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

April 1, 1966

Mr. Russell D. Williams
Shelbyville,
Indiana

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your recent communication endorsing my proposal that Congress investigate the rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in southern Michigan and in other parts of the country.

It is proper for the Federal government to look into a matter which is causing alarm to the people of our nation as these sightings have, and it is for this reason that I have called for the investigation.

Such an inquiry is necessary and wholesome because of the incidents that have occurred and I assure you that I will continue to press for this investigation. I want you to know that your specific comments were helpful to me in this respect, and that your remarks do not go unheeded. I am aware of other reports such as the UFO Evidence which pose questions that, like the most recent sightings, cannot be answered by a few "pat" solutions.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

Congress of the United States

Office of the Minority Leader

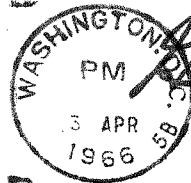
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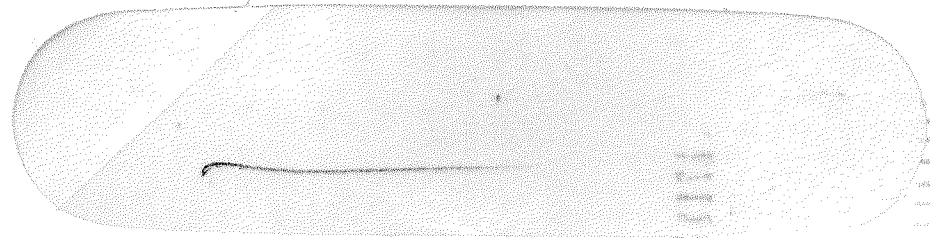
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April 18, 1966

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

Dear Representative Ford:

I read with interest an article (UPI) about your comments of Tuesday, March 29, 1966, regarding an investigation of UFO reports. (Laramie Boomerang, March 30, 1966).

I agree that an investigation should be conducted; however, I believe that any congressional inquiry should lead, hopefully, to the establishment of a team of specialists who might conduct a scientific investigation of the phenomena.

I hope the enclosed materials are of interest to you. Best wishes to you in your efforts to increase public knowledge of these mysterious phenomena.

Sincerely,

R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.
Counselor and
Assistant Professor of Psychology

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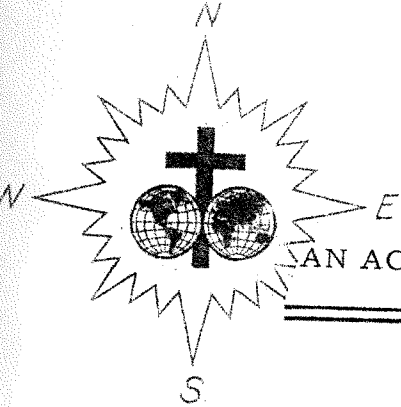
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16 April 1966

Hon. Gerald Ford
Congressman
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford;

Warmest Greetings from California.

As President of the International Evangelism Crusades Inc., I have been always interested in bring the whole truth before our Church groups both in the U.S. as well as abroad.

Having been interested in the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects since 1945, I have written a book entitled "Flying Saucerama" which is presently in its 4th printing. Also, we have just completed a 75 minute, color UFO Documentary.

The purpose in my writing you at this time to to assure you that I would cooperate with you in any way, shape, manner or form relative to any proposed investigations committee on UFOs. Please feel free to call upon me at any time to render whatever assistance to promote open Congressional hearing on this Mystery.

We all stand behind you 100% and admire you for your stand on this subject.

Remaining, Respectfully
Dr. Frank E. Stranges
Dr. Frank E. Stranges

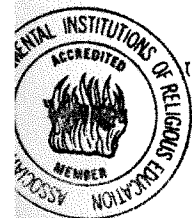
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Sen House Office Bldg.
Washington 25.
D.C.

Dear Rep, Ford:

Well GAN is a lot shorter than his last name and it takes up less space. Speaking of space and I was. I read in the Fort Wayne Sentinel a story this evening where you are calling for an investigation of UFO.

Well it is likely when a lot of your constituents get laughed at for claiming they saw such, you better do something.

Funny thing, around 15 years back when anyone spoke of such the people laughed and thought the person was of unsound mind. By how times have changed. Now the people are not laughing anymore and the officials are changing them.

I had a letter to you about the time you were striving for the position of House Minority Leader and you got it in place of the Rep, from Indiana. I don't believe I have written you other times.

I have a pretty good flow of correspondence to various senators on certain things. Hart-Ribicoff. Morse-Douglas. Gruening.

I issue an EDITORIALIZED-ADVERTISING News Letter about once a year. Copies are mailed to College professors nationally and many other persons with some interest in science.

I have written on the UFO every since about 1940. Now I want to inclose you two back sheets of copies for your reading.

Calling your attention to the parts marked in red and the bottom of the copy marked in red 1958.

When this earth was a sun, there were BLOW HOLES formed from the center up to the surface. Exactly how big the holes actually are, I don't think anyone knows, or whether they broke about the surface as one hole or many. Anyhow these holes contain in the dirt fill many things besides diamonds.

As I explain in the writing. They mine diamonds in the one in IA. One comes up somewhere in ARKANSAS. They get diamonds there to.

I know that there are more of these blow holes somewhere on the face of this earth and they undiscovered are probably the most valuable of all.

I was told that old lake bottoms was the most logical place that these might be. I feel that some outer space people have a detection system able to pick out these. Wouldn't Michigan be a good place to look.

Any comitee you get up is going to have a long time hard job. Any UFO people are going to look upon earth people just about like a political train does a hobo. My marking 10 explains one of the reasons.

When and if UFOs stopped here they would not ask persons they met to take them to their leader. They already know more about us than is suspected.

When I wrote NASA that I could build a space ship. I got about the same thing from them as I have some companies when I have written about a gadget in their line, not patented nor in the public domain.

A few sheets of applications to tell them all about it. Guess they mist of took me for as green as this paper is yellow. I don't get to such interested anymore.

I am however getting pretty dam tired of the big give away program our congress and the president is putting over on the people. A woman from India who has a program to push the loop up most of her sisters

She visited Washington and I read in the papers that she got the president to take the ROCK to the tune of three hundred million of grain.

