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UFO
March 29, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are spending some time here in California but since we are from your district thought I would write to you. We, my family and I are very much interested in the UFO sightings. And, it makes us just furious that the Air Force tries to discredit everyone who sees and reports seeing one. This is most unfair and childish. We all know that they are not imaginary, nor are they "swamp gas" or even "Winkin', Blinkin' and Nod"! We feel that the government knows a lot more about them than they will admit however I doubt if even our "all powerful" government knows where they come from. We have been hoping that Congress will have an investigation right away. An open hearing, not one of the closed door variety. Will you please see what you can do to get one going?

Sincerely,

By Mrs. Johnson,

The Elwood Johnson Family,
314 Tait Avenue,
Los Gatos, California

I am not of your party,
but I'd like to thank
you for the stand
you're making on U.F.O.
It is time something
was done -

APR 1 - ANSD

Miss Paul Munday,
112 State St. Normal, Ill.

Robert J. Werling
2835 Pittsburg St.
71. Wayne Lad.

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Dear Sir;

By Reading your article in our paper
I find that we have at least two things in
common. One we're both Rep., And secondly we
both believe that the UFO's around us aren't
swamp gas

I am making a scrap book, therefore
if you have time try to send me something
on the U.F.O.'s in your home state.

Thank You
Bob Werling

Donna Gayon
909 W. Ottawa
Lansing, Mich. 48915

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APR 1 - AUTO

March 28, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford
c/o House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

My husband I have become disturbed about the recent UFO sightings here in Lower Michigan, and we sincerely question Dr. Hynek's findings. We feel that too many of these sightings, both here and throughout the country, have been brushed off as natural phenomena.

We support you in your efforts to call a congressional investigation concerning the UFO's, and we hope private civilian organizations studying UFO's will be heard on an equal basis with military officials.

Very sincerely,

Donna M. Gayon

(Mrs.) Donna M. Gayon

UFO

5 Samwood Court
Baltimore,
Maryland 21208
March 25, 1966

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

APR 1 - ANSD

Sir:

I am quite sure that you are familiar with the policies of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. As Maryland's representative to NICAP's Youth Council, it is my duty and obligation to pursue all the facts concerning unidentified flying objects, which includes listening to all sides of the issue. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force UFO investigator, has brushed off these recent Michigan reports as CH₄, commonly called "marsh gas", and I certainly am in no position to dispute this man's word. But, since under Air Force Regulation AFR 200-2 Dr. Hynek is forbidden to discuss UFO reports in public unless the objects seen "have been positively identified as familiar or known objects", this opens two pathways:

- 1) These objects have been positively identified as CH₄ clouds, and the many trained policemen and other competent witnesses from your state lied about, or just imagined seeing distinct "football-shaped craft...with a waffled texture...windows...lights..."
- 2) Dr. Hynek, pressured to make a public announcement, conformed to AFR 200-2 and is withholding vital information from the public.

Under the circumstances, either of these possibilities may be correct. But only when great national statesmen like yourself show some interest, and pressure the Air Force and Congress, will we get some positive action. Your dedication to the interests of

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the American public has been emphasized by your stand on this issue. We hope that your efforts will eventually bring about a complete reversal in Air Force policy towards UFOs, as well as open hearings on the floor of Congress. Thank you so much.

Yours very truly,



Gary Posner

NICAP YC Md. Rep.

UFO

3703 Edison St.
Uniontown, Ohio
March 28, 1966

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

APR 1 - ANSO

Dear Sir:

I understand that you are seriously thinking of starting an investigation into the U.F.O. subject. I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to press forward in this matter with all haste! It is long overdue. The intelligent citizens deserve to have an honest and open hearing. The truths on this subject have too long been covered and hushed up. If the authorities do not have the answers on this subject how much better to admit it than to keep telling intelligent people that they did not see what they saw but only an inversion in the weather, or marsh gas!

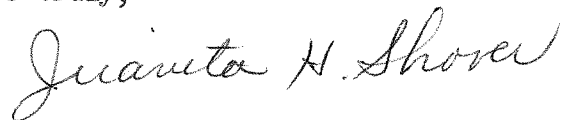
This planet is obviously being visited by space craft from elsewhere. Their civilization is quite obviously much further advanced than ours for their space craft are far superior to anything we have yet designed. These people are apparently more advanced in their thinking than we are as it is apparent they could have destroyed us if they had so desired but have not done so. They have left us in peace. And the people of this world are still at the level of wars and destruction. So we apparently have nothing to fear from them, we only need to raise our level of thinking.

I would also like it recorded that on March 16 at 2100 hours my 18 year old son and I saw a very bright light in the sky. Brighter than Venus. We saw it first straight overhead it's course was due north between the big dipper and the North Star. It was very high and traveling very fast. Suddenly it would stop and then go first to one side and then to the other. It continued on this course, stopping and going to the side until it disappeared over the horizon. It would be interesting to know if this space craft was picked up on radar at one of the stations in Ohio, wouldn't it?

I tried to report this to the Akron-Canton weather station but could get no reply, after many attempts I called the Akron City airport and reported it to the man in the control tower. He referred me to a Mr. Poppovich who records such sightings. There should be an official place to report such things.

Again I would like to urge you to start the investigation on the U.F.O.s.

Yours truly,

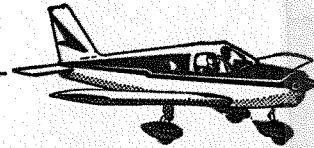


Mrs. Juanita H. Shover

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AIR AMBULANCE
SIGHTSEEING

APR 1 - ANSO

March 27, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

My wife and I have just read in today's Springfield Daily News (Springfield, Missouri) that you have proposed a Congressional investigation into the subject of U.F.O.'s.

I am a commercial pilot and fixed base operator, and have been flying charter since 1958, presently have about 3000 logged hours. For many years I have been interested in newspaper and magazine reports on unidentified flying objects. During the course of my flying and in contacts with the flying public at our local airfield I have talked to two airline pilots, one large fixed base operator, and an F.A.A. communicator who have personally seen things that appeared alarmingly unnatural, and which in two cases appeared to be craft of some sort, but craft which did not seem to have the characteristics or appearance of any craft that they had ever seen.

We feel that the Air Force has been conducting a cover-up of this phenomena for many years for reasons unknown to us, possibly because they fear the public's reaction to the truth. However, the truth now might be better than headlines six inches high at some later date.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to press for this investigation and release all findings to the public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Willett".

Lawrence Willett

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From-Mr. Theodore Drenton,
749 $\frac{1}{2}$ Arguello Blvd.,
San Francisco, Calif.

March 28, 1966

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Sir:
Dear ~~Editor~~

APR 1 - ANSD

Congressman Gerald Ford's proposed Congressional investigation of the Unidentified Flying Object phenomena seems essential for the welfare of the United States and ought to be done immediately.

In relation to the UFO phenomena I would like to ask the following questions. Does Project BlueBook allow the United States Air Force to buy much unneeded equipment and provide many comfortable jobs, quite without value, for Air Force personnel? Has Project Blue Book provided an excellent coverup for United States military failures; as for instance in 1952 when a UFO scare occurred at the time that our military forces were not doing so well in Korea and when an election was pending, and again in November, 1957, when our military forces had lost the space race to Russia? Did the United States Air Force hush up the UFO story during these several times when it may have gotten out of hand?

If the United States Air Force is doing these specific exercises in studying and plotting in the chase for UFO's from other worlds merely as military practice and if the United States Air Force is really interested in Unidentified Flying Objects from the Communist world why cannot it admit the true facts of this military even to its own mind? Is the United States Air Force suffering from some form of paranoia and projecting its real fears into the chase of imaginary objects from other worlds in outer space? Is the United States Air Force stirring up war hysteria with this myth in order to obtain excessive amounts of money for national defense?

Does not the United States Air Force have radar facilities and other sophisticated means to tell whether an unidentified missile or object really comes from the stars of outer space without benefit of primitive Project Blue Book exercises unless, that is, it is secretly known that UFO's from other worlds in actuality exist?

And finally, what are the four to six unidentified objects or satellites now circling the earth according to a United Press story of March 17, 1963?

I am curious as to what the answer to these questions in relation to UFO's, corruption, and possible censorship might be and hope that the new Congressional Investigation will answer these questions.

Respectfully yours,

Theodore Drenton
Theodore Drenton

cc: Congressman Gerald Ford of Michigan,
Vice President Hubert Humphery.

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APR 1 - ANSD

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Youngstown, Ohio 44512

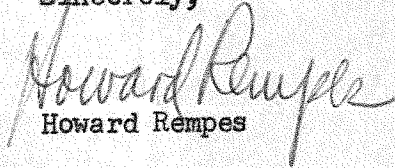
Rep. Gerald R. Ford
House Office Building
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Rep. Ford:

I have read in the newspaper that you are calling for a congressional investigation of unidentified flying objects.

