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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Concerning the so-called blinking ball of lights. In western Nebraska in the 20's and 30's, Jack-O-Lights or Will-O-the-Wisps were common. They would be seen along lowlands by the river, hovering over cemeteries, several miles from bodies of water in cornfields and by windmills. The citizenry just took them for granted as they were quite common.

Since then, I have heard it explained as being phosphorescent gasses from decayed bodies or animal depositions.

These lights were more of a phosphorescent glow - a greenish blue with shades of pink and seemed to follow a car along a highway that skirted a river.

Seems the analysis by a Northwestern University astrophysicists that this is caused by swamp gas is logical.

Please write a Mr. Ketler, editor of Benkelman Post at Benkelman, Nebraska and I am sure there will be lots of testimonials concerning the jack-o-lites or will-o-the-wisps in earlier Nebraska.

Thank you

Mr. R. L. Middleman

UFO

APR 1 - ANSO

March 28, 1966

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

Dear Representative Ford:

Please count us as a supporter of a congressional investigation into UFO's. This phenomenon is too wide spread to be written off to the credulity of the average person. The present investigation has apparently led nowhere and has resulted only in making some people appear to be liars or fools.

A national spotlight with sincere intentions could remove some of the skepticism and emotionalism now involved in these sightings and result in new information that has been stifled due to the present methods used. Also, it could categorize much of the facts now available and possibly lead to a logical deduction on this phenomenon.

Whether these objects are natural, supernatural, interplanetary, or otherwise, the public has a right to know and not to be ridiculed for its sincerity and curiosity in this mystery.

Yours truly,

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P. S. We are enclosing a copy of this letter to the Honorable Charles Chamberlain, our representative from Lansing, asking him to support you in this matter.

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APR 1 - ANSU

March 29, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are writing to let you know that you have our wholehearted support on the congressional investigation on UFO sightings.

If you have any information you can send us, or if there is any thing we can do, please let us know. We would certainly like to see all the data and facts released to the general public.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. C. L. Meese

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UFO

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Lansing, Michigan
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March 29, 1966

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

APR 1 - ANSD

Dear Sir: Re: UFO's

Please do what you can to have a full investigation of UFO's. There are reports of many many sightings of these objects in our area. I feel that the true information should be revealed.

Yours truly,

Blanche A. Williams

(Mrs.) Blanche A. Williams

Box 571
Warsaw, Missouri
March 29, 1966

APR 1 - AMSU

UFO

Mr. Gerald Ford
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I understand that you would like to have the mysterious U.F.O.'s investigated.

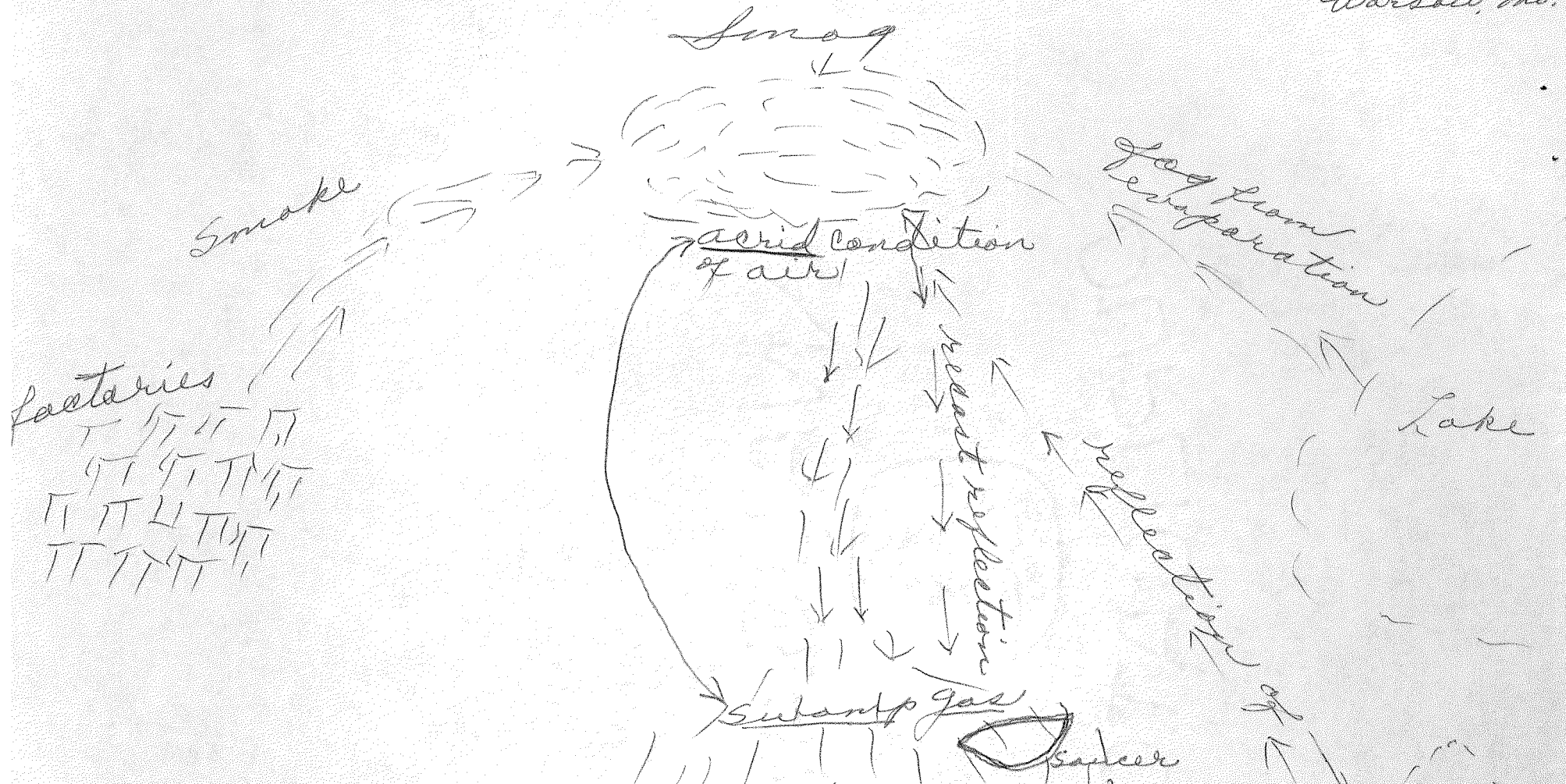
I know you are a very busy man but will you please take time to read this article which I have written. I believe it will clarify some of the mystery connected with the so-called flying objects, and also some other ethereal phenomena.

I have also witnessed some of the ethereal antics, and have tried to figure them out scientifically. Please read this and if you are interested - you may turn this article over to scientists or other interested persons. I would like to know how they feel concerning this.

Please read this carefully, and if it isn't too much trouble; I would like to hear from you after they have made a study of this.

Yours truly,
Grace Kivett

March 29, 1966
Warsaw, Mo.



Swamps are low places receive reflections (recast)

mirage or recast reflection is usually inverted.

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These reflectors may be many many miles away, striking only the spot capable of receiving them. This may be any place, but industrial places make the acid condition possible when united with moisture.

Quonset Hut
or
grain bins
or
dome of bldg.
or
ships
or
airplanes etc.
may reflect

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idents which some persons allege have taken place."

Which committee would do the investigating? The House committee on science and astronautics?

John R. Blandford, armed services chief counsel, was uncertain. "I don't know if it's in our jurisdiction or not," he said. "I feel left out. I've never seen an unidentified flying object. I wonder why they don't come over Washington."

Philip W. Kelleher, armed services committee counsel, said the dispute would be settled by the speaker of the House or the first committee chairman who wants to take the subject over.

Blandford said maybe the House committee on un-American activities might be interested.

"Any object flying around unidentified has to be un-American," he said.

WANTS CONGRESS TO PROBE U.F.O.'S

Rep. Gerald Ford Isn't Satisfied With Air Force Report

SAYS PUBLIC CONCERNED

House Minority Leader Calls for Investigation on Nationwide Scale

(Service of the Chicago Daily News)

Washington—Now that unidentified flying objects have been so bold as to trespass the skies over Michigan, his home state, Gerald R. Ford, House Republican leader, wants action.

He has proposed that a committee of Congress investigate U. F. O.'s over Southern Michigan and other parts of the nation.

Ford is apparently dissatisfied at the Air Force investigation because they have either brushed the reports aside as

And Over Missouri . . .

Jefferson City (AP)—A Missouri highway patrol trooper, L. A. Webb, was on duty near Jefferson City early today.

