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UFO

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Congress of the United States (MARCH 10)  
Office of the Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

April 14, 1966

SAME LETTER  
TO ALL

Dear

I appreciate your letter and those that I have received from many others in support of my calling for an investigation of unidentified flying objects. As you know, the House Committee on Armed Services has held a hearing as a result of my request.

One action has come out of this hearing that is bound to be a first step in the right direction. It has been proposed that there be an investigation, by a panel of scientists, of more than 600 unexplained UFO sightings reported by the Air Force. It has also been suggested that these scientists be chosen by the National Academy of Sciences. While I had called for a Congressional investigation, I feel this is a good first step.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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April 6, 1966

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

Dear Sir -

I have no ax to grind and while I'm not a scientist in the scholastic sense, still I have a well developed habit of observing and analyzing what I discern objectively.

Relative to your request for a full scale Congressional investigation of U.F.O.s, and a report in the Evening Bulletin of Phila Pa. 4/4/66 that your request would be shelved, but that the Air force says it (U.P. & report) "probably will ask outside scientific <sup>?</sup> experts <sup>?</sup> to take another look at the mysterious sightings."

That being the case, I would like ~~them~~ <sup>to</sup> to account for the ~~fallowing~~ <sup>fallowing</sup> which I will

#2  
narrate from memory and which  
I believe will be true in detail  
with a report I mailed in to  
Maj. Donald Keyhoe, a few days  
after the event.

At 7.45 p.m. Nov 17, 1954  
I was asked by my son who  
was practicing basket ball shots  
in our yard by an outside light,  
to come out and see a round  
lighted object coming in our  
direction in the sky.

Going out to see what he  
was talking about I discerned  
a self illuminated object at  
an angle of about  $40^{\circ}$  above the  
horizon coming in a straight  
line toward us from the N.N.E  
heading S.S.W. which appeared  
about the size of a baseball and  
at a considerable height.

There was a fairly full  
moon at about  $80^{\circ}$  above

#3.

the horizon, and the object crossed the lower half of the moon relative to my observation point at a speed to slow for a meteor and yet faster than any airplanes we had at the time. Compared to planes I have watched I would judge the altitude to have been between eight and ten thousand feet, and the center of this craft glowed, a little dimmer than the outer rim, and was about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the apparent diameter. The outer rim rotated somewhat like the spokes of a wheel (bright spokes shaded between) and at considerable speed.

As the craft crossed the moon it appeared darker than the moon's reflected light but its own glow was still noticeable. Directly overhead it appeared (relative to the moon) to be

#4 a football  
two thirds the size of the moon  
and not less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  the  
apparent diameter of the moon.

I am not aware of what fraction  
of a degree <sup>( $\circ$ )</sup> this would be.

Now then I was interested  
but not excited. I studied it  
objectively without preconceived  
notions and without fear or  
superstitious surmises.

I afterward reported the  
sighting to the Johnsville Naval  
Airfield, near to the Willow  
grove Naval Station, Penna.

They asked me its direction of  
flight, but I never heard any  
more from them.

This I know. It appeared  
at first elliptical, then overhead  
or near so, circular, then again  
as it receded elliptical again.  
It rotated for a  $\frac{1}{3}$  distance in  
from the rim, it was solid

#5  
since it occluded the moon  
as it passed over its lower  
limb (from my point of view).

Now that is what I saw,  
and the matter of being  
believed is of no great concern.  
But I'd like some scientist to  
explain just how some  
natural phenomena tricked  
my senses.

Nor do I particular care  
whether they come from another  
habitable planet, or not, nor do  
I fear they may be hostile for  
I know better, for only on this  
planet will evil be manifest,  
according to the scriptures  
which I understand, and place my  
full confidence in their authors.

Yours truly

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Bloomington, Illinois  
April 5, 1966

UFD

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

Dear Rep. Ford:

I am so glad that something is being done about investigating Flying Saucers. The attitude of the Air Force is doing more to scare people than a fact would scare them such as learning that these things are extra-terrestrial. For myself, I've followed this sort of thing a bit closely and with an open mind. And I don't think all people are fools who see something. I also would not be as scared of outer-space people as I am of my fellow man with his fooling around with nature.

I did not write this however, to tell you my views. I want to do a little review for you. *Little historical review.*

~~Stop~~  
From memory I'll quote this (I can't seem to find the article): It was perhaps in 1947 or 48 when for about 8 months a something like a planet or space platform hovered over an Ohio city which I remember as being Cleveland.

During the Korean war, orange fireballs flew along side our war planes. Again, I quote ~~from~~ from memory.

This one I'm about to quote is not from memory. I will condense the facts from an article dated Jan. 2, 1945 which I cut out from either the Chicago American or the Chicago Tribune. It tells of red fireballs which the pilots nicknamed "foo-fighters". A red fireball would fly along with the plane just off the wingtip. Or perhaps three would fly along in vertical formation just ahead of the plane. The third type was a group of about 15 lights which would appear off in the distance and flicker on and off like a Christmas tree. The pilots thought these the wildest weapons they had encountered in the war, and that their object was psychological since they did not explode as they came alongside. One pilot told of a fireball traveling with him 20 miles and when he turned it turned with him. A pilot also told of how he ditched one that had stayed at his wing tips at 360 miles an hour and when he dove it zoomed up into the air. These fireballs were much more numerous over the German cities. Pilots assumed these things were a German weapon, but the only confirmation they could get was from the Associated Press that the Germans had thrown silvery balls into the sky against day raiders, which the pilots had seen individually and in clusters.

As you know, the Russians right away took from Germany (as a spoils of war I guess) their scientists. America was slow on the trigger and did not get this idea until they brought Von Braun over here. So who knows what brilliant ideas the Russians appropriated from the captured German scientists.

If you would like to have this article I'll send it to you but I did not want to send it unless solicited as I treasure it.

I do believe that in order to make sense out of the present sightings, one has to go in to history a bit as it is always during the press of war that the greatest and most unusual inventions are made.

If our air Force has something, they should admit it. If they don't and are just being coy so that other countries should think their secrecy is covering some dynamic new concept, to this I say he who laughs last laughs best. It seems we Americans are kept from knowing many things which to other countries are common knowledge.

While I'm writing this, I might as well add this bit (when I typed the word "concept"

it brought it to mind: my son had worked out a design or concept for a transformation of energy which would give lift power in an anti-gravity fashion. He is so zealous over his great discovery that he would not tell me more after he started to describe it to me and, I grasped the fundamentals too quickly. I guess he is afraid I would get flappy-mouthed and tell someone else the details. All I know is that he said that when he has it running and it is setting on a scale, then something put on top of that will show much less weight than it actually weighs when he sets it on a scale by itself. To me th is is something that is overcoming gravity.

I don't know to whom all he wrote about it, but I know he even wrote to Verner Von Braun and that man answered him nicely but declined any use of the invention.

I believe that one reason the Germans are so good at science is that they encourage rather than discourage. I believe we should be that way too. How do these people know that my son's invention, or any other man's invention is really not something great and different? If we don't really own and operate these flying saucers, maybe we could. Surely we should, if Russia or China or some other country has them.

I also think that our space probes which I'm highly in favor of are a real model T. The Flying Saucer concept or any AT WILL flying in atmosphere or space, will be the ultimate answer.

Please forgive my errors. It is the fact that I'm a poor typist that I made so many errors but I did think that even with mistakes it would be more readable than longhand.

Yours truly,

Marie Hochhalter

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Bloomington, Illinois

April 5, 1966

P.S. I wonder if Dr Dymek (N.W. University astronomer who seems to have been the Air Force saucer investigator ever since this started in '47 - aren't there any other astronomers interested in this? (His assistant was here in Bloomington in answer to our recent sightings. He didn't know any answer to ours.) Would say the red fireballs were marsh gas (the "Fos fighters"). Moreover, I'd like him to explain the different types of marsh gas & how they ignite, what color they burn & whether hot or cold flame, and how high they go etc etc.

UFO

April 8, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for your consideration of the people in Michigan who have seen something which they felt were Unidentified and Flying and Objects in the sky. It is a relief to hear an important part of our government express the opinion that the people who live in his State may not all be subject to hallucinations.

I hasten to add, I have never been among the fortunate few who have had a good look at a U.F.O. But, I do know several pretty sane and level headed people who have, and they insist that what they saw were machines of some kind. I've been looking for 20 years, and I've seen a lot of jet afterburners and weather balloons and planets Venus....but so far, no machines.

If you are being subjected to ridicule, as the Detroit News says you have been, as a result of your interest in bringing the real story to the people....be it a positive or negative story....be assured that most of those people are in agreement with your desire for a real hearing. It seems obvious that the Air Force either does know what the U.F.O.'s are and just isn't saying, or they don't know what they are and aren't trying very hard to find out. Dr. Hynek's brief and slapdash "investigation" of whatever happened in Michigan could certainly not be considered as trying to find out what the U.F.O.'s are.

Stop  
COCO

I'd like to suggest you might shake somebody up a bit if you suggested the Air Force get out of the U.F.O. business altogether....close their project, fire their expert consultants, and save the taxpayers a bit of change, since they are so certain there is nothing to investigate. I'd bet dollars to donuts they'd find a reason that they must continue rather than close a, probably, quite costly project. If they must go on, then wouldn't they have to justify going on? And how do they justify investigating hallucinations, especially when they can't seem to even see the hallucinations?

Just a thought....and maybe it wasn't a very good one, but a great many people are pretty weary of the Air Force's inconsistent and off-hand treatment of this subject. I'm one of them. So, I think, are you.

Very sincerely,

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April 6, 1966

UFO

House G.O.P. Leader Gerald Ford  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Dear Congressman Ford,

In this morning's newspaper, I read of yesterday's hearing on UFOs by the House Armed Services Committee. It was reported that both J. Allen Hynek and Dr. Harold Brown stoutly declared that there is "no real evidence" of "extra-terrestrial vehicles". Yet, NICAP's UFO EVIDENCE contains 183 pages of good, solid evidence, and a second edition of this document is in the making. Also, Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of the Air Force Project Blue Book (UFO), has written a very impressive book, based entirely on official A.F. records, in which he offers all the evidence anyone would ever hope to see. He even states that in 1947, the Air Technical Intelligence Center concluded that UFOs are indeed real.

Dr Brown's "sweet talk" sounded good, I'm sure, to the many Congressmen who don't know of the Air Force's official policy on UFOs, but the true story could only have been brought out if an organization such as NICAP had been represented at the hearing. I sincerely hope that Congress doesn't let the Air Force off the hook permanently as easily as they did yesterday. Thank you very much for all your time and support.

Yours very truly,  
*Gary Posner*  
Gary Posner  
Md. NICAP Y.C. Rep.

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UFO  
April 7, 1966

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

Re: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects

Sir:

I have noted with interest press reports quoting you as demanding a Congressional investigation on the unidentified flying objects, particularly with reference to the recent sightings in the State of Michigan.

Last year a book entitled "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" was published by Henry Regnery Company and authored by Jacques Vallee, a condensation of which appeared in True Magazine in the October, 1965 issue. The article states that Mr. Vallee, born in France and now living in the United States, holds degrees in mathematics and astronomy and has done extensive research in the field of satellite technology. He also is a consultant on NASA's "Mars Map" project, and further, in writing this book he had access to the files of the United States Air Force and to data from many European scientists. He says in part as follows:

"I have always kept an open mind and have been careful not to reject extreme hypotheses merely on the ground of their 'fantastic' character, for nothing can be more fantastic than a natural phenomenon not yet recognized and classified by the human mind.

"We must view with contempt and irony those who will continue to call the problem ridiculous only because they do not know the solution. 'Ridicule,' wrote one of the eminent researchers in this field, 'is not part of the scientific method, and the public should not be taught that it is.' "

I am also enclosing reproductions from pages 129 and 130 of aforesaid condensation with the parts which may be of interest to you encircled.

I applaud your efforts in attempting to have an analysis made of this whole subject as I believe that the American people are entitled to far more information than they have been getting from the Air Force authorities (except, of course, where national interests and security requires non-disclosure).

Very truly yours,

*Wendell G. Phillips*  
WENDELL G. PHILLIPS

WGP/gmd  
Enc.

Three of them—those in the middle—are separated by an interval of 45 centimeters. The last two are 67 centimeters away from the preceding ones.

A craft that would land on legs instead of wheels like our own aircraft would not leave other traces, one of the inspectors of the air police has declared.

The narrative made by M. Dewilde is also confirmed by several inhabitants of the region. In Onnaing, a young man called M. Edmond Auverlot and a retired man, M. Hublard, have seen about 10:30 p.m. (the time indicated by M. Dewilde) a reddish light traveling in the sky. The same light has been seen from Vicq by three young men.