I wish to commend you for this action and to urge you to follow through. It's about time that someone took some steps to find out what these things are.

Sincerely,


Howard Rempes

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March 28, 1966

APR 1 - ANSO

Dear Mr Ford,

Your idea of holding an investigation regarding the UFO's is very good and I wish to suggest that you follow through on such an investigation. Besides this Swamp Gas explanation, there have been many others just as ridiculous.

Sincerely yours

Jack Sheaffer

1411 Westview Drive
Findlay, Ohio, 45840

VFO 2041 E. 17th Ave
Eugene, Oregon

Mr. Gerald Ford: APR 1 - ANSO

This is to let you know that you have my support in demanding a full investigation in the "flying saucer" field (so-called) and a revealing to the people of whatever may be the truth in regard to same.

Sincerely
Mrs. J. R. Minor

VFO

APR 1 - ANSD

March 28, 1966
4045. Manning Ave.
Apt. 6
Muncie, Ind.

Dear Congressman Ford,

I have read of your proposal of a Congressional investigation of U.F.O. sightings, and I feel this is something that should definitely be done. I would like to describe an incident I was involved in during 1953 when I was in the Army. I think it is especially interesting to note that my involvement was as a result of following instructions from my superiors. I was serving as a radar repairman with C Battery, 509th Battalion, 18th. Antiaircraft Group located in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area. One night members of the radar section were instructed to watch the skies for lights, using field glasses. I observed a lighted object, which appeared to be rotating, fly over our battery site and reach an altitude where to a casual observer it would appear to be a star. Several other soldiers observed unusual objects in the sky that night. The next day we were told to write our observations. Multiple copies of the statements were typed and we were told to sign each copy. It seems to me the Army

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or some government agency should have a record of this incident. I feel information is probably being withheld from the American people which should be available to them.

I am a 1951 graduate of Ohio State University and am employed as a packaging engineer.

Very truly yours,

William Carr

VPD

APR 1 - ANSD

March 30, 1966

Dear Mr Ford.

I saw your name in the newspaper. It was about the Flying Saucers demanded a Congressional investigation. I agree with you 100%.

This letter will surprise you and all the republican party.

In May and July in 1965. I have send Mr. Westmoreland, of fair warning about, Russian missile base location in North Viet Nam. I had warn Gen. Westmoreland will used them soon against U.S. planes etc.

I was right 100%. I have send several letters to President Johnson let him know about it. No reply.

I have warn him Red China will send troops and spy in North Viet Nam. I was right 100%.

By the way I believe that, Red China may used A-Bomb on South

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Hit Nam. by surprise, plane to North
Viet Nam. May use old plane carry
A. Bomb, to throw off US off
guard. (Watch out.)

Red China may send thousands of
troops in aid North Viet Nam by
surprise attack. Catch off US &
South Viet Nam (Watch out) USA

Red China has A. Bombs ready.

I fully believe so.

If I am right I will save
thousands of US troops & South Viet
Nam a death trap.

I would appreciate it, bring this
in full investigate ask, Congressional
investigation. (Do it now)

yours truly

MR Arthur A. STANGO
613 South 18th St
Newark, NJ

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CONGRESSMEN GERALD FORD OF MICHIGAN

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CONGRATULATIONS FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF AKRON
OHIO BACKS YOUR INTELLIGENT STAND HAPPY TO RENDER SERVICE INRE
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS PROBE

A E CANDUSSON LAWRENCE MOYERS CO-CHAIRMAN FSIC.

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APR 1 - ANSD

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GLAD TO HEAR UFO PROBE REQUESTED. SUPPORT OPEN HEARINGS OF
EITHER ARMED SERVICES OR SPACE COMMITTEES

RUSSELL D WILLIAMS

(34).

North Platte
Nebraska
3-30-66.

To: Rep. Gerald R. Ford. UFO
Washington DC.

Dear Mr Ford. APR 1 - ANSO

It is with the deepest of interest I read your account over the objects seen in the sky. -

It has to back to me what occurred in my life many years ago which have left me wondering over such, ever since. - - I feel a duty actually of reporting it to you. In one of my

travel in a bus, a young man come to sit by me, the only seat, they, available. He had with him a white Hege Helmet of aviation, which, please, he took the seat. He deposited in his lap, thus, putting it in part of mine, where he readily accused himself, over. Saying he had had trouble with his car, had, thus to take bus to his then destination. I told him, it was

quite all right, we always have to accept something, even to share. He then, as readily explained about his helmet, letting me holding it, as to its weight. He was he said a tail gunner of plane. I told him aviation had been part of my life, once, so that he was pleased and explained to me of his part of it, which I found most interesting - indeed! - - -

He was from Maine, saying that not many people in the U.S. knew or, realized that in that very place were trained incessantly boys for war, their trials, there, and tribulations backed with courage. It was he said been published in the latest Reader's Digest. Said I must get it.

Then, he confided in me of
Chin. Holt

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by 2nd Commander's: quote:

• Not too long before ^{of} them was flying very high, but came back from his mission much sooner than expected, it so happened he told that on 2nd way, he had encountered the ugliest objects flying in sky on his very road, of such strong nature as to frighten him, turning back! - -

This boy asserted me, almost whispering that the aviation sees much, it does not tell - they can't! - He assured me.

That revelation, Mr Ford, has always remained printed so in my mind.

Aviation has meant much to me in the past, I have since wondered what is being seen in this space age, untold when, as you so rightly point to, we all should know! - - -

It was so interesting to hear how the tail gunner may detach himself from the plane, and the reaction.

I feel the same about you Mr Ford it is a pleasure indeed to hear you speak, so frankly, your messages, do carry.

In your noble work
I wish you luck.

Respectfully,
Mrs Jeanne Scott
417 East 5th Street
North Platte,
Nebraska.

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Momento político

EL DIARIO, LA PAZ 21 de marzo de 1966

Por Tristán Maroff

El Diario - 21 marzo 1966

Es un poco difícil escribir sobre lo que va a suceder a un país que ha sido abatido por cientos de revoluciones como se llaman aquí a los golpes de mano y a las subversiones comunes y frecuentes que despojan del mando a los que se creían ayer nomás prepotentes y llenos de dádivas en las manos.

El Dr. Paz Estenssoro enteco y tullido mentalmente, era el jefe de los bolivianos y lo fue durante muchos años pisándolo en la cabeza. Y nadie podía despojarlo, porque había tomado todas las precauciones y no obstante una mañana su comandante en Jefe, el general Ovando Candia, seriete y chapinesco, le acompañó hasta el aeropuerto y con toda ceremonia le despidió después de unas breves frases que nadie pudo oírlos, mientras el general Barrientos hacía telegramas revolucionarios y se batía en el aire.

La batalla de Yamparaez en la que triunfó el general Belzu le costó cerca de seiscientas bajas y se impuso el "Profeta" para dominarnos muchos años hasta que le disparó un tiro de pistola el venerado general Melgarejo tan sexuado como para gobernar un continente si hubiera contado con un séquito de humoristas intelectuales aficionados a las mismas liviandades del general. El doctor Muñoz no era suficiente!

¿Qué es lo que va suceder en Bolivia en estos años de infortunio que epilogan a los que no dejó el señor Paz Estenssoro que había inventado todos los procedimientos del "buen tirano" para hacernos felices no a la manera de Melgarejo sino inventando un nuevo estilo, combinando los estilos desde el "monolítico al policlasista", ayudado de perfil por una

variedad de teóricos a sueldo a los cuales les daba unas migajas por sus servicios innecesarios a la revolución?

¿Quiénes eran esos teóricos y por qué no defienden a la revolución policlasista? ¿Dónde están esas clases y dónde los teóricos?

Para una ironía del destino la mayoría de los teóricos se hallan en el extranjero forrados de miles de dólares o perdidos en el anonimato elaborando nuevas tesis para cubrir la retirada marxista.

Pero lo que vemos actualmente es una confusión política que nadie sabe dónde está la derecha y dónde la izquierda, conducidas ambas por una serie de meandros sin que puedan convertirse en el amplio caudal de un poderoso río.

El general Barrientos líder y dueño de la situación tampoco es dueño de Bolivia, aunque el general Ovando Candia le preste todo su apoyo, a *sotto voce*, como en las comedias griegas.

Ya sabemos que estamos en poder de los únicos que nos pueden contener y nos pueden intimidar con sus armas pero no nos pueden obligar a aceptarlas porque somos civiles y estamos defendidos por la Ley de la República, y la vida de la República es civil y no militar.

