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

March 29, 1966

Sir:

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I heartily applaud your call for a Congressional investigation of the U.F.O. matter, and warmly commend your courage in what could become a highly charged, emotional affair. Frankly, I think the American People will approve of the investigation whatever the results. It appears unlikely, however, that the Air Force or the Department of Defense will take such a welcoming view of the proceedings. There is much past evidence to support this belief.

Since 1947 I have been deeply interested in the U.F.O. phenomena, and have many pages clipped from many newspapers, magazines and from other sources concerning the sightings. I consider myself to be an above-average observer by virtue of interest, training and experience. I hold a commercial pilot's license, an amateur radio license, and am an amateur astronomer and photographer. I have been an engineer for nearly fifteen years and hold a degree in Physics. For the past two years I have been engaged in the field of patent law. Unfortunately, I have never had the pleasure of sighting what later has been identified as a U.F.O. There have been many unidentified objects sighted, but I honestly believe that the majority could be explained as conventional objects if only I had had sufficient information at the time of the observation. From the foregoing it would appear that I am attempting to explain away all sightings. Far from true! It happens that I am a believer in the existence of U.F.O.s, whatever their origin.

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While it is undeniably true that many sightings were mis-interpretations of conventional objects or lights seen under unusual or unconventional circumstance, all sightings are not explained in this manner. It is my firm belief that reliable, trained observers such as air crews of military aircraft, airline pilots and crews, military personnel, radar technicians and the like report as objectively as humanly possible. Other, less experienced or skilled observers, report less objectively, but nonetheless honestly. Just as I am writing this I was interrupted by a jet aircraft and decided to have a look. It is clear and cold outside, and the visibility is excellent, except for a bright quarter moon which illuminates things a bit too clearly for top viewing. I watched a bright, slow moving object traverse the sky from west to northeast. In my 7 x 5 binoculars it is bright and unblinking. To me, it is either Echo I or Echo II in orbit. To many, it might appear as a U.F.O. Similarly midair night refueling, planets, and other satellites may be mis-identified or not identified at all. Binocular viewing may also complicate things by erroneously lending "colors" to aerial objects through chromatic aberration as well as atmospheric refraction/reflection. The point is that I and many others have learned to view selectively, taking all these explanations into account, and checking them all off one ~~by~~ by one against the unknown sighting. Even under such careful analysis and no-nonsense appraisal, my friends and I have witnessed unbelievable aerial (or spatial) activity. We have seen lights perform unusual and highly irregular patterns and movements in the sky. We were not deluded, victims of a hoax, drunk, or mis-identifying ordinary objects. We did not see "marsh gas." All of the above is intended to lead us to a conclusion concerning U.F.O. sightings. I think they may be ranked in <sup>an</sup> order of sorts:

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1. Hoaxes, pranks and practical jokes
2. Conventional objects seen under unusual conditions
3. Unconventional objects seen under usual/unusual conditions.
4. Natural phenomena such as clouds, electrical discharges, etc.
5. Planets, stars, astronomical objects (natural), meteors, etc.
6. Satellites and man-made objects outside the atmosphere.
7. Man-made objects inside the atmosphere.
8. U.F.O. s (may be any of the above, singly or in combination)
9. U.F.O. s (which are none of the above)
10. Birds, flies, bats, milkweed floss, dandelion fluff, etc.

Thus, it would seem that the case for a real U.F.O. type 9 is one out of every ten in this arbitrary category list. Strangely, the unidentified list is about ten percent of all objects sighted.

The approach of the Air Force (which insists that detailed reports be turned in by its personnel under penalty of courts-martial for divulging the information to "unauthorized personnel" lends credence to the fact that it is known that "something" is to be seen. In like manner airline pilots are supposed to report on any sightings. Pilots whom I have known have refused to report sightings for fear of ridicule and loss of their jobs.

