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APR 5 1966

March 29, 1966

Gerald R. Ford
House Republican Leader
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

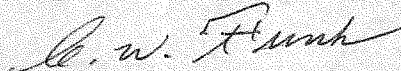
This is in full support of your efforts to have a congressional investigation of UFO reports, and I agree also that "the American public deserves a better explanation than that thus far given by the Air Force."

I have never seen any of the reported objects, nor am I sure one way or another as to their existence. However, there are apparently many reliable Americans who have seen strange phenomena and should not be held up to ridicule for reporting on what may turn out to be their patriotic duty.

It is altogether possible that some of the best evidence remains hidden because most people would not want to face the doubt and suspicions of others. I believe, therefore, that a congressional investigation is advisable and even necessary -- perhaps to encourage some very reliable people to give facts which cannot be disputed.

Thank you for your efforts.

Respectfully yours,



Carl W. Funk
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Los Angeles 4, Calif.
April 1, 1966

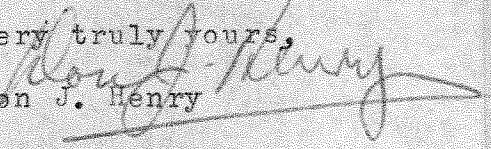
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Honorable Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am strongly in favor of your move to force a
Congressional investigation of UFO phenomena.

It is time the public had full information of
known facts regarding the phenomena.

Very truly yours,

Don J. Henry

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APR 5 ANSD

89 Haynes Road
West Hartford, Conn. 06117
April 3, 1966

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

You are to be congratulated for your courageous stand in support of an open Congressional inquiry into the entire UFO subject. I agree with you that the Air Force handling of the subject should be investigated once and for all.

I note, however, that the House Armed Services Committee will ask the Air Force questions only regarding recent UFO sightings. Also, I have not heard about any other people appearing before the Committee other than the Air Force. With a Chairman who "has never put much stock into UFO reports" questioning an agency which has continually fought against having a congressional inquiry, I am not confident of UFO hearings.

I would hope that you would use your influence to see that the Armed Services Committee have the case for UFO hearings be presented to them. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) is waiting for a chance to do just this.

I think the American people deserve a better investigation into the UFO subject that the Armed Services Committee has proposed. Though you are not on this Committee, your influence as leader of the Republicans in the House could be critical in determining how broad an investigation will be conducted.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Epstein

UFO

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3-30-66

Dear Mr Ford-

APR 5 ANSO

Regards the "Saucer Sightings" & the aliby's & denials by the Air Force, this is only a display of there ignorance. What people do not understand or want tu understand,U will find Fear as the reason. There is much of & in creation,beyond this 3rd dimensional vale of tears that we all live in-in fact is beyond the average mentality to fathom.

The masses are in for many surprizes in the very near future. This will include the U.F.O. The picture is not the best. Those Cabbage heads,especially our leaders,I have very little respect for.

How in Hell can one expect tu avoid panic in this very near future regards the final truth of not only the U.F.O.but many other facts of life & creation. This will jar the Masses plenty.

Those Fuzzy Brained individuals are du for quite a shock. Our leaders who have kepted the people in the dark will have tu account for much & better run & fast tu try & escape the rath of the masses.This includes Church leaders also,rest assured. I-for one am watching the grand play,waiting for the Final episode of the end. Partial truth is worse than no truth which has been fed the public. Man reaps what he sows & U know that.

I consider a pilot of an Air-liner who is trusted with an expensive plane & many peoples on board tu be a down-tu-earth person capable of reporting actual sightings,which has happened for yrs ever since Arnold's first sighting in the Seattle area back in 1947. Many of our so-called scientists especially "Menzel" the astronomer who was on the "Armstrong" T.V.program several yrs ago sure make a jack-ass out of themselves deny ing the facts. Tu many people know the truth & tu many are denyed the Truth. We realize that much Bunk has been mixed in by people who want tu cash in on the facts-this we have tu discount of course. Let George du it has been the attitude of tu many,tu date.

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The Press, Tv & Radio has been throttled tu long, by the Powers behind the scene. This is denied promptly at all times.

How can U deny a schooling tu a yungester & then expect a brite adult? What a Farce.

