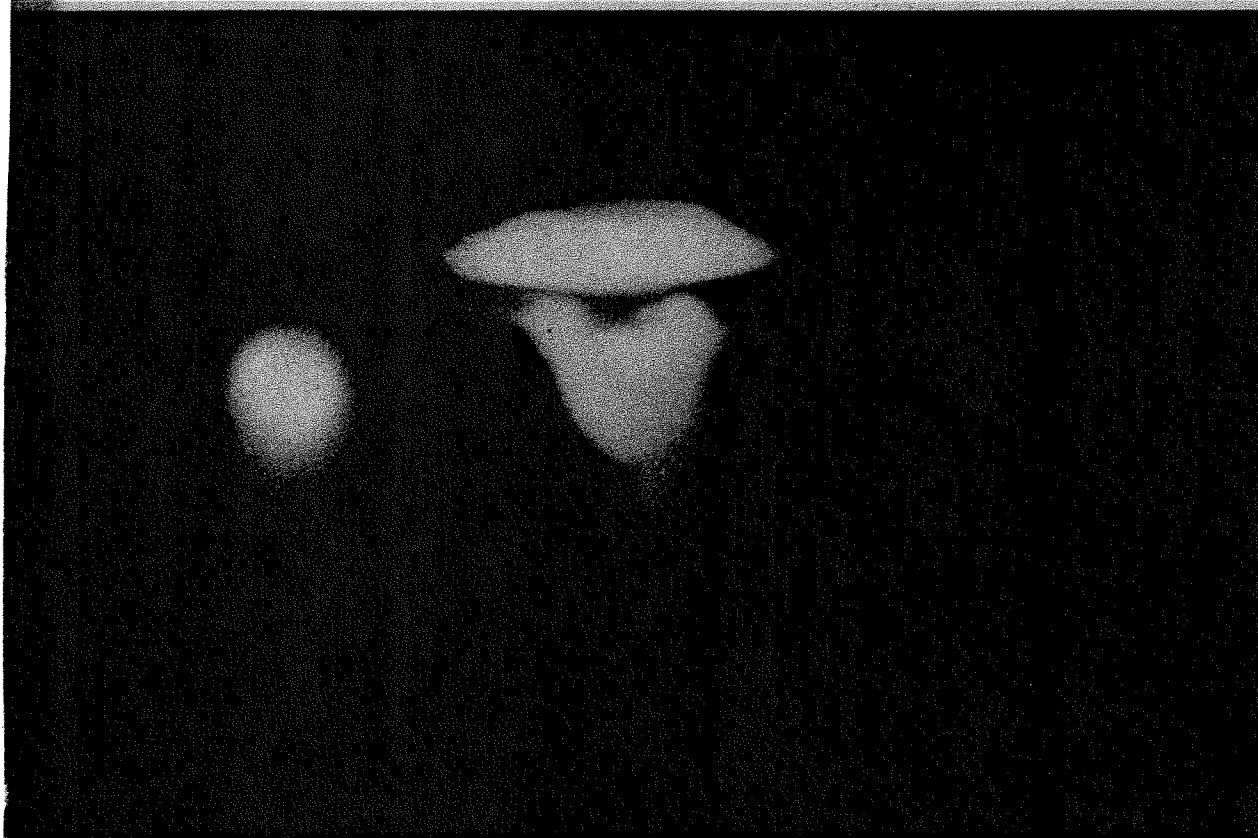
SAGA: Has Secretary of Defense McNamara, who has debunked UFO sightings, been on top of this problem?

KEYHOE: I should hope so. However, strange as this may sound there have been many times when civilian secretaries of military services have not been aware of everything that's going on. Not that they have been deliberately deceived, but that all infor-

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NORAD Combat Operation Center, part of U.S. defense warning system, also feeds UFO data to Air Force.



NICAP files are kept bulging by unending flow of saucer reports and photos. This one was taken by an amateur astronomer in Pennsylvania.

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THE AIR FORCE IS LYING ABOUT UFO's

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mation does not end up on the desk of a civilian secretary. I'm sure that Mr. McNamara has asked for a briefing and perhaps he received the same type that is limited sometimes to VIP's. I remember when President Truman was given a briefing some years ago and was told that there had been a great number of sightings, that many of them couldn't be explained, but there was nothing to worry about because this didn't appear to threaten the security of the nation and, finally, that the Air Force was still investigating.

SAGA: *The sightings of UFO's are not confined to the United States and in this regard what do we know about sightings in other countries?*

KEYHOE: The situation has changed over the years. At one time England released sighting reports and was rather free about it. Then the British Government halted giving out this information. I remember when NICAP made a request of the British Government for information about reports of specific sightings. NICAP received a letter advising that Her Majesty's Government was sorry, but that it could not release this information.