One of the most interesting sightings and "contact" stories occurred near here at the small town of Newark Valley, N.Y. This town is roughly between Binghamton and Ithaca. A farmer of Newark Valley, on April 17, 1964 was on his way to do chores early that morning when he spotted what appeared to be a grounded small aircraft in one of his pastures. He immediately thought that someone had crashed and might be in trouble. As he approached, he saw

that the object was disc shaped, metallic and very bright in the morning sun. Three "men" were near the craft. He approached and asked if they were in trouble. They (two of the "crew") turned toward him and he could see that they were uniformed in flying suits or space suits similar to astronauts garb. One of the "crew" asked for some fertilizer and seeds. The farmer, Mr. Wilcox, went to the barn to get some and left them in the field (where they were picked up sometime later) because when he re-turned, the ship and crew were gone. The crew reportedly told him one very interesting fact (among others) and that was "we will be back in two earth years". This puts it about April 17, 1966. Not far from now. Perhaps the recent sightings are coincidental? Among other interesting "facts" revealed by the crew: The earth atmosphere cannot be breathed, the sunlight hurts thir eyes and they must wear helmets and eye protection on earth. They are scout and survey ships, and return to a larger interplanetary vehicle orbiting at 1500 to 3000 miles. The larger ship descends to about 350 miles to pick up the scouts. The crews' voices appeared to be mechanically reproduced. They were supposedly from Mars where they live underground in order to survive the daytime surface temperature of 150 degrees and the nighttime temperature of -80 degrees. Much of this conversation was not broadcast in the newspapers or on WNBC - TV. Wilcox was interviewed, and appeared on WNBC-TV. Two Cornell physicists, one MIT scientist, one Syracuse professor and assorted IBM people were quoted as saying "we aren't laughing." Several days later an engineer from WNBC-TV told an anonymous phone caller that he had been told to "keep quiet" by the Air Force under penalty of losing his job. There was also reported to be some evidence of radiation and some unusual isotopes at the landing site.

This is mostly hearsay, of course, and was gleaned from many sources. It appears to be just another prankster story and hoax by someone who wanted to see his name in the papers, or his picture on TV. It would be easy to laugh it off. But there are a couple of interesting sidelights. Wilcox has a reputation locally for reliability and industriousness, with a couple of producing farms. Further, he was a WWII Air Corps member who knew aircraft. One might say a trained observer of sorts. It will be interesting if the crew does in fact return on April 17, 1966 as promised.

The purpose of the above is to contrast the "contact" type story with the sighting-in-the-sky type story. It is my belief that only those sightings in daylight, close to the ground, can be of much use. Nighttime sightings at a distance must necessarily be nearly impossible to verify. Radar contact simultaneously with visual contact would be a must. The files are replete with such information. Don't rely however, on "official releases" through base public relations officers. Just ask about projects: "Sign, Bluebook, and Grudge and Bluebook II."

I think the Adamski-type "contact" and "trip" stories are very poor, giving rise to pooh-poohing of legitimate sightings and reports. Unfortunately it takes only one rotten apple to spoil the whole barrel.

Enclosed for your interest is a patent issued to H. Coanda, one of many similar patents. Mr. Coanda has patented some remarkably saucer-like flying machines, together with proposed propulsive units. If desired I can furnish other references.

Several questions might well be asked:

1. Are the U.F.O.s intelligently controlled?
2. If so, by whom?

3. Why are we being surveyed, if survey it is?
4. If extra-terrestrial, whence came they?
5. If not e.t., whence on earth came they?
6. What is the propulsive means?
7. Did the power blackout on Nov. 9th last have anything to do with an electro-magnetic disturbance which threw a large quantity of out-of-phase power back into the lines?
8. The center of the disturbance appeared to be somewhere between Rochester and Syracuse. Was it U.F.O. connected?
9. Is it coincidental that two planets of the solar system have methane-ammonia atmospheres? Isn't methane "marsh gas"?
10. Isn't it strange that Dr. Hynek said that he had never seen lighted "marsh gas", but that he was sure that that is what caused the sightings? Such a statement is hardly creditable to a distinguished scientist. Why did he make it?
11. What were the sources of the high intensity radio disturbance which blanketed our area for about thirty seconds on March 24? These occurred at 5:10 PM ~~XXX~~, EST. All radio communication was swamped out. Dozens of my friends on their way home from work witnessed this disturbance. All car radios were affected over a thirty mile radius!