I let no one du my thinking for me, which I am proud of. Now Mr Ford- If U want tu make History, go after that investigation the newspaper refered tu. Pull no punches & give them the works. Let anyone concerned in this matter that, not all people are as ignorant & stupid than those so-called (know) authoritys. Ignorance is at times permissible but not stupidity. They can percecute & prosecute people tu hush them up but in the end- the "Truth" will win.

Remember one thing Mr Ford- That the "Big Wheel Upstairs" is still running the show & its a Grand show. Puny man tryes but can not control events.

All of the suffering & rottenis that the people are afflicted with is only the "Law of Karma" working out. Meaning- cause & effect. "Truth" can not be proven, except by the individuals own understanding.

Know ,when U go after those "Swamp-Gas" boys in this investigation that some of the Public is in back of U, who are thinkers & not puppets.

I am very un-orthodox in many ways- note my spelling & coining words. I du as I please on this point. Webster was not always rite & besides he's gone a long time.

I did not see U'r T.V. program, did not know of it in time. Sorry.

Heres luck in U'r Probe Mr Ford- Aim strate & give em both Barrels.

I take off my Hat tu U for having the GUTS tu get the ball rolling.

The Best tu U & anyone hoo backs U up in this probe.

Most Sincerly



Otto E Troegel

Mar 29, 1966

LFO

Dear Sir:

APR 5 - ANSO

The Air Force experts on
UFO's dont investigate
with an open mind. They
come up with some
"explanations" that are
an insult to our
intelligence. We need
new experts.

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Kathryn Greene.

UPD
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March 28, 1966

Representative Gerald Ford
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It pleases me to read you may bring about a public hearing on Unidentified Flying Objects.

Ever since Kenneth Arnold, now a Boise, Idaho business man, on June 24, 1947, on a flight from the coast to Yakima, saw nine saucer like things in the vicinity of Mount Rainier, maneuvering in a manner impossible for conventional aircraft we have intermittently heard of such sightings around the world. What Arnold saw was not "swamp mist."

We have heard of many mysterious accidents in the air that could not be explained.

I wish here to tell of one that makes me think of UFOs.

On June 3, 1963, a Douglas DC-7C went down ~~in~~ in Alaskan waters with the loss of all aboard, 101 people. The short news item of that day and the following day indicated it had hit something with terrific impact. There were no other craft in the air.

The "Aircraft Accident Report" by the Civil Aeronautics Board, released on April 21, 1964, closes it's report with this paragraph: "Because of a lack of evidence the Board is unable to determine the probable cause of this accident."

Yours truly,


Albert Lund.

cc to Maj. Donald E Keyhoe, Director
The National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Incidentally, I am a retired private accountant and elderly.

4 April 1966

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Hon. Gerald Ford
House Republican Leader
Washington, D.C.

APR 5 - ANSD

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my hearty congratulations! on your daring and valiant position in the field of Unidentified Flying Objects. This in the face of positions taken by Dr. Donald Menzel and Dr. H. Allen Hynek of Harvard and Northwestern University respectively, both of whom have seemingly taken a negative stand. To my mind the advice of a pioneer like Major Donald Keyhoe is much more in keeping with the truth. Press releases by Major Donald Keyhoe claim a preponderance of documentary evidence in support of the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Kind sir, your speaking out in favor of a full blown congressional investigation of the UFOs is commendable and overdue. This is an action that many people over the entire nation have been yearning for many years, and since you have taken this bold stand I for one, and I know others, will come forward at any time and testify what our amazed eyes beheld; temperature inversions, swamp gas, high flying geese notwithstanding.

I would be anxious and willing to submit to a lie detector test, truth serum, psychiatric screening or anything else the masters of science may conjure up.

= Indeed, whether or not a belated congressional investigation materializes or not isn't going to prevent super scientists of distant worlds from accomplishing their mission - their work goes on daily under the very noses of those who deny their existence.

Isn't it paradoxical that private citizens should be more informed in this area than the Government, or at least more than the Government is willing to release to the public.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Rossit
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San Francisco, Calif.