The railroad specialists consulted by the investigators in respect to the markings on the wooden ties calculated that the pressure indicated by the prints corresponded to a weight of 30 tons. These marks were fresh and sharply cut, showing that the wood of the ties had been subjected at those five points to very heavy pressure. In an examination of the gravel of the roadbed, the policemen found another puzzling fact: At the site of the alleged landing the stones were brittle, as if they had been calcined at high temperature. Some blackish traces were also found. Although nothing was determined about the existence of the "operators," it was said in the report that the ground was hard and that the absence of footprints did not disprove the story.

September 22:

Under the clouds a huge, luminous ball hung motionless. Reddish and surrounded by a sort of moving smoke, almost luminous. Watched for half an hour. Then suddenly from the lower part of the ball there emerged another, much smaller luminous ball; after a few seconds of free fall it slowed, turned obliquely and disappeared at high speed. A moment later a second ball dropped and went off—and then a third, and a fourth. Just then an airplane appeared in another part of the sky. It seemed on a collision course with the ball. The ball abruptly changed position and rose into the clouds and disappeared.

September 26:

The little dog began to bark and howl miserably. She was standing in front of something that looked like a scarecrow. When going closer she saw that the scarecrow was some sort of a diving suit, made of translucent plastic material. Behind the blurred transparency of the helmet, two large eyes were staring out at her. The suit began moving toward her with a sort of quick, waddling gait. She uttered a cry of terror and took to the fields. Looking back she saw a big metallic object, circular and rather flat, rise behind some nearby trees, move off toward the northeast with considerable speed, gaining altitude as it did so. Neighbors gathered quickly and at the spot where the object had risen they found a circle, 10 or so feet in diameter, where the strubs had been crushed. Trees at the edge of this imprint had some branches broken and the bark rubbed off, and the imprint in the direction of takeoff was flattened out in radiating lines. The original witness was found in a state of nervous collapse. She was put to bed, where she remained for two days with a high fever.

When scientists say that the UFO problem cannot be considered a scientific one because no physical evidence has been found, yet, I am tempted to answer that what will happen if physical evidence is found will be anything but science. If there ever was a proper time for research, the time is now. The decision we will make when physical evidence is finally present will be determined by the level of our knowledge and understanding of the phenomenon, and now is the time to acquire this information. By permitting ridicule to bury the problem and waste our chances of obtaining more accurate, more reliable data from the witnesses, we are not acting as scientists. Emphasis should be placed on the processing of data already known, not solely on "physical evidence." If the "objects" are really developed by an advanced technical civilization, their operators have probably possessed space travel for a very long time, and the sampling of our planet had in all likelihood not been planned before all problems of hardware reliability had been solved; this is precisely what we ourselves are planning to

do with our own space probes. It is not very realistic for us to wait for a "flying saucer" suddenly to fall apart in our backyard. It would indeed be very dangerous to take too many precautions when confronted with a problem of this importance and to refuse to study it before physical samples are collected. We have to start somewhere.

The first step toward a really scientific analysis of UFO phenomena is proper classification. Whatever these things are, their behavior falls into one, and only one, of the five following categories. These categories do not overlap.

- I. They are seen as objects situated on the ground or near the ground (at tree height).
- II. They appear as huge cylindrical forms, often vertical, surrounded by cloudlike formations (II-A) or generating secondary objects (II-B).
- III. They can be described as hovering in the atmosphere motionless or as stopping and starting.
- IV. They are seen as crossing the sky without stopping.
- V. They are distant objects seen as lights.



A number of specialists have studied the reports of UFO observations and have "put their facts on the table." But no one has yet been called to gather their results and attempt to gain access to the general behavior of the phenomenon. As a matter of fact, one could even say that the "specialist" approach has represented an attempt to deny the reality of the UFO phenomenon and that the spirit followed in this approach has been very antagonistic, in practice, to the idea that the reports could lead to the definition of a consistent pattern.

UFO reports have never been analyzed as manifestations of a global effect; the very existence of "waves" of sightings is ignored, or simply denied, by officials in charge of the investigations. The reports are analyzed one at a time, with an amount of energy directly proportional to the publicity they have received in specialized "enthusiast" reviews or in the press, radio and television. A side effect of this process is that the most interesting reports are completely unknown to the public and to civilian scientists who might, otherwise, have a very different attitude toward the subject.

During the last decades, on the basis of scientific, technical and industrial experience, and under the pressure of wartime necessity and the requirements of private enterprise, a body of techniques has emerged which encompasses operations research, decision-making, large-scale data processing, information theory and control analysis. These new techniques, disciplines and sciences have been employed to classify human activity, technical processes and natural events in sets and classes and to generalize the findings of specialists into global approaches and general descriptions. In the last 20 years, they have found application in every field of human activity. Some of the techniques thus developed could find immediate application in UFO research. What is needed is not a specialist but an analyst. The analyst would demand access to all the facts. He would completely ignore the labels used by official authorities—"good report," "bad report," "unreliable," "insufficient"—because they reflect subjective, nonscientific verdicts. He would introduce his own system of classification without bothering to state first that the phenomenon must belong to this or that field of research, because there is no such thing as a "field of research," and research itself is only a part of human activity that has not been defined in scientific terms. He has learned that, although specialists sometimes use different techniques, tricks or know-hows and like to think of their work as an entity separated from the rest of the universe by golden barriers, there are wide bands of similarity across these little cells through which can be gained almost immediate access to any of these disciplines. He will not bother to ask for permission to contradict accepted theories, because he is a researcher and any researcher must be conscious of the possibly novel nature of the phenomenon he may suddenly be confronted with. Nor will he apologize for including in his research so-called "fantastic" reports, for "fantastic" can only be defined with respect to a local system of reference; he will try to work in a scale where he knows no other constraint than the relative laws of human reasoning and the limits of his own imagination. Human limitations of memory and capacity to process

huge masses of data without forgetting or making mistakes are no problem with the advent of computers; the UFO problem is made for the analyst. But he has never been asked to study it.

If an analyst were given the opportunity to study the UFO problem his first demand would be that one or two mathematicians be added to the team of specialists. If new phenomena are present in the set of patterns that constitutes the UFO problem, there is a possibility that these phenomena may lie outside the scope of any one of the specialties recognized today by science, and still be discernible to the mathematical mind. At least, the abstract structure of these behaviors may fall under some mathematical category or may be approached by mathematical descriptions when all other specialists have come to the limits of their competence.

It is a fascinating experience to review the old arguments used against the pioneers of astronomy—Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo—and to realize that the mental processes that today oppose the hypothesis of extraterrestrial intelligence are precisely those we like to suppose were abolished four centuries ago. In this respect, it is of interest to remark, in the light of official interpretation of UFO's as reflections, mirages, distortion through haze layers, etc., that some early Greek philosophers believed that the sun and the stars did not have substance or permanence; they were thought to be

hazy effluvia that rose from the earth and caught fire. Stars are consumed at dawn; in the evening new exhalations form new ones. Similarly, a new Sun is born each morning, constituted of accumulated sparkles. The moon is a compressed cloud, that takes one month to dissolve; later a new cloud is formed. Above the different regions of the Earth we see different moons and suns: all are nebulous illusions."

Such a position was very tenable. It solved the problem much more completely than any of the systems astronomers painstakingly elaborated later. There is, however, a part of the human mind that rebels against this negative approach to the interpretation of reality.

Theories tending to deny the reality of physical phenomena are seen recurring in cosmology each time dogma is shaken by new observational material. In order not to destroy mental contraptions called theories—which the scientist knows are born only in his imagination and stay alive only by constant investments from his imagination—the scientist claims that physical facts themselves are in his imagination; there is something fascinating indeed in the spectacle of the human mind denying entrance to the kingdom of material existence to facts that do not fit into theoretical models.

On November 11, 1572, Tycho Brahe, while walking outside his observatory before dinner, became aware of the existence of a new star brighter than Venus, close to the constellation of Cassiopeia. This discovery of the first nova since the birth of Christ was in complete contradiction to the astronomical doctrine of the time. The contemporary view was that all changes, all effects involving modification, birth or death could only take place in the vulgar part of the universe, in the immediate environment of the earth. On the contrary, the eighth sphere, the sphere of the fixed stars, remained unchanged since the creation of the world.

The reality of the phenomenon could not be denied, but a number of ingenious theories were invented to prove that the new object was not a star. Some explained that it was a comet formed by the condensation of the vapors of sin and set to fire by divine anger. It produced a sort of poisonous dust that fell on the people's heads and generated all sorts of evil things such as "bad weather, pestilence and Frenchmen." Most astronomers described the new object as a comet which had no tail and moved very slowly. Tycho Brahe's answer to these acrobats—*O caecos coeli spectatores!* (Blind spectators of the Sky!)—could find applications today.

No less an astronomer than Galileo occasionally made the same mistake. Because comets did not fit into his model, he denied their reality as material objects. He decided they had to be optical illusions like aurorae or sun dogs; they were provoked by a reflection of the hazes from the earth "that rise in the sky higher than the moon."

## THE GENERAL TYPE I EVENT

Whether they actually correspond to the "landing" of a machine or only to a misinterpretation or hallucination, Type I events are of interest to us because they allow a deeper analysis of the mechanism through which individuals are led to write a UFO report.

If average imagination is sufficient for a witness to interpret the rising moon or the planet Venus as a "spacecraft," it requires much more for a citizen to fabricate completely a long and consistent story.

Most Type I reports are simple and very clear: Individuals of varying age, occupation and reliability rush to the police, write under oath perfectly unbelievable stories and are never heard of again. The typical witness generally states in his report that he was performing a quite ordinary task when the sighting took place. He was not out in the fields looking for a UFO because he had just read a book about it. He had not rushed into the desert in answer to a "telepathic" message. He was coming back to his farm or riding a bicycle. Most of the witnesses state that they did not believe in "flying saucers." Some of them stay unconvinced, but feel they must report what they have seen, even if they do not understand it.

On October 14, 1954, at 6:15 p.m., Jose Casella was riding his bicycle through the town of Biot, in France. He suddenly found in front of him on the road a massive, oval aluminum-like object. He applied the brakes; simultaneously, the object took off without noise, at a very great speed. It was shaped like an egg, perfectly smooth and bright. Five to six meters long and a little over one meter in height, it left no trace. Several inhabitants of Biot made independent reports that confirmed the reality of Casella's experience.

On October 21, 1954, in the department of Charente, a man from Cherbouneries was driving his car toward Pouyou. With him was his three-year-old son. Suddenly he felt pricklings all over his body, similar to electric discharges; this painful feeling became more intense as the car kept going. Soon the child started to cry and, as the car proceeded, the engine died and so did the headlights. At the same time the witness noticed a bright, glowing red color changing to orange, soon becoming of a blinding intensity. For a few seconds he saw an object hovering; it disappeared soon afterward. He was then able to start his engine again.

In *L'Astronomie*, in 1954, we find the following account:

Suspicious object. M. G. Mouillon, engineer at Genelard, Saone-et-Loire, has observed, on October 14 at 8:50 p.m. between Ciry-le-Noble and Montceau-les-Mines, an enormous object surrounded with a green flame quickly falling to the ground over an area of about 10° in elevation. The object itself certainly had an apparent diameter of several degrees, maybe as much as five degrees. No noise was heard.

This observation is quite interesting in the light of the series of events that took place in the same area that very day.

M. B., living in Montceau-les-Mines, was riding a motorcycle on the road from St-Romain-sous-Gourdon to Brosset-Tillots, also in Saone-et-Loire. Suddenly without apparent reason his motor stopped and could not be started again. He got off, and a bright light burst out about 50 yards in front of him, revealing a circular object that looked, he said, "like a plate turned upside down."

M. B. looked at the sight in amazement, then in fear, and decided to turn back, walking and pushing his motorcycle. But when he reached the point where his motor had stopped, it started up again.

A few minutes later, Andre Cognard, who lives at Ciry-le-Noble, was driving toward his town, coming from Gueugnon:

"All at once," said M. Cognard, "at the top of a slope I found myself face-to-face, so to speak, with a sort of disc of such

TRUE THE MAN'S MAGAZINE

Salt Lake City Utah  
April 3 '66.

UFD

Rep. Ford of Michigan  
House Office Bldg.  
DC.