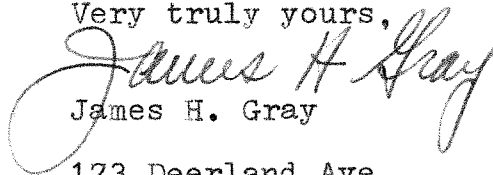
I hope that these and others can someday be answered. There are two distinct possibilities that cross my mind. U.F.O. phenomena are manifestations of a new weapons system being tested by the U.S.A. If so, this would explain the reluctance of the Air Force to reveal what they knew, or know. However, it appears unlikely that tests would be conducted over populated areas. On the other hand, the Air Force which is charged with the defense of the United States from aerial assault, may not really know any more about the U.F.O. phenomena than they have told. It is just too embarrassing to admit that they can do nothing about the problem. Ergo, there is no problem! Another problem may be that the Air Force is aware of what the U.F.O. phenomena represents, and still cannot do anything about it. This is a most unsettling possibility. However, I believe that the American people can be trusted with the truth. The National reaction would not, in my opinion be panic. Such a thing must be properly presented of course to avoid "scare" headlines and stories, but it could be done. We do not deserve another whitewash, nor do we deserve to be told that we are either drunk, deluded or crazy.

The phenomena exists. It is up to the Committee to dig out the facts and inform the public. Anything less would seem to be rather short sighted, and not in the public interest; it is our sky. Who ~~or~~ what is using it?

This letter started to be a short one of only a page or so, to let you know how one citizen and taxpayer feels about the U.F.O. business. Forgive me if it has turned into a harangue and monologue. I only hope to raise some questions that might x serve as a basis for formulating other questions that might properly become a part of an investigation.

Good luck, Godspeed and keep your powder dry!

Very truly yours,



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March 29, 1966

Honorable Gerald Ford  
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Dear Sir:

I wish to convey to you my full support regarding your attempts to hold open hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects. This is something that has long been overdue, and that is desperately needed. For nearly 19 years the American people have been given an official song and dance in regard to the UFO mystery. Great quantities of data go into the Air Force, but very little comes out - and that which does come out is strangely at variance with the facts. Why?

We are told that UFOs are nothing more than meteors, astronomical bodies, weather balloons, aircraft, natural phenomena, hoaxes, etc., and that the small number of official "unidentified" sightings could also be explained if more data had been available. This is sheer nonsense! It is a matter of recorded fact that the truly baffling reports probably runs into the thousands when you consider that UFOs are a world-wide enigma, and the nearly two decades of massive sighting reports. Add to this that many "explanations" offered by the Air Force have been even more fantastic than the reports that they purport to explain, and have in fact been totally counter-to-fact, again leads to the question of Why?

The case for UFO reality is based upon a solid foundation. They have been seen on innumerable occasions by airline and military pilots, by many persons engaged in various fields of science, including astronomers and meteorologists, and by competent and reliable persons in all walks of life. UFOs have been tracked on radar, many times in conjunction with visual observations, they have left physical traces on the ground, they have caused electro-magnetic effects (such as stalling of vehicles), they have been caught on film, etc., etc.

The time has come for the public to know the factual situation, not self-serving public relations statements that obscure and distort fact.

Respectfully,  
*Herbert S. Taylor*  
Herbert S. Taylor

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317 East 83rd Street  
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March 29, 1966

MAR 31 ANSD

Congressman Gerald Ford  
House Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I would like to support your request for Congressional hearings into the Air Force's investigation of unidentified flying objects. We tax-paying citizens have watched for nearly twenty years while the Air Force spokesmen in Project Bluebook have assured us there is nothing to those unceasing reports of "flying saucers," and yet the reports go on and on and on, with no acceptable explanation for their persistence forthcoming (swamp gas my foot!).

Instead of facts, the Air Force spokesmen in Washington and Dayton have handed us a meaningless set of statistics, over and over restating that reports of such objects do not indicate any threat to the security of the United States. If there is no security threat, I would like to know why the investigation is not turned over to a competent panel of scientists, since it is clearly a scientific--not a military--question. If the military is so certain there is no security threat, it follows naturally that the military ought to put the investigation into the proper hands. This is a scientific anomaly: let the scientists collect and evaluate the data.

