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1966: Unidentified Flying Objects, November - December  
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*Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers*

"U.F.O."

(GILBERT, Violet)

legislative

re: petition to LBJ

November 25, 1966

Mrs. Violet Gilbert  
1230 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93103

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

I have your recent letter and the copy of the petition which you sent to President Johnson and others relative to Unidentified Flying Objects.

I appreciated having your petition and the benefit of your views on this subject.

Once again, my thanks for your time and courtesy in writing me as you did.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

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1230 Garden St  
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93103  
November 11, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford,

It is our hope and request that the enclosed petition will become the nucleus or beginning for new laws in the Congress and Senate for a full and free flow of information to the public on Space.....a two way space approach is very badly needed. The Air Force has written a letter to proponents of this two-way space approach and new laws saying: "this petition and request is beyond the capability of the Air Force. It is recommended that you take this up with your Representatives in Congress." This is what we are doing and have asked for. This is more than the Air Force handling of UFO information. The problem is lack of laws for such and true representation of the peoples interest in the Congress and the National government.

Please take this up as rapidly as possible so that America may fulfill her true stature in the Space program and true Space approach.

Great meanings of value and interest to the entire civilization are involved.

Most sincerely,

*Violet Gilbert*

Violet Gilbert  
Director of Cosmic Research Center  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Thank you on your action in Congress in the House Armed Services Committee which has now resulting in the Air Force cession for studies by independent University of Colorado on Unidentified sightings. We need to bear witness to the fact that while old sightings have not been identified from years past, new ones are occurring every few days which are 'not identified' either. We will encourage you to continue to press for full and adequate action in the Congress and Government for the full facts to be made known.

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PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PERTINENT AGENCIES.

WHEREAS: Space is a TWO WAY Approach, we are impeding the flow of information without full recognition of these facts.

WHEREAS: Billions of dollars of expenditures are involved in our Space effort. We may find great tax savings by a free flow of information.


WHEREAS: With proper recognition of the "TWO WAY" approach, we may get AN ASSIST from those already 'in Space'.

WE PETITION FOR:

1. Establish National Laws for going to and from Space and provide protection for all who are not inimical to the nation, it's interest and growth and the good of the civilization.
2. Establish a National Source for FREE FLOW of Information to the Public.
3. Establish a National Board of Inquiry for Collation of ALL SPACE MATERIAL.
4. Establish a NEW CABINET POST to deal with SPACE MATTERS and Space Visitation
5. Gear the National effort toward success on all matters dealing with Space by colperation of Officialdom and the Public .
6. Establish Engineering Circles, College and Public Schools Copperation, Student Councils and Study Groups to develop a nationwide two way Space Effor. Knowledgeable people are able to cope with reality!

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Violet Gilbert  
1230 Garden St  
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93103

UFO

November 13, 1956

Mrs. William V. Evans  
642 Burgin Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Dear Mrs. Evans:

Replying to your letter of November 16th I am pleased to send you copies of the two statements on made on Unidentified Flying Objects.

You will note that the dates of these releases is March and I have not made any statement since then. For additional information on UFO's you may want to write Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, Director, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Encl.

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16 NOVEMBER 1966

CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON D. C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

Last evening I attended a program given by Dr. Frank E. Stranges. During the program we were told that we could secure a copy of a "NEWS RELEASE ON U.F.O'S" by writing to you.

Would you please send a copy of your "NEWS RELEASE ON U.F.O'S" to me at the following address:

MRS. WM. W. EVANS  
642 BURGIN AVENUE  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808

I would appreciate any additional information which you can supply about the U.F.O.

SINCERELY,

*Savanne Piper Evans*

MRS. WM. W. EVANS  
642 BURGIN AVENUE  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808

U.F.O.

*J. W. Cooper, R.M.*

November 18, 1956

Mrs. F. M. Cooper, Jr.  
766 Longwood Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Dear Mrs. Cooper:

Replying to your letter of November 16th I am pleased to send you two statements I made on Unidentified Flying Objects. If you wish additional information on this subject you may want to write to Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, Director, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.  
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November 16, 1966

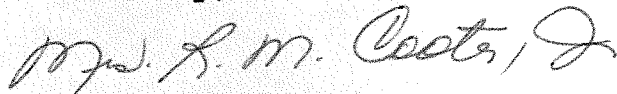
Representative Gerald Ford  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me any information  
you might have on Unidentified Flying Objects.

