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"UFO's"

(POSNER, Gary)

October 11, 1966

Mr. Gary Posner  
Member, NICAP Youth Council  
5 Sawwood Court  
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Dear Mr. Posner,

Your letter of September 17th has been too long on my desk, but I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of a report I have just received from the Department of the Air Force. *see U.F. report*

We hope and trust that the scientists at the University of Colorado will supply us with a definitive report on UFO's.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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National Investigations  
Committee on Aerial Phenomena

5 Samwood Court  
Baltimore, Maryland 21208  
September 17, 1966

Hon. Gerald R. Ford  
House Minority Leader  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

It seems that the American public is finally waking up to the truth about the UFO situation. Though press coverage of reports are virtually nil as a result of censorship regulations AFR 200-2 and JANAP 146, the sixth best-selling book in America happens to be Flying Saucers--Serious Business, by Frank Edwards, the man who in 1953 was named by RADIO DAILY as the third greatest news broadcaster in the country (behind Edward R. Murrow and Lowell Thomas).


It is apparent, by the extreme popularity of Edwards' book, that the public is ready and willing to accept the truth about UFOs. The strict censorship regulations, which were apparently adopted to prevent a wide-scale panic, are no longer in the public interest. One can compare the UFO censorship problem with Viet Nam:

McNamara's suggestions and decisions concerning the war don't always seem to be 100% valid; the same is true of the Defense Department's decisions regarding UFO censorship.

The subject of UFOs interests almost everyone, and is fresh in everyone's mind. Millions of people are buying Frank Edward's book, which indicates a desire among the general public to know and become familiar with the massive UFO evidence. The Republican presidential ticket in 1968 could, and would, gain thousands of votes just by making the release of UFO information an issue in the campaign. The taxpayers of this country are beginning to realize that the Johnson Administration is keeping from them the greatest discovery in mankind's history. If NIXON-FORD is the G.O.P. ticket in 1968, would you pledge to release all the UFO information in the hands of the government, excluding vital security information?

A reply to this letter would certainly be appreciated. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Posner, Member,  
NICAP Youth Council

## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

"From evidence in NICAP's possession, it is clear the Air Force is still withholding information, including sighting reports, on UFOs." -- This statement was made by the Board of Governors of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. (Including such notable personages as Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Ret., former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Major Dewey Fournet, USAF Reserve, former Pentagon monitor of the UFO project; Dr. Marcus Bach, University of Iowa; Prof. Charles A. Maney, Head of Dept. of Physics, Defiance University; and others.)

The United States Air Force maintains that its official investigation is thorough, scientific and unbiased and that the statistics show the UFO mystery is a myth. The Air Force also maintains that the public is kept completely informed on the subject by means of the "fact sheets" released periodically, that it has nothing to hide, and that "charges and allegations" to the contrary are untrue. NICAP and other private groups have been making such "charges and allegations" contending that the "fact sheets" are uninformative, inconclusive, misleading, and that a great deal of factual information on UFOs is being withheld by the Air Force.

As a member and Youth Council representative of NICAP, I am in complete accord with this contention. The following are the major facts on which I base my beliefs:

1. Air Force Regulation 200-2, "Intelligence--Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" forbids AF personnel to discuss UFO sightings with unauthorized persons "unless so directed and then on a need-to-know basis only".
2. The Air Force has made statements to Members of Congress, the press and public:  
"We are not withholding UFO information."  
In complete contradiction is a signed statement by Captain Gregory Oldenbergh, Public Information Officer, Langley AFB, which states:  
"Dissemination of UFO information is against AF policy and regulations, specifically AF Regulation 200-2."
3. An instruction brief, issued by the Air Force Inspector General to Operations and Training Commands, dated December 24, 1959 and titled "UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS", stipulates the following:  
"Unidentified Flying Objects - sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as 'flying saucers' - must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business..." The investigating officers, at one point in the brief, are instructed to be equipped with geiger counters and other apparatus. The final paragraph of the brief states:  
"What is required is that every UFO sighting be investigated and reported to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB and that explanations to the public be realistic and knowledgeable."  
A photostat copy of these instructions is included in "FLYING SAUCERS: TOP SECRET" (1960) by Major D. E. Keyhoe.
4. In 1948 the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) concluded, in a Top Secret Estimate of the Situation, that the flying saucers were interplanetary vehicles. This was publicly disclosed by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of the AF UFO project. High AF officials now deny the document exists, but NICAP has proof it was drawn up and classed Top Secret by ATIC.
5. A Joint-Army-Navy-Air-Publication, JANAP 146, provides for the rapid secret transmission by aircraft of UFO reports. These reports are designated as CIRVIS (Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings). Anyone revealing the contents or existence of CIRVIS reports, according to JANAP 146, is punishable under the Espionage Laws.

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6. Specific Cases of U. S. Air Force Secrecy:

a) On Dec. 29, 1952 AF Wing Commander, Col. D. J. Blakeslee attempted to approach a UFO over Northern Japan. He described it as having red, white and green lights. Each time he tried to close in on it, the UFO accelerated and raced away, at a much greater speed than the jet interceptor. The UFO was also tracked by AF radar at a near-by AF Base.