He spotted a bright spot in the sky to the east. It cast a reddish blue glow. He called the patrol's Troop F radio operator, Ed Keeney.

Keeney said he went outside with a pair of binoculars and studied the "unidentified flying object." It didn't move much, though.

So he called a friend who has a powerful telescope. The friend was skeptical about such matters just before dawn, but he took a look anyway. He concluded it was a planet.

Keeney wouldn't identify the friend with the telescope. He said he didn't want the friend to get as many telephone calls as he's been getting.

lusions or they "have come up with nothing conclusive."

Ford says the American people "are becoming alarmed by the U. F. O. stories."

"In the light of these new sightings and incidents," said Ford, "it would be a very wholesome thing for a committee of the Congress to conduct hearings . . ."

"The American people would feel better if there was a full-blown investigation of these in-

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Groce Kineth

Various Phenomenons

U. F. O.'s

I would like to make a staggering explanation to the so-called flying saucers and the weird phenomenon witnessed by some in Michigan.

Please finish reading this and see me through on it. Then I would like to know your ideas on this, and also, some scientist ideas.

A few years ago, I had a very interesting experience: I witnessed a most magnificent phenomenon which I shall never forget.

Our community had been alerted of an approaching tornado, and I was scanning the skies at that time. Angry clouds of dark and peculiar coloring, filled the sky in the southwest, and as I stood there four huge discs appeared and rolled in successive order across the top of a horizontal cloud and then vanished. They were rolling at a terrific speed, and they were beautiful beyond words. The center of them was of a dark hue, surrounded by a ring of yellow then another dark ring and it tapered off to an orange-yellow.

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They must have been three or four feet in diameter.

I called to my husband to come and share this most amazing spectacle, but before he arrived; they had vanished. He must have thought I was out of my mind.

I arrived at this conclusion: just across the Missouri River there was a beacon-light to guide the planes at night, or so they said, this was the purpose of them. It was about three miles away and to the southwest of us. The storm clouds lay between the beacon-light and myself. It had four round lights, one on each side of a square casing. I am most sure this was a reflection of those four lights, a mirage to be exact. The atmospheric condition was just right, long enough for the one complete revolution of this light. Then the air-currents broke the light waves and they disintegrated.

We have mirages on water and on land; why couldn't we have them

in the air?

We know that air waves have a way of increasing the size of an object many times. It was reported that these objects were known to be dashing around at a great speed and as the airplane approached it; it by-passed the plane. As the plane approached this particular spot - wouldn't it be natural to assume that the plane caused this to divide, and naturally, the assuming object would by-pass the plane? It has been reported that they seemed to vanish in mid-air.

As to the shape of these objects, they may take on the shape of the object's reflection, but since waves of air overlap, the objects may be distorted to a certain extent. A mirage may be the reflection of an object many miles away. Some of these objects which may be seen in a mirage in the sky are; airplanes, ships, buildings with reflecting material on their domes, tanks, houses & buildings, etc. They may

be distorted in shape and size by the overlapping of air waves so that one may not even recognize them. Any object capable of reflection may give off ethereal mirages and when atmospheric conditions are proper to receive these reflections then such phenomenal aspects may appear in these places. A damp, foggy place may invite these mirages. As a rule, they appear on stormy nights. They may remain intact for some time if the air wave is not disturbed. Even a person approaching within several feet may break up the air wave. A land mirage usually takes on the appearance of an inverted object. First it is reflected into the air and recast to the earth; therefore the inverted appearance, this being brought about by a stratum of hot air of varying intensity which in turn reflects it back to the earth, usually in inverted form.

I shall never forget when I was a small child, father called to mother and us children to see a phenomenon such as I am writing about. It was in the springtime; the wheat in the field was a few inches high, and on this wheat lay the most beautiful rainbow, an exact replica, and just as complete in formation, as the one in the eastern sky. The wheat was covered with moisture and dew and could accept the reflection of the one in the sky. This ^{rainbow} was lying flat on the field.

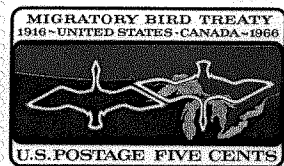
I believe that the reflection from objects into the air, will in turn, be reflected back to the earth, in a more or less, distorted form and size and the speed of these will be determined by the speed of the air waves and if broken up will disintegrate.

That is my opinion. I would like to hear your opinion and others on my opinion.

(over)

no people have been seen on these
etheral vehicles. People are not
capable of reflection.

Grace Kivett



Mrs. R. J. Kivett
Box 571
Warsaw
Missouri

Dear Rep. Ford.

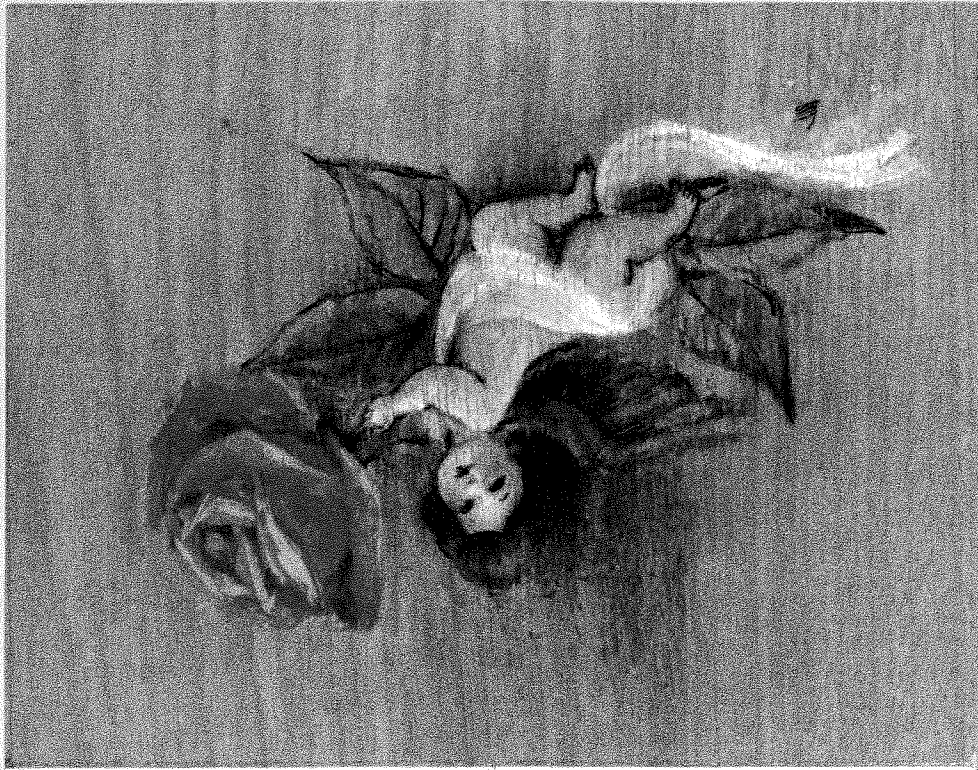
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APK 1 - ANSO

VFO

Just a note to encourage you to carry out an investigation on U.F.O.'s. I firmly believe many of these people are correct in their reports and I find it quite amusing to see how the Air Force and their appointed Scientist & Prof. (byrd for the much area) drop this like a "hot potato" many people feel the govt. really does have information but shield it from the public. Please make them air out these investigations in the open. I am enclosing a recent clipping from the "Daily News"

There was a more detailed story in the American about the boys in this picture, and believe me I have to congratulate these boys on their pictures. They seem to accomplish more than our Air Force. "I haven't seen any pictures released by the Air Force." (over)



I also suggest you employ
other than Prof. Byrnes to
do investigating. I am not
satisfied about the Michigan
U.F.O. I suggest various
people who have detailed
information on these U.F.O.'s
be called before the committee.

Please keep your fine
work. Sincerely, A. Steenberg

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This Wasn't Marsh Gas

The circular object in the photo at the right, with the beam of light shooting from it, was photographed at 9:30 p.m. yesterday in front of 1412 W. Flournoy.

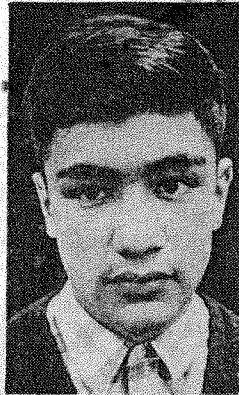
Jose Gudino (right), 14, who took the picture, and two other boys with him, said the object definitely was not a plane or helicopter.

They said two such objects—alternately flashing green, orange and white lights—approached Flournoy from the south at what the boys judged to be about 300 feet up.

One object then dipped to a point just above treetops.