Dear Rep. Ford: There is an apparently authentic review of all U.F.O. sightings in recorded history copyrighted and published in 1965 by Henry Regnery Co under title of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" by Jacques Vallee. This report would be helpful to you in your efforts with the Air Force. This account includes facts reported officially in a number of foreign countries contrary to the conclusions of our Air

Fence. Also could it be possible  
that our government has not  
contested the published statements  
of Dr Ray Bernard of NY Uni.  
His recent book "The Hollow Earth"  
published by Fulcrum 210-5th Ave  
NY 10011 states that Admiral Byrd  
visited with a navy team a  
source of "Flying Saucers" &  
reported it to the US Government  
only to have it suppressed by the  
military. Both of these publications  
should be in or available to the Library  
of Congress

With hope for better  
government & better use of our  
tax money.

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Sincerely  
B. A. Ellsworth  
Salt Lake City Utah

P.S. Sorry this letter drew out so long, but it is important to us. Hope you will take the time and read it through.

UFO

# UNIVERSAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA

— Ursa —  
118 Oberreich Street  
LAPORTE, INDIANA 46350  
April 2, 1966

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Publicity and Research, director

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

All members of this society want to congratulate you for the action you have taken to protect the intellectual and the citizens of your wonderful State of Michigan. I am in reference to all the reported UFO's that were reported in one central area of Michigan. Also that it was you sir, that requested the Armed Service and the Space committees to investigate the investigator. Washington would be very much surprised how many thousands are interested in the strange phenomena of the UFO. Two years ago, many sighting has been witnessed, but because of the uncouth way the Air Force special investigators and the Air Force consultants expressed their (single) opinion about these strange events, many would not report what they saw because of personal ridicule which begins with the reported evaluation from our government expence paid consultant. We have investigated many sightings in the last two years, but it was last year April 15, 1966 Mr. Hartle and I organized this society, with one main goal, that is to urge the young people to finish their schooling, advance toward higher education. We had a drive on for members, we are a non-profit society, each member donates their own time and money to act as intermediary between the scientists and the students, this required me as the publicity and research director to write all over the world for up to date scientific data, fact sheets, actual photos of various scientific events. Now we have over 1000 books, pamphlets, fact sheets and actual photos of most every science any one person would be interested in. Now not only the students are coming to our office for book material for their school work, but the adults are interested. As you know, the progress of science in all fields changes day by day, that it is impossible for text-books to be printed fast

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enough for any school to have up-to-date material for their students. We are not only in La Porte, Indiana, but seek members in other States, if anyone is interested in any field of science, I re-copy and reprint photos from the originals and make sort of fact sheets to mail to the members of our out of state members. All is free, we raise money from lectures, donations from the members of the staff that want this society to carry on what we are doing, because it is for our students, the leaders of tomorrow. Each member has to fill out an application, this is to learn who they are, what they are interested in, and we check to see if anyone believe or participates in any subversive groups. This will keep a person out of this society, we believe in honesty, loyalty to Our flag and Country, also when a group deals with our young people, we feel None should be a member that could contaminate the good citizen.

I enclose a membership publication, I wish you would take the time to read it through, this will explain more about this society, also list the staff members, many are sheriff's, chief of police, business people, scientists, professors and just today a magazine publisher filled out one of our applications as a member of the Board of Directors. We would be very happy to have you as a member, also on the Board of Directors. As you can see, everything is done by hand to keep the cost down, in other words, "a simple publication with a world of knowledge".

As you will note, we also investigate UFO's, but we do it in a scientific fashion because we feel it is a science of something unknown. We had nearly as many sightings of UFO's as your State, but three, four of our members investigated each of the reported sightings, some we could give a reasonable answer, other we could not answer, but we make a file of it and send to renown men of science for their evaluation without all the fanfare of ridicule as the Air Force and consultant did to your citizens. We investigate with an open-mind, listen and have them write out a report of what they witness, but we handle all, be it a prank, true or whatever it happen to be in a diplomatic fashion, with finesse. This seem to answer each sighter, and I have reports in file where many stated that the object they saw frighten them, that they didn't want to see another, also I can show reports were the witness stated after we investigated them, listen to them with sincerity, it actually gave them peace of mind, sort of relief some would say. I really don't know why, but in our way of handling these witnesses, we feel the Air Force and all their help should never release statements to the news media that degrade any persons intelligence, too many prominent people has seen something. We also feel that if the Air Force don't know, they should say so, not come up with Venus, moon, or Marsh gases, those statements only degrade the intelligence of the military and consultant, because too many people are seeing something. Many ask us why our Air Force explain their theory in this fashion, why don't they be truthful, some say we are not paying tax money for them that are on government payroll to be ridiculed, those are hard question to answer when they read it in the papers. But

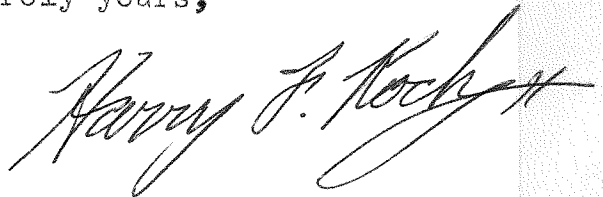
to stay loyal to our government and our military that are to protect our security we explain that it is for security reasons, as for the ridicule....well that is something else that Washington must stop if they want the people behind each of their representative. Am I not right?

I wonder sir, if you could get data on the out-come of the investigation by the House Armed Service Committee that was held with the Air Force special investigation teams on UFO's to send our society a full report of this matter, we rather get the material and comments direct from the source, not read it in the newspapers, a reporter don't always write as reported, but add their opinions. This material will be added to our science library for future reference.

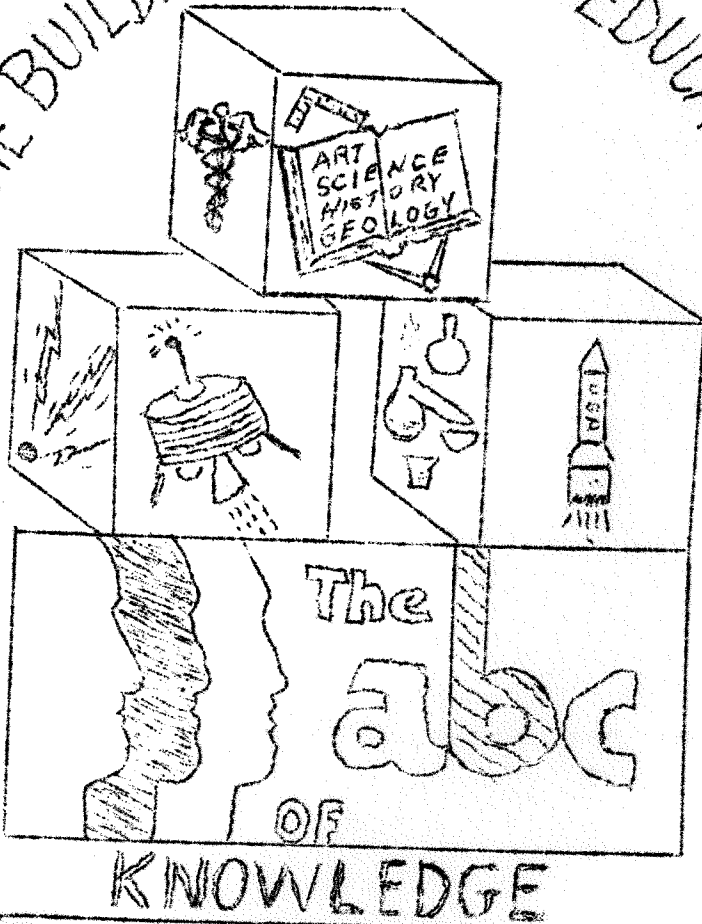
I also enclose a tracking chart, how we kept track of the reported sighting of what we heard, thought maybe this would be of interest to you, I also sent our Congressman one to show how many of these objects were sighted in Indiana.

I know your a very busy man, but if you decide to join our group, it will not be any added work on your part, only at times we may write for your opinion about something which could be of science, governmental affairs or to get us some fact sheets or booklets on some of our government science probes as to space, medical etc, course we don't want or would ever ask for anything if it is cloaked with security, only up to date material that can be useful to the students and laymen interested in our scientific world.  
If you know of anyone else that would be interested to become a member of this society, have them contact me.

Sincerely yours,



THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EDUCATION



UNIVERSAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
(URSA)

MEMBERSHIP PUBLICATION  
118 OBERRENFCH STREET LA PORTE, IND.

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The government of the Universal Research Society of America, (URSA) is so vested in one body, named respectively in the order of  
 UNITY \* PEACE and BROTHERHOOD  
 among every living soul. The Laws of the land, the God whom we believe in.

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HONESTY	TRUTHFULNESS	LOYALTY
IS THE MOTTO OF URSA		

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In pursuance to a call issued by government leaders, educators, Scientists and industrialists; concerning a grave need for higher educational standards; Harry F. Koch and Orvil R. Hartle whom were both interested in science and were in mutual concern over the ever-growing social irresponsibility of both Youth and Adult all over the world; URSA was ordained.

A meeting was held at 118 Oberreich Street, La Porte, Indiana on May 15, 1965. There the Universal Research Society of America was conceived; whereas this organization in its' small way might contribute to the call of our leaders.

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#### FREE MEMBERSHIP

URSA is a non-profit society maintained by membership donations. No member draws a wage, each donating their own time.

All monies received by donation are used for operational expense in the form of office material, postage and stationary, equipment.

All monies also received by donation from groups, clubs or organizations; in request of lectures on science topics of interest are also used in same manner of supplies. All members are entitled to our science library privileges and will receive a copy of URSA bi-monthly (issued ever two months) publication.

#### - U R S A -

The Universal Research Society of America, (URSA); is derived from the first letters of the named society.

URSA, -(from the Stars in the heavens) -is the name of a Constellation, are the most conspicuous in the Northern Sky, located near the Pole Star, (Polaris) -more commonly known as URSA Major, the Great Bear, or the Big Dipper.

Since Antiquity URSA Major has served as a guide to those who were lost, with this in mind, the Universal Research Society of America has adopted the Big Dipper as a symbol of guidance.

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#### WHO MAY BE MEMBERS ?

URSA does not limit membership as to age, race, color or creed; but does expect of each member the following qualifications:

1. An interest in General Science and Human Welfare.
2. Loyalty.
3. Non-Subversive.
4. Honesty and Truthfulness.
5. Cooperation
6. Obedience to the Laws of the land, Justice.

URSA will not accept request for membership by those convicted of acts of felony, anarchial demonstrations, acts of subversion, or disloyalty to Country.

Those members committing these acts will be discharged from membership.

All adult members will receive an I.D. card and also the "Flame Of Youth" bi-monthly publication.

Student members will receive an I.D. card and the "Student Reminder" bi-monthly publication.

The Antiquity Society members, (over 65.) will receive an I.D. card and the Antiquity Society bi-monthly publication.

In the near future, all three of these publications will be under one cover. But each will carry their own title.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- I. The Flame of Youth. A simple publication with a world of Knowledge. A publication for adult members or advanced science students members of URSA, it will contain the following:
- (A) Staff Membership list as each new member joins URSA.
  - (B) Articles of Science on all phases of scientific advancements, consisting of quotes by scientists, articles by renown Scientists, Theologians; articles of Social Political and economic interest; Editorials by the Staff members. Current events and The Flame of Youth will be a bi-monthly.
- II. The Student Reminder. Is a publication prepared by, and edited by students that are members of URSA. It will consist of articles of science, Social, Religious and Political. Each article will be of their own opinion. Sponsored by, URSA a bi-monthly.
- III. The Antiquity Society Publication is a publicity publication for members over 65 consist ing of items of interest to those who flourished and were the leaders of yesteryear; these items are of religion, science, economic, political, current events and articles of yesteryear, also a bi-monthly.

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Universal Research Society of America consists of three branches;

1. URSA members 6 years old to 21.
2. URSA members 21 years old and older.
3. URSA members of yesteryear, 65 years old and older.

But every member work toward the same goal, and that is to urge each student to finish their education, to learn the scientific nature of this world, all of us to advance toward higher education

\*Because of the interest URSA has created among the young people, URSA main office and staff decided to let the young people voice their own opinion, with their publication.

This too, created outstanding interest among the people 65 years old and older. This group has expanded membership to include those whom are no longer actively engaged in the everyday function of society today. Those with membership on this group may edify Both themselves and URSA by contributions of their knowledge of yesteryear. It will be the duty of the URSA Antiquity Society to collect ancient data of historical significance to contribute to the URSA science library.

This information will be in the form of old books, magazines, pictures, etc; or any data of scientific nature, scientific or unusual nature.

By doing so; members of the Antiquity Society will function as a group or club; deriving many social benefits by collaboration among themselves and others throughout the world.