I would appreciate hearing from you as  
soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Mrs. R. M. Cooter, Jr.  
766 Longwood Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

*UFO.  
Gerald R. Ford*

November 18, 1965

Mr. C. Lee Graves  
685 Sunset Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Graves:

Replying to your letter of November 16th, I am pleased to send you a copy of a statement on UFO's which I made this past spring. I am also enclosing a booklet on Unidentified Flying Objects which I thought you might like to have.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford. M.C.

GRF:sk  
Encl.

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November 16, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

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Would you please send me any information  
you might have on Unidentified Flying Objects.

I would appreciate hearing from you as  
soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*C. Lee Graves*

Mr. C. Lee Graves  
685 Sunset Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(BARROW, R.)

RE: NICAP

November 11, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your recent letter containing your comments on Air Force Regulation 80-17. I appreciate having your remarks and assure you they do not go unneeded.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF/jb

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4167 Cleveland Road  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13215

October 14, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

Please excuse this addition to my accompanying letter. I did not have enough space remaining to tell you that you may consider my comments as public information and you may quote anything you believe important. I have no objections if you wish to use my name in connection with this letter.

Sincerely,



Robert Barrow  
Member, NICAP

UFO

4167 Cleveland Road  
Syracuse, New York 13215

October 14, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for passing along to me a copy of Air Force Regulation 80-17 (re unidentified flying objects). I realize how busy you are and I'm really grateful that you have often taken the time to answer my letters and send me information on UFOs. You may be sure that this material is put to immediate use, and is helpful in better answering a few occasional letters I receive pertaining to UFO's and the status of the AF investigation.

Having read AFR 80-17, I would like to take the liberty of letting you know a few of my comments on the document (which, as I gather from the Air Force letter from Colonel Bryce Poe II that accompanied the Regulation, is taking the place of AFR 200-2, the original AF order on UFO investigation).

In my opinion, this Regulation is not really as revised or different from AFR 200-2 as we have been told.

In last April 5th's Congressional hearing on UFO's, according to NICAP, the following discoveries were made; (1) Some UFO's the Air Force publicly claimed were identified actually are unexplained. (2) The Air Force hypothesis that all UFO's have ordinary explanations may be an error, causing new scientific information to be overlooked. (3) Six prominent scientists, asked by the Air Force to review the UFO program, criticized the Air Force for not scientifically exploring unexplained sightings.

Keeping these three points in mind, and realizing that the third point is mainly responsible for the Air Force's new plan of having non-AF teams investigate UFO's, I was somewhat surprised to see that the first thing the Air Force did in its new Regulation 80-17 was to (as in AFR 200-2) restate the same old stale lines about most UFOs being explained and how "...if more immediate, detailed, and objective data on the unidentifieds had been available and promptly reported, perhaps these, too, could have been identified."

Is this the proper introduction for what is supposed to be a new scientific investigation of UFO's. As usual, the Air Force is going on the theory (and this theory will undoubtedly have an influence on the selected civilian investigators) that UFOs are only misrepresentations of conventional objects. Because the Congressional hearing disclosed that AF "explained" UFOs may still be unidentified, and because the Air Force was criticized for lack of scientific method, I find it discouraging to see that the Air Force is still hanging on to its old theories. If the USAF is allowed to continue its attempts to discount UFOs before any investigation of worth is undertaken, you can bet that the civilian scientists and universities involved are going to be somewhat partial to this "conventional explanation" theory which is continuously pounded into American heads by the Air Force. The scientific investigation is off to a bad start, and, because the Air Force has decided to put down UFOs now, before any substantial research is done by the new teams, I fear that tax money for this project will be spent for a partially biased investigation.

As you know, there are already many scientists who have spoken out against UFOs because they just don't understand the subject, and the Air Force's present agreement with their statements of ridicule will certainly seem, to the public, to lend credence to the "no such thing as a UFO" theory. If the taxpayers are about to put forth their money for what is still described as a "scientific investigation," I will eat the proverbial hat!