It has been reported to me that it takes \$4 in administration to get \$1 to the needy locally. That it takes \$6 in administration to get \$1 to Foreign needy and foreign administration is headed mostly through that countrys local politicians and they GET RICH first.

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Rep. Ford WOLF LAKE INDIANA

R. F. Ford

a 1958
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THE PROPHECY OF MOSES

I have saw the Saga of the seven DRAKES. I had often wondered if it were true. There are but two still living today that can tell the tale. One gets it mixed up pretty bad. They are both the very oldest people I believe I ever saw. I have recorded the prophecy word for word as it originally was written.

I have met and talked to the guard at the old first well. He is the sixth in line which would indicate that the time is near. If he should die tomorrow then would start the watch of the seventh guard. The PROPHECY reads that the time will come during the watch of the seventh guard. These men have all been very old when passing. They have not been jews, They are Irish. Yet they have guarded the secrets of the jew.

It is here at the first well that the fulfillment of the PROPHECY begins. Here will be found also directions on the continuance of the prophecy. I have found and seen the six others. Only the first is guarded. Leave a man alone with his thoughts and let him wander and he will come upon that which is hidden.

I now know the number and length of each of the seven cords or ropes. Where they are at and what is at the end of six of them. I was told by the guard that no one man would ever know about more than one. It has been known for many years that he or his follower who was supposed to fulfill the PROPHECY, Somewhere along the line has fallen by the wayside and neither entrusted nor left a successor.

I happened at an auction, A sale one day
Where heirlooms were given or tossed away
Among this collection of relics of yore
I bought a trunk from this closing out store
An unopened trunk whose latches didn't work
Said the man "You take it as is, Please pay the clerk"

Among many old books in this trunk. I found a letter - Was this a coincidence - which was addressed and never mailed. Apparently by the last one of those who was to fulfill the PROPHECY. The one who did not leave a successor. The contents of this letter and the address is a revelation. Here I found the PROPHECY written. A copy of the original. Which was almost as I had it. Only dates were wrong. I was happy to get this correction. Now I know what happened to the original writing of the PROPHECY.

In 1934 when jews were displaying in front of their book stores tables of big old bibles at 1¢ and 2¢ each. I remember one evening I saw a shopkeeper take an armload of these bibles to the trash can in the alley. On my way back by I snatched out a half burned book. From it's pages fell a very old piece of parchment. The writing on it I could not read. I knew it was hebrew. In Los Angeles several years later. At a street car junction. A rabbi from NY used to get on about every day. I took the parchment and showed it to him. He read but a few words and exclaimed. This is the original writing of the PROPHECY. Where did you get it. He attempted to explain. The jews today are lost without this. This was their guidance. Would I let him read it. Was there anything I wanted while out on the coast. I told him there was nothing I wanted.

I photographed what appeared to be the last paragraph and took it to a rabbi. He said that in english it meant "This is a warning to you for by your greed you will make many mistakes." Then he got excited. What did you photograph this from he wanted to know. But I was on my way. For then I knew that I had the original of the PROPHECY as that was the last paragraph of my copies.

So they had thrown the original writing of their PROPHECY which was to be their guidance. Thrown it in the trash with some bibles to burn. I would say that they had been careless. Their supposedly ancient scrolls are fakes made some 20 years ago and treated with acid. A bizarre attempt to place them as the supreme people on this earth. In about the year 1 a watchman or spy was placed on this earth from another planet. He got into so much trouble getting mixed up with jews wives that he had to hide out most of the time. One jews wife bore a son by him. He always had gold and at the babys birth he hired 3 men with camels to bring presents to the baby. A lighted space ship hovered over the birthplace as a guidance for the three men. By morning he had returned to his planet leaving Joseph and mary with their new charge. During his young life the boy showed unusual intelligence. Which could be expected as his real father was from a people who were ahead of our present day advancement before this earth was formed.

John 8-21
What good are ancient writings eaven if they did prove true. What good is digging in ancient cities. Does anyone want to return to that way of life. Don't look back look ahead. Remember what happened to Let's wife. Dig instead in the ancient blow tubes that were formed when this planet was yet a SUN. One comes up in Arkansas. They mine diamonds in another near Johannesburg SA. With proper processing there can be found a metal finer than our finest steels while the heat is nearly equal to the sun.

It is for this metal that we may one day face invading hordes from another planet.

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☆ OUTER SPACE ☆

Living in a trailer and parking for a few days out alone in mountainous or plateau regions does have it's advantages. Especially when you do have friends that want to pay a call at certain times, let me tell you that flying saucers are a reality if you want to call them that. I have been on several and scared in one. I examined it thoroughly and had much explained, some of it soaked in. There will not be another here allowed. Earth people are too greedy. Those having intelligence enough to use the ideas would but try to rule and enslave the rest of the world. I say there will not be another allowed. My first was by accident GRAND COULES was being looked over. They know of me.

Scientists have claimed that there was another planet out in space that was 200 years ahead of us in scientific development. We all the boys are partly right. There is not only one there are a great number of planets out in space that are ahead of us in scientific development. Then they missed it again. It's not 200 years leys It's well over 1000 years that the slowest of these planets are ahead of us in scientific development. With the exception of one just one is behind us. There are some that were ahead of our present day development before this earth was formed. There is nothing like feeling that this group is the only one or was first but this time it's just no soap.

Now I want to tell you something about this supposedly unknown outer space. There is just one planet that is behind us. It's present day development is about what ours was at the cave man time. -Pleistocene age- There huge lizzards roam quite like our prehistoric dinosaurs did.

Life developed on most every planet after water came when the planet was caused to come into sun focus. The evolution was not much different than ours. The demands of necessity are almost the same. These tales about screwy looking people with 8 legs and horns is a lot of bull. There are no funnier looking humanity than we have right here on earth. From some planets the people do look a little odd but give me a few minutes in which to remember and ill tell you where to find some to match them right here in the U.S.A.

There have been stories of invasions by other worlds. I must remind you that since the beginning of time. Wars were fought ONLY for riches and or women. Any grudge was one mans idea. Our Platinum-Silver-Gold and Diamonds are crummy. Our women are definitely inferior. All our natural resources are practically useless to another planet that could undertake an invasion. Everything that we have has been synthesized and improvements have made them all far superior.