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There is no membership fee. URSA is non-profit and operated by donations from members that feel this Society is helping our young people and others interested in the advancement of science. Anyone can give as little as they want or as much as they want. One can donate even if not a member.

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#### URSA VIEWS

- (1) Citizens should cultivate young minds with true facts; this to be accomplished by acting as "intermediaries" between the students and laymen and the renown men of science, all of whom are more than happy to cooperate.

- (2) We need the help of every one in order the TRUTH may be told as explained.
- (3) If separted our learning is mediocre; but in togetherness; there is no end of knowledge.
- (4) All have a great part in this scientific world.
- (5) The entire program of URSA is under the government of those with knowledge of Science, Economic, Social, Religious, and Government Affairs, and also those whom have great concern for youth, regardless of race, color or creed.
- (6) By staffing this society by proven specialists in their field of endeavor we are in for continued orderly growth; presently operating in several states and with plans made to expand, if possible, into all 50 States and into Foreign countries; as rapidly as we efficiently can.
- (7) The problems of the world today will not be solved by those who are satisfied with mediocre work or erresponsible leaders.
- (8) Another function of this Society is to aid in elimination of juvenile delinquency; by holding out a helping hand; giving the youth something to cling to, and at the same time, guide them toward education and to show them that street fighting, riots, marching and general disorder, culminated by acts of dishonor or disloyalty against their country; their fellowman; their parents. To teach it is wrong and the only result of these actions is hardship to themselves and family.

- (9) One must not stop learning because they possess a diploma or a degree from an Educational Institution. Many place too much emphasis on diplomas instead of what one can do.
- (10) In this scientific world there is much to be learned that is not evident in text-books, on the drawing board, or in the test-tubes; not to mention education necessary for manned space flight to other Planets.
- (11) Knowledge is as big as our Universe with many more hidden wonders beyond the concept of man.
- (12) No one is ever too old to learn....but what we learn and accomplish today is obsolete tomorrow, therefore we "must" keep abreast day by day as new events happen, or we will be left far behind.
- (13) A college degree may be the key to a job but it carries no assurance of success.
- (14) Education has not been directed toward focusing your conformity to a pattern adopted by every-one else; but instead it has been directed toward developing within your intelligent self direction. One should advance ones self to go beyond the past and into the future.
- (15) People should look toward endeavoring to make the world and Outer Space a much greater place to live, that we might all work together in science and life to have peace throughout the Universe.
- (16) To further increase knowledge, we must have Unity between all Nations, work together to probe the heavens above and the planets within this universe.

- (17) Unity is equally as important as Space and Time.
- (18) Beginning with Youth and extending to all the basic necessity is "motivation" and a desire to probe into unknown sources----- That is where URSA comes to light, with the advance material for those who seek.

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### POLITICS

Each of us should carefully study all candidates who seek public office; whether it be town, city, state or nation. Elect the "right" man for the job he is suppose to do. We are not concerned with your political Party, but exercise your right to VOTE!!!!

The time has come when each citizen should understand political affairs as well as he knows the value of his dollar earned. Be not influence by no-one or no group. Each should vote for the person whom he thinks is qualified and will do his utmost for his people. Remember! they are to represent all of us in their terms of office, and are to rule under the law of the land, for freedom, justice and equal rights. When we place that person in office, all must stand behind their leader it was the people that placed them.

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### WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A MEMBER OF URSA ???

1. Help organize an URSA Subordinate Group in your area.
2. Take an active part in Youth Programs --- There is no pay, but it does aid your communities. It brings self peace and contentment knowing we have served as a teacher and guide.

3. Cooperate with your local officials. They are the servants of the people and we voted them to their office, they need your help with school and other civic problems; in order to make your community a better place in which to live.
4. Be a teacher for this society as a member of URSA.
5. Research into the history of your community, you will be surprised how interesting it is and you will discover things you never knew.
6. Obey the laws, advocate safety.
7. Be as inquisitive as the youth —but of good things.
8. Treat everyone as you want to be treated.
9. Qualified members may aid by giving lectures to earn money to help maintain your Society.
10. For members working with groups -cooperate with your Staff members and officers of your group. The same general suggestions listed above will apply.
11. For those members working individually and without a group affiliation ——
  - a. Try to form a group. Get a friend. Remember 2 or more is a group others will join if you work at it.
  - b. Apply the same general rules and suggestions.
  - c. For anyone desiring aid in procedure Group forming, communicate the Main Office of URSA Research director.
12. Always be of open-mind; you will find that one learns much faster.

URSA is a non-profit organization and the cost of material is such, we do not have an elaborate publication. Everything is done by hand. Printing is done with a photo-copier, cut stencils for the mimeograph machine, and we have the use of a Xeros machine when needed. We have a small photo-lab for processing both film and paper when the need arises. We have two typewriters, four cameras, and few other testing devices for experiments.

## URSA SCIENCE LIBRARY

Science library containing 1000's of books, fact sheets, pamphlets, booklets, charts, and photos of science events. Some of the books for research data much over 100 years covering all most every educational field. Two fill cabinets of newspaper reports. The books and other material we have are only for those interested in education or advance study. Listed below and in the next few pages are just a few science facts URSA researches into. We loan them out as libraries do. Many are free, some for the cost of reprints, handling and postage, others for the cost of material.

1. Data, photos, fact sheets on Unidentified Flying Objects.
2. Falling objects from the sky.
3. Unusual physical objects.
4. Radio-astronomy.
5. Signals from Outer Space reports.
6. Data on unusual plants, insects, animals and behaviour.
7. Monster reports.

8. Little men reports.
9. ABSM - (Abominable Snowman)
10. Oceanographic reports. Ancient or modern.
11. Reports of rare or unusual insect life.
12. Control of sex in the animal and insect kingdom.
13. All data known of ancient and modern concerning Extra-terrestrial Life.
14. All known data on Space.
15. Data reports on Airplane accidents unexplained.
16. Unusual Crime and Fires.
17. Disappearing people, wild and domestic animals etc.
18. ESP - Demonstrations and evidence of Telepathy.
19. Telekinesis.
20. Psychokinesis.
21. Psychics and Psychic Photography.
22. Blind color perception and finger coloring phenomena.
23. Psychoscopy.
24. Suspended Animation and weightlessness.
25. Teleportation.
26. SHC - Spontaneous Human Combustion.
27. Apparitions.

28. Psychic Drugs.
29. Alleged Ghost claims.
30. Dreams.
31. Poltergeist claims.
32. Evidence of Clairvoyance
33. Predictions; that have come to pass,  
Power of Foretelling the Future.
34. Time - Relative, phenomena encountered  
in Atomics.
35. Atomic Energy.
36. Data on Rocketry, propulsion.
37. Laser light research.
38. Maser light research.
39. Data on Gravity and Magnetics, ancient  
and modern.
40. Cell research, creation of life.
41. Fuel Cell Systems.
42. Biogentic data.
43. Calculators, cybernetics etc.
44. Astronomical findings.
45. Aircraft advancements.
46. Palmistry research, (AMA -US).
47. Astrology.
48. Hypnosis.

49. Religious phenomena.
50. Religions.
51. Pro and Con on Evolution.
52. Exploring Life and Death.
53. AURA Research
54. Weather phenomena reports,
55. Geological phenomena.
56. Archaeological research findings.
57. Research on Lost and Hidden Land and Strange people.
58. Computers, Mathematics, Physics.
59. All Planet probes.
60. All phases of Space Science.
61. Lost Languages, modern and ancient
62. Astronomy.
63. Electronics.
64. Laws, modern and ancient.
65. Military.
66. Political and Governments.
67. Space Medicine.
68. Medical Science.
69. Anthropology, Zoology, Geology.
70. Chemistry.

71. Data on Foreign and United States Astronauts and Cosmonauts.
72. Perpetual motion.
73. Hoaxes, fakes etc.
74. Robots, man-made or outer-space.
75. Research reports on Quasars etc.

We have many more items of scientific data too numerous to list here.

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#### GENERAL RULES OF URSA

1. All correspondence are to be directed to the Publicity and Research, director of URSA.
2. All work of URSA is volunteered by the members.
3. If interested to become a member of this growing society, fill in the application and mail to URSA.
4. The authority of the Main Office of URSA is supreme when exercised within the limits defined and prescribed by its rules.
5. URSA Main Office has no jurisdiction over matters not specifically given to its control by other URSA Societies formed in other states or countries.
6. URSA will have only one (1) original Charter chart, located at the Main headquarters of URSA, La Porte, Indiana.

7. At no time will the Main Office or the Staff Members exercise their power over the members and subordinate groups of this society unless! An act of Hoax, Subversion, Felony, Capitalizing, or Disloyalty or the use of the 5th Amendment to cover the truth, be charged and proven.
8. I.D. cards are necessary for participation in the URSA Society. Each member shall be recorded and on file; his I.D. card being only issued from the URSA Main Office. It is only valid when member photograph is attached.
9. URSA members are ever watchful of any publication or event. If an article does not ring true, we will probe into it until the "truth" is revealed.
10. Each member should always keep in mind; that today's young people will be tomorrows leaders. Remember!  
EDUCATION LIBERTY FREEDOM  
IS NOW the staff of life.
11. All members should work together, many events can be solved; but if we pull apart we become as many others - Skeptics and Doubters and we would never learn the answer to any scientific event. Everything has a reason.
12. Do your friends a favor by urging them to become a URSA member

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Knowledge, which is the highest degree of the speculative faculties, consists in the perception of the truth of affirmative or negative propositions.

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What can you get free today? Be a URSA member, application on the next page.

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UNIVERSAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
118 Oberreich Street  
~~6666~~ La Porte, Indiana, 46350 \*\*\*\*\*

Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Education(years) Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

What organization do you belong \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Race \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen what country \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this Society \_\_\_\_\_

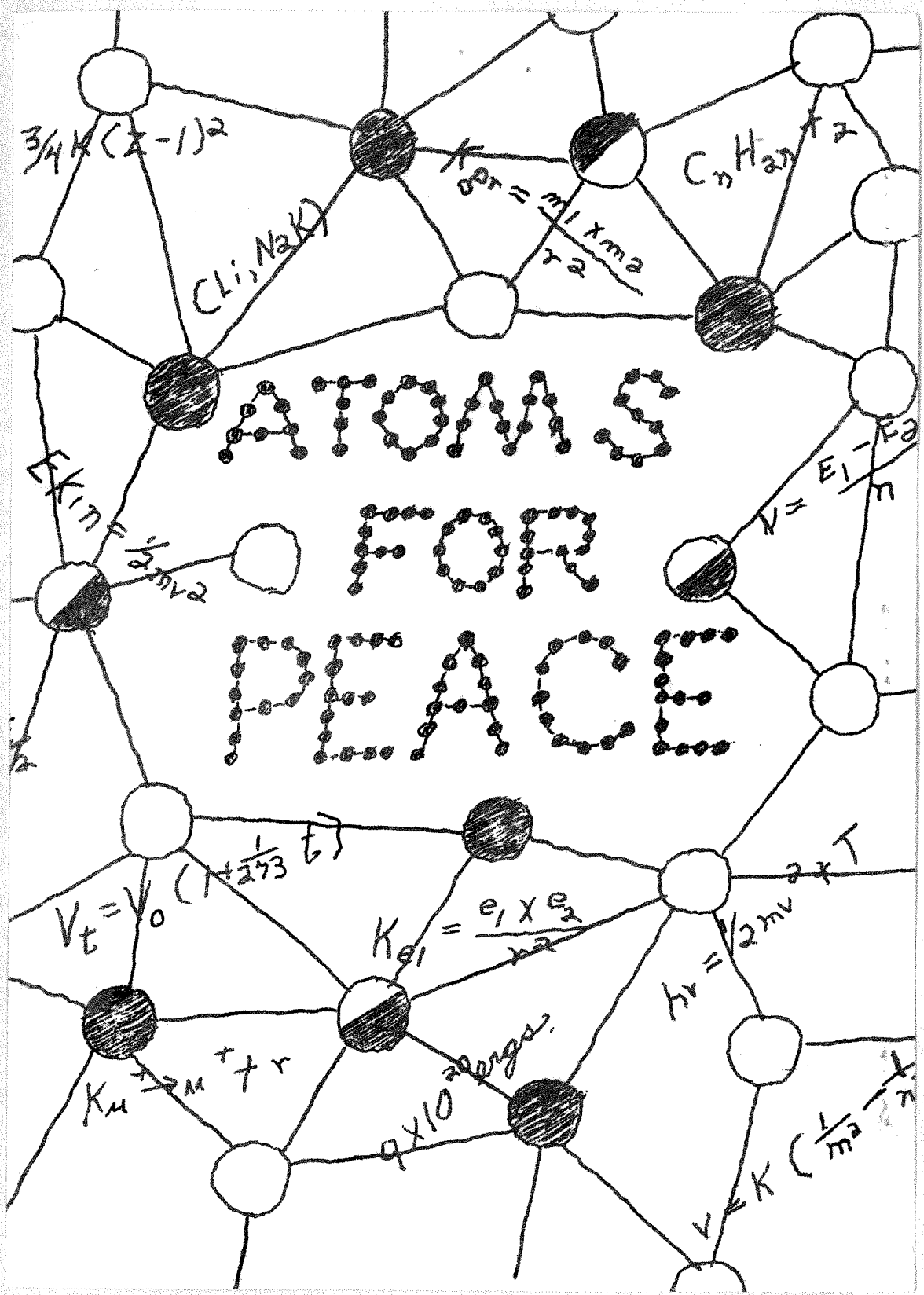
URSA is a non-profit society, but we accept any contributions to help maintain this Society. Make checks out to the above address.