About those statistics, I would like to see a sampling of the 600-odd cases that remain "unexplained," since the Air Force has stated they remain "unexplained" only because of "poor investigative procedures." Had there been more information available, a simple solution would have been forthcoming, they say over and over. Well, let us see how inadequate the information is on some of these cases. The few that have been made available to the public have appeared to ~~xxx~~ contain as much--if not more--detail than many of the "explained" cases (see the Socorro, N.M. case of April, 1964--still "unexplained," and containing no dearth of details).

I'm not in the least bit interested in making a case out for extraterrestrial spaceships visiting the Earth's atmosphere. I only want to see a long over-due, responsible, investigation of a genuine mystery. Perhaps the Air Force is correct in postulating a simple ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ explanation: whatever it may be, their procedures have been inadequate in discovering it. Let the taxpayers know their money is not being wasted in a meaningless cover-up of the real facts. Press for a Congressional hearing. You have a great deal of support. It is long over-due.

Very truly yours,



Ted Bloecher

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3-25-66

Hon. Rep. Gerald Ford  
U.S. Representative  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to add my 'ye'  
to your suggestion made in the  
"Meet The Press" interview, regarding a  
unidentified object investigation.

We, the American people, deserve  
more than the Air Force is willing  
to provide regarding these phenomena.  
I congratulate you on your forthright  
stand regarding this, and politically  
charged matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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Sen. Gerald Ford: -  
 Hon. Sir: -

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You spoke in regards to that mysterious object people have seen in your State. Here are a few texts from the Bible to prove they will be here in these last days.

The Bible speaks of these Spiritistic manifestations:

1st Tim. 4:1 — Matt. 24:26 — 2 Cor. 11:14, 15 —

Matt. 24:23, 24 — Rev. 16:13, 14.

Also I am sending a clipping in regards to the Clergymen. I think they should not mix with politics — let them take care of their preaching & the Government will take care of the politics — it doesn't need their help.

May God bless you & give you health & strength to carry on.

Yours truly: — Mrs. Virginia C. Adams

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## VACILLATION MUST END

### U.S. Can Win Viet Nam War

Press reports from Viet Nam leave no doubt that U.S. military forces are fighting the war with courage and effectiveness within the political restrictions imposed on them.

It is important to remember, however, that the war is political as well as military. Because of this dual aspect, victory or defeat also is possible on two fronts — Washington or Southeast Asia.

In this light the words of a French official who directed that nation's military efforts in Viet Nam from 1945 to 1954 have a special significance to the United States.

"If peacetime agitation spreads in the United States, you might as well pack your bags in Viet Nam right now," he said. "We lost our war in Paris, not in Indochina. America's decisive battle will be fought on the home front, too . . . the battle of Dien Bien Phu was not a decisive defeat."

The battle was lost in Paris by increasingly violent protests that have a striking resemblance to some of those in the United States today. Self-styled academic intellectuals, many well-meaning, were in the vanguard. Civilians interfered with the movement of troop trains and the intensity of shrill anti-war harangue finally turned the tide of public opinion.

Is it any wonder then that French people today have a mistrust of the U.S. strategy in Viet Nam? In our hesitation to conduct a military war and in the undue attention given a shrill minority of protesters at home,

they see a reflection of their own mistakes.