We do have one thing here that no other planet has. That is the negro the black people. They are a novelty and are in demand. They are being removed a few at a time. Snatched away in the dark. Will never be missed. They must be of some degree of intelligence though there their life is short. The reason is unknown.

Once this earth was selected as the site of a reflection system. After installation the construction of which was a 1000 times larger than anything on earth today. The carrier force being reflected was so great that it reversed the earth's rotation. This happened a few years before our year one. The reverse rotation rendered the project useless it was dismantled and abandoned. Part of the pillars of one of the bases still remain today. Our scientists cannot account for them. I can see why. I know where they are. Today the people that put it there have a gadget no bigger than a TV set that serves the same purpose. We went through something like that when the vacuum tube was developed.

All power has a common source. Heat does not come directly from the sun. It is refraction of the Sun's light rays. Through a focal length and multiples of that length. Our earth's distance from the sun is a nearly fixed orbit. The last time our earth swung out of this orbit another planet had chosen this earth to test some explosives. As we did Bikini Atol. Only difference was their bomb had a little more Wool to it than our's. It moved the earth out of a sun focus multiple. Then we had an ice age for a few million years. Now it wouldn't do any good to tell anybody what these bomb tests could do. But our play boys might accidentally discover the real charge. But then it will only be once and they will not tell much.

The GERRERO belt is part of that force which holds the earth in its orbit. It is also that force which makes any object thrown outside this earths gravity circle the earth as sputnik and mutnik did and as explorer is doing now. The GERRERO belt is the force which anything to the moon will have to break through. It will bend their aim. Our scientists have been just lucky so far this moon deal I want to see. Our outspace program will be slowed by the padding of the expense sheet by the politicians involved. I imagine that one of the big rockets could be filled with jeweled watch movement and it wouldn't cost a tenth of what they claim the ICBM's do. Politics phooie. Knuckle heads.

How about these X Germans who got a satellite up when the local boys failed. Saved our shirts from russia. Have I heard anything about a reward. Did they get tax exemption for life. No politics would not let anyone off the hook no matter what they do.

I went in the load control ship. The gear that would be the key you would pronounce it in english. How you can accelerate and decelerate so fast without feeling it was a puzzle to me. Years ago I used to get quite a kick out of the old standard J1. I did feel it. Except for a few million miles the trips were not much different from flying into any big city for the first time. So much to see you really don't see and remember much of anything. The ship came into the port tower at their capital city. I stopped in less than 200 feet. On a neighboring planet it was about the same. The planet that is in the Pleistocene age. They remained and told no why.

THE PROPHECY

Now I am not necessarily superstitious, but an old fortune teller saw in my future that I would find money in music. Now for a guy that couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, you can guess how I thought that over. Quite a few years back as I was driving out of a town after selling several furniture stores a set, I noticed out in front of a house where they put the trash for pickup, an old phonograph. Now the idea struck me that I might get something on old cabinet finish from this so I swung around the block and picked it up.

When I got it at camp and was taking it apart, I found pushed way around back beside the horn. A great big roll of bills. Now I have seen a big roll of bills before. It is nothing to get panicky about, but here Franklin & Grant though well represented, were just the little boys. I sat up until the wee hours of the morn trying to count it and as I had run out of fingers and toes long before that I finally gave up.

Next day I went back to that town. By that place, I won't say that I was looking to see if I had dropped any. I did notice that the name on their mailbox was Jewish. It has been evident that there are a lot of things I don't know about Jews. I always say you ask a sailor about sailing. I did remember talking to a Jew that run a store when I was in that town yesterday. So I dropped in on him.

I don't remember how I got the conversation started or around to phonographs, but I did. He says to me, now this is what the man said. I used to live on Maxwell St. I can well remember just about every summer evening. The Jewish families that lived along there about all had some kind of a phonograph and they would be setting out on the porch of their up stairs apartments. Block after block and you would hear no less than 2 or 3 playing all sorts of tunes.

Back in those days I queried. A phonograph was some sort of a luxury and a bit scarce. Where did they get them --- Don't come with money in them, I thought --- Why of course he added, some just bought one. Others their children gave the old folks one for a present. Sometimes grandfather or an old uncle brought one with him when he came to live with the family.

Then he got a little curious. How come you are so interested he asked. You wouldn't like to have one of them old machines would you. Well I admitted that I was testing out finishes on them old type cabinets. Right then and there he says. I can fix you up. We got an old one up in our attic we been going to throw away. It has been there for years --- Confederate bills I thought --- We close here at noon, you come out to the house and we will get it.

That night at camp I rolled up my sleeves and got just a bit excited as I took off the front of the horn and peaked inside. Holy f smoke. This roll I won't even try to count, I decided as I took it out and, packed it inside of an old boot. My 7th National bank. Every time I called on the furniture stores in a town and I saw an old phonograph getting out in somebodys trash to be hauled away, I would make a swing around the block to come back by and take a look at the name on their mailbox. If it was Jewish I make the grab. Gotcha baby. I always thought if it kept up I was going to have to learn to count. But I just stuffed it in the old boot and whenever I needed acquaintance with Franklin or Grant, I would just reach down in my 7th Natl. Bank, I mean my old boot. That is how I got by all these years. Never mind about Washington or Lincoln. That is what is usually in my pocket.

Well Sir I want to tell you that those old phonographs. If I got them from the right people. Sure helped me along. But in the last few years I have decided that there just isn't any any more. There is a man that runs a clothing store not far from here. He had one setting out in the alley. Now I don't want to create the impression that I am running alleys in desperation trying to find old phonographs. Actually I was taking a shortcut. The clowns in that town I had heard were pretty tough. Well anyhow I got the old phonograph. At camp that night I found out that all it had in it was a broken spring. Next time I saw that Jewish guy I got the talk around about his family. Come to find out he had never had any old relatives living with him. So I guess now I know who run up the bills. I have rolled up the bills.