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Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

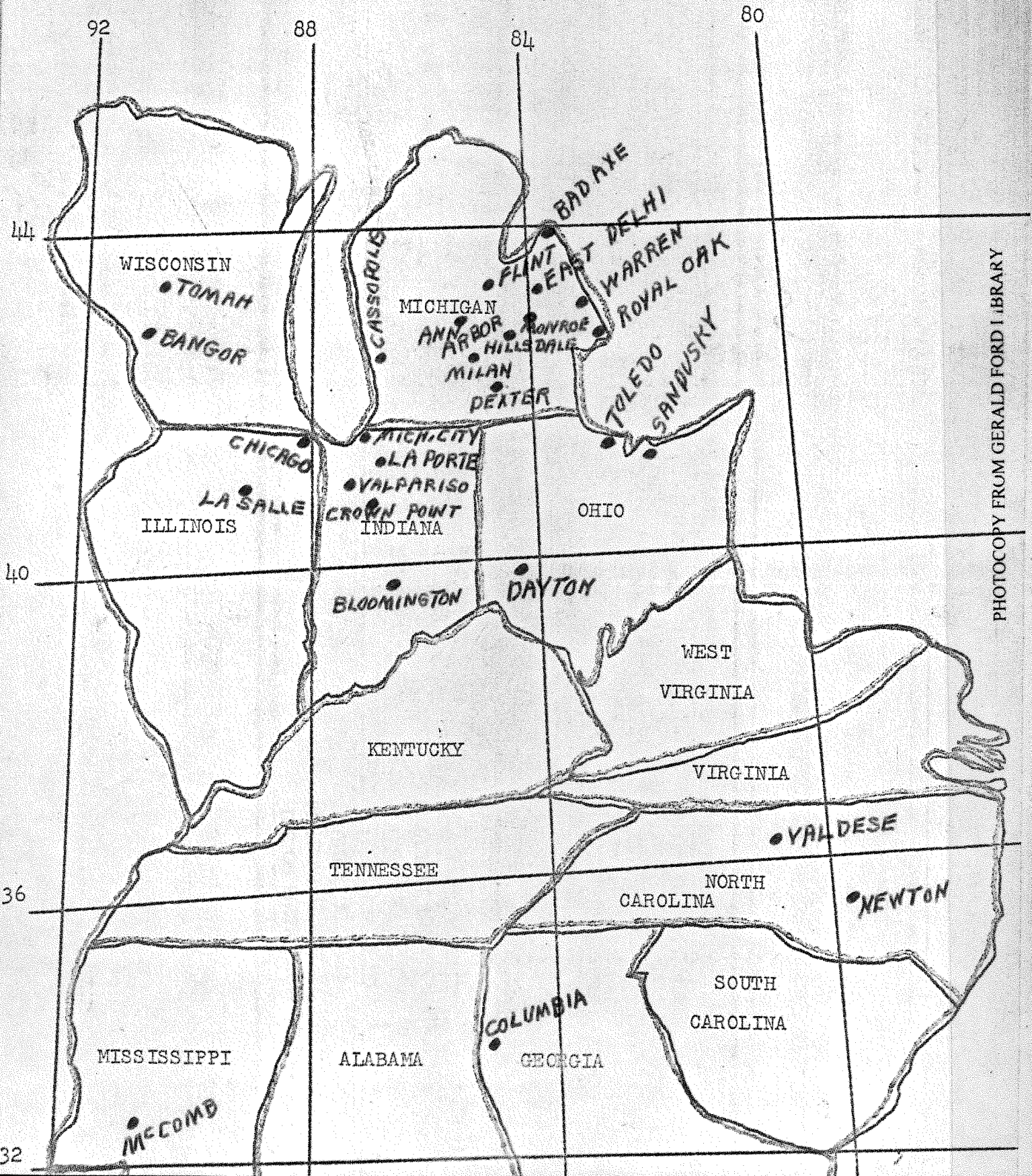
Please fill in completely and tear out and mail to the above address to get your free I.D. card, also placed on mailing list for the bi-monthly publication.

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TRACKING CHART OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS ACROSS  
THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION OF UNITED STATES

MONTH OF MARCH 1966



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TRACKING CHART OF UFO'S FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1966

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION OF UNITED STATES

TOWN/CITY	STATE	DATE OF SIGHTING	TOTAL SIGHTINGS PER TOWN/CITY	TOTAL PRANKS
Valpariso	Indiana	3/8/66	1	3
		3/27/66	1	
		3/28/66	4	
La Porte	Indiana	3/12/66	1	
		3/14/66	3	
		3/19/66	2	
		3/20/66	2	
		3/21/66	2	
Michigan City	Indiana	3/14/66	1	
		3/19/66	2	
Crown Point	Indiana	3/27/66	2	1
Bloomington	Indiana	3/23/66	2	
Ann Arbor	Michigan	3/14/66	2	
		3/20/66	2	
		3/24/66	1	
		3/25/66	2	
		3/28/66	3	
Monroe	Michigan	3/14/66	2	
		3/17/66	2	
Warren	Michigan	3/28/66	2	

TOWN/CITY	STATE	DATE OF SIGHTING	TOTAL SIGHTINGS	TOTAL PRANKS
Dexter	Michigan	3/20/66	2	
		3/21/66	1	
		3/25/66	2	
		3/28/66	2	
Hilldale	Michigan	3/25/66	2	
		3/26/66	3	
Royal Oak	Michigan	3/28/66	1	
Flint	Michigan	3/29/66	1	
Milan	Michigan	3/26/66	1	
East Delhi	Michigan	3/24/66	1	
Bad Axe	Michigan	3/27/66	2	
Cassopolis	Michigan	3/22/66	1	
La Salle	Illinois	3/22/66	1	
Chicago	Illinois	3/28/66	1	
Tomah	Wisconsin	3/24/66 a.m.	1	
		3/24/66 p.m.	1	
Bangor	Wisconsin	3/24/66	1	

TOWN/CITY	STATE	DATE OF SIGHTING	TOTAL SIGHTINGS	TOTAL PRANKS
Toledo	Ohio	3/22/66	2	
Sandusky	Ohio	3/27/66	2	
Dayton	Ohio	3/27/66	2	
Valdese	North Carolina	3/28/66	2	
Newton	North Carolina	3/28/66	1	
Mc Comb	Mississippi	3/25/66	1	
Columbus	Georgia	3/27/66	1	

Total sighting known by this society.....78  
For the month of March Only

Prank reported..... 4

There has been many more reported in these States listed on this form, some not reported to the news media nor to the police, others we didn't have direct reports on, only hear say and these we do not record.

P.O. Box 951  
Clearlake Highlands, California  
April 7, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Re: U.F.O.

Your suggestion of a congressional investigation in regard to unidentified flying objects meets with my enthusiastic approval. This is long overdue.

The Air Force is so very intent on squashing all news and information regarding these friendly visitors, and I feel the public is entitled to and should know.

I trust that you were not kidding when you mentioned the investigation. I urgently ask that this be done.

Respectfully yours,

*Arnold E. Mathre*  
ARNOLD E. MATHRE

P. S. In regard to your recent interview on television, my wife and I like the answers you gave.

A.E.M.

UFO

RPO 1797  
Butgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08903  
April 10, 1966

Dear Congressman Ford,

I want to thank you for calling for a Congressional investigation of UFO's. It is my opinion that these objects are spacecraft piloted by intelligent beings from another solar system.

It is unfortunate that so many people have such closed minds when it comes to UFO's. At this time in history when we have so much freedom to think and education is as far advanced as it is, I find it hard to believe that people can be so sceptical.

I admit that UFO's are associated with some quite weird phenomena. You need only to look at such magazines as "Flying Saucer", "Search" and "Fate" to see what I mean. Such things as visiting the dead, civilizations inside the earth, and reincarnation are difficult for me

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to comprehend. It is unfortunate that some people who believe flying saucers exist, also believe in such phenomena, which makes them look like crackpots. There are many people, however, who believe flying saucers exist while not believing in these other things.

My hobbies are Astronomy and Meteorology. I am not one who believes in the UFO blindly. Also I have a deep interest in Government and Politics and am aware how difficult it will be to launch such an investigation.

I sincerely hope that you will be successful. Thank you for your efforts.

Yours truly,  
John M. Hardeck

VFO

Mrs. POW SCHERP  
515 E. STEPHEN ST.  
INGLEWOOD, CAL. 90302

DEAR MR. FORD,

I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE U.F.O. FOR SO LONG. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES IN YOUR PROJECT. THERE ARE EDUCATIONAL FILMSTRIPS THAT YOU CAN GET FROM HOLLAND THAT ARE INTERESTING. IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON IT FEEL FREE TO DROP A LINE.

THANKS AGAIN.

Sincerely,

Alice Scherp

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UFO

John Jasieniecki  
6049 Jackson St.  
Taylor, Michigan

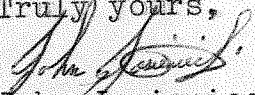
Senator Ford  
Senate Building  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am very interested in the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial-visitors. I am interested in your opinion on these subjects due to the recent sightings in various states. It is almost impossible to find any true facts about U. F. O.'s, and I would like to know why!?!

I would appreciate if you could send me any available information concerning U. F. O.'s.

~~Thank you for your time.~~

Truly yours,  
  
John Jasieniecki

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627 Evernia St.  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
April 7, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford -

A great deal more than half the people I speak to casually, believe in flying saucers. But while they will speak to me on this subject privately, they will not do so publicly.

We need our government to put out a full report as soon as possible, on U.F.O. that our government is ~~is~~ sending up - as well as the activities of other "governments".

We have been kept in the dark about this for entirely too many years.

Most sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Dorothy Dancy

Miss Jeanette Goodman  
627 Evernia St., Apt. #1  
W. Palm Beach, Florida  
33401

April 7, 1966

Dear Mr. Gerald R. Ford:

Since U.F.O. are in the spotlight at present,  
it is important for you not to relax your efforts  
to demand a congressional hearing and a full  
report to the citizens of the world.

With much thanks,

*Jeanette Goodman*

*Herman L. Moor*

401 S. LA SALLE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 4, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford of Michigan  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

*Stop* ✓ I would like for every member of Congress to obtain and read "The UFO Evidence", published by National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena and then decide if the UFO's are real or not.

✓ Too many responsible people have seen the things, and the damned Air Force with usual Pentagon Stupidity has only made itself ridiculous.

✓ If the inclosed check list does not define my opinion of Johnson and his gang of crooks, I will draw you a diagram. One big fat lie after another from start to finish is his unbroken record. I am completely fed up with his big government, big labor, big nigger, and big lie policies. Look what it brought in the fireman's strike.

It is high time some of the more prominent Washington sonsofbitches gave consideration to the sober, serious, responsible, taxpaying element of our society instead of the ragtag portion headed by Martin Luther King and the other bleeding hearts who believe that only the black face and the kinky head are requisites for the ballot.

And I am quite willing that Johnson, the damned State Department, and the damned Pentagon go to Viet Nam and let the country boys come home. We had no business there in the first place; and are merely duplicating Russia in Hungary and Hitler in Holland. They started and escalated the mess; and if there is any fighting to be done there, let them do it. For my part, I will cheerfully help the Viet Cong chase them out of Asia, and help the Rhodesians chase the damned British out of Africa, if they will only come over here and help chase the damned federals out of our schools, our cities, and our states.

Emphatically;

*Herman L. Moor*  
Herman L. Moor

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Give him a Department of Bullshit.  
That is all Johnson stands for 2/4/68

# Status of Major Legislation in Congress

Washington, March 20 (UPI) — Status of major legislation:

## LABOR

**Right to work** — President Johnson asked for repeal of section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley law, under which 19 states have outlawed shop contracts between management and unions. Senate: Approved. Senate: Filner blocked action, repealer 1 for this session.