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100 Second Street
Athens, Ohio

April 2, 1966

APR 5 1966
Congressman Gerald Ford
Congressional Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

I would like to applaud your bold stand on what is certainly a political hot potato: Congressional hearings into the UFO situation. With the recent rash of UFO sightings across the country, I think that a large section of the American public has now come to realize that they are not being told all the facts of the UFO phenomena. Whether this is because of an incompetent investigation, as apparently many Michigan residents feel, or, as others claim, a deliberate Air Force policy, the result is the same--the public is on the long end of the observations, but the short end of the explanations.

No one, for instance, could read the statements by numerous law enforcement officials in the Ann Arbor area with an open mind, and still come up with an 'explanation' of "swamp gas". (That Dr. Hynek could, and then announce it to the world with a straight face, perhaps says more for his abilities as an actor than as a scientist.) As these sightings by law enforcement agencies continue, the public is being forced to the conclusion that either the Air Force is wrong, or police officials across the nation are no longer competent observers. This is not a decision which a properly informed American public would have to make.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch which I think may shed some light on the status of the Air Force investigation, as I imagine that the scene at Lockbourne AFB was repeated at bases everywhere. (And from my own military experience, I can just about visualize the man who gets picked as "UFO Information Officer"....)

My feeling is that since the Air Force has insisted for 18 years that UFOs pose no security threat to the country, the investigation should be taken out of the hands of the military and given to a public, civilian panel of scientists. It could be under Federal sponsorship if necessary, but I think private organizations, such as the Ford Foundation, should be encouraged to underwrite at least part of the cost. This would do a great deal to restore public confidence in the information they receive, as well as encourage many citizens to report sightings which they are now withholding for fear of ridicule. (A state highway patrolman, explaining why they had not reported a sighting over Athens last week to the Air Force, told me, "Why should we? They would just come over and say we were stupid.")

This whole situation seems strangely reminiscent of the situation in South Viet Nam a couple of years ago, when rumors began to circulate that those old WW II B-25s were not quite up to the situation. Mr. McNamara and the Air Force proclaimed far and wide that "our equipment is more than adequate"..and then pilots began writing home and saying the wings were falling off. It took the threat of Congressional hearings to get that mess straightened out, too.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

D. Douglas Stewart

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Fast UFO Provisions Cause LAFB Mixups

A pinch of confusion and a liberal sprinkling of reluctance to talk about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) appeared to be the mixture of "Air Force policy" Wednesday at Lockbourne Air Force Base.

Lt. Col. Charles Smith, LAFB base operations officer, was identified to Dispatch reporters Tuesday as UFO spokesman in this area. The assignment reportedly was made by the chief UFO investigator at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton.

SMITH, HOWEVER, appeared surprised and confused about his new job designation. When reporters contacted him early Wednesday he said "That article is a mistake. I don't know anything about such an assignment."

Meanwhile, another reporter talked with Maj. Hector Quintanilla, chief of Project Blue Book (National Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Project).

When asked how many reports of UFOs have been received this month, Quintanilla said he would have to have an hour's time to "look them up." But he admitted receiving more than 300 phone calls from various news media personnel within the past week.

WHILE QUINTANILLA consulted his files, The Dispatch contacted the acting base commander at LAFB and asked who had been assigned to handling the UFO reports in this area. He

said, "I'll have to call you back. I don't know right now."

Five minutes later a call was received from an officer at LAFB who said he had been assigned the UFO report-handling task.

When asked his identity he replied, "I am not going to tell you. I don't have to tell you according to Air Force policy."

THE OFFICER even declined to mention his title. "I don't think the job has one," he said. "Just print that I'm 'a man doing his job'."

Quintanilla then telephoned The Dispatch and said he had found the figures previously requested. "Between the first and 20th of March," he said, "we received six reports of UFOs in Ohio."

He continued, "From the 20th through Wednesday morning we received more than 15 UFO reports." The major admitted that more reports have probably been made but have not been received by his office.

Quintanilla said, "We have explained to our satisfaction the first six reports." He said the reported sightings were: "Aircraft contrails, swamp gas, Venus, Jupiter, possible meteors or orbiting satellites."

CALLS REPORT 'MOCKERY'

Coed Declares UFO Was Not Swamp Gas

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI)—One of 87 college coeds, who reported seeing mysterious flying objects in Michigan last week, Saturday called an Air Force report that the objects were luminous gas a "mockery."