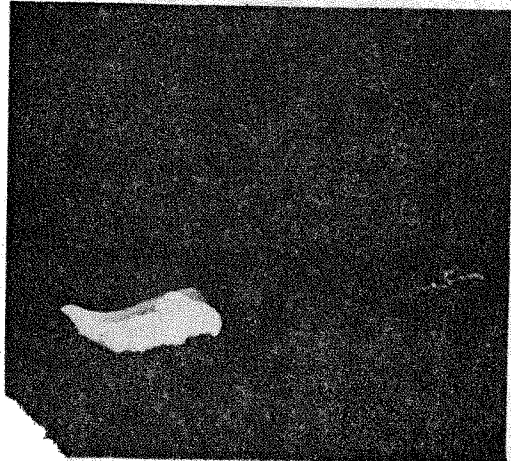
The two objects then proceeded to what seemed to be about Madison, then separated and moved out of sight.

Below is a picture Jose



made as the two objects were approaching Flournoy.

The boys said they saw the objects for a total of about 15 minutes.



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Crystal Lake: One Year After

One year ago Sunday—Palm Sunday—the terrible black funnel of a

Virtually all of the sites on which homes were destroyed are occupie

UFO

3/29/66

Dear Senator Ford

Thanks for having an open mind, and calling for a Congressional investigation of U.F.O.'s

Our Government has for far to long ignored and disregarded both the personalities, and the wishes, of our respectfull, responsible, law-abiding, and thinking citizens.

It seems that anyone going contrary to the desires, thinking, & wishes of the his placed few, is made to feel that he is, mentally un-balanced; against the poor & illiterate; unpatriotic; (if he thinks we should definatly take action in Viet Nam ~~to~~ ~~wen~~) Against world trade (if he believes we should not do business with any one, who in turn supplies ANY of our enemies.)

Against the negro; (if he supports his police man, or believes a property owner, having worked, saved for, & accumulated property, is prevelged to say to who he wants to sell or rent this property too, without considering that for a months rent of 100.00 or a down payment of 500.00, said tenant could cause thousands of dollars damage to this property,) white or colored)

Against the down trodden (if he thinks foreign aid, and poverty aid, should not be split $\frac{2}{3}$ for the administrators & heads of state, and $\frac{1}{3}$ for the

job it was intended to do. Also if he thinks this remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ should be used to help these people to help them selves, that if they dont want to do this, to get "off the boat", instead of expecting a continuous month after month, year after year hand out.)

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Well, I don't want this to be a book. — But, couldn't we do more if war was actually declared in Viet Nam, Blockade, bombing where it will do some damage, jailing traitors who carry our enemys flag in our streets, & otherwise giving aid & comfort to our enemys? It appears that my son is "allowed to fight & be crippled or die in Viet Nam, but he is under no circumstances allowed to win".

This, and too many more of our domestic & foreign policies is Rediculous !!

Giving Red China a seat in the U.N. is comparable to moving a sadastic, murdering rapist, into your home & not locking your safe, or your wifes & childrens bed room door.

Back to the U.F.O's, I believe it is essentail that we find out what they are, it HAS to be something.

Respectfully, Mr. Charles C. Thornton

1230-E-Army Post Rd.

Des Moines, Iowa

Senator Ford, after you have read this, would you please pass it along to our good Senator from Iowa Jack Miller? I do not mean to be disrespectful to him, but I do hate to write letters, and I can in this way let both of you know my thoughts.

Thanks

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APR 1 - ANSD

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

It is my honest opinion that a Congressional investigation of UFO is long overdue. Let the people of America have the true facts -- both pro and con -- and then they can make up their own minds.

The ridiculous policy of the USAF to discount the reliability of thousands of people who have seen Unidentified Flying Objects seems to be a discredit to that branch, my favorite, of the Armed Forces.

True, there are a lot of nuts running around loose, but I don't consider myself a nut. I have been watching man-made flying objects (and Nature's too) and my wife has even made me see some flying saucers but the one occasion on which I was fortunate enough to see four Unidentified Flying Objects, made me realize that there are things flying around, not made with human hands, and certainly not a part of nature's handiwork.

I would welcome a Congressional investigation on the mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ray E. Ricketts
Ray E. Ricketts

P.S. Enclosed is two articles which were printed in the Danville Commercial Appeal in February of 1965.

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Conclusion Of Many Well Known Authorities

Flying Saucers -- Out Of This World

This is the second part of an article on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) by Appeal staffer, Ray E. Ricketts.

Unidentified Flying Objects in general, and Flying Saucers in particular, are not the only evidence we have that allows us to speculate on the possibility of life on other planets. Another interesting field of study is that of unusual radio waves from outer space which are apparently beamed directly at our planet.

For years, we have been aware of the activity of radio stars, sending forth radio beams from the vast reaches of

outer space. However, in 1960, American astronomers noticed that two particular spots in the heavens were sending forth high-intensity radio waves which were quite different from the others.

In a listing of radio sources from outer space, published by the California Institute of Technology, the two invisible spots in the heavens from where the radio beacons originate, are called CTA-21 and CTA-102.

Just four months ago, a Russian astronomer, Nikolai S. Kardashev, concluded that the natural phenomena of the universe

might not be responsible for the broadcasts from CTA-21 and CTA-102. Kardashev was of the opinion that we were perhaps, observing radio beacons sent out by intelligent beings of a high technological order.

FROM A close study of radio transmissions from CTA-21 and CTA-102, astronomers suggest that the microwaves reach out from a pin-pointed source in the heavens, as though originating from a planet. This contrasts sharply with the radio waves emitted from large expanses of gas on, or near, radio stars.

If the radio emissions from CTA-21 and CTA-102 are products of intelligent life on other planets, they would represent a civilization from one to three-thousand years in advance of ours.

This conclusion is based on the energy output that is necessary to produce such powerful radio signals. Today, on earth, we are producing only four billion kilowatts of power. With our energy output reported to be growing at the rate of four percent a year, we would have to wait a thousand or more years, to come up with anything near the strength of radio broadcasts from CTA-21 and CTA-102.

SPECULATING ON the possibility of life on other planets, Dr. Stephen H. Dole of RAND Corporation, concludes that there are probably 640,000,000 earth-like planets scattered throughout our galaxy. When we consider that there are billions of galaxies in the universe, then the possibility of intelligent life on other planets is hardly a matter of question.

Based on Dr. Dole's conclusion, the nearest earth-like planet in our galaxy would be, perhaps, twenty-seven light years away (150 million million miles). There might be as many as fifty earth-like planets within 100 light years of earth.

Certainly, we will have to increase our life span before we can communicate with these distant worlds.

We should consider it very important not to allow any new discoveries on earth, in space and outer space, to weaken our faith and trust in God and the Bible.

There is no portion of the Bible that I can find, where God makes any promise that He will not create life on other planets. I rather suspect that He has put life upon many thousands of planets in the vast universe. At any rate, when we meditate upon the size of heavenly bodies, we realize one thing---The limitless boundaries of God's creation stagger the wildest imagination of man.

It is my opinion, that for most flying men, it is not a question of whether Flying Saucers are real and from outer space but a question of whether they are from within our Solar System or a much greater distance in the Universe. Perhaps we might know the answers on July 14 when our spacecraft Mariner IV passes close to the planet Mars. If the craft indicates that life exists on the red planet, then we can assume that our Martian neighbors have visited us before we could arrange a visit with them.

Our own government has confirmed a program of research which would develop a propulsion system similar to that of the Flying Saucers. It has been reported that NASA began working on a system of electrical propulsion for spacecraft in April 1960. Electro-magnetic means of propulsion have been developed and perhaps, at this date one of these systems has been perfected.

Flying Saucers were first spotted in 1873 when a huge saucer shaped object set down in a field near Bonham, Texas. Another was spotted over Sistersville, W. Virginia in 1879. In the 1880's a huge cigar-shaped shiny object hovered over Chicago, visible to thousands of people.

Author Frank Edwards in his book, "Strangest of All", quotes Gen. Nathan Twining, a distinguished leader in World War II and later to serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as saying on May 15, 1954, in Amarillo, Texas, "The best brains in the Air Force are trying to solve this riddle (of Flying Saucers). If they come from Mars, they are so far ahead of us, we have nothing to be afraid of."

IN THE January issue of TRUE Magazine, Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.) quotes the following men:

Senior Capt. William B. Nash, Pan American Airways pilot for 16 years, "I am certain that the UFO's we saw were intelligently operated craft from somewhere other than this planet."

Albert M. Chop, deputy public affairs director of NASA, "I've been convinced for a long time that the 'saucers' are interplanetary. We're being watched by beings from outer space."