Public explanation - "Planet Jupiter". (As NICAP officials have pointed out, Jupiter is out of AF radar range by approximately 300 million miles.)

b) Explanation given by AF of an Army report of a glowing UFO sighted near Nike missile base, Derwood, Md. on Sept. 29, 1958. - Welding torches of men working on transmission lines reflecting "eerily" from yellow trucks below.

When power company official N. E. Otto stated that there were no men or trucks in the area, the AF answer became: Flood-light on a barn. A NICAP team then examined the area. The only building visible was a deserted shed, not wired for electricity.

c) On April 8, 1956, Captain Raymond Ryan reported that a UFO had swung ahead of his Convair airliner, near Albany, New York. Griffiss AFB radioed Ryan to "abandon course temporarily" and to follow the UFO, helping jets to intercept. Against Civil Aeronautics Board policy (statement to NICAP) Ryan obeyed:

"We trailed it as far as Lake Ontario...We didn't notify the passengers...We expected jets to come alongside and take off on our heading..." (Recorded interview with Capt. Ryan and First Officer Wm. Neff. Tapes, transcripts available at NICAP headquarters.)

The AF now denies ordering Ryan to abandon course, and claims the entire story was invented.

7. Perhaps most significant of all, consider the following statements by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, chief of the USAF UFO project (Project Bluebook) from late 1951 to September, 1953:

"I was continually told 'tell them about the ones we've solved - don't mention the unknowns.'...There were two factions. One believed the spaceship answer, but felt we should clamp down on information until we had all the answers. Another group favored giving more facts to the public, including the best cases, unsolved movies...A new policy went into effect: Don't say anything."

Captain Ruppelt has written to NICAP's Director: "The entire UFO situation is a mess of compounded confusion, a mess I sincerely hope NICAP can straighten out."

NOTE - Captain Ruppelt's mention of "unsolved movies" refers to several movies of UFOs taken in the early 1950's and submitted to the Air Force for investigation. They were eventually classed as unknown objects.

*Tom Mulligan*

Thomas Mulligan, Member,  
NICAP Youth Council  
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10. Air Force: NICAP believes that AF policy, possibly at the direction of a higher agency, is based on one or more of the following considerations--fear of panic if the facts were made public, lack of control over the UFO situation, lack of knowledge about the forces behind UFO activity. NICAP regrets that its fight for release of UFO information has to be directed at the AF, but it is the government agency officially responsible for UFO investigation. Many AF officers and enlisted men, who also disagree with the official policy, have given NICAP information without violating security regulations.

11. Official secrecy regulations; AF Regulation 200-2 "Intelligence--Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" orders AF personnel not to reveal unsolved UFO reports. JANAP 146, a Joint Chiefs of Staff order, provides for rapid secret transmission of reports on UFOs by aircraft in CIRVIS reports. (CIRVIS= Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.) Anyone revealing contents or existence of CIRVIS reports is punishable under Espionage Laws. NICAP also has proof of specific instances of AF secrecy.

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"UFO"

(NADAN, Paul)

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re: advance copy of  
AF report on UFO

October 26, 1966

Mr. Paul Nadan  
Associate Editor  
Crown Publishers, Inc.  
419 Park Avenue S.  
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Nadan:

In Mr. Ford's absence, I am taking the liberty of responding to your letter of October 12. I sincerely regret the delay in answering your letter. Because UFO's have been my area of specific responsibility in this office and because I have been back in Michigan working on Mr. Ford's campaign for the past month, I have been unable to get to your letter until this date.

Thank you for sending us -- to refresh us -- a copy of Mr. Ford's letter to you dated May 17. As you know, the University of Colorado at Boulder has been selected by the Air Force to conduct independent investigations into UFO reports.

As you will note from the enclosed News Release, a report is not expected to be made to the Air Force until early 1968. I can understand your interest in obtaining a copy of the report in advance of publication. However, as this date is nearly two years away, I think the best course of action would be for you to write to Dr. Edward U. Condon, who is director of the scientific phases of the work so that he may know in advance of your interest.

If you will provide me with a copy of the reply you receive from Dr. Condon, we will know how to proceed further.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Jim Bersie  
Staff  
Rep. Gerald R. Ford

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October 12, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

I am enclosing a copy of your previous note to me in order to fill you in on previous correspondence.

I understand that the University of Colorado will be undertaking a 15-month study of UFO's.

I would still be grateful if you are able to arrange for a copy of the report in advance of publication, and should we find it suitable for publication by ourselves would be interested in your reaction to doing an introduction to it.

With best wishes, and many thanks for your help, I am,

Sincerely,



Paul Nadan  
Associate Editor

PN/bh  
enc.

Dr. Edw. U. Condon  
U. of Colorado  
Boulder, Colo.

10/20/66: Called Col. Clarkson & he is getting full address of Dr. Condon

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

May 17, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Nadan:

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

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

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

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

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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"UFO"

(STRANGE, Frank S.)