One of the reports we wanted to get more information about concerned an RAF pilot, Lieutenant Salindon, and his 1954 encounter with a UFO while he was flying a Meteor jet. The UFO came awfully close to him and, as he reported at the time, almost hit his aircraft. Existence of the report was confirmed by the RAF but we just couldn't get it.

And there are others. Now in Brazil, that country's air force was rather outspoken and one leading military officer suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea if all nations pooled information about what was known about UFO's. Obviously, these UFO's were superior to ordinary aircraft, the officer added, and perhaps something could be learned if nations cooperated. But in recent years very little has come out of Brazil about UFO's.

The Argentine Government is still open. As a matter of fact, we have had a sort of official exchange with this government, which takes the subject seriously. We have had reports from Argentine Navy pilots who have encountered UFO's as recently as a few months ago.

I could go down a list of governments that do cooperate when NICAP requests information. But on the whole, official information from governments is drying up.

SAGA: *Do you think that there may be a conspiracy among nations to keep this information under wraps?*

KEYHOE: No, I don't. Such a gigantic conspiracy would fall apart. That's one reason why the Air Force is trying to avoid any admission about receiving information from foreign governments. For example, before the Armed Services Committee hearings on April 5, 1966 one Congressman asked if the Air Force exchanged information about UFO sightings or cooperated with other nations on questions dealing with this subject. The Air Force said it was not cooperating. The Congressman suggested that this appeared to be a good opportunity to obtain more facts via the route of international cooperation.

The Air Force spokesman at these hearings then replied that "we don't have any scientific information to exchange and nei-

ther do they." How does the Air Force know what information other nations have if there has been no exchange of data about UFO's?

SAGA: *Well, what about UFO reports from the Soviet Union whose vast expanse must have accommodated touchdowns by these mysterious objects?*

KEYHOE: There have been sightings in the Soviet Union and satellite countries and I'm sure in Red China, too. I saw a few of these reports way back in the early 1950's when the Air Force was giving me access to official reports on UFO's. Somebody implied that these reports had come through British Intelligence.

The Soviet Union has made a number of statements. The first one or two, which were made during Stalin's "reign," referred to these as (1) American bandit devices that were trying to frighten the Russian people, and (2) this was a lot of nonsense and these things simply don't exist.

The third statement was made during Khrushchev's tenure as Soviet leader and the Kremlin's propaganda machine told the Russian people—and the world—that certainly flying saucers are real, because "we have one." With the story was a sketch of what we refer to as a flying platform or ground effects machine which rides on a cushion of air forced against the ground, rising only a short distance.

The fourth statement made by the USSR ordered the Russian people to stop reporting UFO sightings because it was creating a lot of hysteria. It was apparent that Soviet officials were receiving reports from all over Russia, and UFO's were becoming a problem for which Russian leaders had no pat Marxist-Leninist answer. This official Kremlin pronouncement was made about a year ago.

SAGA: *What about other statements made by internationally known people like Knut Hammerskjold, nephew of the late Dag Hammerskjold, in which as an international aviation authority he says he believes that UFO's are visitors from outer space?*

KEYHOE: Well, I'm not at liberty to divulge any name but I can tell you that NICAP has been asked by an official of the United Nations to submit a report and as much information as possible about UFO's to this international body. Our first report has been submitted. This is our major report and compilation entitled "UFO Evidence."

SAGA: *Would you care to comment on the Gallup Poll which has caused quite a sensation inasmuch as it points out that the American public believes that UFO's exist, that they are interplanetary?*

KEYHOE: Yes, we have watched these polls over a number of years. In the beginning most people were highly skeptical and only a small minority believed in the possibility of UFO's as visitors from other worlds. However, especially in the last year, there has been quite a change in public attitude what with the many sighting reports that began in the summer of 1965. It's interesting to note that six percent of the population believes that UFO's exist. That is why there is a change in editorial policy on many major newspapers that have switched from ignoring reports of UFO's to publishing them and covering these stories. Prior to this change, newspaper editors be-

lieved that readers would be angry or ridicule them. Now, editors realize that many of their readers are ahead of them. Yes, we consider this poll significant and I am sure that within another year this six percent figure will have increased quite a bit.

SAGA: *Do you believe that because of an awareness, of knowledge and a belief in UFO's, that more sightings are now being reported?*

KEYHOE: Too many people are on record as believing that UFO's exist. Many newspaper columnists and reporters have actually seen UFO's. I can mention a sighting a few months ago when every newsman aboard a plane with the Governor of Florida became firm believers after they observed a UFO at close quarters. Even Governor Burns couldn't be dissuaded from reporting this UFO.