Lt. Col. Howard Strand, base commander, Michigan Air National Guard, "My own conclusion is that UFO's are real and can come only from another planet with a civilization older than ours."

R. Adm. Delmer Fahrney, USN (Ret.), former chief of Navy guided missiles division, "Reliable reports indicate that unidentified objects are coming into our

atmosphere at very high speeds and that they are controlled."

The article also quotes the following leaders as being concerned over the public's lack of knowledge on the subject of UFO's: Sen. Everett Dirksen, Cong. John W. McCormack, former Sen. Barry Goldwater, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Sen. Stuart Symington, and others.

THE ARTICLE in True magazine lists many documented sightings of flying saucers. The following are typical examples:

September 21, 1961: A British and an American jet liner, flying over the Pacific, independently saw a huge round craft fly over them at incredible speed.

May 21, 1962: At Ezeiza International Airport, near Buenos Aires, a curious round machine appeared shortly before dawn and put down at the end of Runway 1-0-2-8, blocking a Panagra DC-8 jet that was preparing to land. After a while it took off and sped out of sight.

July 18, 1963: Near Sunnyvale, California, four Air Force jets tried to intercept a disc-shaped UFO in the air. According to a report, signed by a qualified ground observer and filed at NICAP, the strange craft was much too fast for the jets. It "pulled up in a short arc and shot up out of sight in an estimated three seconds."

IT IS also reported that on April 8, 1964, when NASA launched the first two-man GEMINI un manned capsule, four space craft of unknown origin, flew up to it--two above, one beneath and one aft. While radar trackers watched in astonishment, the four craft flew close to the capsule and paced it for a full orbit of the earth.

The Air Force and the government are very close-mouthed on the subject of UFO's. They will only say that the craft pose no threat to the national security.

A private organization, called NICAP (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena), has been established with the sole purpose of investigating UFO sightings. NICAP has about 5,000 members in 50 states and 30 foreign countries.

ANYONE IN this area who desires to join NICAP, should contact Ray Ricketts or Jimmy Crowder. We are NICAP members. If you have spotted an UFO, drop us a line, in care of The Commercial Appeal. If you spot a UFO at night, go to bed, get a good night's sleep and then give us a call the next day. Since they have been seen since 1880, we had rather not lose any sleep over another sighting.

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UFO--Flying Saucers--Real Or Imaginary American--Russian--Or Interplanetary?

This article by Appeal staffer, Ray E. Ricketts, on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), will appear in two parts. The second half of the story will run in next week's paper. Ricketts is a USAF veteran, a pilot, member of the National Aeronautic Association, and is president of the Danville Chapter of the Air Force Association.

"Based on what I have seen, heard and read, I am convinced that UFO (Flying Saucers) are from another planet--to change my mind, someone will have to prove to me that they ARE NOT interplanetary vehicles."

Thousands of people in the United States and in other parts of the world have spotted unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Pilots, scientists, doctors, radar operators, factory workers and farmers have given concise descriptions of strange flying craft.

Officially, we are told that these people have, perhaps, seen weather balloons, reflections, jet planes, clouds, etc. It is hard to imagine an airline pilot with 15 years flying experience suddenly seeing a flight of five weather balloons maneuvering close to his aircraft, making an abrupt turn and then moving away at incredible speeds. I cannot imagine a scientist casually reporting that reflections on his windshield had caused his car engine to quit, then hover in a field, to later speed away in a bright flash of light.

Practically all reports of UFO's have followed the same general pattern and descriptions of the objects have painted a clear picture of their size and shape.

At various speeds, they are reported to appear orange, red and as a bright white light. While hovering, they are said to resemble shiny metal craft.

WHEN MORE than one of the flying saucers have been seen, the craft usually fly a tight pattern of four or five. They make sharp turns while traveling at 600 to 1000 m.p.h.

Apparently the craft are powered by some form of cosmic, magnetic or atomic energy. Signs of radioactivity have been detected where UFO's have landed. But, the accumulation of radioactivity could have resulted when the craft passed through radiation belts near the earth's atmosphere.

Various accounts have indicated that when one of the UFOs passes over an automobile, the car engine stalls until the craft passes out of range. This would indicate a high degree of magnetic force of radioactivity.

People who have been very close to a hovering UFO have heard a whirring sound from within the craft. At a distance there is no sound, except for an occasional sonic boom. It is possible that the spacecraft receive some kind of recharging action from electrical storms. Perhaps the storms just provide cover and mask the sonic booms as thunder but, at any rate, the flying saucers are often seen near large cloud layers.

Size estimates of flying saucers range from 40 to 150 feet in diameter. For

years, they have been described as cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped discs. However, the recent flurry of sightings in Virginia have brought forth descriptions of a new design--an inverted ice cream cone. This latter design sounds a bit awkward for a spacecraft. It is very likely a design that could fit on the nose of a cylindrical rocket.

WHY DO I believe that flying saucers are from outer space?

Having studied balloons, parachutes, airplanes and rockets for a good part of my life, I have seen just about every type of aircraft known and have flown in many of them. I have seen, on more than one occasion, the acrobatic, precision flying teams of the Navy's "Blue Angels" and the USAF's "Thunderbirds".

At the National Aircraft Show at Dayton, Ohio in 1954, where I served as chief judge of the Parachuting Contest, I was standing in the center of the airfield as the "Blue Angels" completed their flying act. Five minutes ahead of schedule, an F-86H Sabrejet streaked in over the field, breaking the world's speed record. The pilot apparently glimpsed the "Blue Angels" as they banked around for a final run over the field. He pulled up, and the plane's fuselage went straight up like a rocket. The wings came floating down, tumbling over and over, glinting in the sunlight. The pilot was killed.

I stood there, trying to convince myself that this terrible thing was not happening. The same thoughts had passed through my mind, a few years earlier back in Danville, when Ray Brocker's parachute malfunctioned and Ray slammed into the ground a short distance from where his wife was standing.

The same feeling of "I wish I hadn't seen", was with me about four years ago, when my daughter called my attention to a huge flying object in the sky over Danville. This incident took place on an extremely hot day in July, at approximately 5 p.m.

OUR HOME on Hampton Drive overlooks the downtown section of Danville and Dan River. On this particular day the sky was smoky and hazy. After my daughter, Joan, called to me at least three times, I came out into the front yard and saw a huge air-foil shaped object approaching Danville from the northwest.

At an altitude of approximately 1,000 to 2,000 feet, it did not seem to be a solid object but the haze moved around it to outline the air-foil shape as the object barreled in toward downtown Danville.

The weird object passed behind the skyline and then pulled up sharply. As the object pulled up, it became, very distinctly, four metallic, round discs, flying in perfect diamond formation. Before reaching a point where they would have normally passed out of sight, the four craft disappeared. I estimated the

size of each saucer-shaped object at about 50 feet in diameter.

They were moving within some kind of force field (the huge object moving through the haze) which, I believe, would make the craft invisible under ordinary conditions.

A solid object, invisible in the air, is not really as fantastic and it might sound. I once observed a Navy plane with a peculiar type of configuration, that possessed an unusual ability to practically disappear as it reached a certain speed. This particular aircraft apparently built up a unique shock wave that distorted one's vision from the ground, causing the plane to seemingly disappear in mid-air.

THE INTELLIGENT beings, who apparently operate flying saucers, do not seem overly-anxious to communicate with us. In fact, they zoom away whenever they are aware of being seen. Apparently, they wish us no harm. However, they do seem to take a great interest in our atomic energy and space programs.

It would be reasonable to assume that efforts to make contact with Earthlings have not proved too successful for UFO pilots. If the saucer's magnetic force tends to stall a car engine--what would it do in like respect to the engines of an aircraft? I have always been skeptical of the coincidence factor of one bad plane crash being followed by five or six similar crashes around the world within days of each other.

One can only speculate on the ships, planes and individuals who disappear without a trace. There are recorded incidents of entire crews missing from ships, which were later found with all lifeboats intact and all things in perfect order. There are incidents of small craft with a crew of eight or ten that have been found with all members horribly burned to death while the structure and furnishings remained unscorched.

Of course these incidents could have been caused by various unexplained reasons, but perhaps, the atomic or cosmic force that radiates from the spacecraft could prove too much for human flesh. This would prove a somewhat frustrating barrier for communication between a volatile human and a being that is immune to atomic and cosmic rays.

PERHAPS WE should not lose any sleep or tax our brains over all the imponderables relating to UFOs. But I honestly believe that the time has come for human beings on earth to condition their minds to the fact that there is life on other planets. Life with an intelligence that is far superior to man's best efforts in this realm.