We must make every political office holder accountable for their misdeeds. It is high time that we looked into the matter and found out just who the senators or representatives were that got us in this tight political law tangle connection with the government, Federal and state. Get a line on these boys and track them right to their door. Put them out of business next election.

The writing on these 4 mimeographed pages are purely FICTIONAL and intended as such bearing nor reference to any persons or places living or dead and any such is strictly accidental.

OUTER SPACE

Since the beginning of time, science has been trying to prove that man descended from monkeys or was something that grew up out of the sea. Having met many people I choose to believe the former. However neither are true. For centuries this planet had been used as the dumping grounds for many other planets.

Social outcasts. Convicts and all sorts of undesirables were left here to make a way of their own and not bother the people from whence they came. The main charge on the social outcast's were that they had the desires of an insect. When two bugs meet, the question is frig it or eat it. This line of thought has no place in a high intelligent society. Thoes thus charged were removed. If you would doubt me watch the average person today and you see what I mean.

Every living thing on this planet. On the land or in the sea. Had it's origin on some other planet. There are many that have passed into oblivion as no part of this earth offered suitable sustenance. Our gigantic prehistoric animals came from a planet many times bigger than ours. The porportion followed as the rule in every case.

Every once in a while a new bug shows up on this earth. A little bit different than any we ever had. Or a new type of virus or some malady. Not much thought is given where it came from, But boy we been visited and left a donation.

Now this atomic bomb seems to have most that are not directly connected, in a mental whirl trying to figure it out. When I was in the first years of my teens, I spent my evenings in the library reading up on just about everything from the steam engine to how to make fire-crackers. I would have a streak on. For a month it would be one thing. Next month something else. I think I made and tried out every type of explosive from gun cotton to picric acid. But the petroleum products. Gasoline and Kerosene always intrigued me. Kerosene to explode good had to be hot and I couldn't figure any quick way to do it.

One day I read in a science magazine. About a powder that was put in a mold arround the ends of two railroad rails. When lighted it melted and welded the two rails together. That was just what I needed. I welded up the ends of about 8" of pipe. Put in a long thread plug and filled it with kerosene. I made a tin jacket for the outside of this and packed in arround my first capsule the powder thermite. Arround the outside I wrapped enough fuse to let me get a good start. The whole thing was about 3" through and a foot long. I climbed up a hill where a 12" casing--uncapped--had stood idle for years. I don't know how deep it went down. I lit the fuse and dropped her in. Then got going for some distance. After running what seemed like an eternity it went off and took the whole side out of the hill. What I could never figure out was where all the dirt went to. When the thermite powder burned it heated the kerosene to near red hot. The pressure must of been tremendous as the kerosene would be vaporized. The inner capsule exploded from pressure and the red hot lit the gas the minute it hit the air. There was the first atomic bomb and not by fission, which does the same thing to the kerosene. Though I imagine they have a higher refined product than kerosene today.

The natives always thought that some spark had ignited the gas that frequently did come up out of the old casing. I thought what they did not know wouldn't hurt them.

Several years ago I made up 4 of thoes things a little more compact and 2 that fit nicely in my pocket. I carried them arround with me to show to some college professor who might be able to pass on their possibilities. But as soon as I talked to one on the phone, He was either in a hurry, Left suddenly or had an attack and was taken to the hospital. I finally decided they thought I did not have intelligence enough to really make anything and did not want to bother with me.

The GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC put out water developing cards for trading stamps. The coustomers took A card and went P. Then shook it dry. Their cash registers smelled like outhouses real soon. Along with the change they gave out. I see they stopped the deal.

Now there are probably some of you boys who do not like my NEWS LETTER, Just chuck them in the trash and send me a card that you are not my friend. I intend to only mail to my friends. Now there are some hardy souls that cut pictures out of papers just to wipe on them. It has been reported to me that each and every one gives a different reaction. When you get a ~~copy~~ in there you can hear him GLUB and YEAP and SWEAR. They will do it every time. Now this paper I write on is special tissue. If you are able to sit down afterwards, you let me know. It is a warning.

It is late, I am tired. Just couldn't think of anything to say to fill this space. Mabee some one will get gay. I like to write comedy best. But after what has happened the last few years, they get my present stybe. I don't think anybody will try to do anything about it either. Now would be a good time to put all overhead poles and lines underground. Like other sewers. Much safer.

Understanding, Inc.

P.O. BOX 76
MERLIN, OREGON 97532

April 12, 1966

Mr. Gerald R. Ford,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Ford:

Since UFOs are in the spotlight at present, many of us feel that now is the time to really "get the ball rolling" on Congressional hearings, and do your best to get a full report on this subject to the people, most of whom are now ready and anxious to receive the news.

WE, in "UNDERSTANDING" wish to thank you most sincerely for your kindness, and for all of your efforts in this vital matter."

Sincerely,



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Gerald R. Ford

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Dear Sir

I'm so glad some one
has got up in arms about
these flying objects, because
I have seen one of these
things and it was in the
day time, about 1:30 PM
it was high ~~over~~
head cigar shaped with
Brass collar & rings like
on each end had 3 looked
like Pierres eye's & Porta ^{green}
glass collar the object
was and when it left
it pulled what looked
like metal blues or shades

down from each side.
Now this is a longer
story but this is the
outline. It is very
interesting, but I know
what you're talking about
and I saw this in the
clear sky and it was a
real object, and no one
can tell me it was swamp
gas or some thing phony.
I'm like this man from
Tenn that has seen these
things, I'm ready to go on
the Carpet and testify to
what I've seen, we better
wake up I mean us
Republicans In from Lee's
Byron, Illinois, Box 181 will
be leaving Fla. for Cleveland
Ohio about April 27th
over

our Cleveland address
3632 East 110th St.
will be there till May 30th
then to Byron Ohio my
home town my mail
is always forwarded to
me from Byron Box 181
sure hope I could be of some
service to you in finding
out more about these things
in the air,

yours, Very truly

Michael Johnson

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Cassopolis, Michigan

April 5, 1966

Gerald Ford, Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Ford -

I am so glad you are trying to do something about investigating U. F. O.'s I've read Mr. Keyhoe's book and the subject fascinates me. Please keep after them + let us know what they are. We are not afraid of things we understand.