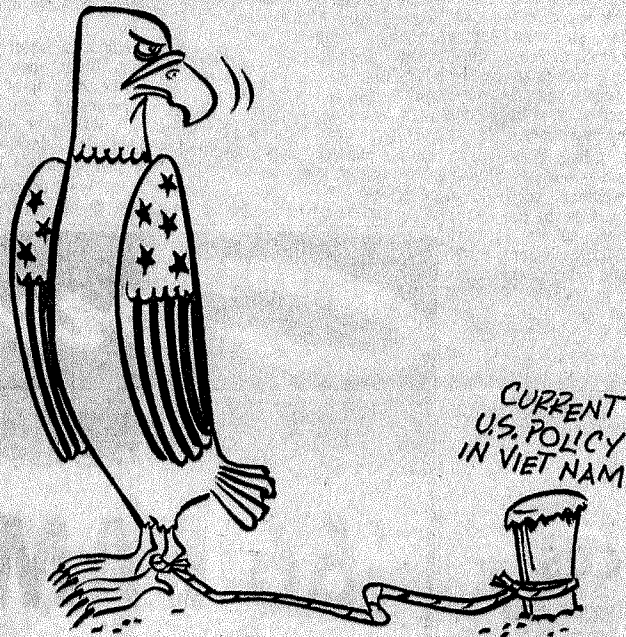
Vice Adm. Lorenzo S. Sabin, USN, ret., former chief of staff to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, has correctly pointed out that current U.S. policies in Viet Nam are "prolonging the war at a great cost in time, men and money and are playing into the hands of the enemy." Like other professional military men, he recommends cutting off North Viet Nam's supply lines, destruction of port facilities and key industrial plants and securing of advanced positions.

Both Admiral Sabin and Rep. Bob Wilson, Republican of San Diego, also point out that the U.S. is holding in check its complete air superiority and sea power. "We have accepted their challenge of fighting on their grounds, not ours," Mr. Wilson said.

In that regard we can take some advice from Mao Tse-tung, the Red Chinese dictator, who outlined his military strategy as: "You fight in your way and we fight in ours."

Unfortunately, at the present time we appear to be fighting Mao's way. It is time to start fighting our way with proper use of military power and superiority to end the war as quickly as possible.

This is the kind of war American people have indicated they want in numerous polls and in their consistent support of the President. Prolonged vacillation to get ahead with the task creates the danger of public disenchantment with the Administration and loss of the war on the home front.



#### READERS' VIEWPOINT:

### Bureaucrats Can't Make Business Pay

Editor, The Union: Your March 21 editorial, "Right Way and Government's", should be well digested by all having an interest in their present and future economic security. The declining postal service, criticized even by postal employees, is but one phase of government-operated agencies where inept administration and political encroachment bespeak ruin. Now some of these "free-loading" government bankrupting experts seek to get their fingers into successfully operated private enterprise projects, bring them down to the same level.

The telephone service is but one of many reputable private enterprises that can boast of a long history of good management and economic stability; where the public, always protected by proper legislative action, benefits from reasonable but dependable service; the efficient employee enjoys a career of progressive promotion and security based on merit; where the stockholder is assured of a reasonable return on his investment. No wonder almost every worker in such efficient enterprises is also a stockholder, looks toward the day, in his retirement, when he can depend on his accumulated financial interest in that company for sustenance, and need not cry for some government hand-out.

The leaders of those reputable private enterprises did not reach their important posts through political payoffs. They reached the pinnacle through hard work tied in with a thorough knowledge gained throughout a career dedicated to doing every assigned job a little better.

That is the proper way any business should be run, but it is not the way some government bureaucratic agency experts work: They know their mistakes can be hidden through taxing everybody more.

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# Some Clergymen Take Naive Stand on Communism

DAVID LAWRENCE SAYS:

# Congress Should Probe Election Fund Scandal

No one can teach you anything," a Zen Buddhist told me one day. "You have got to learn for yourself." The fact is that people generally learn only from their own experience. This struck me as being particularly true as I listened to some men of the cloth talk about peace and communism at the recent gathering in Washington of the National Inter-Religious Conference on Peace. They urged a cease-fire in Viet Nam beginning on Good Friday; recognition of Red China and White House celebration of an immediate end to the bombings in both North and South Viet Nam.