It is fairly well established that we are being observed by visitors from an advanced civilization. Their mission seems to be of a peaceful nature, therefore, we should, perhaps, mind our manners and present a good image to them.

NFD 4200 N. 31st. St. ¹
Arlington, Virginia
Apr. 2, 1966 22207
APR 2 ANSO

The Hon. Bernard A. Ford
House of Representatives of the U.S.
Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for
requesting an investigation
of the D.O.S. We've got nothing to
fear. Our Sec. of Defense
Mr. B. Stange Mc Namara
was quoted in "The Washington
Daily News" as saying there
is no such thing.

I was most interested
in the President's request to
the cabinet to cut-back as
well as what he proposed to
the housewife -

Just the proposal
to the cabinet, went out a
suggestion or recommendation
seems to be shift in responsibility.

... I fail to see how ²
he can expect us to make
to cut back when he doesn't
think we have the ability
to shape by requesting that
"silly" truth in packaging
legislation, as well as
I haven't seen any cut back
at the top - Beautification
is still in vogue; travel
is going on as usual, the
"Arts" must have more help -
We need more for the war on
poverty at a time when
unemployment is low and the
economy is going wild.

Perhaps you would
be interested in reading
Down the Top Staircase by
Vermont Boyster - seems it
is pretty well. (Yesterday's well st. journal)
Glad to read you are

"Dr. Hoover are getting together on the economic question. A tax increase would be all right if everybody put his "shoulder to the wheel" for the Vietnam situation; but you can't have "Guns & Butter".

If we don't do something in 66 we never will. My daughter come back from the G Reconversion at Natural Bridge very enthusiastic.

Yours Truly,

(Mrs) Carolyn Mae (or) M. A.

GERALD R. FORD
FIFTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN OFFICE:
425 CHERRY STREET SE.
GRAND RAPIDS

Congress of the United States
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives

March 31, 1966

Washington, D.C.

Mr. Richard J. Bocklet
Route 22
Ridgewood, New York 11227

Dear Mr. Bocklet:

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

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

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

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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House of Representatives

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APR 2 - ANJO

543 W Steeles Corners Rd
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March 31, 1966

Congressman Gerald Ford
House Office Bldg
Washington, D C

Dear Congressman Ford....

Ten Cheers for YOU !!! This is something that should have been don ages ago...this decision to investigate UFO reports...more thoroly ...and to get to the botton of this thing. Have never observed anything that could say was more than just lights, altho some of them certainly did not act like any lights an accustomed to seeing, but that is neither here nor there, but my husband DID see a beautiful silver disk about 1960...on Thanksgiving morning...while hunting. As he served as an aerial gunner in the Navy, hardly believe that he would not KNOW what he saw...and he stated flatly that it was no comparable to anything he had ever encountered before.... and when thousands and thousands of qualified citizens report these phenomena...just cannot understand the present stand of our Military....

Please know that, I for one, stand with you...and before forget...sometime ago wrote to our State Congressman, Stephen Young, and he assured me that something was going to be done...perhaps if you contacted him, you might add another to your committee....

Thank you...Bless YOU!!

Sincerely

Mrs W J Teagle

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UPD March 31, 1966

Can't read add
Dear Congressman Ford: ^{Dr} News

Thanks a million
for your courageous ^{APR 2 - ANSO} pursuit
of the Truth on the
Flying Saucers.

Why should we place
any confidence in the
"Ousted" professor any
more than we do
McKormack's "facts"
from the Pentagon?

Boys are still Dying
For What?

Sincerely,

339 Parkside
Beverly Hills, Calif

Mrs. Jim W. Tabor

UFO

The New Age Foundation, Inc.
8 Smith Street
Seattle, Washington, 98109
April 1, 1966

APR 2 - ANSD

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Congressman from Michigan
The House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford,

We are very pleased to hear of your interest and support for U.F.O. Hearings in Congress. We are hopeful that this may happen in the Armed Services Committee or some other appropriate committee. We feel it is very important to have this done.

Some weeks ago, we initiated here in Seattle, Washington a 'grass roots' effort to have people all over the United States ask for these hearings. A copy of a petition is enclosed. These are coming in from all parts of the U.S. and are being mailed by many to Washington D.C. to Senators, Congressmen, Federal Agencies, etc. These names indicate an original petition mailed to the President of the United States at the White House.

We hope that you will take this petition up, the material in this being most appropriate. Many of our people here, members of our group, etc. have seen U.F.O.'s. I have seen them personally over twenty times and I was a Major in U.S. Army Combat Intelligence, background sheet enclosed.

Please let us know what progress is being made in these hearings and what action might take place on our petition.

We are in complete agreement with your statement that the people having sightings all over for many years are entitled to action in the government. We consider statements such as "Swamp Gas" and "escape mechanism" because the people want to see UFO's as ludicrous and ridiculous. I have seen UFO's over the desert where there is no swamp gas, over cities and many places, clear day time and night time sightings with hundreds of witnesses.

We will be very pleased to hear from you.

Most Sincerely,

Wayne S. Aho
Wayne S. Aho

Lecturer on UFO Visitation

P.S. A very attentive crowd of about 400 heard our UFO lecture last night in Kent, Wash. are forming a UFO Study group, mailing in petitions. wsa

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Wayne S. Aho

Survival—U.F.O. Topics

Patriotic and Educational Lectures by Wayne S. Aho, 1434 Broadway, CH 2-5081.

Wayne S. Aho served in the U. S. Army as Combat Intelligence Officer during WW II, highest rank major. Total service in National Guard from 1937—to Reserve Officer Corps following WW II in 1956. Is an Omaha Beach D Day landing veteran, Normandy France, also Battle of the Bulge—and three other campaigns in Europe—Awarded Bronze Star Medal for exceptional meritorious service and the Purple Heart award.

Has devoted time since 1957 on educational and patriotic lectures, having traveled over 300,000 miles in lecturing work since that time in the U. S. and Canada. Is a qualified Radiological Monotor for Civil Defence.

His theme—Higher Understanding, and Higher Consciousness is the Answer for our nation and the world—based upon the and Christ Teachings and Principle and proved true through all the ages. Our nation is in great crisis as is the whole world, Aho says, it is time to turn in the only direction which brings answers. 'Where there is no vision the people perish.'

Is available for Service Club Lectures, luncheons, etc, as well as public lectures.

A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PERTINENT AGENCIES

- WHEREAS: Space is a TWO WAY Approach, we are impeding the flow of information without full recognition of these facts.
- WHEREAS: Billions of dollars of expenditures are involved in our Space Effort. We may find great tax savings by a free flow of information.
- WHEREAS: With proper recognition of the "TWO WAY" approach, we may get AN ASSIST from those already 'in Space'.

WE PETITION FOR:

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

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Authentic UFO Information is available! Write a personal letter to accompany completed petition. This is a grass roots effort to find a solution in these matters and gain nationwide unity and cooperation. Make new copies of the Petition or write to Committee for a True Space Plan, Grass Roots Effort 8 Smith Street, Seattle, Wash 98109. Reports of your progress will be appreciated. Remember many individual letters to the President, Senators and Congressmen will help. Let's make this a real grass roots effort!

EARTH MAN'S DILEMMA WITH SPACE

The staging is set for an Interplanetary Age to dawn upon earth man's consciousness. Earth nations are contributing billions of dollars toward this end from tax funds and still there is a dilemma.

We intend to establish bases upon our moon, visit, colonize, or "conquer" Space; bring our techniques, inventions, ideas and possibly our credit systems to bear in this planned space visitation. We hope in one breath that we may find existing life, similar possibly to our own, and in the next breath, we are fearful of what may happen if we do.

However, to the knowledge of the public at large, no earth nation has provided for this to happen in reverse, namely: visitation of others to earth! Still, astronomers are saying that 'they expect that there are hundreds of millions of inhabited worlds and most of them may be more advanced than the earth!' (Harlow Shapley) If we expect to visit, we should expect to be visited. Evidence piles up to indicate that this is an actuality already and that this visitation has been going on for a considerable number of years in time, even since the Sanskrit language, earliest known of our languages. With each new UFO sighting, the dilemma increases!

We do not have laws enacted, consequently we limit public acceptance to admit space visitors from other realms of life. If a space visitor landed upon our planet, we, by law, have no visa or passport to give him, no procedure by which he may qualify to visit. As a consequence, various security regulations and laws might bring the inevitable incarceration that no one really wants as the solution to 'our dilemma'. If we are to establish friendly relations with other planets and realms of life, there are some FIRST THINGS THAT WE MUST DO!