Nunca en toda nuestra historia se ha dado el caso de que un civil sea coronel o general (excepto el general Montes que fue "abogado coronel" y luego general político, por méritos de guerra), aunque hay muchos que se interesan por las cuestiones militares y las estudian seriamente para defenderse del Estado Totalitario.

No obstante, si el señor general Barrientos es patriota y conoce a su país, no puede arbitrarse la parte del león y co-

merse la República para imponer un régimen parecido al anterior, del que acabamos de salir y el propio general fue el artífice y al que lo ha calificado de demagógico, régimen que debe responder de sumas astronómicas que recibió de los yanquis hasta de 300 a 400 millones de dólares.

Si el señor general pretende la Presidencia, como ha sido usual en nuestra accidentada vida, es muy importante que renuncie a su vestidura militar, aunque podía ser un Kemal Atatürk y revestirse de esa magnitud histórica que tuvo un honesto caudillo, humillado por las potencias europeas y sacar a su país atrasado y supersticioso a la vida moderna y civilizada.

Bolivia, país misterioso y engañado, no puede hacerse grandes ilusiones sobre su futuro y tampoco grandes cosas por ejecutar, si no cuenta con una clase dirigente, con una élite que sepa cuál es su destino, con una economía sólida que brote del desarrollo de una industria naciente, con un empeño de dar a la clase obrera sus derechos y salarios justos para vivir en el desarrollo, porque sabemos que no pueden haber milagros económicos cuando no hay inteligencia y trabajo, excluyendo de la administración a parientes y favoritos, a no ser que sean capaces e idóneos en el transcurso del tiempo. Y luego una mano dura detrás. Entonces, tal vez, podremos dominar lo que nadie hizo, ni la "revolución nacionalista" que se nos incrustó y nos defraudó.

Mientras tanto volvemos a la politiquilla absurda de antes y de siempre, y volvemos también a hablar innecesariamente cuando todos nuestros actos deben ser actos y no palabras.

EL DIARIO, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA 20 de marzo de 1966
Una página de nuestra historia

Por Jorge Siles Salinas

EL DIARIO del 20 de marzo 1966

Nadie que haya leído "La hora 25", el libro de Gheorghiu que estremeció la conciencia europea de la postguerra, podrá olvidar aquel capítulo sobrecogedor en que el autor narra el traslado de un enorme número de cautivos de un campo de concentración a otro en un tren de carga que condujo a los prisioneros, a lo largo de horas interminables, como masa de esclavos sobre quienes pareció condensarse la insensibilidad y el odio de una humanidad convertida en enemiga de lo humano.

"El hombre contra lo humano" es justamente el título de uno de los más luminosos libros de Gabriel Marcel. El testimonio de los horrores vividos en los campos de tortura bajo las tiranías nazi y comunista demuestra hasta qué punto la humanidad contemporánea ha perdido la noción del amor y la fraternidad. Es más: se diría que el ideal antropológico de la época moderna, lanzado hacia la consecución de un tipo humano perfecto y feliz, llegó ya a su término antes de alcanzar la segunda mitad del siglo. Al ideal de una sociedad edificada sobre la comprensión y la tolerancia parece haber sucedido la resolución implacable de construir un mundo sustentado en el terror y en el desprecio a la dignidad de la persona humana.

Pero, no ha sido sólo en Europa y bajo los efectos de la guerra donde tales técnicas de envilecimiento se han puesto en práctica. También en América y aquí en nuestra patria se han dado casos equivalentes a aquellos de que "La hora 25" es un testimonio fiel. Y hemos de decir que a la imborrable ignominia que va unida a los nombres de Curahuara, Corocoro, Catavi, Uncía, se añade en nuestros días la nueva abyección de que tales horrores parecen no ocupar la atención de nuestro pueblo. Mientras en Alemania, a la vuelta de 20 años, cada día se registran nuevos juicios, nuevas publicaciones, nuevas indagaciones en torno a los campos nazistas de exterminio, entre nosotros pocos son los que quieren ventilar ante el juicio público la espeluznante verdad de los campos de concentración, cuya historia va desde agosto de 1953 a marzo de 1956.

Hemos recordado el episodio del tren descrito por Gheorghiu porque nos ha tocado oír el relato de un traslado de prisioneros también en un tren de carga, desde Uncía y Catavi a Corocoro y Curahuara. El encierro en los vagones de este tren duró para unos 72 horas, para otros más de 90. Esta operación, realizada con calculado salvajismo, no pudo haber sido sino obra de monstruos, de hombres aventajados en el odio a sus semejantes y desprovistos de todo sentido moral. Guiados únicamente por un afán de justicia y bajo la inspiración tal vez de un sentimiento parecido al que movió a Gabriel René Moreno a redactar las notas de su gran obra histórica, "Las matanzas de Yáñez", hemos registrado algunos pasajes de esta relación pavorosa. Consideramos un deber de nuestra parte trasladar esos a un artículo que dé siquiera una idea aproximada de lo que fue aquel viaje de esclavos en la tierra misma cuyo himno dice que es preferible la muerte antes que vivir en esclavitud.

Era el 2 de junio de 1954. Uno de mis informantes me cuenta que entre las 11 y 12 de la noche, los prisioneros de Uncía fueron sacados hacia la estación donde se les fue llamando uno por uno para subir a los carros; los presos debían pasar por un "callejón oscuro" formado por guardias cuya misión en ese momento consistía en golpearles a puntapiés y culatazos hasta hacer subir a cada uno a su respectivo vagón. El carro al que iba destinado mi relator se llenó con unos 70 hombres, más o menos; tras esto, los guardias pusieron candado a la puerta, quedando el vagón herméticamente cerrado. Durante las interminables horas de viaje, los presos no bebieron una gota de agua ni probaron bocado; el ahogo y la hediondez allí dentro eran insoportables; de día hacía un insufrible calor que se concentraba en las planchas de acero del tren, en tanto que a la noche se sentía el frío irresistible del altiplano. Lo peor era, quizás la incertidumbre, pues, cerrado el vagón herméticamente no podían saber los presos hacia dónde eran conducidos. ¿Hacia La Paz, para ponerles en libertad? Tal era la versión optimista. ¿A la frontera, camino del destierro? ¿A un lugar solitario, dónde serían exterminados?

De pronto, una estación. Se oyen voces fuera del tren; es la hora fría del amanecer en el altiplano. Se oyen sollozos y gritos de mujeres que intentan acercarse al convoy; los presos adivinan: están en Oruro y los lamentos provienen de madres y hermanas de los viajeros, percibiéndose vagamente un desgarrador vocerío femenino ahogado por la impotencia ante el pánico que inspiran los guardias. Pero el tren parte rechí-

nando y entre los cautivos y sus deudos no ha podido haber otra comunicación que el dolor retenido de los unos y la desgarrada angustia de las mujeres.

Otro informante me cuenta: —Nos trasladaban fuera de Catavi y Uncía, a petición de los mineros, pues estos no querían seguir siendo confundidos con verdugos y carceleros. El día antes de la partida, en Catavi, fuimos obligados a formar en el patio; recibimos orden de correr en torno mientras los guardias nos golpeaban con laques y con látigos; a continuación, los presos, en cuclillas y con las manos tras la nuca, empezaron a moverse alrededor del patio, mientras los que caían recibían golpes y patadas; algunos caían desmayados, pero entonces los otros presos debían seguir moviéndose sin dejar de pasar por encima de los caídos. A tres de nosotros —me cuenta mi amigo— nos llevaron al centro del patio; de pronto me vi rodeado de guardias que empezaron a aporrearme con garrotes de modo que al vacilar hacia un lado por efecto de un golpe, otro miliciano me apaleaba para desviarme hacia el otro lado, y así siguió la tortura hasta que quedé bañado en sangre e incapaz de valerme. En esas condiciones nos llevaron al tren, de modo que para nosotros el viaje fue aún mucho más sufrido, sobre todo por la sed y la fiebre causada por nuestras heridas.

Pero, hay un recuerdo que ha quedado especialmente marcado en el ánimo de mi interlocutor. Trátase del paso del río Mauri, al llegar la caravana a la estación de Camacho, desde donde debían seguir camino a Curahuara de Carangas. Presionados por las groseras imprecaciones de los milicianos, los presos debieron cruzar las heladas aguas del río con el agua hasta la cintura, llevando en alto el escaso hatillo que componía su equipaje. Gozábanse los carceleros en el ultraje y en presenciar la humillación de los debilitados cautivos que apenas podían tenerse en pie, con los miembros anquilosados por el largo encierro y por la falta de alimentos.