Just as before, it appears that the Air Force will still be keeping a clamp on its own men who happen to observe UFOs. In AFR 80-17: (Section B, number 4.) "Air Force members not officially connected with UFO investigations covered by this regulation will refrain from any action or comment on UFO reports which may mislead or cause the public to construe these opinions as official Air Force findings."

Obviously, the vague nature of this statement will place restrictions on Air Force UFO observers and the old "muzzle" will, therefore, be in existence ---and the Air Force will still have a way of keeping UFO information from the public, and possibly from the civilian investigating panel, due to "security," or some similar classification.

And here's one of the most interesting things I have observed about this new regulation. In the AFR 200-2, dated 14 September, 1959, there is a statement ordering that "...information regarding a sighting may be released to the press or the general public by the commander of the Air Force base concerned only if it has been positively identified

as a familiar or known object." I have underlined part of this statement because this portion was italicized in AFR 200-2, as though of particular importance.

However, in the new, "revised" regulation 80-17, this statement is still present, except altered somewhat, But it's certain that the same meaning is present. Please compare the following with the above quote from 200-2: "In response to local inquiries regarding UFOs reported in the vicinity of an Air Force base, the base commander may release information to the news media or the public after the sighting has been positively identified." In this statement, the emphatical word "only" has been omitted, but the same order for base commanders is there: they cannot tell the public about a UFO sighting in their area unless it is established to be a conventional object. Therefore, the public is still kept "in the dark" about various UFO reports, and the "scientific investigation" appears to be lessening in scientific intent or method.

Just a word, if I may, on the answers to my questions on the new investigation that you received and forwarded to me (Air Force letter to you was dated September 26, and written by Colonel Bryce Poe II, USAF). My last question was "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?" The answer given by the AF mentioned how the Secretary of the Air Force would release UFO information to the public, and that newsmen, writers, etc. were always given access to UFO files and given permission to release some unofficial UFO information---but not one thing was mentioned about Air Force and commercial pilots being allowed to report their sightings in public without fear of court-martial.

Therefore, after observing a few of the aspects resulting from the April hearings on UFOs, I am forced to conclude that the revised investigation method will be of little worth in determining what UFOs actually are. It is impossible for a panel of scientists to remain objective as long as it is assisted by the Air Force, which obviously intends to keep downgrading UFOs and discounting the possibility that they may be of an intelligently-controlled nature. How could a scientific panel keep an open mind under such conditions.

Again, thank you for writing and sending the regulation to me.

Sincerely, *Robert Barrow*

Robert Barrow  
Member, NICAP

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(KONLEY, R. G.)

RE: LETTERS

November 11, 1966

Mr. Raymond G. Konley  
1815 East Newberry Boulevard, Apt. E  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley:

Thank you for your recent letter enclosing a copy of another letter that you wrote to Major Quintanilla. I appreciate your making this material available to me, and I am sure that it may prove useful in the future.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF/jb

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RAYMOND G. KONLEY  
1815 E. Newberry Blvd., Apt. E  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

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

OCTOBER 8, 1966

Dear Congressman Ford:

Here is a very good letter for your records on the Air Forces' official position - in writing - on U.F.O.'s.

This "Bluebook" letter is a photocopy of a letter from Maj. Hector Quintanilla jr. of "Project Bluebook", in answer to a letter I sent to him along with a photocopy of an article taken from "Saga" magazine, Sept. issue 1966 about an interview Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe had with "Saga" on U.F.O.'s. I felt it necessary to make my letter strong enough to "Bluebook" in order to get as full a reply out of them as possible. Also here is a handwritten copy of a letter I sent to "Bluebook" on Sept. 19, 1966.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to use this as future reference material in the fight to getting the whole truth about U.F.O.'s told to the public.

Sincerely,  
Raymond G. Konley

Copy of letter sent  
to "Phuebook"

RAYMOND G. KONLEY  
1815 E. Newberry Blvd., Apt. E  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

HECTOR G. MINTANILLA JR.  
A.T.I.C.  
WRIGHT PATTERSON, A.F.B.  
DATON, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 19, 1966

Dear Maj. Quintanilla Jr.:

You may be able to tell the general public that there just isn't anything to this M.F.O. business, but sooner or later, you will have to answer to (N.I.C.I.A.P.). What you have to say on this subject, neither answers or clarifies the Air Forces' position about M.F.O.'s, because there is just too much evidence to the contrary. If and when these proven, unknown M.F.O.'s ever decide to make a few, or even massed landings in or near populated centers, you are going to have to do some tall explaining as to why you are lying for so long, and you or someone like you will have been made complete fools of, and that includes the president. You certainly must realize that an uninformed public will panic for worse than an informed public will. If the world can accept the atom bomb without mass panic, they certainly can accept the truth about these M.F.O.'s of proven unknown origin, because of your official position and statements that these M.F.O.'s do not pose a threat or danger to the national security ect.