A motion that "in making these recommendations, we do not intend that any people shall be subjected to communism," was rejected — not surprising in view of the general tone of this gathering of religious people. In fact, some of the ideas heard there were so naive that I wondered if the venerable men will ever learn. In some instances speakers are actually favorable to communism. "The axiom that communism is the worst fate that can ever come to any country is false," John C. Bennett said in his keynote address. He is the president of Union Theological Seminary in New York. "It may not be worse," he contended, "than years and years of civil war. It may not be worse than decades or even generations of neglected social and economic problems." After the "revolutionary period," in which he admitted, "communism is cruel,

it does become in many ways constructive. "It does overcome anarchy, it does deal radically with famine and poverty and disease and illiteracy." I wonder what another religious leader, Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, would say to that! After being arrested, tortured and tried for trumped-up crimes, the cardinal was sentenced to life imprisonment. Released in 1956 during the Hungarian revolt, he has been a refugee inside the American legation in Budapest ever since.

It seemed that this gathering was doing its best to forget the hundreds of thousands and maybe millions of clergymen, priests, rabbis, monks and nuns of every religious denomination butchered by the Communists. That communism does overcome anarchy is a fact. But there is no anarchy in a graveyard either. In regard to famine, with which communism "deals radically," according to Mr. Bennett, one thing can be said: It has been made a permanent feature even in countries where famine was

never heard of before communism took over. Even the Communist regimes no longer hide the fact that Marxism has been a disaster for food production. Disease? The speaker must have got his wires crossed. "Everywhere are to be found multitudes who suffer from dropsy caused by malnutrition," said a Red Chinese airman who recently defected and went to Taiwan. Similar reports come from almost all Communist countries.

Good health and malnutrition don't mix. "For a nation to become Communist does not mean it is lost for all time to Stalinist slavery," Bennett said. "If it can be gradually humanized, as has proved to be the case in European countries, our nation should not assume the responsibility to take all measures to prevent a nation in Asia from becoming Communist."

The "humanized" Russian tanks which crushed the Hungarian revolt in 1956 are so easily forgotten. As I listened I marveled at the ease with which good men of the cloth, from their comfortable quarters in the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., decide that communism is good enough for "peons" somewhere thousands of miles away. I marveled at the nonchalance with which they would condemn millions of people to be butchered or to live under a regime which they abhor. Maybe they would speak differently if they had a few years behind the Iron Curtain. Nothing teaches like experience.



"We Could Use All Those Dollars, and We Can Always Steal an Election, Honorable Cong"

The biggest scandal in the country — the improper use of money in federal, state and local election campaigns — goes unexposed and unpunished. Congress hesitates to investigate itself. Yet it is well known that various organizations with a direct interest in the passage or repeal of legislative campaigns and furnish funds to elect a bloc in favor of the legislation demanded by the groups that provide the money.

Under federal law, both corporations and labor unions are prohibited from contributing money or "anything of value" to candidates in federal elections. But the Supreme Court has upheld the idea that a separate organization, set up for the purpose of raising funds for a political campaign, may solicit money from individuals in corporations or in labor unions.

Also, it so happens that corporations or labor unions can legally help to finance the campaigns of state and local candidates who run at the same time as the nominees for federal office. But a contribution used to help persuade voters to support a candidate for a state office usually results in increasing the straight-ticket vote for the party's nominees.

Congress hasn't, however, done anything about this, though last year it didn't hesitate to pass a law authorizing federal officials to go into voting districts and see that citizens are registered and are permitted to vote in state as well as federal elections.

Organized labor admittedly today controls a majority in both houses of Congress. George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO, said in a speech this week that the idea is not to support or depend on any one party. He declared:

"It is quite obvious that if we were looking around for a party to adopt or control, we don't want the Democratic Party because they can't deliver. I don't buy the idea, and there is nothing in the record to sustain the idea, that labor needs the Democratic Party. I am sure it is the other way around."

But this isn't anything new. The labor organizations have always been confronted with the opposition of Southern Democrats who take a "conservative" view on economic issues. Labor union leaders, therefore, try to obtain the help of as many Republicans as possible in the "liberal" group. While these have been few, compared with the large number of Republicans who don't yield to labor's demands, still there are enough to help offset some of the anti-labor votes in the Democrat Party in Congress. In all the many years that

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Dear Mr. Ford,

March 26/66

I truly hope this letter  
will reach you personally.

I have heard when you  
have demanded Congressional hearings  
dealing with the U.F.C. matter. I  
just want to let you know that  
at least one tax payer is behind  
you all the way. It is high  
time that someone with respected  
authority stands up against the  
censorship policy applied by the  
Air Force concerning U.F.C.'s.