A bajar de los carros, los presos formaron filas bajo la custodia amenazante de sus conductores, algunos de los cuales blandían laque o látigo. El pánico anonadaba a los prisioneros. Empero, de pronto uno de ellos no pudo seguir resistiendo el ultraje y, encarándose con los jefes de la expedición, les espetó esta frase valiente: "¡Ni en la Guerra del Paraguay me trataron así mis enemigos!". Era el mayor Remberito Torres: a contestarle uno de los sayones con una amenaza soez, el My. Torres mostró el pecho y desabotonándose la camisa exclamó: "¡Disparen, bandidos, mátenme!". Bastó esta frase del altivo militar para que los esbirros se arrojaran sobre él derribándolo a golpes y culatazos. Pero, en el alma de los demás prisioneros este gesto obró como bálsamo, infundiéndoles un sentimiento de dignidad que parecía ahogado bajo la sensación de espanto y la humillación que se abatía sobre aquella desgraciada hilera de hombres sberrojados pero no vencidos.

Embarcados en camiones, unos tres centenares de prisioneros, entre los cuales predominaban los cadetes del disuelto Colegio Militar y los universitarios, pero sin que faltasen hombres maduros, mayores de 50 años, inicióse lentamente el traslado hasta Curahuara. "Tres o cuatro horas tardamos en llegar a Curahuara —me dice mi amigo—. Este mismo recorrido habría de hacerlo después de un año y siete meses de encierro, al ser trasladado al Panóptico de La Paz, pero el regreso hube de hacerlo a pie, tardando dos días en la marcha, junto con otros prisioneros. 19 meses duró mi calvario en aquel lugar de pesadilla; 19 meses en que los flagelamientos, el trabajo forzado las humillaciones y las privaciones se mezclaban a las más inauditas torturas morales. desde el verse obligado a firmar documentos de abjuración de sus propias ideas hasta el hecho de tener que flagelar al propio compañero cuando ya nuestra propia personalidad había quedado convertida en un residuo humano sometido a la constante presión de la angustia..."

¿Cómo pudo suceder que los bolivianos llegaran a estos extremos de abyección? ¿Qué factores hubieron de influir en el modo de ser nacional hasta el punto de hacer posible estos horrores? ¿Qué grave conmoción hubo de sufrir la índole moral de nuestro pueblo para que en sus modos de conducta apareciera el ingrediente nuevo de la ferocidad?

Otra pregunta terrible abrumaba mi conciencia de católico al oír la relación de tales crueldades: ¿qué hizo la iglesia boliviana, la jerarquía en particular, para evitar y denunciar la consumación de esta conspiración infernal?

PRESENCIA LA PAZ 19 de marzo de 1966
LA JUNTA NO TIENE INTENCION
DE DESNACIONALIZAR LAS MINAS

Presencia del 19 de marzo de 1966.

El Cnl. Eduardo Méndez Pereyra, a nombre de la Junta Militar de Gobierno, ha entregado un comunicado en el que rectifica comentarios registrados en esta ciudad sobre supuestos intentos de desnacionalizar las minas. El comunicado expresa:

Con motivo de las declaraciones formuladas a la prensa norteamericana por el Presidente de la Corporación Minera de Bolivia, Cnl. Juan Lechín Suárez, y transmitidas por las agencias noticiosas, que han suscitado diversos comentarios en los periódicos y radios de la localidad, el Ministerio de Minas y Petróleo tiene a bien declarar a la opinión pública lo siguiente:

Las declaraciones del Cnl. Lechín, tal como han sido transmitidas por las agencias noticiosas, son fragmentarias y ambiguas, por lo que se prestan a diversas interpretaciones, según el cristal político o las simpatías del comentarista. Lo más probable es que el señor presidente de COMIBOL haya querido referirse a la conveniencia de que esa entidad reorganice sus operaciones, a semejanza de la industria privada (Lechín - dijo que "hay necesidad de cambiar la estructura de las operaciones mineras, y hacer que ésta se acerque a la industria privada". - "Presencia". - 13-III-66, Pág. 1).

Por lo demás, la H. Junta Militar de Gobierno, en reiteradas oportunidades, ha manifestado que la nacionalización de las minas es una conquista irreversible, por lo que los temores de "desnacionalización" de algunos comentaristas, son infundados.

El Ministerio de Minas y Petróleo abraza la seguridad de que al retorno del señor Presidente de COMIBOL, éste desvirtuará el sentido "desnacionalizador" (valga el término) que precipitadamente se ha dado a sus declaraciones despejando la ambigüedad y brevedad de los Despachos de la prensa internacional.

EL DIARIO, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Reto a la pobreza

Actualmente nuestro país vive una época de aguda pobreza. No obstante las ingentes sumas provenientes de la ayuda americana, la propaganda de la famosa "diversificación económica" y "el desarrollo industrial", el presupuesto popular acusa los más bajos índices. Una situación penosa aflige a las mayorías. Todo lo que se diga en contrario no trasunta la realidad. ¿Las causas de este estado de pauperismo? Son conocidas por todo lo que se ha publicado y demostrado a lo largo de los dos últimos años, con datos numéricos y comisiones investigadoras. Producto de este sistema avasallador son las grandes fortunas acumuladas en doce años y extraídas del país para beneficio exclusivo de los que aprovecharon de las maravillas del poder y que ahora ostentan desafiantes e impunes. Consecuencia de nuestra miseria actual la irresponsabilidad de los administradores, las famosas nacionalizaciones, la devaluación deliberada de nuestro signo monetario, la irresponsabilidad en el manejo del tesoro público en provecho personal.

Terminado ese período de irrefrenable derroche, todo hacía suponer que se ingresara al orden y al ahorro. Desde esta columna hemos clamado porque se imponga en el país y en el gobierno un régimen de severa austeridad, de moderación y de consecuencia a la prédica de los documentos oficiales y la palabra de los mandatarios. Más nada se ha conseguido hasta ahora. Continúa el despilfarro, la ostentación, los gastos innecesarios, los viajes costosos, algo como sacarse el vientre del mal año, frase vulgar que refleja la esencia de ciertos procedimientos.

En tanto continúa este inmoderado derroche, no existen aulas para los estudiantes que deben pasar clases en locales prestados o a la intemperie. Las calles de las ciudades y particularmente de la nuestra, están olvidadas de la mano edilicia desde hace más de catorce años; y como una afrenta están los baches, los charcos, los terrales en medio de los cuales, confundidos, sortean los peatones los malos pasos y ruedan raudos los lujosos automóviles de último modelo que ocupan funcionarios de diversa jerarquía. Mientras los salarios no cubren los gastos de alimentación, funcionarios asiduos ofrecen agasajos y obsequios a sus jefes, cargando esas erogaciones al presupuesto nacional. Impuestos y gabelas continúan agobiando a los sufridos habitantes, que deben soportar, pareja, la elevación del costo de la vida que sube y sube sin detener su encarecimiento.

Somos un país empobrecido por sus malos administradores. Debemos vivir de acuerdo a nuestras condiciones precarias. Contribuir todos con el trabajo y con autera dignidad a que se recobre de su depresión económica. Y son los gobernantes los que deben dar el ejemplo, como lo dieron otros varones esclarecidos de nuestra historia. Es desafiar a la pobreza y a quienes la soportan, ostentar un fausto chocante:

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JAMES M. STEED
POST OFFICE BOX 317
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40501
March 30, 1966

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Dear Representative Ford,

I congratulate you on trying to start an congressional investigation on UFOs and the Air Force project "Bluebook". The Air Force has been white washing this for about twenty years for some stupid reason of their own. Major Keyhoe of N.I.C.A.P. has a alot of information on the subject, 1536 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. The recently published book, "Anatomy of a Phenomenon", by Jacques Valle, published by Regnery, is a very convincing work and investigation into UFOs also. The public needs to know what to do when they see a UFO, not just to pretend they don't exist. The Air Force should be co-operating with the public instead of trying to prove they are crazy. I humbly suggest that this UFO investigation be taken out of the hands of the Air Force and turned over to the FBI who could probally handle it in a more competent manner. A year ago I wrote my congressman, the president, and my representative on this matter, but they were not very interested and swallowed the Air Force line.

Respectfully yours,

J.M. Steed

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN
30 MAY 1963

March 29, 1966

Dear Rep. Ford,

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I fully support you in your efforts for an investigation of the U.F.O. sightings.

My husband watched one hover and then shoot away in an instant. He described it as large, pulsating, alternating white, red, and greenish-blue lights - very bright or luminous. While he was watching it, I was frantically looking for my glasses in my purse. This happened last July. It was shortly after the Mariner probe publication

in the newspapers.