1. Eliminate the one-sided approach to space research. We must accept that it is a two-way affair, what we may do with or find in Space and what Space may wish to do with us.
2. We must begin to indicate our willingness to 'listen' as well as 'do'.
3. We need to enhance the public interest by opening the doors of officialdom as regards this subject, - - - - -, telling not only what our newest space exploit or expenditure is but what is being learned through the two-way door.
4. To avoid great embarrassment, even a possible catastrophe, we need to open the doors of our minds and end the ostrich-like attitude with the reality of space visitation already proved before our eyes. Catalogues of photos, communications and other evidence grow in volume and number. The public is increasingly aware and demands the 'right to know'. An explosive reaction may end the stalemate!
5. A farmer planting a field, hoping for an abundant harvest, must first know many conditions that apply. So it is with our Space effort. We must yield to Wisdom, not just dollars spent. We must know by Understanding, learn and be willing to be taught many things. This 'new field' has not been explored by earth knowledge. Willing ones are present if we are willing to gather together our best and wisest and plan a sensible Space Program. Willingness on our part may bring help from those already traveling Space!

Is it worth a try? We say it is!

Committee for True Space Exploration
A Grass Roots Effort
8 Smith Street
Seattle, Washington 98109



The Seattle Times

DON DUNCAN:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1969

Wherever He Goes, There Are U. F. O.'s

Wayne S. Aho is a good-looking, articulate, international gadfly on behalf of the flying-saucer gospel. He does not hold it against me that I have never seen a flying saucer nor a purple cow and never hope to see one.

Aho says simply, "Somebody up there loves us." And that somebody is "men from outer space." I would prefer a woman from outer space, but devotees of unidentified flying objects think only in terms of men.

Aho came into my office like gangbusters the other day to relate his latest exploits on the flying-saucer banquet circuit—mashed potatoes and creamed peas and rubber chicken taste the same in Oslo, Norway, as in Idaho Falls.

Wherever Aho speaks there is a rash of flying-saucer sightings. While Aho was enlightening the faithful in Stockholm, Sweden, the editor of Stockholm's largest newspaper "saw a flying object with windows on the side and he made a public disclosure."

Do saucers follow Aho? Who knows. The cigar-shaped objects and upside-down dishes just have a way of popping up where he speaks.

But there is something much bigger on Aho's mind than merely gaining converts to the faith. He is launching a massive campaign to have "saucers" formally recognized by Congress and by the United Nations.

More than that, Aho wants our country to take the lead with laws to greet our first friendly space visitors.

"AT PRESENT," Aho says sadly, "if a space visitor landed on our planet, all we could do is throw him in jail. A terrible way to greet a friend."

Aho proposes that we get to getting immediately to greet our non-earthling buddies with passports or visas, immunization shots and protective laws.

"Our space program," Aho continues, "should not be just a one-way affair—us trying to find out what we can about outer space and trying to impose our system on Mars and Venus. We must have open minds about what they can do for us."

Sort of an, "Ask not what you can do for Mars, but ask what Mars can do for you."

"I am very serious about this," Aho says. "We need a law to permit friendly space visitors to land. We may gain



WAYNE S. AHO

invaluable advice that will save us billions of dollars in our own space effort.

"Our awareness of space dimensions is growing. Our own earth is at the crossroads. Will it be destruction or a continuation of our way of life?"

Aho then made his big pitch. He wants the President to create a special cabinet post—a Secretary of Outer Space. He hopes to begin soon with the circulation of petitions, carrying thousands upon thousands of signatures, demanding that this country go on record as welcoming help from "out there."

IN HIS TRAVELS, Aho says, he often chats informally with senators and congressmen. Many, he adds, tell him they have seen unidentified flying objects, "but please don't quote me because my constituents will think I am crazy."

"In the time of Columbus," Aho continues, "it took a whole generation before the public would accept the fact that the world was round."

"Now, up to 35 per cent of all persons believe in saucers. And the percentage was zero just 20 years ago when Kenneth Arnold (Boise, Idaho, lumberman) made his famous sighting over Mount Rainier."

Grassroots America is especially captivated by the idea of outer-space visitors, Aho says. He does not believe this is because rural folk are more gullible than their sophisticated counterparts in the big cities, but merely that they have more open minds.

Aho lectured recently to a standing-room-only crowd in the Tri-Cities area. A U. F. O. group was formed. Several boys went to work building a five-inch telescope to spy on spacemen.

The prolific lecturer and writer on U. F. O.'s is a former Army major who last served in combat intelligence. He says he has logged over 400,000 miles preaching the good word on flying objects in the past 15 years.

DURING THAT TIME, Aho has founded two groups—Washington Saucer Intelligence, Washington, D. C., and The New Age Foundation, Inc., with headquarters in an abandoned sawmill office at Eatonville, Pierce County. The New Age adherents have picnics, rallies and "buffalo hunts." But they seldom take their eyes off Mount Rainier. Who knows what lurks up there?

Those who have not seen "saucers" are beginning to feel left out, Aho says pointedly. Believing is "in."

The former major, carrying his attache case full of clippings and documents, left the office on flying feet, a broad smile on his lips. He tossed the slogan of his organizations over his shoulder:

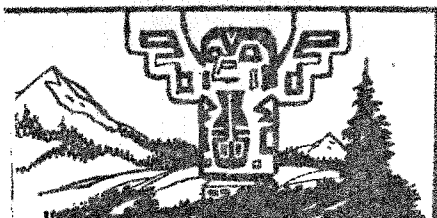
"Keep looking up."

I did. The fluorescent lighting was blinding. But beyond that I saw ceiling tiles with little holes to muffle the sound.

Could a space man crawl through those holes? I hoped not. But I'm going to keep a spare candy bar in the desk in case one does and he seems hungry.

And I am preparing a card with large letters on it:

"Please do not come any closer until you have had your shots. I am susceptible to colds."



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VFD

APR 2 - ANSO

2429 Dellwood Drive
Springfield, Ohio
March 31, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford
Congressional Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

After learning of your call and subsequent formal request for a Congressional investigation into unidentified flying objects, I wanted to take just a moment to add my name to the growing list of people expressing support for your action. I firmly believe that this is a topic that deserves far more serious consideration than it has in the past.

The attempts of the Air Force to discount the unusual reports that it receives and purportedly investigates should be halted immediately. The ridicule to which the people making reliable reports are subjected because of official Air Force attitude is deplorable. There are entirely too many reports for which there are no logical answers to allow this situation to continue any longer. The recent rash of sightings in your home state of Michigan certainly was proof of the inadequate manner with which the Air Force handles these reports.

In closing, I wish again to state my support and complete approval of your call for hearings and hope that you will continue your efforts for an investigation until you have achieved that goal.

Respectfully yours,

Virginia White

(Mrs. Richard) Virginia White

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27359 Cranford Lane
Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48127
April 1, 1966.

APR 2 - ANSD

Representative Weston Vivian,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a civilian UFO researcher for the past few years, I would, however, be the first to say that it would be useless for a congressional committee to investigate the situation if the Air Force is going to explain away such sightings, as it did, in January of 1965 when two objects were picked up by Navy radar operators at Patuxent Naval Air Station, Maryland.. "approaching at approximately 4800 miles an hour, making a tight turn, and disappeared" ..AS MALFUNCTION OF THE RADAR SYSTEM..AND AS THEY HAVE DONE OVER AND OVER.

If they are afraid of losing face (or the public going beserk) because an unknown object flew past their defence barriers, they can forget about it since these objects have been seen all over the world, even behind the iron curtain.

Your suggestion that a panel of scientists be appointed to reexamine all recent data about UFO is certainly a better one..but if they are going to relate what might be unprecedented with the known... where will that get us. Such as the UFO being called lights..rather than consider they might be ships enveloped in an artificial electric forcefield or atmosphere, making them immune to pressures of our atmosphere or pull of our gravity, which cannot be photographed through unless decelerated..and of course, turned off, when the ship has landed and any people emerge..the lights running up color spectrum as degree of power is applied.

I have my own proof as to the existence of more advanced, friendly human beings in our atmosphere, apparently only observing us..but that would be proof only to someone who cared to sincerely consider its possibilities.

I have only one question to ask: what if these object fly into our atmosphere in such quantities that no one can deny them; to whom would the public turn? And those of us who have been doing this research for some time have noted the increase (outside of psychological influence).

For personal reference refer to Senator Philip Hart, Michigan.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Mundo (Marxer)

copy to Gerald Ford, Rep., Michigan.

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6349 Walnut Street
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March the 31st, 1966

APR 2 - ANSU

Geo: send him
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Gerald Ford
House Minority Leader
Washington
D. C.