Mrs. Richard Snell
Republican from Cass. Co.

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

April 1, 1966

A. E. Candusson
Cuyahoga Falls,
Ohio

Dear Mr. Candusson:

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Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

Congress of the United States

Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives

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

March 31, 1966

Mr. Hugh Galt Parsons
Newark,
Ohio.

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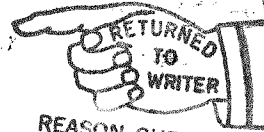
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GERALD R. FORD
FIFTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN OFFICE:
425 CHERRY STREET SE.
GRAND RAPIDS

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

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Wadsworth, Ohio
April 4, 1966
UPD

Cong. Gerald Ford
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

APR 6 - ANSD

Dear Congressman:

For a long time I have hoped for a public Congressional investigation on U.F.O's. I believe the Air Force has been covering up, and that the public is entitled to the facts.

This seems an opportune time for pressing the investigation and I hope you will use all influence possible to accomplish this.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. W. F. Wood
812 Woodland Ave.
Wadsworth, Ohio

March 31, 1966

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Honorable Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Honorable Sir,

I have read in the newspapers where you have asked in Congress that an investigation be made into the numerous reports of sightings of U.F.O.'s all over our country. Here in Los Angeles, students at Caltech sent up flares or balloons as a hoax. They admitted it. But many, many, reliable, well informed educated people speak publicly of the ridiculous answers that are given by our U.S. Air Force in reply to many sightings. It does seem time that a public investigation be made of this phenomena. I, for one, urge you very strongly to have this investigation brought about. I think the American public is mature enough to understand whatever your investigation would reveal. The American public deserves a better break than the stupid, ridiculous statements coming from our Air Forces representatives

yours truly,

Napoleon G. Myerges
333 N. Norton Ave
Los Angeles 4 Calif.

APR 6 - ANSO



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April 3, 1966

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Congressman Gerald Ford
Representative of the State of Michigan

Dear Congressman Ford:

In regard to your current campaign about UFO'S, I would like to mention a woman I saw on the Mike Douglas TV show last Fall. Perhaps others have already written you of her. She brought movies with her of a flying saucer taken in broad daylight and showing every outside detail of the craft plus its maneuvering capabilities. As it approached the ground three legs would automatically jut out from beneath it. They were always at right angles to the ground even if the craft was tipped to one side. When it moved, it darted like an insect and could reverse itself or make a right angled turn in a fraction of a second.

Perhaps you would be most interested in her story, though. She claims to be a friend of those who operate the vehicles and to have spoken with them many times. (And, after seeing those films, I find it hard not to believe her.) They come from Mars, have a base on the far side of the Moon and look exactly like earthmen. They speak English or anything else they wish and are at Cape Kennedy, Houston,

and all are other bases helping our scientists on our projects. They do not limit themselves to the United States but are also assembled elsewhere--many being in Japan, for example. When asked why they do not land in some metropolitan area or on the lawn of the White House she replied that they would like to be on world-wide television so they may be seen everywhere instantly when they greet the head of some state. (But if that can't be achieved soon, there must be some way we can get around it to their satisfaction so that their presence may become public knowledge and we may get to know more about them as a people. From what I can gather, though, there is nothing secretive about them--only the Air Force's--mistaken, I hope--stubborn insistence that there would be panic in the streets if everyone knew. I think whether or not this happens depends in large part on how the news media discloses the saucers presence.)

I would also like to recommend that you read the article by Jacques Vallee on UFO'S in the October, 1965 issue of True Magazine.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Natalie Greer

2148 Chase Ave

Des Plaines, Illinois

VFD

4845 N. Baldwin Ave.

Temple City, Calif.

April 2, 1966

APR 6 - ANSO

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I must commend you on your initiative and brilliant judgement in demanding an investigation into this U.F.O. business. I have to say I go along with the idea 100%.

It appears to me that there have been in the last 20 years far too many reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, and I am referring to those more convincing reports occurring in daytime where the observer was relatively quite close; or simultaneous observation with abnormal interference to electronic and/or magnetic equipment; or radar observation; or the numerous photographs (which can't all be fake)! I find it extremely difficult to believe that all of this is meaningless, in fact, I dispute it. Rather, I like to think that these numerous reports tend to suggest that there are actually flying craft in existence that we have no knowledge of. Does it not?

Sincerely;

Frank William Pfeiffer

Frank William Pfeiffer

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23513 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080
April 3, 1966

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

APR 6 - ANSD

Dear Sir:

We have been following the reports of your efforts to activate a Congressional Committee to delve into the illusive UFO's with a great deal of interest, and wish to advise that we will be willing to assist you in any way we can in this endeavor.

We have seen "something" - we are convinced that it was not "marsh gas", "reflections of lights", "clouds", etc. A copy of our sightings is attached hereto.

We have kept copies of all newspaper clippings on the rash of recent reports of sightings in Michigan, and note that many others saw the same, or similar, objects, about the same time that we saw them.

Many people to whom we have talked, while not actually believing in U.F.O.'s, feel that an investigation should be made. If you feel that a petition, signed by as many people as we can obtain signatures from, would be helpful to you, please advise and we will do our best.

Yours very truly,

Dolores M. Coyne
(Mrs.) Dolores M. Coyne

Dale Leegstra
Dale Leegstra

cc: Major Donald Keyhoe,
National Investigations
Committee

NOTE: The address shown on this letter is Mrs. Coyne's office address and request is made that any correspondence be forwarded there. Thank you.

U.F.O Sighting reported by Mr. Dale Leegstra, 22428 St. Gertrude,
St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and Mrs. Dolores M. Coyne, 31974 Williamsburg,
St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

March 20, 1966

At about 6:30 or 6:45 P.M. (it was still daylight), we were driving south on Harper Avenue - towards Detroit - near Fourteen Mile Road, when Mrs. Coyne sighted a long, thin, black object, trailing a black column of smoke, hanging motionless, in the western sky. She called the object to the attention of Mr. Leegstra, telling to look at the unusual "jet". Mr. Leegstra, who is familiar with jets, remarked that it couldn't be a jet because if it were it could not hang motionless. Both watched the object until we reached the home of Mrs. Coyne. Getting out of the car, we continued to watch the object which, as far as we could determine, it had not moved, but still hung motionless, downwards in the western sky. We stood outside for a while, watching it. There were other people in the immediate area, but no one else was looking up - all of them being engaged in playing ball, etc. Mr. Leegstra kept saying that he wished he had his telescope or binoculars so that he could get a better look at it. We watched it for about thirty minutes, it finally began to move, slowly at first and then faster, finally disappearing in the west. After it disappeared, a small, light plane appeared in the same general direction and we could easily discern its outline.