Now, my husband is not subject to hallucinations, and he is far from being a mystic. He has seen many meteors burning up in the atmosphere, he has seen many airplanes. Marsh gas can't explain this, neither can weather balloons. The speed precludes this as an answer. It was not the beam of a searchlight. He said it was beautiful and that he had never seen anything like it. He does not pretend to know what it was. But

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he does not believe that our country owns it — it moved too quickly. If we have something which moves this fast, what are we doing with the slow things we call rockets? But then, perhaps we underestimate the speed of a rocket.

Good luck in your attempt to get an investigation.

Very truly yours,
Lorna D. Harvard

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March 29, 1966

Sen. Gerald Ford
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ford,

Some of us here in New Mexico are very much up-set about the U. F. O. situation.

As a little back ground on myself so that you will not consider me a "crack pot"- I am 63 years old and born in N. M. of Kentucky parentage. My husband and I have raised a wonderful family of 4 married daughters and the best sons-in-law in the world and one single son and 16 grandchildren.

I have been interested in the U. F. O.s since 1947 when Arnold first coined the term "Flying Saucers". I never have seen one.

I get very annoyed at the Air Force and Dr. Hynek and Dr. Mensel. A city policeman at Socorro, N. M. saw a strange machine about a year ago. He drove onto a low mesa and looked down on this object. He saw it take off and fly away. Dr. Hynek was sent out here and pooh poohed the whole thing.

Now I see where he says a picture of two light trails is of the moon and Venus. Do you really believe a man would train his camera for 12 minutes on the moon and not know what it was?

Why does not the Air Force admit they do not know what this is? I believe they have tried to make contact and failed. Let us have some clarification on the whole subject.

Sincerely yours

Joseph F. Tondre

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Representative Jerold Ford,
Office of House of Representatives,
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Dear Sir;

I've noticed your request for proper officials to make a full investigation of the UFO situation, and give full report to the people.

I believe this is very commendable. The only thing is I doubt there is a man-jack among them who would believe the actual truth of what they are. Those people all believe EVERYTHING MUST BE EXPLAINABLE IN A mechanical way, if you get what I mean.

NOW, these UFO things cant be explained that way. I do belong to a group who are tutored by God Himself in THESE LAST DAYS OF TIME. And we KNOW these things are not from "another planet" at all; but are demon-spirits that are able to take just any kind of a body they desire NOW, and their purpose is to keep the people from seeking THE TRUE GOD in these times when time is soooo short. The 6 days of man's time was ended last October,--now begins the 7th Day which is the Millenium,--but is preceeded by THE GREAT TRIBULATION, which is beginning now and after we get clear in it it will last another 7 years. There is war being waged in the heavens even now, and very soon this war will fall to the earth. Jesus told us that "very soon now the whole world will explode into great trouble".

Now you see the Communist Nations having a great conclave over what to do about us. It is, according to the Bible, now NOT a war of flesh and blood, but a war of Principalties and Powers and demons in high places (the 2nd heaven), but it takes over the demon-controlled people of Communism against the Christians. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE NOW.

About 7 years ago a Dr. John Strange from N.Y. City wrote a book entitled "MY FRIEND FROM VENUS". It contained a picture of this being, which also looked exactly like another being who had been on television about the same time. This being said there were then 700 of them here on the earth. They knew everything without being told. (spooky). Now, Jesus told us that the earth is the only planet that has life on it. And we know that no other planet has proper temperature or air to support life. My question is WHY KEEP TRYING TO INHABIT THEM? Now we learn there are thousands of these 'spooks' here on earth. THEY ARE THE ONES MAKING ALL THE TROUBLE ON THE EARTH. THEY ARE DEMONS WHO HAVE TAKEN THEMSELVES BODIES out of thin air. That is the same way they build the UFOs. OUT OF THIN AIR.

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Yes, it is very spooky knowledge, but if we believe it, then we wont be surprided at the other things that are about to happen.

Yes, we will be attacked --from the East by the Communists and at the same time from the West by the Red Dragon. Dont be misled into believing there is trouble between Russian Communism and Chinese Communism. That is just a smoke-screen to keep us as dumb as possible. They will probably attack early next Christmas morning -- their holiday present to us to celebrate Christmas. The Russian planes will come over so thick as to blacken the skies. Some of us looked for them last Christmas, but we were not told which Christmas. Now it looks as tho it will be this next one. They will blast all our bigger cities off the map, and then drop their men by papachute to destroy all the smaller communities.

The purpose of the UFO is by Satan to help keep us from finding out what REALLY is going on. I could tell you a lot more, but the time is not right. The only weapon against the UFO is "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST." There was an apparition that came to a farm-place south of Muskegon, every evening. It was a horrible looking thing made of green light. Finally I called them and told them not to play with it, but to shout "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST" at it. They did, and it never came back. That was last fall.

Do you see what I mean? In fact THE ONLY protection we have from now on is keeping ourselves UNDER THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, by going before Him each morning and night and CLAIM IT OVER US.

Yes, time is short and we fight not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers in the 2nd heaven. And they are getting more real every day.

God bless you.

MRS JESSIE M. DAVIS,
1878 Dowd St.,
Muskegon Mich.



Jean Dixon

Jeanne Dixon of international fame, has been sought after by important people from around the world. She is noted for her prophecies since Childhood. Her more startling prophecies were the deaths of Presidents Roosevelt and Kennedy, even to the extent of trying to dissuade President Kennedy from making the fatal trip to Dallas.

Mrs. Dixon says she has the gift of prophecy. In any event she has made so many startling prophecies that have come true that dignitaries seek her out and others avoid her, fearing her prophecies. This little woman is well known in America and around the world.

Recently she appeared on a nationwide radio program and made these statements... OUR WAR IN VIET NAM IS NOT WITH THE VIET CONG, BUT WITH RUSSIA... she stated, THE RUSSIANS ARE SENDING FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SHIPS EACH MONTH FROM RUSSIA CARRYING WAR MATERIALS. She stated... THE VIET CONG HAVE A SECRET BOX WITH WHICH THEY CAN DETECT AMERICAN SOLDIERS EVEN IN THE DENSE JUNGLES.

Mrs. Dixon is very definite in her assertion of a master man now living in the near east, yet a boy or a very young man, who will one day unite all religious factions of the world because of his personal power.

Christians know that one day, perhaps sooner than we dare think, world leaders will emerge under various guises. This is the Christian because the powers that will rule will be anti-Christ.

The creeping cancerous communism seems incurable in its paralyzing advance. Like an advanced cancer which infects many parts of the body, so communism has infected almost every part of this weary old world. CHRIST IS THE ONLY HOPE AND THE ONLY ANSWER.



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Never before in the history of the world have there been times like these! These times would not be considered normal in any generation. War always has come after gigantic preparation such as is made today.

This is the twentieth century. Sinister forces are at work on every hand. False religions abound on every side. Communism, the most powerful weapon ever forged by satanic ingenuity, threatens to wipe out Christianity.

This is an atomic age which places man in control of the most potential power for destruction or construction any generation ever possessed. Atomic energy holds civilization at its mercy.

This is an age of progress, in science, in invention, in education, in travel. This is a fast age. Colossal movements have been brought into being, some for good, and others for evil. The human race faces destruction! The Iron Curtain hides a slavery worse than death!

Oh, we must carry the gospel to the dusty corners of this earth! We must

care! We must "SOUND THE ALARM"! We are responsible before God! This is God's work! "Native Missionary" is God's work! We must put out hands to the plow and labour and move on and up with God.

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins!" Isaiah 58:1

"CRY ALOUD"----"SPARE NOT"----
"Lift up thy voice like a trumpet!" "For thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15

"Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy one of Israel in the midst of the!" Isaiah 12:1

-----And in that day thou shalt say, "Oh Lord, what shall I do---What shall I give---to "SOUND THE ALARM".

"Therefore WITH JOY shall YE draw water out of the wells of salvation, Isa. 12:3

What will YOU doNOW---TODAY----- to "SOUND THE ALARM"? "For the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand Joel 2:1

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Dear Rep. Ford, APR 1 - ANSD

We are quite interested in your concern about the U.F.O. sightings in your state. We believe, as ~~so~~ you do, that these sightings are ~~or~~ not "swamp gas." We would like to know some information about the sightings and ^{we would} like to know how you will investigate them. We would also like to know your opinion ^{on} U.F.O.s. We would appreciate your reply on these questions because we have followed many sightings of U.F.O.s all over the country and are very interested in them.

~~Sincerely~~
Sincerely yours,

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Rep. Gerald R. Ford
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APR 1 - ANSO

Dear Representative Ford:

Appt on the back for your efforts to bring the
mystery of unexplained spacecraft out in the open.
So great is the evidence that the government is
making itself ridiculous in continuing its efforts
to pooh-pooh their existence.