Respected Sir :-

I note in tonight's Pittsburgh Press that McNamara declared there are no "flying saucers" and only Fulton opposed his statement. I thought YOU were going to stand by the public in this matter and demand a long over-due investigation. I am rather amazed!

As things stand now, people think the people of Michigan are illiterate, hallucinated country bumpkins.... even those darlings at Hillsdale College! And LIFE magazine did little to improve the impression.

In 19 years of collecting and researching I have acquired about a dozen absolute fool-proof accounts of actual "flying saucers", and THESE are NOT "swamp gas" or "mirages"!

Where is blue blazes is the N.I.C.A.F. group? Have they turned coward and run out? I hope you do not "turn tail".

And just always remember it took 11 years before the government even admitted there was such a thing as "radioactive fallout". And it took Adlai to draw the truth out! A 1957 congressional hearing extracted the term "cesium-124" (the muscle-seeker) from a highly provoked and most reluctant A.E.C..

C'm on, LIF 'S MAKE 'EM TELL THE TAXPAYING PUBLIC THE TRUTH!

Best wishes!


JOHN F. BESSOR

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CONGRESSMAN
GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS
RELEASE**

FOR SUNDAY A.M. RELEASE

APRIL 3, 1966

STATEMENT BY HOUSE MINORITY LEADER GERALD R. FORD, R-MICHIGAN

PLEASE NOTE
DATE

As I had expected, some persons have ridiculed my call for a congressional investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFO's). These people are a fraction of those who have given me their reaction to my proposal. The overwhelming majority of those expressing a view in letters to me believe a congressional investigation would be useful and is needed.

Those who scoff at the idea of a congressional investigation of UFO's apparently are unaware that the House Armed Services Committee has scheduled a closed-door hearing on the matter Tuesday with the Air Force and that Rep. Joseph E. Karth, D-Minn., headed a three-man subcommittee which held two days of hush-hush hearings five years ago on behalf of the House Science and Astronautics Committee. Karth has confirmed in conversation with a member of my staff that he conducted these secret hearings.

The present Science and Astronautics Committee chairman, Rep. George P. Miller, D-Calif., has shied away from a UFO probe at this time, saying his committee does not have jurisdiction over the Air Force. But the late Rep. Overton Brooks, D-La., obviously had different ideas because he tapped Karth to summon Air Force witnesses and question them after a flurry of UFO sightings in 1961.

Karth has informed me that his subcommittee made an oral report to the full committee but never released anything to the public. According to Charles F. Ducander, the committee's staff director, no record was made of conversation between Karth's subcommittee members and Air Force witnesses. The hearings, he said, took place in Karth's congressional office.

I have never said that I believe any of the reported UFO sightings indicate visits to earth from another planet. Apart from pranks and natural phenomena, some of these objects may well be products of experimentation by our own military. If this is so, why doesn't the Air Force concede it and in this way reassure the American people? There would be no need to go into detail on the nature of the experiments.

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APR 2 - AMSD

2619 Tully Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43614
March 31, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

I'm pleased to know you are asking for an investigation of UFO phenomena. An examination of this subject is long overdue. The nation is entitled to an explanation beyond that which it is receiving from the Air Force. On the basis of my own experience, I am satisfied there are objects in the sky for which there is no conventional explanation. I hope your efforts to get an investigation are successful. I'm sure an objective examination of all the facts would prove to be most enlightening.

Undoubtedly, many of the reports about UFOs are nonsense. Every kook and nut in the country seems to have gotten into the act. But the fact remains, however, that an impressive number of UFO sightings would appear to be valid.

Thanks for giving this note your attention, and good luck.

Best regards,


Richard D. Osborn

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March 31, 1966

APR 2 - ANSU

Representative Gerald Ford
House Office
Washington, D. C.

Representative Ford:

Hurrah, at last we have a man who is unafraid of public ridicule. I firmly agree with your beliefs and wholeheartedly endorse the proposal for a complete congressional investigation of UFOs. If the device or weapon is ours, let the public know; we pay our taxes and we have the right to know!

Overly exaggerated devices (ea., Orson Welles' "Invasion from Mars") may upset our national balance, but the "truth" should always be told. We didn't get to be the great nation we are by closing our eyes and hoping that ill times would pass. This fact is proven every day with life constantly going on even though, the threat of the hydrogen-bomb and the killing of our men in Vietnam sits over our heads. We suffered reversals from ignorance, but we gained immensely from our errors. If we are to ever gain peace and prosperity, we must question that which is improbable and conquer that which is impossible.

I mean to strike no blow at our United States Air Force, but I refuse to be led like a lamb to uncertainty. I hope that my voice and pen may partially open the eyes of the doubters, the minds of the untrustful and the hearts of the intolerant. To move forward we must explore, analyze, determine and classify all the facts, else we are lost.

Sincerely,

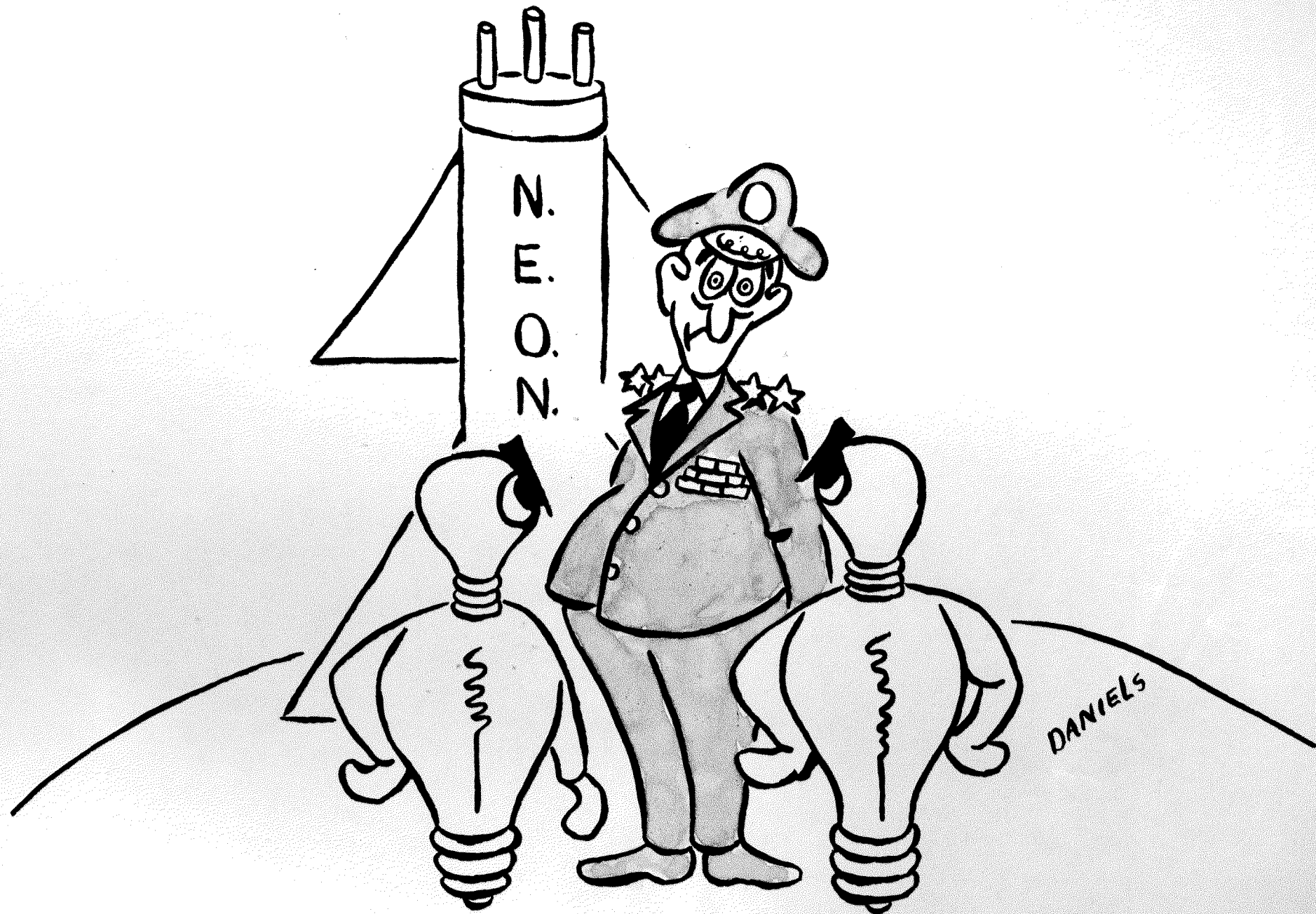


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Gerald Ford
Washington D.C.