Copy letter sent to  
Blackbook Sept. 19, 1964.

(PAGE 2)

You make comfortable references to certain scientists to back up what you say, but how about the scientists who believe the opposite - such as, Dr. Herman O. Berth of Huntsville Alabama! Maj. Quintanilla, time is running out, and with each cover up story you try to explain away, these proven unknown M.F.O.'s - the deeper you are going to be involved in trapping yourself into a situation you will not be able to get out of when the chips are all down, and the "Proof" you are waiting for is right under your nose. This is inevitable, and it will happen. I am not blaming you outright, because I know what it is to have to follow orders, or lose ones job; but I hope for you sake you realize what you are letting yourself in for. What about this! Do you wish to sue "Saga" magazine, or remain silent as usual? This is what you boys are going to be up against as long as there is one ounce of the free press in this country.

ATTACHMENT

MAJ. HECTOR QUINTANILLA JR.

COPY OF "SAGA" MAGAZINE

ARTICLE BY MAJ. (U.S.M.C. RET.)

DONALD E. KEYHOE.

Sincerely,  
Raymond G. Keyhoe

FTD (TDETR)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
3 October 1966

Raymond G. Konley  
1815 East Newberry Boulevard  
Apartment 'E'  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley,

Reference your letter of 19 September 1966. My position and that of the Air Force regarding UFOs are in agreement. We have absolutely no evidence what so ever which would indicate that UFO reports represent extraterrestrial vehicles under intelligent control. The burden of proof should be placed on those groups or individuals who claim that UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles. I am not afraid that the President or I will ever be called fools because of such a claim. Let those individuals who claim that UFOs are flying saucers come forward with the evidence.

As far as answering the challenge, this was done before the Full House Armed Services Committee on 5 April 1966. Our answers regarding UFOs can be found in the Congressional Record.

For every scientist who believes that UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles, you will find nine others who believe just the opposite. That's a pretty big majority, don't you think?

As far as magazine articles are concerned, this is still a free country and articles on every subject will continue to be written. The fact that articles are written on a subject does not mean that the statements are true. Facts and statements can be twisted according to the whim of the writer. As far as suing somebody, you cannot very well do this unless someone slanders you in some way.

I'm still waiting for that alleged UFO to land as you state in your letter. People have been observing UFOs since at least 593 B.C., so I'm not worried that people will panic because of such observations.

By the way, I have read Frank Edwards' book and I think he does an excellent job of story telling. This is my own personal opinion and not the Air Forces'.

Sincerely,

  
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

LEGISLATIVE

"UFO"

(SCOTT, R. F.)

(Re: UFO invest.)

December 30, 1966

Mr. R. F. Scott  
P. O. Box 115  
Lamar, Arkansas 78346

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of December 21 and the enclosures regarding the UFO situation.

As your letter indicated, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the spring. Enclosed are my news releases in this regard which I thought might interest you.

You may know that the University of Colorado has been awarded a contract to conduct an independent study of the unexplained sightings. In case you were not aware of this, copies of the releases I have received concerning this study are enclosed.

I am afraid that it will be some time before the results of this investigation will be known to the public. This is the only investigation that I know of that is going on at the present time to clarify the mystery surrounding these sightings.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:lr

Enc.

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Rep. Ford;

Dec. 29, 1966

In the May 66 issue of Understanding Magazine (Page 6) is the following paragraph under the title: UFO sightings quote: Representative Gerald Ford, R. Mich., has requested a Congressional investigation of the situation as many Michigan residents feel the incidents "sufficient to justify some action by our government". In a radio-television program Rep. Ford said, "Bring out these witnesses from the Air Force and N.S.A., have them interrogated by members of House or Senate Committee, let them put their records on the line. Let these people who have allegedly seen these objects come & testify." end of quote.