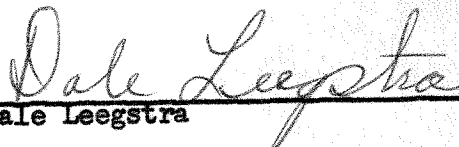
We were very disappointed as we felt that we would never know if we saw a U.F.O. or not. We had heard about the sightings in the Ann Arbor area, but at the time did not believe that we had seen a U.F.O.

We also noted another object to the left of the one we saw clearly; however, we could not actually see the object itself, but rather noted the black smoke which was slowly disappearing. Mr. Leegstra approximates the distance of the object which we saw at about ten miles. There were light clouds in the sky, moving slowly to the north, but the smoke trail from the U.F.O. drifted slowly in the opposite direction!

March 23, 1966

On this date, at about the same time in the evening, Mrs. Coyne was looking at the large, very dark clouds in the western sky (moving north), when she saw another object exactly like the one sighted on the 20th. She telephoned Mr. Leegstra, telling him to look at it through his binoculars. Calling back, he said that he could see what appeared to be a rather dense object at the end of column of smoke, but could not get a long enough sighting to be certain - it disappeared too quickly below the clouds before he could make a determination as to what it might have looked like.

(Mr. Leegstra is a post office employee and Mrs. Coyne is a legal secretary.)


Dale Leegstra


Dolores M. Coyne

VFO

7033 Felix Dr.
Clarkston, Mich.

April 4, 1966

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

APR 6 - ANSO

Dear Sir;

As a citizen of this country I stand back of you one hundred percent in your efforts to have an intelligent investigation, and explanation of the unidentified Flying Objects by the U.S. Government. You are also to be commended for your daring and courage in this matter.

In their 'unholy' quest for power, the 'secret ruling party' in the Pentagon (and that is what it appears to be) forgets that not all the American people belong to the 'dumb masses' under their iron thumb. There are those of us who do not swallow their half truths or muddled information. How long so They expect us to respect them as leaders ? Perhaps some of them have outgrown their usefulness in service to the American public a long time ago.

There is more to this than just the involvement of the decent investigation of the U.F.O's. There is a Principle involved here of the governments respect for its citizens. It also infringes on the American citizens freedom of speech ! Let me ask you this - What good is ' freedom of speech' when a person makes a statement of some kind which he believes to be true, and government officials turn around and deliberately and publicly make a fool or a liar out of such person.

By now a good many Americans realize that something smells pretty 'fishy' in the government bungling of the U.F.O. information. we are also fully aware that these 'sky objects' have been around the earth for a long time, and have even landed.

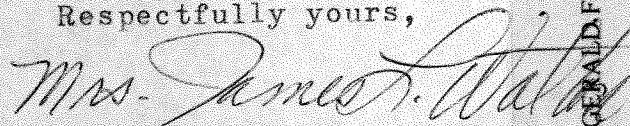
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Just what is the government afraid of, and why ??? Certainly not that the public will panic - We are not children ! And the excuse that the news might ruin our economy is a little farfetched also. We realize that any great change in our way of life must be taken slowly for the good of all. Or perhaps the government is afraid they might lose some of their powerfull grip on the minds of the people if we find out the whole truth of the U.F.O's.

Please let our government know that they cannot fool all of the people - all of the time. We will not continue to sit back and take their 'mightier than thou' attitude for long. They have been brewing a big pot of poison lies; now let them eat it !

Respectfully yours,



Mrs. James L. Walton

P.S. Please feel free to use all or any part of this letter in your investigation of the U.F.O's if it will help. Perhaps even the President would like a copy - if you think it necessary.

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2300 PARK AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48201

April 3, 1966

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Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I certainly applaud your efforts to have a congressional investigation of the so-called Flying Saucers.

Since 1954 I have been trying to follow this matter. Possibly I could be classed as a "Flying Saucer Fan," but the point is that considerable evidence seems to have been obtained by a variety of sources, especially the U.S. Air Force, but this information has not been made public. I am convinced that the dissemination of all information on this subject, can only be beneficial.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Harry La Plante

Harry La Plante,
Dept. of Philosophy.

UFO
April 3, 1966
370 W. Windsor Avenue,
Lombard, Illinois.

The Hon. Gerald Ford, Minority Leader, (R. Mich.)
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Dear Sir:

I have been reading articles in various newspapers concerning your interest in having an investigation by a Committee of the Congress to probe the UFO sightings in Michigan and other parts of the nation.

Both my husband and myself had occasion, four years ago, of witnessing the same flying phenomena. Because it was so identical to the sightings we read of a Mrs. Baumgart, of Barrington Hills, Ill., and a Mr. Richard Rorer or Borer (Policeman) of Carpentersville, Ill., we thought we should advise you of what we saw. The following is a true account:

Four years ago, my husband and I were on a fishing vacation at Ox Bow Lake, near Presque Isle, Wisconsin, on the Michigan-Wisconsin border, in the heart of the Northern Highland State Forest. As you know, this area is densely wooded, few cottages, an extremely large lake, shaped like an Ox's bow, with 14 islands in it. We were fishing off the pier, about 10:30 P.M.; it was completely dark, but the sky was very clear, which was ideal, for what we were about to witness.

I was looking straight out over the expanse of water and sky, when suddenly appearing from the Southeast, ~~west~~ and heading Northwest, was a very bright and large sparkling attraction, headed on a straight very speedy course. It was mid-way between the horizon and what we would call straight up, and according to our thinking, it was one or two city blocks distant from us. As soon as I saw it, I called to my husband, who looked and saw it immediately. It stayed on a straight parallel course, parallel with the surface of the water, never dipping or falling. We both watched it for several seconds, and then suddenly all was dark; it was dark in a flash; but did not fade out of our sight because of any distance. It was just as large and bright at the end when it suddenly was nothing as when I first sighted it.