Example: Someone should tell the eminent
scientist, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, that fire balls due
to swamp gas, to which he attributed recent
sightings, only occur on hot, humid summer nights.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Sesta T. Matheison

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UFO

Monday, March 28, 1966

The Honorable Gerald Ford ✓
The Honorable Weston Vivian
Washington, D.C.

APR 1 - ANSO

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regards to UFO.
I live at North Lake five miles west of the Manner Farm. On Saturday night I, plus two other persons with me, observed objects in the sky which differed very much from stars or planes. We called the county sheriff department and two officers observed the same thing. In an independent report my neighbor described the same phenomena the following day. We had not had conversations about the sightings.

I observed from 11:30 P.M. to 1:30 A.M.: retired and was up at 3:30 A.M. and saw the same objects but in different locations. At all times I was using binoculars. I could not see the same things with the naked eye, I am nearsighted, but others could direct me to where to look with the binoculars, on occasion I could distinguish color. *W. HOWT Binoculars*

On Sunday night at 11:30 P.M. I observed the same thing again. Another neighbor boy called me; he had been looking and was comparing sightings with me. We had not had conversation during the evening. He came and looked with the binoculars, but he could describe the same motions with the naked eye which I was observing with binoculars.

I sincerely believe what we saw could be seen by anyone else. I sincerely believe there is some phenomenon which could and must be confirmed as happening, whether explained or not. I cannot subscribe to the current explanations.

This is what I observed:

The objects were far away. One's attention was attracted to them because they were brighter than the stars and gave an appearance of being of red, green and white illumination. They appeared in all directions and in no specific pattern. At one time I counted thirteen such "illuminations". They moved position as opposed to a star which remains stationary; they did stay in approximately in the same location in the sky until they were no longer visible. This was as long as an hour and as short as a few minutes.

I believe my significant observation was the motion and appearance of the illumination as I would watch one in particular. As it appeared farther away it had the appearance of green white and red with no definite shape. As it came nearer a white illumination around it became brighter and there was a definite motion which created sharply defined green and red streaks, much like a picture taken of moving traffic lights. Attached is a sketch of the motion pattern as I would interpret it. The motions were fast and abrupt. The nearer it appeared the brighter the illumination and more definite the red and green streaks and the faster the motions. Then it would fade away. I fixed my binoculars on a tree limb and kept this in vision while observing during one of these gyrations

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STAGE I



Big Dipper
no comparison of
size

STAGE II



"spinning
like a top"

STAGE III



"jumping bean"
"KITE / cike"

Within probably five minutes the object had moved from the visual field of my binoculars; it moved to the right and downward, all the time going through what appeared to be swift non-directional motions. The neighbor boy was describing all the same motions while observing with the naked eye. One of my supervisors today described an observation she had made as "kite like" motions.

I believe that further investigation must be made of what we are seeing, that there is some recognition and confirmed public knowledge that something is being seen, and an explanation of whatever it is, or a statement that the U.S. Government does not know what it is. These observations should not continue to be ignored. People who observe these things are reluctant to speak out for fear of ridicule (my supervisor said she had not even told her husband yet)

I will be glad to be of any assistance you wish in any further investigations.

Sincerely,

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Supervisors Coordinate Patient Services

What this medical center has developed through industrial engineering offers a pattern by which even small hospitals can improve nursing efficiency

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RETURNING the nurse to the bedside" is one of the everyday battlecries in hospital administration and, at the University Hospital, University of Michigan, methods engineering principles have produced a management concept that appears to have achieved just this.

The problem at our 1000 bed hospital may well be similar to hospitals of much smaller size. To us, the problem was of two parts, both relating to the individual nursing units.

The first of these was the need to delete from the nursing service department those activities that could be defined as "nursing." Second, and more difficult, was the need for coordination of the manifold activities that occur within the nursing unit.

At University Hospital, residents in hospital administration and methods engineering students of the department of industrial engineering, University of Michigan, were available to assist with the research that the hospital administration needed.

The need for coordination was quickly demonstrated. In fact, it became clear that the inpatient nursing unit was controlled by as many departments as there were hospital services.

True, nursing seemed to have paramount responsibility for patients, but many other departments were distractingly involved. Service de-

partments, such as the linen room, general stores, sterile supplies, laboratories, pharmacy and purchasing had roles in indirect patient care.

Allied health science disciplines such as dietary, physical therapy, occupational therapy, social service and others were involved in direct patient care.

General repairs in patient units were the responsibility of maintenance; housekeeping (called "building service") controlled general cleaning and wall washing, and nursing department aides did other cleaning.

All these involvements were dramatically highlighted by the massive problems of the appointment system. Demands for "stat" appointments, conflicting appointments for a given patient by different departments, and the patient transportation load all made for a near-impossible situation.

Although clerical assistance had

been provided the head nurses, coordination of all these various departmental activities in the nursing unit was virtually impossible. As a matter of fact, later studies showed that, with the nursing shortage, head nurses were spending nearly 90 per cent of their time in direct patient care. This left little time for nursing supervision to say nothing of the needs for coordination.

Illustrated in Figure 1 are the major findings of the utilization study. It was noted that at least 26.7 per cent of nursing activities from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. could be classified as non-nursing. In addition, time spent on "exchange of information" and "other indirect care" totaled another 25.2 per cent and not all of this was strictly nursing activity. The nonnursing distractions totaled an even greater percentage from 4 p.m. to midnight.

In contrast to these findings, only 13 per cent of available nursing service time was being contributed by



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Supervisors Took Over Services So the Nurses

personnel without formal education or training in direct care of patients.

Further analysis uncovered conflict between nursing and nonnursing functions. For example, the aide who was transporting patients or cleaning supplies could not assist the staff nurse in giving patient care. Actually, we found nurse's aides were spending 45 per cent of their time on such nonnursing chores.

It was clear that — faced with the frequent choice between performing tasks important to hospital management and tasks important to management of the patient — nurses under pressure would rightly turn to the patient needs.

The division of labor is a recognized management principle as is the

important corollary that these divisions must be carefully coordinated.

Our initial studies confirmed our belief that nursing had accepted many nonnursing functions over the years and that there was a real potential for the division-of-labor technic.

From the research we developed a new concept based on a realignment of functions, generally, and the provision of a new system of supervision within the nursing units. Specifically, we began with the idea of a single supervisor to coordinate all floor services contributed by central services, building services (housekeeping), and maintenance.

It will be noted in Figure 2 that

the patient areas of the main hospital are of the "double Y" design. Two patient units of 50 beds each make up one floor level.

It was decided to create a "service unit" serving the 100 beds under the direction of a nonnursing supervisor, in charge of the clerks, maids and porters. To this group would be given primary responsibility for (1) maintaining a clean environment, (2) errands and patient transportation, and (3) general clerical duties.

Major revisions were made in the communications system to permit the answering of all telephone calls in the service unit office.

The clerk thereby assumed the duties of giving information to visitors, answering the telephone, making patient appointments, dispatching floor messenger service, the admission, transfer and discharge of patients and associated clerical activities, filing reports on the medical records, helping to order supplies, and other needs of the unit.

The nursing station retained a floor clerk whose duties included transcribing medical and medication orders, checking stock pharmaceuticals, maintaining nursing payroll time records, and other duties assigned by the head nurse.

Long-range plans of the dietetic department included serving food to patients; thus consideration of transferring this function to the service unit was deleted early in the analysis.

To achieve the desired organization, six budgeted positions were transferred from nursing service (two clerks, four aides), six and one-half positions were transferred from building service, and two and one-half positions were added.

Unrelated to the new organization but helpful to the nursing department was the simultaneous addition of clerical coverage from 5 p.m. to midnight five days a week and weekend day coverage.

The first service supervisor was a

Fig. 1 — Major Findings of Study

Activity	8 a.m.	4 p.m.
	4 p.m.	12 mid.
PATIENT CARE ACTIVITIES		
Medications and other direct care:	23.6	27.1
Other bedside care	3.5	2.8
Total care with patients present:	27.1	29.9
Exchange of information	10.2	9.9
Medical record activities	6.3	13.4
Medication activities	6.7	9.7
Patient discharge, transfer, etc.	2.0	1.9
Other indirect care	15.0	9.6
Total care without patients present	40.2	44.5
Total — all patient care activity	67.3	74.4
OTHER ACTIVITIES ON NURSING UNIT		
Management — equipment and supplies	3.9	2.3
Housekeeping and maintenance	1.7	2.2
Dietary	7.4	10.5
Patient transportation	3.8	0.8
Messenger service	1.0	1.5
Hospital policy and procedure	0.6	0.1
Total — unit management	18.4	17.4
Inservice development	6.2	2.1
Personal and unoccupied time	8.1	6.1
Total of "other activities"	32.7	25.6

Could Nurse

young man from the business offices. A flexible salary range with the minimum below the starting salary of a staff nurse and a maximum comparable to that of the head nurse was established for the position.