I don't know if you realize  
it Mr. Ford, but you have bitten  
off a very big chunk of challenge.  
For many, many years various  
groups and organizations have  
tried to get Congressional hearings  
on U.F.C.'s. (cc me via mail - however).

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If you should succeed with your demands, you will probably go down in history as the man who revealed the biggest mystery of all to the world — and the most closely guarded mystery.

You will discover that tons of material awaits you. There are thousands upon thousands of U.F.O. reports that were "white-washed" by the Air Force and Kynch and released to the public as so-called simple explanations. There are even deaths recorded in the files of individuals who have died in giving chase of U.F.O.'s. One such case has its roots here in Loveland.

Mr. Ford, may I suggest you contact the one man

(3)

who has tried for years to  
achieve Congressional hearings  
on U.F.O.'s. He will supply  
you with all the necessary  
information needed. His name  
is Retired Major Donald E. Rayhoe.  
Address: National Investigations  
Committee on Aerial  
Phenomena.

1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

God bless. I wish you  
all the luck in the world. I  
only wish the whole thing could  
be televised.

And when you get Synch  
before you at the hearing, make  
it as rough as you can for him.  
And if you should be so

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kind, would you please ask him these questions for me?

Does he deny that Captain Thomas Mantell, World War II Ace did ~~die~~ die while pursuing a flying saucer on January 8, 1948?

Does he deny that hundreds of Allied airmen had encountered flying discs and spheres - nicknamed "foo-fighters" during World War II?

Does he deny the order, Number 30-13 dated January 31, 1957 and signed by Colonel Charles L. Cole, Chief of Staff?

I've got a million questions but I had better stop here.

Good luck to you Ford. I hope that you will be the

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may to finally break the  
censorship policy on U.F.O.'s

Sincerely,

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Senator Gerald R. Ford  
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Dear Sir:

I fully support your gesture for a Congressional investigation of UFO's. It is way overdue. I will not question the "experts" who seem to have rational explanations for some of the sightings and none for the others. Or do they? And if so, why is nothing substantial released to the public?

I will not take sides in the issue that some UFO's are extra-terrestrial devices until there has been positive proof. Yet, even if that is the case, and the Air Force (or somebody) knows so, can they hope to avoid panic by keeping the people in ignorance? Or is the Air Force as mystified as everybody else?

I sincerely hope that you have read The UFO Evidence, published by The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), directed by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S.M.C. (Ret.). In it I feel can be found sufficient evidence that more is going on than many people are aware of, but should be. If you have time, could you briefly tell me your opinion of The UFO Evidence?

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford,

I thoroughly enjoyed your speech at the Manchester Hotel here in Middletown last February. I sincerely hope your predictions about Republican gains in November will come true.

Now about Prof. Allen J. Hynak "swamp gas". Just who in the hell is he trying to kid. Project Blue Book has come up with some pretty crazy explanations about UFO's before, but swamp gas beats all. That's even better than the one they came out with about the large Canadian geese with street lights reflecting on them.

I think the American public is being sold short by the U.S.A.F. They know full well these are interplanetary ships.

ROBERT S. HAYDEN  
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They may not know where they are coming from but they know they are there. N.I.C.A.P. and the U.S.A.F. have pictures of them, if you could just make the U.S.A.F. produce them.

I think it definitely calls for a congressional investigation, just as long as it doesn't become another Bobby Baker three ring circus. I would like to see Major Donald Keyhoe called as a major witness, this man is a walking encyclopedia on U.F.O.'s also he can prove the many times the U.S.A.F. has told outright falsehoods about the U.F.O.'s.

Please keep up the good work, and the best of luck to you,

Very sincerely,

Barbara Hayden (Mrs. R.S.)