This bright flaming phenomena was very clear-cut in appearance and outline, was shaped like a football or sun-fish, was very good-sized. It was shiney bright, and gaseous phosphorescent in appearance, a beautiful blue and green, tinge of yellow, and white. It fanned out feathery, in flame-light appearance, in the shape of a football as I mentioned. As we did not see an object, we feel it could have very well been the exhaust from a possible vehicle ahead of it. It is hard to come to a conclusion as to the size of this bright flame-like thing we saw, however, at the distance it appeared to be from us, as the crow flies, It could have been 30x40 ft. in size.

We do not believe under any circumstances that we saw a natural phenomenon, or a meteor, or such, or that it could have been any reflections of any sort. This was on a very well-controlled course, straight, and had all the aspects of a controlled flying object. We have been convinced this was an Unidentified Flying Object.

We would appreciate your acknowledging this letter and information sent you. Thanking you, we are,

Copy to:

Major Hector Quintanilla, Chief of
Blue Book Project,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Richard H. Sellers
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Sellers

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Washington 8, D.C.

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Unfortunately I am too ill to testify before your Committee investigating flying saucers. However, should you wish to have me take an oath to what I am about to tell you I am willing to do so if you will send someone to my home to administer it.

A number of years ago I was in a boat on Nantucket Sound a short distance from the mouth of Bass River, when my pupil said "Oh, look at that silver disk!" It appeared to be stationary over the Otis military station. After remaining there for approximately one minute it shot to the horizon as if a bolt of lightning. Then it returned with equal speed to its former position. After about a minute it shot over the horizon, and out of sight.

I spoke to my friend, Col. Eugene S. Clark, who resides on Spring Hill Road, East Sandwich, Mass., and he told me that when he and other officers were near Shoot Flying Hill, near Hyannis, Mass., they had seen a flying saucer. It is patent that these saucers did not belong to any of our forces, since they were familiar with our military bases.

Wishing you success in your investigation, I am

Sincerely

L. Bainbridge Crist.

(L. Bainbridge CRIST.)

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207 Wabasso St.
Walled Lake, Mich. 48088
April 4, 1966

Rep. Gerald R. Ford
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am writing this letter to let you know that I support you in your call for a congressional investigation of UFO sightings.

If these hearings are held, I would suggest that arrangements be made for some sort of a tracking network. This way sensitive scientific equipment could be used to find out exactly what these UFO's are, without depending on human eyes and ears.

If these hearings, or other investigations, find "flying saucers" do exist, I think the American people would be able to accept the fact without panicking, contrary to what some people believe.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,
Russell R. Bettes
Russell R. Bettes

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19 Shady Cove
Richardson, Texas
April 2, 1966

Mr. Gerald Ford
U. S. House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I want to thank you for having the courage to stand up in the House and ask for an investigation into the UFO situation. The Air Force seems to have a way of making anyone who regards the sightings as genuine appear to be slightly insane; this is one of the more frightening aspects of the situation.

If the Air Force does not know what these objects are, its policy makers may be guilty of leaving an un-informed public to react in some unfortunate way to a future event. If it does know what they are, it is at least guilty of some very unfair treatment of apparently sincere witnesses. A congressional investigation is clearly needed.

One further point: if sightings continue at the present rate and get the same publicity as the recent sightings in your state and in New Hampshire, the U. S. Air Force is liable to acquire a shabby image as regards the "Credibility Gap."

Thank you once again.

Very truly yours,
Thomas E. Cooper
Thomas E. Cooper

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APR 6 1966

Route 1 Box 153
Vicksburg, Michigan

April 4, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my appreciation for your action following the recent UFO sightings in Michigan. I would urge you to push the Air Force Project Blue Book officials with every means at your disposal for a public disclosure of the facts.

It would seem to me that the air of secrecy and suppression of facts are an insult to the intelligence of people the world over. Swamp gas, indeed! In this day of space exploration people have come to accept the fact that living things do survive what was considered simply an area of science fiction. If the UFO's, such as that pictured in the Encyclopaedia Britannica Year Book of 1966, page 701, indeed are extraterrestrial in nature, then the people should be informed and prepared. Secrecy and suppression are psychologically foreign to a state of mental preparedness.

I extend to you my support in your investigation and, I'm sure, the support of the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth L. Skippers
Mrs. Norman L. Skippers

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The UFO Season's Upon Us

From The New York Times

WASHINGTON — "Flying saucers" scooted across the skies of southern Michigan last week. An Air Force investigator shot most of them down with a simple explanation — swamp gas.

But policemen, a civil defense director, a house mother and hundreds of college students had seen the mysterious lights, and it is safe to say that not all of them accepted the investigator's hypothesis.

The opening of the 1966 saucer season — the 20th year for "unidentified flying objects," or "UFO's" — presented official Washington with a problem.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich), minority leader, injected a new element by calling for a "full-blown" congressional investigation. Such inquiries have been proposed many times before, but never by one of Ford's stature in government.

Ford had just returned from Michigan. No saucers were sighted in his district and he had had no calls from constituents about them.

But, he said, "I can assure you there is considerable interest and I suspect public concern."

Congress has been and still is reluctant to investigate. To do so is to encourage the idea that there is more to the UFO than mistaken sightings of natural or man-made objects.

To refuse to investigate opens Congress to the charge, often made by fervent saucer believers, that the government knows what saucers are but is "covering up."

Ford suggested that the House Armed Services or the Science and Astronautics Committees investigate.

A spokesman for the science committee said the number of "reliable witnesses" who had reported seeing saucers is small compared to all the people who think they have seen them.

"You can't just select airline pilots and other trained observers to testify," he said. "You have to take anybody who says he's seen one, and you know what that means. Since we handle space, we already get enough people in here who want to tell us how you can fly to the moon on a washboard or something."

An Armed Services Committee spokesman said he had once facetiously suggested that the House UnAmerican Activities Committee investigate saucers, since "it is un-American to have unidentified objects flying over this country."