Perhaps inevitably, the initial enthusiasm on all sides when the plans were first discussed became clouded with general objections as the plans went into effect. The attempt to transfer too many functions too fast may have been a fault.

But as each activity and task were analyzed, as the purpose and objective were defined, things began to fall into place. We began to find that, instead of objections, individuals began contributing useful suggestions helping to refine the program.

It was established, for example, that preparing a patient should be a nursing function and that transporting the patient was a service unit function. A form was developed (Fig. 3) as a safeguard.

Prepared by the clerk in duplicate at the time an appointment was made, copies were given to both nursing and the transporter. The nurse completes the "mode of transportation" and the "assistance required" and attaches her copy to the bedside.

The patient thus knows where he is going and when. The transporter knows when to get the patient and what is required. In the patient's absence, the slip on the bed tells where the patient has gone.

Analysis continued to evaluate the functioning of the clerk, and it became clear that she was not a "nursing clerk" at all. What we needed was an "administrative clerk."

We found that she may assist a doctor in getting his orders ready for the nurse but she does not assist the nurse. Subsequently supervision of all the clerks was transferred to the service supervisor.

Through the application of methods analysis based on methods engi-

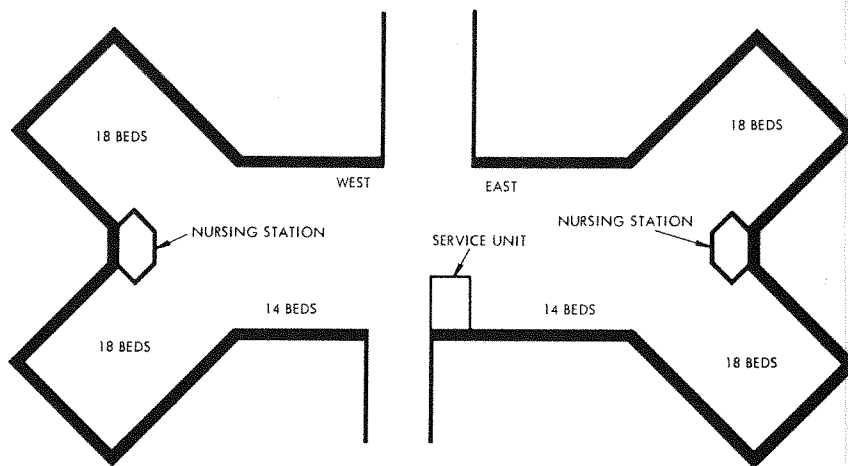
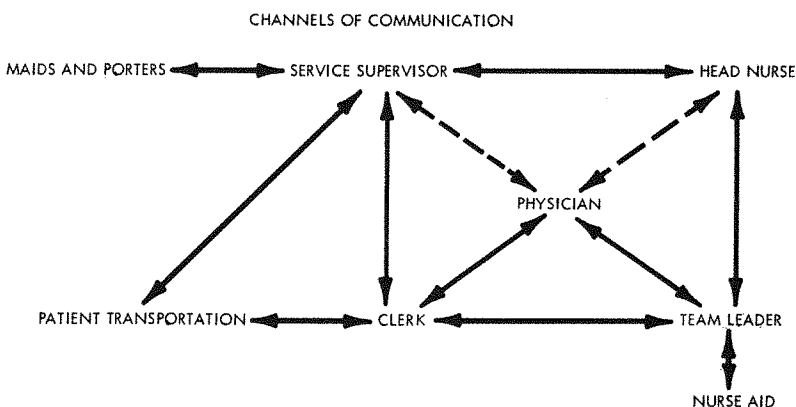


Fig. 2 (above) — Floor plan shows central location of service office in relation to the two nursing stations.

APPOINTMENT SLIP	
Patient Name	_____
Location	Room No. _____ Bed No. _____
Appt. For	_____
Location of Appt.	_____
Time	Date _____
Take	_____
Remarks	_____
TRANSPORTATION	
Wheel Chair	Requires Nursing Assistance
Stretcher	
Ambulatory	Requires No Assistance
Time Taken	_____

Fig. 3 — Patient preparation and transportation are coordinated by two copies of the appointment slip.

Fig. 4 — The new plan gives to the service personnel a primary role in communications on the nursing unit.



neering principles, many improvements in the clerk's functions became realities. A major revision was made in the intercommunication system to avoid duplication of communications.

The filing on the medical records was rescheduled to a time when the records were not being used by the doctors and nurses. Of course, many intricate relationships had to be carefully worked out as this proceeded.

The clerk plays an important role in the communication between physician, the nurse caring for the patient, the service supervisor, the patient, and the patient transporter. Figure 4 illustrates the channels of communication.

We use the nursing team at University Hospital. It will be noted from the same illustration that the head nurse is left out of the direct

line of communications unless she is also functioning as team leader. This frees her from much of the routine work and permits her to be, in short, a head nurse rather than a message carrier, manager and errand runner.

With the assignment of transportation and cleaning duties to the service unit, nursing aides can now devote their entire time to assisting the nurse in patient care. Before the re-

organization, they were responsible for so much to so many that they seldom had more than two hours a day to assist the nurse in direct patient care.

The service supervisor also has total responsibility for maintaining the supplies and equipment needed for patient care and operation of the unit. Under the standard quota system, some departments had direct re-

sponsibility for providing supplies, such as stock pharmaceuticals and the linens.

For other supplies, the service supervisor assisted in establishing lists of items to be stocked in designated areas within the unit, and the standards to be maintained. This has proved most helpful in familiarizing him with the equipment and supplies required by doctors and nurses for the care of patients.

Another routine duty of the service supervisor is to assist in the orientation program of the nursing student, the intern, the medical student, and new staff members. This includes familiarizing the new member with the responsibilities of the service organization and of the methods and communications established to facilitate carrying out these responsibilities; it includes the nature and location of equipment and supplies maintained on the unit and how to procure others when needed.

The service supervisor has responsibility for instituting and carrying out administrative practices and policies.

At first it was difficult for nurses to realize, accept and remember that someone else was carrying the responsibility for the management of the unit. Many hours of conference between nursing and service unit personnel were held with stress placed successfully on the advantage of the system in freeing nurses to give better patient care.

Of course, the service unit has had to prove itself every step of the way. One head nurse deplored the fact that "nobody asks me anything now except about nursing care and doctors' orders."

When we inquired what she wanted them to ask her, she explained she "used to know everything" — when the linen arrived, what the surgical supply stocks were, and so on — but now such matters were no longer her responsibility. She "felt left out of things."

From the beginning most head nurses had a good understanding of the objectives of the program. The staff nurses, students, medical staff, and clerks required more orientation to the objectives of the program. A group of senior students, for example, expressed their concept of a head

WHO MAKES A GOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR?

When we set up the service department at the University of Michigan hospital, Ann Arbor, one of the most important tasks was to find supervisors to take charge of the work on the nursing units.

There were no precedents we could follow in choosing these supervisors since the jobs had never before existed at this hospital, and the job descriptions would have to be developed as the service department itself developed. We had no fixed ideas about educational background, previous experience, or whether the supervisors should come from within the University Hospital or from the outside.

We did know that the supervisors would have to be trained on the job, and we wanted people we could count on to stay for a long time inasmuch as we would have to spend much time training them before they would be of any real value to us.

Obviously, a supervisor had to be someone able to handle people, so we set out to look for individuals who either had been in a supervisory position or had showed supervisory ability.

Another, and most important, qualification was that the supervisors must be personable: pleasant, with an equable disposition because they would have to get along smoothly with all kinds of people with all kinds of temperaments. They must be able to gain the respect of the head nurses.

We decided that the supervisors need not be creative; a more val-

uable characteristic would be resourcefulness. They must be able to act quickly and improvise when the occasion called for it.

Finally, the persons chosen must be well-organized and conscientious.

The first person selected (by the administrator) was Tom Murphy, who started as a unit supervisor and has now been made a section supervisor responsible for the work of the four unit supervisors. Mr. Murphy had been with the hospital only a few months as a collections interviewer and his education included two years at Michigan State University studying physical education.

Of the four supervisors hired for the first phase of implementation, three are women who had been employed in the hospital in various capacities for several years. One was a nursing clerk, one was a building service supervisor, and the third had been in the business office of the child psychology department. The fourth supervisor, a young man, had been a navy corpsman. All of them are high school graduates.

An interesting sidelight on this business of choosing supervisors is that it was believed the experience gained by each of the supervisors who had worked in another department of the hospital would contribute something useful.