**Age-hour** — Administration labor supporting legislation raise the \$1.25 hourly minimum wage to \$1.40 on Feb. 1, and to \$1.60 on Feb. 1. Also would give minimum coverage to 6.5 million workers, for the first time, ining farm hands and serv-industry workers. House: or subcommittee has ap-ed. Senate: No action.

**Unemployment compensation** — Johnson asked Congress to "unify and make uniform unemployment compensa-tions in the states. se: Ways and means com-tee has held hearings, will sider bill later. Senate: ighting House action.

## WELFARE

Congress will review authori-ty continuation of so-called "poverty" for a third year. President has asked for billion dollar authorization, an actual appropriation of billion dollars, compared to 1.5 billion dollars he re-quested and got last year. se: preliminary investiga-tions in the field complet-ed, ings under way. Senate: ings scheduled.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**Juries** — Johnson wants fed-eral legislation to outlaw Jim Crow juries in state and feder-ous courts. Administration bill offered.

**Rights workers** — Johnson authority for federal is to try those who murder, ck, or intimidate civil rights ers. No bill presented to press.

**Using discrimination** — Pres-ident has said he also will ask lation prohibiting a civil 'mination in sale or rental using. No bill presented.

**Discrimination** — The b. Employment Opportuni-commission has asked au-ty to enforce its findings egal discrimination against

**7 WORLD'S FAIR**  
**FEEL EXHIBIT TO**  
**DIST 2 MILLION**

MONTREAL, March 20 — ors to the steel mill ex- at the world's fair here summer—Expo '67—will nly see how steel is made, ven smell it if a synthetic can be manufactured by industry.

at will be generated, and s will vibrate during nstrations of blast furnace oxygen furnace operations, eaming, soaking pits, finishing mills.

employers or labor unions, in- stead of going thru the federal courts. House: Education and labor committee has approved. Senate: No hearings scheduled.

## CRIME

**Guns** — President has asked prohibition on mail-order sales of firearms except thru feder-ally-licensed dealers and man-ufacturers. Senate: Judiciary committee has completed hear-ings, hopes to act on bill soon. House: Hearings held, awaiting Senate action.

**Narcotics** — Administration is supporting reform of narcotics laws to provide civil commit-ment for medical treatment in- stead of mandatory jailing of offenders. House: Judiciary subcommittee approved. Sen-ate: Hearings completed.

**Bail** — Administration asking for more liberal bail rules, in- cluding pretrial release without cash bond, or with partial pay-ment of bail. Legislation would permit crediting of time spent in jail awaiting trial against sentence. House: Hearings un-der way.

## REDISTRICTING

House approved a bill to limit gerrymandering by requiring that congressional districts be compact and composed of popu-lation within 15 per cent of the "ideal" average for each state. Senate: Judiciary committee approved a revised bill, pros-pects clouded.

## HOME RULE

Administration requested leg-islation to permit Washington, D. C., to elect its local govern-ment. Senate: Approved. House: Approved differing ver- sion, requiring vote of citizens on home rule question. Efforts under way to reconcile the bills.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**Foreign aid** — President asks 3.38 billion dollars in foreign economic and military assist-ance funds for the year starting July 1, plus an undisclosed sum for military aid for South Viet Nam. House: Foreign affairs committee hearings under way.

**Consulates** — President asked the Senate to ratify an agree-ment with the Soviet Union on reciprocal creation of consul-ates in cities outside the cap-itals of the two countries. For- eign relations committee has approved, but opposition has developed.

## VIET NAM

Johnson asked for 12.7 billion dollars in extra appropriations for the current fiscal year to finance stepped-up fighting in Viet Nam by American and South Vietnamese forces. House: Approved. Senate: Votes tomorrow.

## CONSUMER

**Truth in lending** — President Johnson has proposed legis-lation to require that borrowers be told the true annual interest and the total amount of interest for consumer credit. Senate: Banking committee has held hearings. House: No action.

**Truth in packaging** — The ad- ministration has endorsed leg-islation to require more pack-aging and labeling information for the consumer of the quan- tity, quality, and price of super- market-type goods. Senate:

Commerce committee has held hearings. House: No action.

## HOUSING

President has asked Congress to authorize a pilot program under which entire slum neigh- borhoods would be physically and socially rehabilitated. The 2.3 billion dollar cost would be spread over six years, with 60 or 70 cities participating. Hear- ings under way in House bank- ing subcommittee.

## CONSERVATION

Senate has approved John- son's request to preserve the wilderness setting of seven riv- ers by setting aside land and prohibiting construction of dams along sections of the rivers. House: Chairman of interior committee said the bill will not be considered this year.

## TRANSPORTATION

Department — Johnson has asked Congress to establish a cabinet-level department of transportation including the federal aviation agency, bureau of public roads, coast guard, of- fice of the undersecretary of commerce for transportation, Maritime commission, and safety functions of the Interstate Commerce commission and civil aeronautics board, plus small- er agencies. Hearings not set.

**Safety** — The President called for a 700 million dollar, six-year traffic safety program. House and Senate commerce commit- tee hearings under way.

## FARM

**Food** — President as asked legislation to expand overseas food aid as part of a world war on hunger. House and Senate hearings under way.

**Cotton** — Industry spokesmen want administration-backed bill to let cotton growers tax them- selves to pay for cotton promo- tion program. House: Passed. Senate: No hearings scheduled.

## EDUCATION

**Elementary-secondary** — Ad- ministration asking four-year extension of grade and high school aid law enacted last year, with authority to spend 1.4 billion dollars in 1967-68. House: Hearings under way. Senate: No action.

**Impacted areas** — President seeks a 250 million dollar cut in the 466 million dollar aid pro- gram for schools attended by children of federal workers and servicemen. Strong opposition growing in both houses. House: Hearings later in the year. Sen- ate: No action.

**Colleges** — Administration seeking 900 million dollars in authority for higher education aid, with a proposal to begin cutting back direct federal loans to college students under heavy fire. House: Hearings under way, but education sub- committee has served notice it will not change the student loan program. Senate: No action.

## TIME

Senate has approved a bill to set the last Sundays in April and October as dates to be fol- lowed by any state or locality going to summer daylight sav- ing time. House has approved bill to put all states on daylight time for the six-month period, except for any state whose leg- islation specifically votes to

keep the entire state on stand- ard time. Reconciliation of dif- ferences is pending.

## TELEVISION

House commerce committee opens hearings Tuesday on com- munity antenna television (C. A. T. V.) and whether it should be regulated by the Fed- eral Communications commis- sion.

## MANSION

The Senate has approved a bill authorizing up to one mil- lion dollars for an official man- sion for the Vice President, and charging a three-member com- mission with site selection. The House public works committee has approved a bill for a \$750,- 000 mansion on the naval ob- servatory grounds. House ac- tion, canceled at the last min- ute last week, is scheduled for Tuesday.

## HEALTH

Johnson asked for a 45 million dollar program to train 1,500 health workers for assignment abroad. The House commerce committee approved the bill, but the rules committee buried it. Prospects for its revival are poor.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

**Four-year house terms** — John- son has asked Congress to rec- ommend to the states that terms of House members be extended to four years from two. House: Hearings by ju- diciary committee completed. Senate: No hearings scheduled.

**Electoral college** — President has asked that electoral college be eliminated while retaining electoral system. Presidential candidate would be guaranteed all of a state's electoral votes if he won popular vote. Senate: Hearings started. House: Await- ing Senate action.

## SENT TO PRESIDENT

**Judgeships** — Creates 45 fed- eral circuit appeals and district judgeships. Administration re- quested 44.

**Aid** — A 413 million dollar supplemental foreign aid re- quest for the rest of this fiscal year includes 175 million dol- lars in economic assistance for South Viet Nam.

## SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

**GI bill** — Provides permanent program of educational and housing benefits for World War veterans, modeled after the GI bills of World War II and Korea.

**Bank merger** — Law eases anti-trust laws for some bank mergers under certain con- ditions, if the lessening of com- petition is clearly outweighed by community needs and con- veniences. ~~Bill~~ ~~will~~ ~~allow~~ ~~three~~ ~~bank~~ ~~mergers~~ ~~now~~ ~~under~~ ~~challenge~~ ~~from~~ ~~justice~~ ~~depart-~~ ~~ment.~~

**Taxes** — Law will raise 6 billion dollars in additional rev- enue by increasing from 6 to 7 per cent the excise (sales) tax on new automobiles, restoring to 10 per cent the 3 per cent excise tax on telephone service, and setting up a graduated scale for payroll tax withhold- ing. Congress added an amend- ment extending social security payments to about 300,000 peo- ple.

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We need "Truth in Government" a lot worse  
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Herman J. Mann  
found the strange hat sensations\* of the season... 390

UFO  
29 mars 1966.

Mr. Gerald R. Ford.  
Michigan.

Dear Sir,

I have to tell you my story and my opinion on what is happening in the world since 12 days exactly.

First of all, this is my identification. My name is Danielle Bastien, I am a student in art, I am in my third year in art school. The school where I am studying is "l'École des Beaux-Arts of Montréal". My family lives in Victoriaville, province of Québec. Also I am French Canadian, so if you see mistakes in my English writing, please excuse me, and I know you will understand.

I am writing to you, in a way because I admit very well your point of view, on asking the government to tell the truth on all those objects saw in the sky by a big amount of people, and the second reason is that I am very disappointed and very mad at this moment after I have read, and listen to the story of mister Allen Hynek. I do believe that this man is very qualified, I do believe also that he maybe have to keep a secret. But like you, I think this is stupid really I think that the government take the people for stupid by not telling them the truth....

I have written to Mr. Allen Hynek last Thursday, telling him my story, I don't think he will answer to my letter, after what he has told in the newspapers, in the radio, and on the television. Maybe you will tell to your self that this is the letter of a very disappointed girl. Sir I do believe in all this, and it is not for fun

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I think that this is a thing every body of the twenty century, and especially in 1966 every people, in every country should be interested in. So if you permit me. I will tell you my story:

Like I told first, my family lives in Victoriaville, province of Quebec. Saturday night the 19, I left Montreal around 8 o'clock to go to my town. I was not alone. I was with two friends of mine. We were on the Trans-Canada highway, Route 9. We were between St. Hyacinthe and Drummondville, and it was between nine thirty and ten o'clock. I was sitting in the back of the car, my girl friend sitting in the front, beside her husband who was driving the car. So she told me, "Danielle look in the sky the funny lights." So I said: "oh! yes, I think it is an airplane." So she said it is not moving.

We were looking at the lights coming to it, when we past under it, we were not going fast, about ten or fifteen miles an hour, and going all way, she and I, we were steel looking at it, and it was not moving.

This is what it was. Good I am telling you the truth. We saw three lights, one on the left, one on the right, one in the middle. The one on the right was green, and so was the one on the left. The one in the middle was two times bigger than the green ones, and she it was red, and she was turning, but not leaving any lights shadows. It was about high like when you see a car on the street from the 10 or 12 floor of a appartement building.

I said to my girl friend it is maybe a radio antenna, but when coming in the area of Victoriaville we saw the Victoriaville and the Drummondville radio antenna, and even when the dark we could see the stick holding the red lights of those radio antenna.

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This is a phema of the lights we saw.

• green



• green

red turning

We did not stop the car because we never thought that it could be something special.

So Monday afternoon in our newspaper "La Presse" we saw a phema of what people in Michigan had seen, we read the article, this article I read it to Mr. Allen Heyneck, what my letter. I do believe that you know what came to my mind when we saw that "IT WAS MAYBE THE SAME THING WE SAW ON THE HIGHWAY."

I called at Dorval airport, and ask to talk to the man in charge of the control tower. I ask him this:

<sup>question</sup> ~~answer~~: Can a plane stay at the same place in the sky, when not moving.

answer: no

<sup>question</sup> ~~answer~~: Could you tell me the colours of the lights of a plane at night.

answer: green and red.

<sup>question</sup> ~~answer~~: How are they placed.

answer: It depends on the kind of airplane, but it is always on the nose of the plane for certain, on the wings and on the tail.

<sup>question</sup> ~~answer~~: Can they have a bigger red light under the plane, let say in the middle.

answer: no.

<sup>question</sup> ~~answer~~: But are there some flying object who could stay in the same place in the sky.

answer: yes helicopter but they have only yellow lights because of the law.

So you must admit that I was beginning to think that I could have seen the thing a lot of

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people saw in Michigan.