It is time the government released to the people the information about UFO's. They have the right to know.

People only fear that which they do not understand.

I am reading you excerpts from 4 books on Flying Saucers (UFO's) which I have obtained this past year. Also 3 space craft photos.

I myself have not seen a "Flying Saucer" as yet. I have talked to several persons who have.

Sincerely  
P. F. Scott  
P.O. Box 115  
Lamar, Ark. 72846

LEGISLATIVE

"UFO"

(ACUFF, NOEL)

Re: UFO Investigation

December 30, 1966

Ms. Noel Acuff  
Box 651  
New Johnsonville, Tennessee 37134

Dear Ms. Acuff:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of December 27 in connection with the UFO situation.

As the news article you enclosed indicated, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the spring. Enclosed are my news releases in this regard.

I imagine you know that the University of Colorado has been awarded a contract to conduct an independent study of the unexplained sightings. In case you were not aware of this investigation, copies of the releases I received concerning this study are enclosed.

I am afraid that it will be some time before the results of this investigation will be known to the public. This is the only investigation that I know of that is going on at the present time to clarify the mystery surrounding these sightings.

Thank you also for your kind personal comments. We enthusiastically welcome the new Members Baker and Kuykendall to the Congress and hope for great progress within the Republican ranks during the upcoming 90th Congress.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:lr

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December 27, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

Enclosed is a news article dated last April, in which is stated that you asked Congressman L.Mendal Rivers, as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, to conduct an investigation on Unidentified Flying Objects. The report further states that Congressman Rivers directed the Air Force Chief of Staff and Air Force Secretary to meet with him to discuss these UFO reports and sightings, many which occurred in your state of Michigan.

I watched the newspapers and television news reports closely, but I have never seen a single item pertaining to the outcome of this meeting. The answers given were no doubt satisfactory to Congressman Rivers and yourself.

Congressman Ford, this thing has been going on for about twenty years now, and many of us are deeply concerned about it. Unless there is a sound reason for keeping it secret, the American people should be told about it. I realize that many things must be kept secret in the interest of national security, but I believe that other things are stamped secret for the sake of secrecy alone, or to cover up gross mismanagement, which has seemed so prevalent in the present Administration. Many of us do not know what to believe about these UFO's and our Governments unwillingness to enlighten us on the matter. It could be that we are under the gun, and our Government has no choice but to keep us in the dark. On the other hand, they may be no threat at all. They may actually be our own weapons, which I want to believe, but seriously doubt. Else why are we spending billions to hoist heavy loads into orbit in a manner which must be considered crude when compared to the reported capabilities of these unidentified machines.

Anything that you can tell me about the outcome of the discussion about these UFO's will be greatly appreciated.

I have watched your work in the Congress and it is refreshing to know that we have a man of your stature as House Leader. We are sending two capable young men, Baker and Kuykendall, to the Senate and House respectively, who will be working with you.

My very best regards and best wishes to you, Congressman Ford.

Yours Truly  
Noel Acuff  
Box 651  
New Johnsonville, Tennessee  
37134

*Noel Acuff*

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## Session Promises Congress Glimpse Of Flying Saucers

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(UPI)—The hearing won't be public and it won't be long but it probably will be the closest Congress will get to an investigation of flying saucers.

It will take place on Tuesday when Air Force brass will huddle with members behind the closed doors of the House Armed Services Committee.

Committee Chairman L. Mendel Rivers (D., S. C.) last week directed Air Force Secretary Harold Brown and Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, to come prepared Tuesday to answer questions about the latest rash of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.

Expected to accompany Brown and McConnell are officials connected with Project Bluebook, the Air Force unit that has been recording and trying to explain the more than 10,000 UFO reports since it began operating in 1947.

The committee made it plain that this was not to be construed as a full-fledged congressional investigation of the subject.

"We just want to know if one is required," said Rivers.

Brown and McConnell were scheduled to appear Tuesday anyhow to continue their testimony on next year's defense budget. During a closed session Thursday Rivers brought up flying saucers.

The chairman told the Air Force officials that House Republican Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan, had asked him to conduct an investigation. Ford acted as the result of UFO reports from Michigan. Ford said he thought there

might be "substance" to some of the reports and that the public was entitled to a more thorough explanation than given up to now by the Air Force.