The level of reports has dropped slightly in recent months because of increased official debunking.

SAGA: *Do you think that the Air Force has a manual of some sort which its officers are supposed to follow when interrogating people who report UFO sightings?*

KEYHOE: Well, Air Force Regulation 200-2 goes into it generally. The Air Force Inspector General has directed that there shall be one UFO officer appointed for each air defense base. These officers, according to this order, should be equipped with Geiger counters and containers for samples, and a number of other items of equipment. Moreover, they should be generally informed on the subject of UFO's. Unfortunately, the general attitude of Air Force officers who go out to interrogate people who have reported UFO sightings is to tell these people they didn't see what they reported and that it was something else. In essence, the official policy for UFO officers is to explain away what people have seen.

The officer himself privately may not believe this policy. I know of some officers who have disagreed with this policy, but they have had to carry out their orders. Up to a certain point I can sympathize with them, but when they carry it to the point of really sarcastic belittling of a person's intelligence, then I don't care whether they are carrying out orders or not. There's a limit to what a citizen should stand for.

SAGA: *Don't you think it's significant that all Navy ships have on the bridge and in the radio room a "MERINT" Card for radio procedure which includes reporting of UFO sightings?*

KEYHOE: We've had several explanations for this drawing of a UFO on this report procedure card. However, this comes under JANAF 146 which is Joint-Army-Navy-Air Force Chief of Staff publication. The regulations are specific in this case. Any reports of UFO sightings made under JANAF 146 preclude talking about it, or even mentioning it at all. There are very severe penalties for breaching "security" under this particular regulation.

SAGA: *Do you think the time is fast approaching when our duly elected representatives on Capitol Hill will demand that the military open up on UFO's, even if it's in a secret session?*

KEYHOE: There are a good many Congressmen who were very unhappy about that hearing on The Hill last April 5, including several members of the Armed Services Committee. Other Congressmen, after reading the testimony given by the Air Force, are willing to support the chairman

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of any congressional committee who wants to reopen full-scale hearings about UFO's. However, it's up to a committee chairman in every case before such hearings can take place.

Remember, too, that the Air Force and other government agencies have private pipelines to committee chairmen. The Air Force, for example, can be very persuasive. Especially if a high-ranking officer privately meets with a committee chairman and presents classified information and other assurances that UFO's don't exist. These men can be and are very persuasive.

I really believe that what is going to happen is that there will be more and more sightings and unusual developments, constantly growing publicity and an increase in sighting reports. Finally, there will be so many people who believe this and so many newspapers reporting sightings that the pressure will finally force the Pentagon or CIA or whoever is setting official government policy debunking UFO's finally to own up to heretofore classified information. The present policy is bad for the nation. Belief in our government is all important. It would be better if the appropriate government agency setting UFO policy were to volunteer information to the public before it is forced to.

SAGA: *Do you believe there would be any panic among Americans if the government were to own up to the existence of UFO's and present what information is available to the public?*

KEYHOE: I don't think an admission would cause outright panic. It could frighten a lot of people who have believed all of

the official denials. They might think there was something ominous behind the long secrecy.

It would be a front page story for quite a while. But people would not run to the hills. That is, not unless there were something alarming — reports that UFO's have actually brought physical harm to people.

There's also a limit to debunking. The Air Force may suffer a loss of prestige and trust by the public, especially with current Air Force policy that sometimes gives three different ridiculous explanations for the same UFO sighting.

The Air Force could have followed a policy of admitting that there was no explanation for UFO sightings, but that there was no sign of any danger and no need for excitement. Unfortunately, they didn't do this. I think that the Air Force will fight until the last minute any admission that UFO's do exist. The risk here is that something might happen that could cause some sort of mass hysteria since Air Force would not have prepared the nation.

SAGA: *Do you think that sometime between now and the next five years something might happen to force the Air Force to own up to the truth about UFOs—that they do exist?*

KEYHOE: I believe it will occur sooner than that. Moreover, I'm of the opinion that the American people will not continue to stand for the present Air Force policy of debunking. Either Air Force has to once and for all disprove that UFO's exist or own up to their reality. Proving that they definitely do not exist is impossible. There is just too much hard evidence to the con-

trary. Hundreds upon hundreds of well-qualified witnesses both here and abroad have proved that UFO's do exist.

The Air Force cannot continue to call people liars and crackpots. In fact, there's a point of diminishing returns with this policy and it's fast closing in on the Air Force.