Re: U.F.O.'s

Dear Sir,

I read where you say "The public ~~is~~
not satisfied with Air Force explanations" (of
all of these U.F.O sightings, that is)

As for as for me, you couldn't be more
correct, I never have been satisfied with any
of these ^{A.F.} answers and explanations. Something
has to be done and soon, by our
government to give all of us (the public)
something to really believe in.

All of these thousands of people are seeing
something different from the normal. I do know
that if I ever see a U.F.O. or something that
I can't identify (and if I'm alone) I will never

tell ~~me~~ anyone about it. Cause as things are
now, I know I would be laughed at and
called "nuts". I've seen stars, Venus,
clouds, searchlights, balloons, aircraft, reflections,
birds, kites etc and I knew what these were.
I never took them for a U.F.O. and I am sure
all of these people reporting sightings of U.F.O.
are seeing something different and they know
it. It must be a terrible feeling, to have seen
one and then have it all explained away as
nothing or just as a star or gas etc!

Keep up the good work on getting a
Congressional probe of this phenomenon. We
need this and it has to come. Stick with
it, I know you will find great support in
this effort. I am completely with you

I remain:

Richard F. Fuller (R)

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Sir - re. VFO

APR 2 - ANSD

As to your suggestion that
a Congressional Committee
hear the stories of witnesses
regarding unidentified
flying objects, the belief
is a good idea to bring
this out into the open.

I read several months ago
in True magazine an
article by a retired
Major that the Air Force
had issued a general order
of secrecy to their personnel
re. VFO's.

This should be investigated
Congratulations on your
good work.

Please send me (50)
fifty copies of the pocket
size U.S. Constitution
(House Document No. 190, 89th
Congress 1st Session) for
distribution here.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,
Allen J. Davis LCB.

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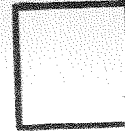


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March 31, 1966

APR 2 - ANSU

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regard to a possible Congressional investigation into the flying saucer or UFO mystery. Since getting interested in this subject several years ago, by way of one of my science students, I have read many books on the subject, listened to a good many records and tape recordings, viewed many pictures and filmstrips, and talked with a number of people in this country and in Europe who are presently engaged in the study and investigation of this phenomenon. From all of this I have come to a number of what I consider relevant, sound conclusions. For one thing, I am convinced that the phenomenon is indeed real and I suspect that a good deal of information dealing with it is being withheld from the public.

The writings of Maj. Donald Keyhoe, Edward J. Ruppelt, Dr. Daniel W. Fry, George Adamski, C.A. Honey, Wilbert B. Smith, and many others seem quite rational, convincing and also highly readable. If there is an investigation, I would suggest that at least Dr. Daniel W. Fry of Merlin, Oregon and Mr. C.A. Honey of 1231 East Belmont Ave., Anaheim, Calif. be asked to present their evidence and views on the subject. Mr. Honey is a highly qualified engineer, presently working on the NASA Moon Surveyer project at Hughes Aircraft. His S.P. NEWSLETTER has done much towards enlightening the public on the reality of these space craft visitations, where they operate from, and the reason for their coming. I have heard Dr. Fry lecture on three separate occasions, once at the junior high school where I teach science. On all occasions, I have found him highly intelligent, convincing, and a man of exceptional character.

I am enclosing a booklet sent to me from Japan, along with a picture from AFSCA. There are many such pictures, some of which have found their way into this weeks issue of LIFE magazine. Mr. George Adamski's pictures are also very convincing to me.

The leading astronomers and scientists should be asked about the Gassendi Crater of the moon. I have a picture claimed to have been taken of this crater which shows what looks like some kind of a base there. Another picture, supposedly taken by the Russians, shows a large, dome shaped structure on the back side of the moon. It appears to be at least a 100 miles in diameter.

If any man have ears, let him hear

Sincerely yours,
William J. Prinz

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March 31, 1966 PR 2 - ANSD

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

Dear Congressman Ford,

I have been requested to send you the enclosed WIDR EDITORIAL which was run on our station on March 26, 1966. WIDR is the campus radio station at Western Michigan University, we serve approximately 8,000 campus listeners. At the time of the Dexter sightings of "UFO's" we dispatched a three man crew to the Manner farm for on the spot reports. Our News Director, Henry Erb, compiled the editorial and he thought you might be interested in it since you have demanded a Congressional investigation of same.

WIDR RADIO EDITORIAL....March 26, 1966

"THIS IS OPINION ON THE AIR...WIDR OPINION, CLEARLY LABELED AND DESIGNED TO STIMULATE STUDENT THOUGHT AND ACTION.

AS A PUBLIC AND SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION OF RECENT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTINGS...DR. J. ALLEN HYNECK'S THEORY OF 'SWAMP GAS' LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. DR. HYNECK SAID THAT POSSIBLY, TWO OF MANY SIGHTINGS AROUND MICHIGAN WERE DUE TO PHOSPHOR-ESCANT GASSES CAUSED BY DECOMPOSING MATTER. ALTHOUGH HIS EXPLANATION HAS BEEN CARRIED BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA AS EXPLAINING ALL OF THE SIGHTINGS...DR. HYNECK SAYS HE INVESTIGATED ONLY THE TWO AND PLANS NOT TO INVESTIGATE THE OTHERS. SEVERAL PERSONS WHO SAY THEY WITNESSED THE EVENTS HAVE SAID DR. HYNECK LEFT OUT IMPORTANT DETAILS IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF JUST THE TWO SIGHTINGS. HE FAILED TO EXPLAIN, OR INVESTIGATE APPARENTLY, THE SIGHTINGS BY POLICE OFFICERS OF THOSE UNEXPLAINED EVENTS OCCURRING AWAY FROM SWAMPLANDS.

WE FIND IT UNFORTUNATE, TOO, THAT ANY INVESTIGATION OF THIS NATURE BECOMES AN EFFORT TO REFUTE 'LITTLE GREEN MEN' THEORIES... AND NOT A THOROUGH, SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION OF ALL THE VARIABLES INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE 'LITTLE GREEN MEN' THEORIES WERE SQUELCHED FOR THE TIME BEING BY DR. HYNECK'S FINDINGS...BUT WE ARE DISTURBED THAT SUCH A PERFUNCTORY EFFORT PREVENTS AND SQUELCHES ANY REAL SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY.

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WIDR EDITORIAL.....

THERE ARE LEGITIMATE SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED. PERHAPS, ONE COULD BEGIN WITH 'WHY ARE PEOPLE REPORTING THAT THEY ARE SEEING EVENTS WHICH ARE NOT BEING ACCOUNTED FOR?'. FROM THIS POINT EFFORTS CAN BE MADE TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENTS... WHETHER THEY BE PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, CHEMICAL OR 'LITTLE GREEN MEN'.

THE PUBLIC HAS NOT BEEN SATISFIED BY THE HYNCK INQUIRY. WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WELFARE OF WOULD-BE SAUCER HUNTERS AND THE PEACE OF MIND OF MANY... THAT INTENSIVE PUBLIC EFFORTS BY REPUTABLE SCIENTISTS BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THE UNUSUAL EVENTS WHICH SEEM TO BE OCCURRING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY. PERHAPS CONGRESSMAN FORD'S CALL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION IS A START TOWARD SUCH AN END. THIS IS HENRY ERB."

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We would appreciate your comments on this WIDR editorial.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN KEESLAR, Afternoon Editor
WIDR News Department

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Rep. Gerald R. Ford,
Michigan Congressman,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am glad to note that you are concerned about the Air Force "investigation" of U.F.O. sightings. PLEASE follow up with continued action.

It is a sad thing to see the disintegration of public respect for our Air Force because of the pig-headed way these A.F. people go about the business of questioning (or ignoring) witnesses who command more respect than they get from U.S. Government agencies. Who do they (the Air Force people) think they are working for, anyway? The big mystery, to most of us, the general public, is: WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO DISPROVE, AND WHY?

Thus far, so far as the public has been allowed to see, these Air Force "investigations" have amounted to little but bald attempts to discredit sightings, no matter how able or credible the sightings have been, and no matter how reputable the witnesses. My own sense of decency and fairness has been violated just about every time a "flap" occurs, and along with most of the folks I know I find myself becoming disgusted with pretenses on the part of U.S. Government representatives, when something far better than pretense is called for. We have a right to knowledge, and if knowledge cannot be arrived at, we have full right to know whatever an investigation can discover, without any quibbling or cover-up.

PLEASE insist upon an open, unbiased inquiry!

Respectfully,

Clifford L. Allers