According to a member who was there, both Brown and McConnell assured the committee there was nothing mysterious about the sightings but that they would be glad to discuss them at greater length on Tuesday.

### Crime Nipped Early

CORLEONE, Sicily, April 2.—(UPI)—Sicilian police said Saturday they have broken a gang of nine-year-olds who were armed with explosives and a sawed-off shotgun and led by the nephew of a member of the Mafia. Police said the four boys were caught after they broke into a school and stole \$89 from a classroom drawer. At the home of one of the boys, whose uncle is a lieutenant of a jailed Mafia leader, police found the shotgun—trademark of the Mafia—and the explosives.

LEGISLATIVE

"UFO's"

(PERKINS, LOWELL)

December 30, 1966

Mr. Lowell Perkins  
3662 North Pine Grove  
Chicago, Illinois 60613

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 23 regarding the UFO situation.

You are probably aware that I called for an investigation of this matter in the spring. The enclosed release in answer to my news releases is somewhat out of date now, as I imagine you know that the University of Colorado has been awarded a contract to conduct an independent study of the unexplained sightings.

I am afraid that it will be some time before the results of this investigation will be known to the public. This is the only investigation that I know of that is going on at the present time.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:blr

Enclosures

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 23, 1966

Dear Congressman Ford,

Enclosed is a copy of what I sent President Johnson. Also the reply and the book that was sent back.

Their evasive reply does prove the Norwegians were giving facts. President Johnson can be held personally responsible for the present policy.

Sincerely yours,  
Lowell Perkins  
3662 N. Pine Grove  
Chicago, Ill. 60613

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DEC 15 1966

Dear Mr. Perkins:

The President has asked that I reply to your recent letter regarding the alleged censorship of reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The Air Force does not withhold or censor any information on UFOs. The results of all Air Force investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public. A copy of this report, Project Blue Book, is attached for your information.

I hope this clarifies the Air Force position.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM E. POE, Colonel, USAF  
Congressional Inquiry Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

2 Attachments

Mr. Lowell Perkins  
3662 North Pine Grove  
Chicago, Illinois 60613

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Chicago, Illinois  
November 20, 1966

Dear President Johnson,

The part of the book I would like to comment on is on page 45. The Spitzbergen Island incident proves that the U.S. government has been habitually lying to the public on this for over 10 years. Why is it so impossible for the officials in charge to tell the people the truth? Put in charge someone like "Cheaty" Puller or General Shriver,

Sincerely yours,  
Lowell Perkins  
3662 N. Pine Grove  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(SZYBOWICS, T.)

RE: CONG. INVEST.

December 22, 1966

Mr. Theo. Szybowicz  
10166 Pelham Road  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Szybowicz:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter regarding UFOs. It is true that I called for an investigation, a congressional one, in the spring. However I did not head up an investigation myself.

The enclosed release is somewhat out of date now, as I imagine you know that the University of Colorado has been awarded a contract to conduct an independent study of the unexplained sightings.

In case you were not aware of this investigation, copies of the release that I received regarding this study, are enclosed.

I am afraid that it will be some time before the results of this investigation will be known to the public. This is the only investigation that I know of that I have had any connection with, that is going on at the present time.

Thank you for your message of holiday greetings and I certainly hope that you have a Merry Christmas.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Hon. G. Ford  
House of Representatives  
Minority Leader  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

*I did not*

Last summer you spearheaded an investigation into the phenomena of U.F.O.'s or unidentified flying objects. The outcome of this investigation was to the best of my knowledge never made public. Would you be so kind as to give me some kind of answer as to the final conclusion.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year

Respectfully

*Theo. Szybowicz  
10166 Pelham Rd  
Taylor, Mich. 48180*

" Every passing hour brings the Solar System forty-three thousand miles closer to Globular Cluster M-13 in Hercules..... and still there are those who insist that there is no such thing as progress"

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(KEOGH, P.)

RE:

December 28, 1966

Mr. Patrick Keogh  
8 Richards Avenue  
Oneonta, New York

Dear Patrick:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting free information on "flying saucers." I appreciate your thinking of writing me on this, perhaps because of the statements that I made this past year calling for a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

Unfortunately I do not have much free information that I can send you. I am enclosing copies of all the statements that I made, and I hope they will be useful, but I have made no attempt to collect material on UFOs or take pictures of them myself because I have been pretty busy with my other duties as a Congressman, and as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. I hope you will understand my laxity in this regard.