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APR 1 - ANSD

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

Dear Congressman Ford,

I whole-heartedly support your suggestion that a Congressional investigation be made of U.F.O.s. More particularly, I hope such an investigation lays bare the many attempts made by the U.S. Air Force over the last 19 years to dishonestly cover-up accurate U.F.O. reports, and to challenge the integrity of the numerous responsible people who made them. Each time the Air Force or the Pentagon makes one of these hapless attempts, the public only gets more inquisitive and concerned. There is a familiar saying that where there is a lot of "smoke", you will usually find "fire." After 19 years of childish game-playing, the Government should be convinced that the public will only be satisfied by a responsible, open-minded, public Congressional investigation. There is no lack of informed, responsible people who are available to testify. As a graduate student engaged in serious research I am shocked by the unacademic manner in which the responsible agencies have carried on the investigation of U.F.O.s. The enclosed book may give you some additional information on the matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,  
  
Richard Giloth

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March 30, 1966

The Honorable Gerald Ford,  
Congress of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I heartily agree with your reported statement as published in the N.Y. Herald Tribune of March 26th that it would be "a very wholesome thing" for a Congressional Committee to conduct a hearing on unidentified flying object sightings.

There are any number of reasons why this should be done; thoroughly justifiable reasons. Not the least of which is to get at the truth as to whether the UFO sightings are founded in fact and, if so, is there any indication of present or predictable hostile intent.

Further, a wide stratum of the public are less concerned about whether or not such things exist, hostile or beneficent; as they are at a point of discontent that the avenues of information on which they might make proper judgement have been blocked. This curtailment applies to the people's representatives as well and adds to a weakening trend in their effectiveness to their constituents.

I trust that you will find it possible to proceed with the establishment of your proposed investigation. It is my very considered opinion that you would be performing an invaluable public service and that it will add immeasurably to your stature.

My very best wishes to you in your endeavors,

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March 29th, 1966

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The office of Rep. Gerald Ford,  
UFO desk,  
U. S. Congress

To whom it may concern:

I saw three flying objects in North Carolina on March 26th or 27th, 1964. I supposed they were satellites and so did not report them previously.

My husband and I were on our way to Florida and it was early afternoon and he was asleep beside me. It was a sunny day and I was driving south.

I had just noticed that no car was in sight and I looked up at the sky and saw one sparkling object; I slowed down and then saw another and a third, almost in a straight line with each other. They traveled in a downward curve and so fast (appearing about 6 feet apart) that within about 10 seconds they were out of sight.

The first and third looked to be about 4 inches across and the second about 6 inches. They were slightly oval, but nearly round. The centers were luminous, solid masses and the edges (not quite as wide as the centers) were translucent looking and sparkling like diamonds.

I have always wondered if satellites look like that. It is not necessary for any one to take time to answer this.

Sincerely yours, beloved U.S.,

*Mawrina Waechter*

Mrs. E. W. Waechter

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175 Deerland Avenue  
Painted Post, New York  
March 28, 1966

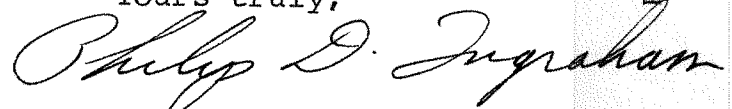
Mr. Gerald R. Ford  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

The Air Force whitewash of the recent U. F. O. sightings in your state is disgraceful.

It is time a halt was called on the rubber stamp secrecy the military places on whatever it pleases. A congressional investigation of the whole U. F. O. episode is in order.

Yours truly,



Philip D. Ingraham

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*The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee*

*P. O. Box 5242 - Akron 13, Ohio*

March 30, 1966

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Honorable Gerald Ford  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Sir:

We offer our full support to you in your quest for a probe by Congress into the U. F. O. matter.

The "explanation" offered by the Air Force representative, Dr. Hynek, despite the objection of witnesses, is a new high in asininity in a long series of asinine "explanations".

The "investigations" heretofore have been an insult to the American intellect aside from being a waste of taxpayers money.

Our eight year study and research produced twenty-one (21) unexplained U. F. O. cases (evaluated from approximately 200 reports) represents an enigma in the Akron area and is consistent with other locales throughout the nation.

This committee stands ready to furnish and assist in anyway which you may command.

Cordially yours,



George Popowitch  
Director

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