This has not proven true. If anything, they have had to unlearn what they had learned on their former jobs. — A.H.

nurse as the person who "knows all about everything on the unit."

The new program is giving us an opportunity to create a new image of the head nurse as a planner and expert of patient care. In fact, the new plan has provided a new clarity to nursing service administration with the ability now to concentrate on direct patient care without all the frustrating lateral responsibilities of before.

An important effect also of the program has been to upgrade all the personnel. Each individual is responsible now for a certain area of activity, for getting his or her job done. And each person has his or her supervisor, instead of many.

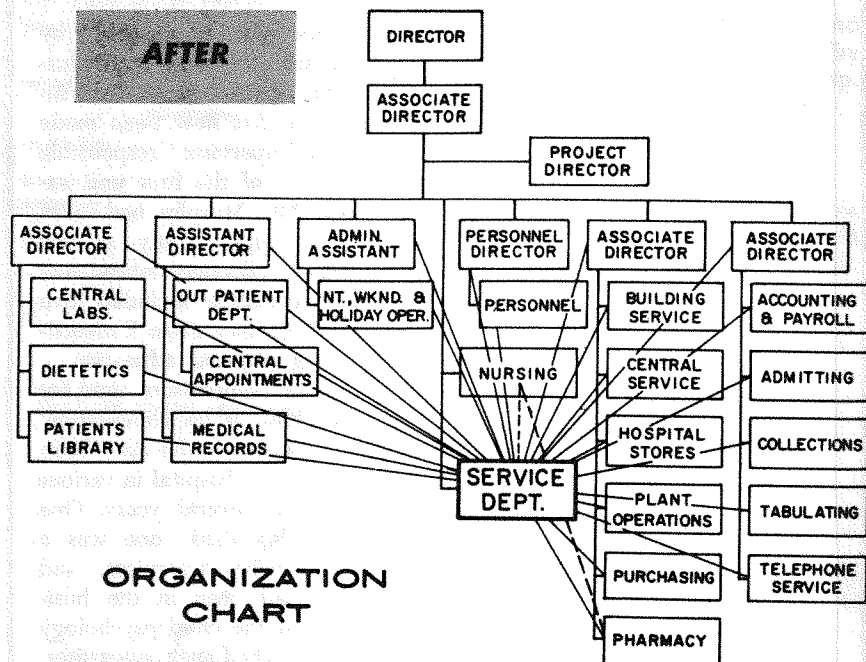
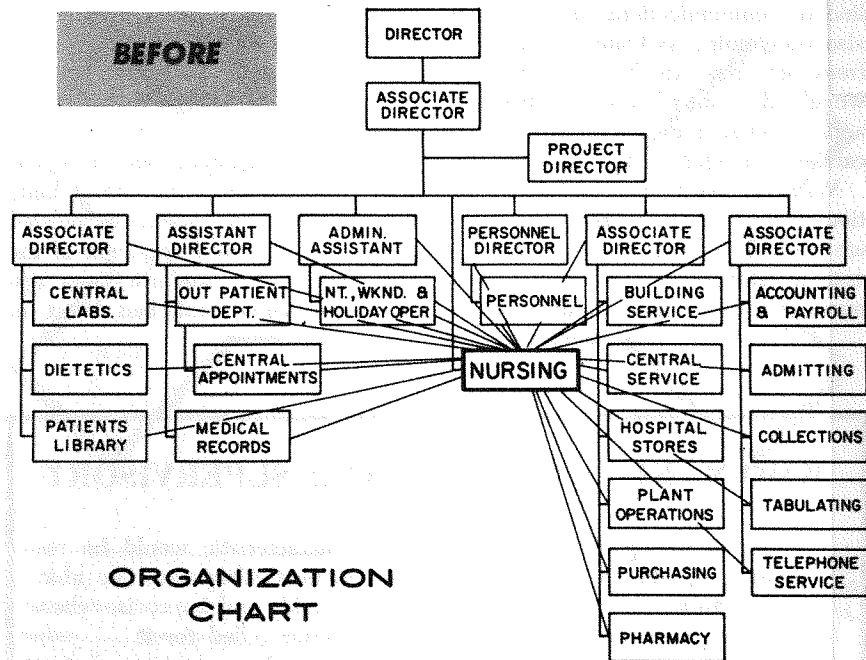
The program has received the support of the medical staff. Their clerical and administrative needs are now met by persons who have this as a primary function. Relieving the nurse of supervision of auxiliary functions has given her more time to work with the physicians.

The program has also received the support of all related departments. The contributions of each department could be readily identified, giving that department opportunity to exercise initiative in improvements.

The program could not have succeeded — nor would it have ever begun — had it not been for the zealous support of the administration. To administration the service unit has provided direct values. It aids the practice of preventive administration rather than corrective administration.

There was some inevitable increase in costs but this was insignificant compared to the advantages being demonstrated daily. The original objective had been to reorganize without increasing budgeted positions. Offsetting the fact that this has not yet been attained has been the increased productivity and — while not accurately identified — the acutely felt increase in nursing time for patients.

With all this encouragement, we now have a detailed plan to implement expansion of the service unit concept. The first phase now nearing completion covers the general and specialty medical and surgical inpatient services. This represents four levels of about 400 beds.



Dramatically demonstrating the plight of the head nurse in her burdens of administration, the "Before" chart contrasts to the "After" chart in which the service department has assumed most of the administrative responsibilities.

Succeeding phases will include the pediatric inpatient areas, private and semiprivate inpatient areas, clinical research, Women's Hospital, and the psychiatric units.

This is a continuing program and a great deal of work remains to be done in obtaining our objective. This was recently stated in a Michigan newspaper editorial as "restoring the nursing profession to a position of

prestige." We hope by the fall of 1964 to have completed all phases of the reorganization.

We believe it should be emphasized that the existence of the service organization in our hospital is not the end of improvement in our nursing service. Rather, an efficiently operating service organization is now making possible the beginning of real improvement in patient care. ■

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HON. CONGRESSMAN JERALD FORD
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APR 1 - ANSD

Dear Sir:

I congratulate you on your sincere determination in seeking the truth about M.F.O.'s and I pray God you will keep pressing for an open hearing regarding this. The Air Force has a regulation that suppresses radar confirmation of M.F.O.'s known as (200-2) - If you do not or have not heard of the N.I.C.A.P. organization here it is anyway. They have a full documented report - that I now have in my possession - all about these M.F.O.'s. The name of this book is "The M.F.O. Evidence" and the address is N.I.C.A.P. 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington D.C. 20036.

Here is a copy of a letter of rebuttal that I have just mailed to the Pentagon March 29, 1966.

LETTER OF REBUTEL

If these M.F.O.'s are not interplanetary, then how do you explain the following?

Here are some excerpts from a noted authority on M.F.O.'s "The Report on M-identified Objects" by Edward J. Ruppelt - (former head of the Air Forces "Project Blue Book")

(CONTINUED)

It has been ascertained that neither Russia or the U.S.A. has such a ship, and this was made official.

Secondly, it has been established that the M.F.O.'s are real.

Also, it is well known in Mr. Ruppelt's book; that the Air Forces' "Project Bluebook" has on many reports about M.F.O.'s - stamped "Secret" or "Top Secret."

Now if this is so, then it's an indirect admission that there is sure something behind all this; otherwise, such tactics would not have been used by the Air Forces' "Project Bluebook." To me it's a waste of time to spend tax dollars choosing after something like this, if you did not really believe them to be interplanetary yourself. How much longer does the public get the old run around? I would not be writing all this, if I were not concerned and very interested to know all the facts about life from outside this planet - as many people are. I will keep digging and probing; until this is out in the open; as (N.I.C.A.P.) has been trying to get the Congress to do; in vain so far.

This surely does not involve security, because these M.F.O.'s have not harmed anyone or thing so far as I know; so why all the fear? As ex-President F.D.R. has said "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." We have faced far greater things that have been solved, and we will continue to do so long after all of you gentlemen have retired.

President Kennedy said "Let us go forward" Let's call a spade a spade. Let's stop all the "weasel wording" as Mr. Ruppelt has said in his fine book, and get down to serious reports to the public.

Once again sir, I cannot thank you enough, and please do not let anything stop you, because this is just too important an issue that not only this nation has a right to know all about but the whole world as well. Leading scientists around the world cannot be wrong about these A.F.O.'s Military as well as commercial pilots know what they see. Call N.I.C.A.P. forward with there evidence and have the scientists have there say on this. I can only say this in closing I f and when these beings ever decide to make an open and direct contact with us, what the hell will all the censorship be worth then.

I wish you all the luck in the world, and pray you can get this out in the open either in Congress or on Nation wide T.V.

Looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Raymond D. Maulay