I have written you this, because let me tell you that I admire you and the Major's Major Keyhole for what you are asking.

Also it proves to me that I am not alone to believe in the U.F.O.s. and that we are not aloud to let scientist telling fun-my stories for certain conclusions and having people laughing about people that maybe had the privilege of seeing those objects.

Thank you for reading me. Thank you for what you are doing.

The only thing I hope is that one of those days, people from another planet will come and we will know that maybe we were right, people who believe in flying saucers, or maybe having the truth answered in a way that it was a beautiful dream. The second part I don't believe to much.

Good luck. Thank you again.

Daniela Bastien  
947 Macnaughton  
Ville Mont Royal  
Montreal  
Quebec. Canada.

P.S. An answer will please me much, because maybe I will not be past for a fool from certain people to whom I tell my story.

3465 N. River Rd  
Port Huron, Mich.  
April 12, 1966

Mr. Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Ford,

While the following quotation may be out of context I thought it might be helpful:

"In the Journal of the Optical Society of America for 1953, Professor J. Allen Hynek deplored the ridicule levied at flying saucer sightings and sighters. He said the various implications directed toward observers of these phenomena accomplishes 'nothing constructive'. Dr. Hynek was the chief civilian scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, and is presently associate Director of the (Vanguard) Satellite Tracking

Program for the Smithsonian Astrophysical <sup>II</sup>  
Observatory."

The above quote was taken from  
Flying Saucers, Fact or Fiction, by  
Max B. Miller, Trend Book 145 U.S.  
Copyright 1957 by Trend Books, Incorporated  
5959 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles,  
28, California. Phone Hollywood 2-3261.

I see by the papers that the House  
Space Committee is already giving you  
a difficult time. I wonder what the  
chairman of that committee would  
think if he were confronted with the  
above quote? after a lapse of thirteen  
years I wonder <sup>how</sup> constructive Mr Hynek's  
interpretation of "marsh gas" could be  
considered in 1966?

I hope this may be helpful to you.

Respectfully yours,  
Harry Rumbaum

P. S. Thank you for your kind reply.



THE SENATE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
LANSING

UFD  
April 6, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

As you well know, our state has been the scene of many U.F.O. sightings in recent weeks. National attention has been focused on Michigan by way of articles in some of our great weekly news media, the New York Times and Life Magazine.

Many opinions and explanations by our United States Air Force and others respected in this field have come out of these sightings and been made public.

And, although these men maybe correct in their explanations, I can never believe that what I saw in the early morning of March 26, 1966, was "swamp gas". At this point, I must not accept the "experts'" opinion.

✓ I would like to voice my wholehearted support for your request of a congressional investigation in the area of Unidentified Flying Objects. I truly would like to know just what law enforcement officers, educators, and the many people of the state of Michigan, have witnessed in the skies this past month.

I am very grateful to you for taking time to answer my correspondence in the past. You have helped me greatly, and I would like to express my appreciation for all that you have done.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark Denis Hood*  
Mark Denis Hood

Page Michigan State Senate

P.S. Mr. Ford, I was fortunate enough to be chosen in January as a page in our Michigan State Senate.

Mark Hood

5918 Kingfisher Lane

Clarkston, Michigan 48016

UFO

R.R. #9 Box 345  
Battle Creek, Mich.  
March 29, 1966

Petition for Rep. Gerald Ford that he might know that we the undersigned are but a portion of the public who are definitely interested in a congressional investigation concerning the entire UFO phenomena.

1. Charlotte E. Blob
2. Donald J. Dumm
3. Roger V. Heckrodt
4. Raymond Beichers
5. Paul J. Dunning
6. Donald Lee
7. Jack Merritt
8. Linda Shepler
9. Ron Seaman
10. Steve Dupler
11. Janet F. Heckrodt
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13. Kathleen Kay Kusland
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26. Stanley M. Sagnon
27. Regina C. Winterstein
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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 6, 1966

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:  
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TELEPHONE: NORTH 7-9434  
CABLE ADDRESS:  
SKYLIGHT

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOF  
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

✓ I congratulate you for your courage and forthrightness in requesting hearings on UFOs. The risk of association with crackpots certainly has been a detriment to any serious probe into UFOs, and we realize that there were political risks involved in the stand you took. History will record the important role you have played in helping to bring about a rational study of UFOs and public enlightenment on the subject.

Stop  
Code ✓ For your information I am enclosing a copy of our statement in response to the announced results of yesterday's hearings; a copy of one of the Sheriff's reports from Michigan; and details on the incident in Maine where a man fired his pistol at a UFO (a very foolish gesture, I might add, and one citizens ought to be warned against).

Note especially Mr. King's description of the textured surface of the object he saw, which compares favorably with some of the descriptions from the area of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

If UFOs are now studied honestly and thoroughly by civilian scientists, NICAP will have accomplished its main goal. We intend to continue disseminating reliable information to the public, since the Air Force has kept most people in the dark and misled many others.

If we can be of any assistance to you, we shall be glad to help.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard Hall*

Richard Hall  
Assistant Director

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NICAP STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO ARMED SERVICES/USAF HEARINGS  
ON UFOs 4-5-66 Richard Hall

NICAP endorses the need for a review of the unexplained UFO cases by a non-profit scientific organization. We have contended all along that scientists should study these reports. However, if the results of the study are to be taken seriously, the scientific agency should be totally independent of the Air Force.

[J. Allen]

Dr. <sup>^</sup>HICK's statement that there are only about 20 detailed reports from responsible persons available for further study tends to suggest that the review would not be a thorough and objective one. NICAP has 1000-1500 good reports from competent observers, and we can't believe the Air Force has only 20. This also contradicts the Air Force statement released in February that there are 646 unexplained cases in Air Force files.

Under the proper conditions, with assurances that the best evidence available would be analyzed, NICAP would cooperate fully with such a study. To be really thorough, the investigation would have to include analysis of Air Force radar tracking reports, which presently are classified. NICAP knows of at least 50 cases of UFOs being tracked by Air Force radar sites.

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
1536 CONNECTICUT AVE., N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

*Richard Hall*

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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Sheriff of Washtenaw County  
Douglas J. Harvey

AREA CODE 313  
TELEPHONE 662-2504



MEMBER



CLARE M. LAFERIER  
UNDERSHERIFF

March 24, 1966

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs,

Find enclosed two (2) forms which you have requested concerning the un-identified flying objects which were observed on the night of March 16/17, 1966 over our county.

Only One (1) map has been enclosed, which was taken from a County Road Patrol map, and is of the entire roadways in the sector of our county which the objects were observed by the undersigned. Only One copy of this map is enclosed, as we did not wish to send duplicates.

The Sightings which are described in the enclosed materials, and other sightings which have been reported within our county, are presently being investigated by the United States Air Force, Represented by Dr. J. Allan Hynik, Chairman, Dept. of Astronomy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. At the time of this writing, Dr. Hynik's investigation is still in progress.

As your request of all news clippings, None have been kept by the undersigned officers, and so nothing is enclosed of this nature.

We sincerely hope that the information furnished will be of assistance to your organization, and if any further assistance can be given, We will be most happy to assist in any way possible.

Respectfully Yours,

*Nuel Schneider*  
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Sgt. Nuel Schneider  
Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept.

*David Fitzpatrick*  
Deputy David Fitzpatrick  
Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept.

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1. Name **Niel K Schneider** Place of Employment **Washtenaw Co. Sheriff Dept;**  
Address **3241 McComb St** Occupation **Deputy Sheriff**  
**Ann Arbor Michigan** Education **12th high school**  
Telephone **66-3-9629** Special Training  
Military Service **8yrs National Guards**
2. Date of Observation **3/17/66** Time **4:25 AM** PM Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation **Over city of Milan, Michigan Count of Washtenaw;**
4. How long did you see the object? **2 Hours 35 Minutes** Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.  
**Night time & clear**
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.  
**Object was seen both sides of this object;**
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?  
**Stars visible and moon partial;**
8. Were there more than one object? **4** If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. **Object looked like a large child's toy oval in shape, light was solid but top and bottom and edges dark;**
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?  
**Yes;**
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.  
**Much brighter than moon and stars;**
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
  - a. Appear to stand still at any time? **yes, hovered for considerable length of time;**
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? **yes, several different times**
  - c. Break up into parts or explode? **no**
  - d. Give off smoke? **no**
  - e. Leave any visible trail? **no**
  - f. Drop anything? **no**
  - g. Change brightness? **yes, went dim and then very bright again;**
  - h. Change shape? **no**
  - i. Change color? **Maybe? the color Blue-Green, Yellow, Red and all colors**
13. Did the object(s) **at same time;** at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.  
**NO**
14. Was there any wind? **NO** If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc?  
**What? Windshield of car and Field glasses**
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? **NO** What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
  - a. Fuzzy or blurred. **Yes somewhat**
  - b. Like a bright star. **yes and more so;**
  - c. Sharply outlined. **somewhat but at quite a distance**

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18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? **yes**
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?  
**yes, several times and very quick;**

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- |                    |                  |               |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead         | d. Nickel        | g. Orange     |
| b. Pea <b>XXXX</b> | e. Half dollar   | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime            | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger     |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

**Radio Dispatch from Milan P.D.**

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

**US-12 three Miles West of Saline Michigan;**

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

**Keep climbing up into sky until out of sight;**

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

**Faster than any aircraft that I ever saw;**

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

**One commercial airliner passed over going West;**

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

**five to six miles;**

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

**45 degree**



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

**Milan P.D., Saline P.D. State police out of Eira Post; Guards at Milan Prison**

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? **Selfridge AFB**

**Univ. of Mich Research center; Metro Airport, Willow Run, Ann Arbor Airport**

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.  
**No**

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

**none**

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name.  (X)

Please keep my name confidential.  ( )

35. Date of filling out this report:  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> 1966**

Signature: **Muel K. Schneider**  
**Sgt. Wash. Co. Sheriff Dept.**

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1. Name David G. Fitzpatrick  
Address 2309 Plymouth Road  
Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Telephone Normandy 22504  
Place of Employment County of Washtenaw, Mich.  
Occupation Deputy Sheriff, Washtenaw County  
Education High School  
Special Training Air Police Technical Training  
Military Service USAF AF-16639387
2. Date of Observation March 17, 1966  
Time 4:25AM AM PM Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation Over City of Milan, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan
4. How long did you see the object? 2 Hours 35 Minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.  
Night time, Clear
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.  
Observed both to the Right and the left Side of the moon
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?  
Stars and partial moon visible
8. Were there more than one object? If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. Four (4) total observed
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. appeared like an inverted childs top, oval in shape, with Triangular shape of light on bottom, Dark areas were observed.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?  
yes
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.  
appeared considerably brighter than the stars and moon
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
  - a. Appear to stand still at any time? Hovered for a considerable amount of time
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? at dawn, sped upward, and out of sight
  - c. Break up into parts or explode? no
  - d. Give off smoke? no
  - e. Leave any visible trail? no
  - f. Drop anything? no
  - g. Change brightness? Changed in brightness, becoming dim, and then very bright
  - h. Change shape? no
  - i. Change color? changed colors, from Blue-green, to yellow, to red, with all colors being visible at times.
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.  
no
14. Was there any wind? none If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc?  
What? windshield of car, and binoculars
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? no What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
  - a. Fuzzy or blurred. Somewhat fuzzy due to distance observed from. Thru binoculars
  - b. Like a bright star. the colors and shape were considerable better, however,
  - c. Sharply outlined. distance was estimated at five miles.