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APR 6 1975

Citizen Fred W Payton
12385 Gridley St
San Jose
California 95127

Rep. Gerald Ford
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir -

In regard to "UFO's". Assum-
ing newspaper articles I have
read about Michigan sightings are
not all lies, then I would believe
some of the people at least who saw
this object are of normal intelligence

Please let me know then, why
does our Government direct other
Depts. or agencies to make public
statement to the effect that these people
are all idiots. I can't believe some
of these people are so stupid that they
wouldn't know "Swamp gas" from a
flying object. Stossens "Swamp gas" is a very
stupid explanation. Answer please FW Payton

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Dear Congressman Ford:

March 30, 1966

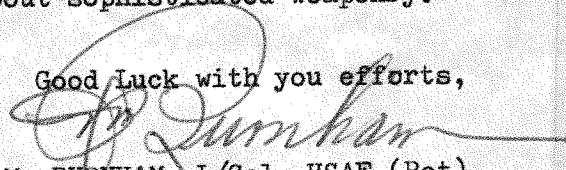
It's about time someone of your stature pressed for some sort of look-see into the UFO situation. I have an open mind on the whole mish-mash. I've never seen a UFO, but I nevertheless must scoff at the asinine and ridiculous lengths the USAF goes to in pooh, poohing the whole subject. One concludes that the USAF regards anyone who takes these things seriously, whether he be neophyte or scientific expert, as some sort of an opium addicted nut who conjured up these visions while under the influence. And so it goes, running the full gamut of mass hypnosis and hysteria...according to Blue Book. Obviously there are some nuts, just as there are on any subject including Viet-Nam; but this is not to say that the whole subject is tainted and made suspect by the proof of a few publicity hungry idiots.

I find it the epitome of ludicrous reasoning to megalomaniacally assert that nowhere in this immeasurable Universe can there be any other planetary system capable of giving birth to intelligent--perhaps superior--beings. Do they have to be bipeds or Homo sapiens?

I think it apropos to say that Governments (and this includes its several arms) must always be right; they can not experiment because to do so would admit of question and doubt.

The real danger as I see it (and here I can be accused of being some sort of nut)...if in fact there are UFOS of extraterrestrial origin, it is unlikely that their means of locomotion is always going to prove inafallible (as witness our problems with airplanes). Assuming this, there is every reason to believe, since people fear what they do not understand, that someone is going to be trigger happy if actual contact is ever made with one of these things. What happens then? If they are ET they certainly know more than we do about sophisticated means of propulsion. They probably know far more about sophisticated weaponry.

Good Luck with you efforts,


R.M. BURNHAM, L/Col. USAF (Ret)

1125 Ormond Court, McLean, Va.

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MAR 31 1966

March 29, 1966

Congressman Gerald Ford
House Office Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I urge you to continue your efforts in behalf of a Congressional investigation of UFO's. I believe a public hearing in this area was needed long ago. Over the past few years there have been just too many sightings by honest and competent observers for all of these reports to be attributed to natural phenomena.

Some of the explanations, such as the "swamp gas theory" offered by the Air Force, are more fantastic than sightings themselves. If the Air Force is withholding any information on UFO's, I believe it is wrong. The public should be fully informed so as to avoid any panic if in fact the objects are extra-terrestrial.

I hope that this time the UFO investigation will not be allowed to die. If there is nothing to the UFO stories, then the Air Force should have no qualms about a public investigation. Why not end the mystery surrounding UFO's by disproving or confirming them once and for all?

Sincerely,

G. Edward Coey
G. Edward Coey
4385 Danforth Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43224

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MAR 31 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

I heard over the radio today, and with great enthusiasm, your intention to push a full Congressional Investigation into the UFO mystery. May I be one of the first, and outside of your Congressional District, to thank you from the bottom of my heart for doing so. If there is any way I can support your cause please let me know.

For several years now I have been extremely interested in the UFO mystery, and frankly Mr. Ford, my own personal belief lies in one of two categories. First, some of the sightings tend to make me believe they are from outer space; another makes me think they are from earth itself, concocted by a group of super genius German scientists who hid in seclusion at the end of World War II, but my leaning is more to the first than the second, because I studied three books on the subject and much of it tends to lean towards linking with the Bible. This has not weakened my Christian faith in Christ or God, but rather strengthened it through the realm of reality. I do believe they are peaceful mainly because out of about 9 or 10,000 sightings they have shown no inclination to do harm, whereas on the other hand many of man's fast traveling jets have shot at them, and they have not returned the fire.

I would like to point out that my own Congressman from the 6th District of Virginia, namely Richard H. Poff, fully supports this investigation into UFO's as he has previously stated to me in letter form, and he is quite bitter on Air Force Secrecy of the subject. He has on occasions (I believe) tried to muster some strength on the subject but with little success, mainly due to the "hush-hush" attitude of the AF. The Government seems to put a squeeze on anything that comes up on the subject. Why, I do not know. I have in my possession a letter from my good friend Dick Poff who concurs with me that what information the Air Force holds should be broken to the public gradually to avoid a panic should one suddenly land in a place such as Central Park.

I truly believe Mr. Ford they are real; real as you and I, and from the three very conclusive books I've read, plus subscription to the issues of up-to-date information from NICAP there in Washington, I don't see how anyone could believe otherwise, and these silly excuses made by supposedly people in high places such as Dr. Hynek in trying to explain away the UFO's is the most absurd thing I've ever heard of. The Government and people like Dr. Hynek assume everybody's eyesight is to the point of blindness, or that such eyesight is so bad that 90% of our population have constant optical allusions and hallucinations. Frankly Mr. Ford "Swamp Gases" is the silliest one I've heard of yet. Now, I know some persons are publicity hounds, and I go along with this, but I believe the percentage is less than 5%.

My main interest in UFO's congressman is that I believe they have the answer to many of our unsolved health problems and incurable diseases. We should try in every way to make Contact with the Beings operating them. I urge you to push your efforts to the breaking point in this, and you may be assured I will assist you in any way I can. Increased Radio, TV and newspaper discussions may be the straw that broke the Camels back. May I have an answer from you on this letter. I suggest you see Dick Poff.

Yours truly,
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