I don't think it's going to take five years. I believe that somebody with some sense is going to say to the Air Force, "Look, let's bail out while we can and tell the truth . . . and make the best of it."

SAGA: *What about those unexplained sightings by astronauts involved in our space program?*

KEYHOE: During the Gemini I unmanned spacecraft test, four objects were seen orbiting the vehicle. They orbited the earth with the spacecraft. That later was denied. The Air Force quoted a statement that came from the space agency claiming that these were fragments caused by separation of the second stage from the capsule. Finally, later, NASA admitted there had been no separation. This was a special test by NASA to learn what it would be like to keep the second stage with the spacecraft so they would re-enter as one unit.

Then there's the incident during the Gemini IV flight when Astronaut James A. McDivitt photographed an unknown object which he wrote about to a NICAP member explaining that he was unable to identify it. Another incident in space occurred during the Gemini IV flight. During the second orbit Astronaut Frank Borman reported to ground control that he and his partner were observing a "bogy at 10

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o'clock high." The answer to this sighting is still being awaited.

The Smithsonian low power telescope system has seen hundreds of unidentified flying objects but personnel manning this facility just haven't the time to follow up with a study of what they really are. So here is a contradiction of the Air Force statement that it has never tracked anything that can be construed as a UFO.

SAGA: *What about the Air Force SPADETS system—the Space Detection and Tracking System—is it all it's cracked up to be?*

KEYHOE: We have heard that UFO sightings have been detected by this system. But I would like to point out that either the SPADETS system is nowhere nearly as good as the Air Force claims or they are making some statements that aren't true. In the case of Astronaut McDivitt's photograph, SPADETS came out and said that this was the Pegasus satellite. Then we did some computations and checked with the space agency and the next day NASA admitted that Pegasus was 1200 miles away and therefore could not have been photographed. Then 48 hours later the Air Force announced that they had re-computed and discovered that the supposed 1200 mile gap was an error.

SAGA: *Has NASA been more cooperative with NICAP than the Air Force?*

KEYHOE: Well, sometimes. We've gotten answers from NASA when we could not get any from the Air Force. However, I don't think that the Air Force is happy about NASA officials commenting on what is seen in space by astronauts or observed by tracking equipment. The space agency is more open and not subjected to such military type pressure.

SAGA: *We've been discussing UFO's in space, but what about unknown objects traveling at tremendous speeds beneath the sea?*

KEYHOE: We haven't been able to pin down any of these reports. However, we're still looking into one report where an Air

Force jet pilot, a captain, said a round luminous object was seen traveling just beneath the surface at a high rate of speed. He said it rose up out of the water and took off. It's not impossible that any sealed object can travel beneath the sea as well as fly through our atmosphere and move through outer space. But our main problem is UFO's in flight as we know them rather than a possible type of underwater unidentified object. We're in no position now to make any conclusions at all about this.

SAGA: *Isn't it strange that many UFO sightings have been made at night by police officers?*

KEYHOE: No, it's not. These go back over a period of years. Remember, your police officer is a trained observer. Also, remember, too, that the nation's police forces are on duty 24 hours round the clock, seven days a week, and we know it's not unusual for policemen to be patrolling their beats at night either on foot or in a patrol car. Our police departments have radio communications. Our policemen are mobile. They are certainly alert to what they see during daylight or nighttime hours and anything out of the ordinary is factually reported.

Over the past three or four years NICAP has in its files the names of at least 250 or possibly even more than 300 police officers who have made UFO sightings and filed reports. Many of these people have been in police work for years and some of them are ranking police officials. I remember one case in New Jersey where local police sighted a UFO, reported it to headquarters, which in turn alerted other nearby counties. It turned out that police officers and citizens over an area spanning several counties were observing the same UFO. So you can see how all of these sightings were checked and cross-checked by more than one policeman and, in many cases, by entire police departments widely spread across the map.

Remember, too, there are many cases where police officers have immediately

checked with local Air Force bases. In one recent California case where two police officers were observing a hovering UFO, the nearby Air Force base acknowledged to the policemen who had called in that radar was tracking the same object. Later on, when the incident became public, the Air Force denied ever making this admission of having the UFO on radar.

The recent CBS documentary program I've mentioned referred to the "usual cop" being there. This is an example of official ridicule of reliable observers.

SAGA: *What about the Air Force announcement recently that it will have an independent panel of scientists investigate UFO's?*

KEYHOE: I believe it would be very difficult for these scientists to get a true and unbiased picture, especially if the Air Force is controlling the evidence. Moreover, studies like this can always be delayed. I'm afraid this is just window dressing—a delaying action.