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18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? Self-luminous
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? Rose, fell, did circles, and other movements,

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- |            |                  |               |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel        | g. Orange     |
| b. Pea     | e. Half dollar   | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime    | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger     |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

1/4 inch

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? attention brought to objects from radio traffic from

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? Milan Police Dept, Milan, Michigan

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? 3 Miles West of Saline, Michigan, on US-12, at an accident

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. gained in altitude until out of sight

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. faster than any jet aircraft I have seen in operation; to wit; USAF F-106 Fighter

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). ~~XXXXXX~~ One large Commercial Airliner passed over

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Five to six Miles from nearest location obtained

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Police Dept. Milan, Michigan, and Taxi Cab Driver, Milan, Michigan, State Police Patrol, Erie Post, Michigan, Monroe County Deputies

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? University of Michigan Research Center, Willow Run Airport, Ann Arbor Airport, Detroit Metro Airport, Selfridge AFB

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

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Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. No

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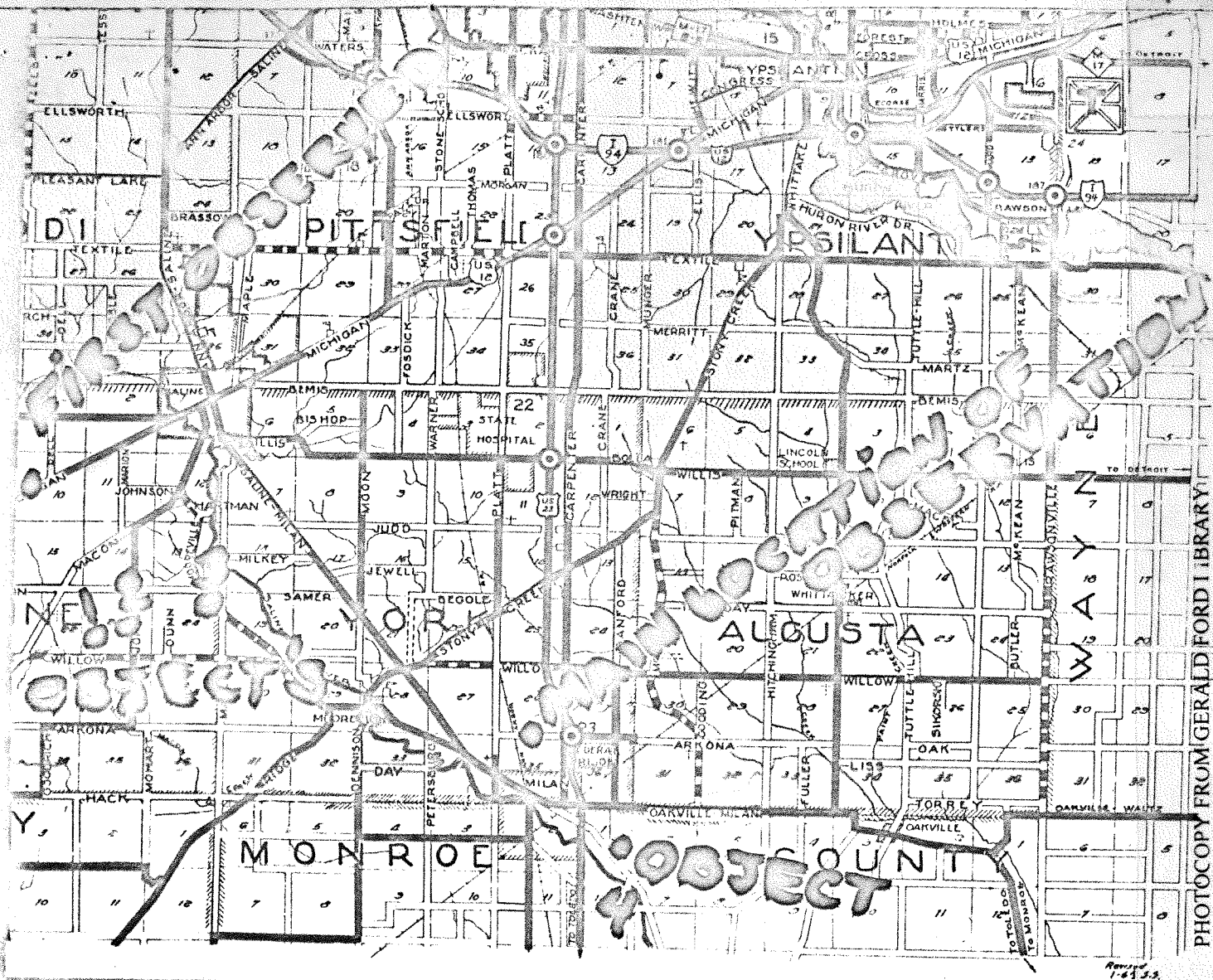
You may use my name. ( X )

Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: March 18, 1966

Signature:

David A. Fitzpatrick  
Deputy Sheriff  
Monroe County Sheriff's Dept



## POINTS OF INTEREST

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. University of Michigan  | 16. General Motors   |
| 2. University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor                                    | 17. Chrysler Proving Ground  |
| 3. Arhatatum, Ann Arbor  | 18. Ann Arbor Airport two miles south of Ann Arbor on State Street Road                    |
| 4. U. of M. Stadium, seats 101,001   | 19. Saginaw Forest, University Forest, 60 acres — two and one-half miles west of Ann Arbor |
| 5. Barton Hills  | 20. Wampplers Lake, Hayes State Park, Scout Camp   |
| 6. Dexter-Huron Metropolitan Park  | 21. Irish Mills, at southwest corner of County on US-112 — many lakes and fine views       |
| 7. Old Judge Dexter Maston in Dexter   | 22. Ypsilanti State Hospital   |
| 8. Gryn Lake Boy Scout Camp  | 23. Federal Correctional Institution   |
| 9. Silver Lake Park  | 24. Willow Run Air Terminal  |
| 10. Clear Lake, Jackson County Park, Ann Arbor YWCA Camp, Lansing Boy Scout Camp | 25. North Campus, University of Michigan   |
| 11. Col. George Game Preserve, 1,300 acres, University                           |  |

Four total observed, #1 & 2, were operating in formation, making circles, loops, and other formation movements of aircraft type formations, higher altitude than #3, which was lower and hovering. Patrol pulled onto Marion Road to get closer, and then our attention was drawn to #4, from Milan Police Patrol. We pulled over onto Arkona Road, 20' or about that distance East of RR Tracks, where we observed objects until about 6:45 AM, when we returned to our office in Ann Arbor. We last observed from US-23 and I-94, as a brilliant light in the sky, and still climbing in altitude.

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Strange as it may seem and as skeptical as I had been about these sightings of "UFO's" in the past, I can now erase all doubts in my mind as to these findings.

On the evening of March 23rd, 1966, I had been coming home after bringing my fiancée home. I drove down Interstate 95 toward Bangor, took the Hogan Road exit, then made a right turn on the Mount Hope Avenue road. The Bangor State hospital is located on the left hand side of the road as you would travel towards Bangor on Mount Hope, and just about the second entrance to the hospital I noticed an object in the field just past a patch of small bush-trees to my right. I slowed my car down to get a better glimpse of whatever it was about 200 feet in the area from the roadside. From what I could see from inside the car the object was about two car-lengths in length, approximately the half distance between two telephone poles, about ten feet high, with a small blueish dome-like canopy on top. It resembled a deflated football, but was more rounded on top than was on bottom. I emerged from my car and took off my glasses to get a better look at it. Then, I noticed that the object had an orangy light or something to that effect in the center and a blueish light on the right and an white light on the left. Both of these "lights" were a frosty or hazy hue.

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→ // The body or fuselage was an awful color, one of which I had never seen before. It was a yellowish color and I could distinctly see some sort of metalwork in small ribbed form on this thing. From the underside it looked as if it had a reddish effect which readily changed to a pink, orange and then back to a red. This was approximately around ten minutes before twelve am., and at this time I was not about to just stand there observing whatever was starting to move. I went for my .22 magnum automatic pistol that was under the seat of my convertible, took the clip from my glove compartment, loaded and cocked the pistol and went back out to where I was standing outside the car over the left fender and waiting for whatever the next thing that may happen.

The object moved from my right to left, as I have said, the thing was about 200 feet in the field then moved slowly and stealthily 150 feet vertical with the road. I was about ready for anything at this time. Even dying. I could hear the scraping of the undercarriage of the object on the small alderberry bushes and pine trees that were in its path. It then stopped and started towards me, quickly at first, then slow, like a tank would approach its target. I aimed the pistol at the orangy "light" in the middle which kept getting lighter and darker, lighter and darker, then, when the thing was about 100 feet from me I broke the silence for the exception of the scraping, with a shot from my pistol. The shot I did not intend to fire. Nothing happened. This thing

3.

just kept coming at me slowly. When it was about 50 feet away from me it stopped. The car lights dimmed and the radio cut out. I was listening to music from WKBW in New York. I lost the station completely. This I did not pay any attention to. I shot the pistol once more and still there did not seem to be any reaction. The object was hovering then, over a large puddle 50 feet away and I could see rotating lights or windows underneath of the craft. The only noise was a slight humming electrical sound like ohm voltage current. I fired once more and it started to glow a little brighter in the colors I described and took off at a tremendous rate of speed. I fired again as it took off. I heard a noise like a recoil from a spring, but that was not the true sound I heard. I thought I saw another thing take off at the same speed and direction at the same time. This seemed to be smaller. It took off at an 80° dihedral and as I got back in my car I saw it vanish from the area but saw it high above the city. Very high and gleaming. I had a little trouble to start the car, but finally started it. This should not have happened for it is a fairly new car. I immediately went to the Bangor Police station and told them of what I saw. I was very shaken up. I learned at that time that two Bangor policemen saw something hovering over the city of Bangor at about 10:30 pm, and described it as having like "100 police spotlights rotating and hovering in the sky".

After I had filed a report with them, a caller phoned in to the police station, identifying himself as a Captain at Low Air Force Base in Bangor, and said, as I heard a police-officer say,...." You are Captain who.....Captain \_\_\_\_\_ at Low.....You say that five people just saw something in the sky.....you saw it too.....where was it.....yes.... how long ago....ten minutes ago?.....you did, right,..... thank you for calling sir, we will see about it." Another woman called shortly thereafter and said that she and her husband, a music teacher at the University of Maine and a student also saw something in the sky bobbing up and down and moving from right to left in the sky. The color was a blueish greenish, orange and red and white. Earlier in the evening a prominent older woman spotted what seemed to match the description of exactly what I saw over Garland Street Junior High school. This area is all tared and The school area is not swamped. This, she saw at 9:30, the same night as all these reports came in.

A 12 year old Bangor girl and her mother witnessed a shiny object at 6:15 pm the night after over a wooded section near their home. A family on Indian Island in Old Town, Maine said they saw a bright orange object hovering over their home and was much "bigger than any star"....It displayed other colors as it rotated in the distance. Two policemen in Skowhegan, Maine reported as seeing an object with an orange glow moving at a high rate of speed and stop.

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18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? Yes
- b. Dull finish? Yes, in places
- c. Reflecting? No
- d. Transparent? Could not determine. Top "bubble" was...seemingly.

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? Not while close to ground. It did bob about after takeoff hovering over city area high about 4000 feet.

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following field of arm's length:

- |            |                  |               |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel        | g. Orange     |
| b. Pea     | e. Half dollar   | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime    | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger     |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. Approximately nine (9) inches when object appeared 50 feet away from me. Ruler held at arms length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? Very dark area and aware no lights should be in that vicinity. Could see lights (strange) in field. caught eye quickly

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? Coming home from taking fiancée to her house on my way down past the area of sighting. Driving my car.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? Extremely fast takeoff at an (approx) 80° dihedral. They did not exactly disappear from view.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. 500 MPH plus.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

Yes. 2 Jets from Dow AFB over Old Town, Me.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). From my vantage point...200 feet and 400 feet or more. One came within 50' of me.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Mrs. Robert Collins; 32 Gilbert St., Orono, Me. 2 Bangor police officers and 3 other unidentified persons.

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

*Relate to map of Bangor*

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? Yes. Dow AFB--SAC. Army.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No.

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Yes, but only by NICAP, news and local police authorities. Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. No.

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You may use my name. ( X ) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

Date of filing out this report: March 28, 1966

Signature: *Robert Collins*

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Mr. Ford:

it would seem that, with the radar coverage of the northern part of this hemisphere by various agencies of the US and Canada, there would be a definite possibility of stating, with concurrent proof, just what the state is with UFOs, the possibility, actual, suspected, or uncertain as actually exists. in any case, the total blackout on information of this sort is hardly comforting, and does not conform to the responsibility expected of citizens and the consequent need of them for honest and true information from their governmental agencies.

should there be a reality involved, its sudden and eventually necessary appearance would be likely to involve such usual defensive mechanisms among uninformed peoples as would result in mutual misunderstandings and perhaps a bitter conflict.

the air force investigative agencies, our own space projects (and the expressions of some of participants), such projects as that centered in Green Banks, W.Va: all these indicate that an official seriousness does exist on many levels. those which, however, involve the control, frustration, or humiliation of minds seeking truth and knowing that in some degree it has been apprehended officially are the ones which must be forced to present clearly, without distortion, even without explanation if necessary, their own collations and conclusions.

i recommend to you, as fine reading on many levels as well as an informative view of possibilities inherent in such contacts, Ray Bradbury's Martian Chronicles; and offer such support as i can or you might wish in this present investigation.

it seems to me that the probable source of your call for investigation is a desire to satisfy your constituents, and to spare them from the humiliation and frustration of being given childish and untrusting explanations which defy their experiences. for this also i salute you.

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