However, I do, from time to time, receive information that others have sent to me. Since my other work keeps me quite busy, I do not always have time to read or even look at this material myself. Enclosed is a copy of a book which I have received: Flying Saucers--Serious Business. I know nothing about this book as it was sent to me unsolicited but I thought you might like to have it. You will note inside the cover are paperclipped some pictures of flying saucers. I know nothing about these pictures and could not tell you whether they are real or not, but again I thought you would like to have them as you asked for photographs. If you will look in the appendix, in the back of this book, you will find other sources to write to for more information.

I hope this will be useful to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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8 Richards Ave.  
Toronto N. Y.  
December 11, 1966

Dear Sir:

May I please have  
some free information on  
the subject of flying saucers.  
I am very deeply impressed  
about ufo's. I have seen  
flying saucers before they  
are very interesting to look  
at. I read ufo stories every  
chance I get. When you send  
me some information if  
you got some clear pictures  
of ufo's could I please have  
a couple of pictures of some  
ufo's. I would like to  
take the pictures to  
school and the informa-  
tion. If you could could  
you send me a list of  
people and address of  
people I can write to so I

I can write to them for  
some more information.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Plough

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(WEISS, M.)

RE: UFO

December 29, 1966

Mr. Michael Weiss  
6638 N. Fairfield  
Chicago, Illinois 60645

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter of December 24 about UFOs requesting some information in the form of a quick reply. I'll give it to you about as quick as I can, Mike.

I can not sent information about what was sighted in Michigan last year as I have none. However I am enclosing copies of the press releases that I made at that time which have been retained. I asked the House to explore this matter because many people were concerned about it.

I was not turned down, but the hearings that were held were short in duration--unfortunately printed copies of those hearings are no longer available. I think as a result of my request, however, it was decided to conduct the investigation that is described on the enclosed Air Force press releases.

As far as my opinion as to whether the Government is hiding facts on UFOs, my press releases state my feelings on this.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

enc.

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Dec. 24, 1966

Dear Rep. Ford,

I am doing a science project and report on "Are Flying Saucers Real" for high school. I am very interested in this subject and I was hoping you could send me information on what happened in your state last year when all the U.F.O. sightings were reported. I would like to know why you asked the House to explore the matter of U.F.O.'s and why you were turned down. I would also like to know your opinion on "flying saucers" and do you think the U.S. government is hiding important facts on the U.F.O.'s.

Thank you very much,  
Michael Weiss

P.S. I would appreciate a quick reply.

MICHAEL WEISS  
6638 N. FAIRFIELD  
CHICAGO, ILL. 60645

LEGISLATIVE

UFOS

(NADAN, P.)

RE: ADVANCE COPY OF  
REPORT

December 20, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Nadan:

Thank you for your letter of December 9 providing with a copy of the reply you received from Dr. Condon's office telling you, regarding your request for an advance copy of the report on UFOs, that it is expected that the report will be released to the public after review by the National Academy of Sciences and that an early copy cannot be promised.

You ask in your letter what is your next move or mine. I am afraid that our next move will have to be that of us waiting until the report has been reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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

December 9, 1966

Mr. Jim Bersie  
Office of the Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bersie:

I am following your advice in your October 26 letter to me and providing you with the reply from Dr. Condon regarding their UFO future report. I think the enclosures are self explanatory.

What is my next move, or yours?

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Paul Nadan*

Paul Nadan  
Associate Editor

PN/bh  
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*Wait like everybody else!  
"We wait"*

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

November 30, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Nadan,

Thank you for your letter to Dr. Condon concerning the report of our UFO investigation. Permit me to reply.

It is expected that the report will be released to the public after review by the National Academy of Sciences. I am afraid that we cannot promise an early copy, but you may obtain it at that time.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Low  
Project Coordinator

RJL:lbm

October 31, 1966

Dr. Edward U. Condon  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Dr. Condon:

I should like to go on record at this time for a bid to see an early copy of the report you are working on in the area of UFO's for the Air Force.

I should appreciate your help in this, and whatever advice you care to give.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Paul Nadan  
Associate Editor

PN/bh