SAGA: *There are a great many reputable scientists who are members of NICAP. What do they think about UFO's and how do they theorize as to what these objects are?*

KEYHOE: Of course, there are differences of opinion. However, many have seen enough evidence to conclude that these things are real, that they are under intelligent control and far superior to anything that we know about. Some do not go beyond that, although the implication is clear. Other scientists have gone on record as concluding the UFO's are interplanetary.

SAGA: *You pointed out earlier that the CBS-TV program about UFO's was definitely one-sided and ridiculed those who have reported seeing these unknown objects. Would you care to comment further?*

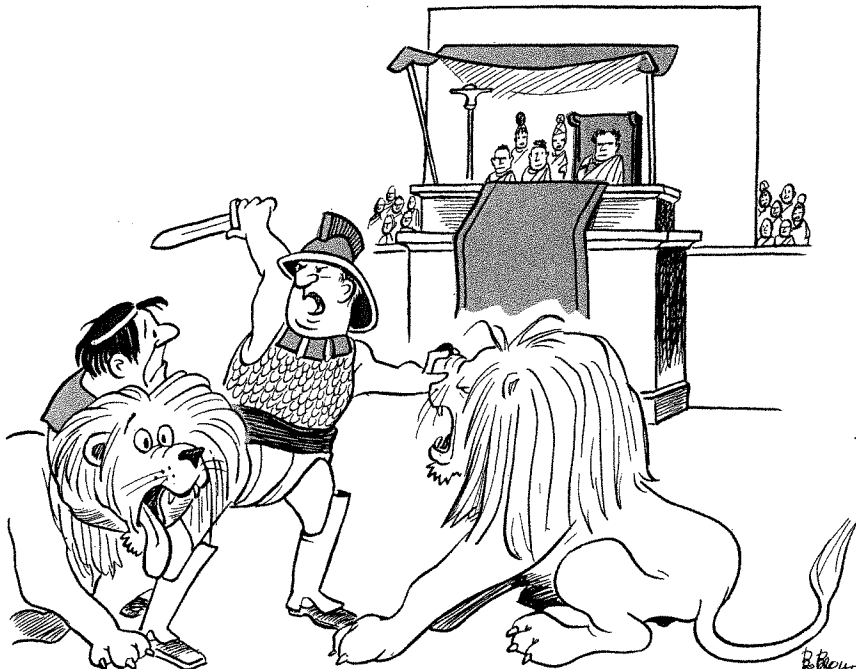
KEYHOE: The aftermath of this program speaks for itself. A good many newspaper and radio columnists and commentators, as well as television critics, decided the tone of this program as definitely not an objective report. CBS News was taken to task. This in itself is an indication of the importance of public expression about UFO's and public acceptance that they are real and do exist. I really don't believe that this program changed public opinion a whole lot. Its slanted approach was obvious to most people who viewed it.

SAGA: *Are there any documented reports about UFO's attacking or injuring people?*

KEYHOE: There are reports of people who claim that they have suffered some loss of vision after viewing the bright lights of UFO's. They were supposed to have been very close to these objects and looking intently at the glow from them. We're investigating a few of these reports right now to see whether they are true and if they are we will say so. However, there's no real proof of belligerence on the part of UFO's.

SAGA: *Are there any Congressmen or Senators who are members of NICAP?*

KEYHOE: Yes. However, they are members because constituents have purchased their memberships. On the other hand, many Members of Congress regularly read our periodic reports. Many of our national legislators are interested in what NICAP is doing and they do keep in contact with our office. Quite a number of Congressmen are friendly to NICAP and some have come out publicly at this time in support of NICAP.



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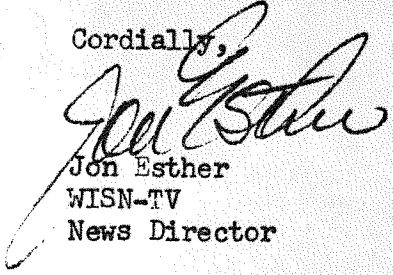
Mr. Raymond G. Konley
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Dear Mr. Konley:

Thank you for your interesting letter of June 29 concerning UFO's. We intend to look into Mr. Fuller's book, "Incident at Exeter", which we understand covers UFO activity in the state of New Hampshire. We too would like some honest answers to the subject of UFO's. I agree with you that the university test does sound like it will be mere duplication of the Air Force investigation and perhaps the time will come Mr. Konley, when Congress will debate the UFO matter.

Again, thank you very much for writing. We appreciate hearing from our viewers, especially when they sign their name.

Cordially,


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