October 11, 1966

Dr. Frank S. Strange, Director  
National Investigations Committee on UFO's  
Carthay Studios  
Globe-International Pictures  
5907 W. Pico Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90035

Dear Dr. Strange,

Your letter of September 14th has been too long on my desk, but I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of a report I have just received from the Department of the Air Force.

We hope and trust that the scientists at the University of Colorado will supply us with a definitive report on UFO's.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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In an effort to present --- visually, in proper perspective, this fascinating study, Dr. Stranges Produced and Directed --- "Phenomena 7.7." This outstanding color Documentary has thus far played to turn-away audiences. The film features such authorities as Chan Thomas, Scientist; Lt. Col. James MacNamara, U.S. Army Ret.; Air Force Captain, Merle Gould; Hearst Newsmen, George Todt; CBS Newsmen; Fred Anderson and Bill Wolff; Columnist, Sydney Omarr; and a host of other interesting men with an unusual story to recount regarding the mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Four years in the making, "Phenomena 7.7" also presents a series of actual reported UFO motion pictures as well as stills.

The United States Air Force is also credited for their special missile and rocket section in the film.

As part of his overall program to inform the masses as to the reality of UFOs, Dr. Stranges has undertaken the task of personally accompanying the Film on a National Tour.

For further information concerning his speaking schedule as well as the film tour ...please contact:

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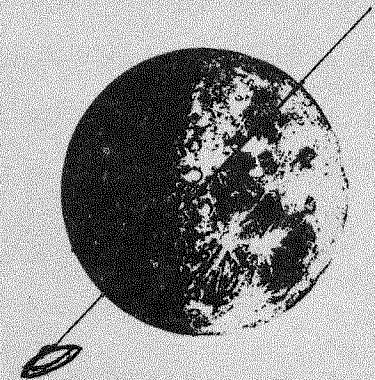
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Dr. Frank E. Stranges  
 Author-Lecturer-Producer



Recognized World Authority  
 on  
 Unidentified Flying Objects

Frank E. Stranges, Ph.D., Ps.D., D.D., was born and educated in Brooklyn, New York.

A board member of the World University, member of the Washington Association for Social Psychology, member of the International Platform Association; he is in a unique position to both explore and evaluate the wide scope of his unusual investigation.

His ability to captivate his audience with a master blend of humor as well as the serious, has set him apart from many personalities on the public platform today.

As the Director of the National Investigations Committee on UFOs, he has thoroughly sought out information concerning Unidentified Flying Objects for over twenty years.



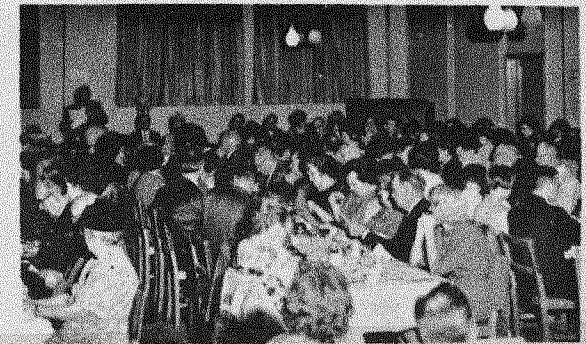
This wealth of knowledge is amply reflected in his book "Flying Saucerama" (now in its 4th printing), an E.P. Record entitled "Flying Saucers Unlimited," and a full length color motion picture Documentary called "Phenomena 7.7."

His public lectures include appearances at the Metropolitan Opera House in Philadelphia; Carnegie Hall, New York; Phipps Auditorium, Denver; City Opera House, Minneapolis; Marines Hall, San Francisco; City Municipal Auditorium, Oakland; Shrine Auditorium, Wilshire Ebell Theatre, and Lindy Opera House, Los Angeles; Community Concourse, San Diego; Centennial Coliseum, Reno; also Churches, Colleges, Universities, Synagogues, and Civic Organizations.

Dr. Stranges has appeared as special guest on many Radio and Television programs, during which he has been publicly challenged by military and political experts, both by debate and discussion.

His authentic information, gathered from all parts of the world, has resulted from personal contacts with persons from all walks of life. These include scientists, airline pilots, engineers, astronomers, law enforcement officers, and military advisors.

This intensive and concentrated research and investigation has clarified many misconceptions concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. Through his research from said personal contacts and visitations to actual sites of reported UFO landings, he has been in a position to report 'first hand.



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Sept. 14, 1966

Hon. Gerald R. Ford  
Congress of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

My sincerest thanks for your letter  
and news release of the 21st of April.

I am writing to learn whether  
or not the National Academy of Sciences  
have convened to choose a panel of  
Scientists to probe the UFO question.

Also, what are the chances that  
the findings will be made public?

Many thanks again for your kindness.

Remain, Sincerely  
Dr. Frank S. Stranges  
Director  
National Investigations  
Committee on UFO's.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

7 OCT 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

Knowing of your continuing interest in Air Force matters the Secretary of the Air Force has asked me to inform you of our selection of the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, to conduct independent investigations into unidentified flying object (UFO) reports.

Attached is a copy of the news story scheduled for release at 11:00 A. M. EDT today, October 7, 1966.

If further information would be helpful, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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

Attachment

Honorable Gerald R. Ford

House of Representatives

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