Barbara Kohn, 21, a Hillsdale College student here to visit an aunt, accused Dr. J. Allen Hynek of "not doing his research thoroughly before rendering his opinion."

Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist sent by the Air Force to Hillsdale to investigate the reports, said Friday the objects were "probably swamp gas."

"THESE OBJECTS were not viewed over a swamp but over the college arboretum and the college baseball field," Miss Kohn said.

"The arboretum is a carefully tended woodsy park with a few small ponds but has no rotting vegetable matter from which gas might have been produced."

Miss Kohn said Hynek talked to only two coeds,

neither of whom had reported seeing the objects when they were first sighted, and that he had made no visits to the dormitory rooms from which the objects were sighted.

MISS KOHN, whose parents live in New Castle, Pa., said she viewed them through binoculars and the "outlines of the objects were very precise."

"I don't say I saw a visitor from outer space," she said. "I saw an object that moved through the air and that I could not identify."

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Box 464
Flagstaff, Arizona
March 28, 1966

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

APR 5 - ANSO

Dear Mr. Ford:

I think you have an excellent idea to do an investigation on UFO's. If Major Keyhoe agrees, it must be a good idea. Might I also suggest you check with the Little Listening Post, 4811 Illinois Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. And with Dr. Daniel W. Fry (who owns Aero Jet of Pasadena, Calif.) whose home is in Marlin, Oregon.

Time was when I considered these UFO stories as figments of people's imagination. Science fiction, fantasies. But after listening to Dr. Fry speak, several times, at a friend's home here, suddenly I believed in them. Dr. Fry is a scientist. Every missile has 7, I believe it is, of his instruments in it. He's a very humble, quiet man. He doesn't talk on "flying saucers, unless someone asks him a question. He equates science and religion, and suddenly you believe in many things, and have a deeper understanding of what the Master Jesus lived.

I hope you aren't among those who fear the saucers bring "little green men" or robots, or horrible monsters. Those privileged few who have been contacted by people from space have found them just like us, only much more so. More refined, much more religious in the beliefs of The Infinite One, God. All have said they are "beautiful people". And when one lives love, all is beauty.

Years ago a friend of mine gave my kids some books on saucer sightings and contacts. I poopooed the idea till I met Dr. Fry. So, my kids, now grown, are way ahead of me in knowledge and belief. I'm trying to catch up.

I've asked Air Force retired men if they ever "saw anything". They have, but they "don't talk about it after being grilled for days by the Air Force!"

I'll grant it sounds incredible. But why shouldn't there be intelligent people on other planets, who have had eons more to learn things than we little earth-people. It's a blow to our egotism because we have felt WE are important.

And the tales of "little green men" would frighten all of us. If Ray Bradbury, *a believer,* with his wonderful way of writing, would write a true story of the kind of beings they really are, the people might look forward to meeting these people, and, if invited, take a space trip without fear. I'd like to! A year ago, I would have said, "What rubbish!" It's all a matter of education!

The Little Listening Post I recently received, tho' it was last Aug-Sept.Oct edition (the editor was ill and it was late) said that the UFO's would start appearing to GROUPS of people, where before it has been ~~groups~~ individuals. Now, an individual might be considered "a crack pot"...but when a whole group of people "see something", they can't all be crackpots!

Some believe that before the earthpeople can completely destroy themselves the space people will come down and save the believers. Well, from what I've heard about these people from other planets, I'd far rather trust them than some of our government leadership in D.C.!

So, I hope you are on the side of us "crackpots" who believe there are flying craft from other planets visiting earth, who come to help, not to harm.

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I believe there are some people who claim to have contact or radio contact with people from other planets who are trying to "make a fast buck". I read some articles by one fellow in some UFO magazine, but it sounded as tho' he had tuned in on the Kremlin, not outer space! It was purely a plug for the UN and how wonderful Kennedy had been. Or maybe I was just being a Republican and resented his ideas! *Spec. Writing Dr. Fry on that I note the book is not advertising in Top Little magazine "Understanding"*
 But seriously, I wish I were worthy to be contacted by these people of wisdom and love. I think I'd be a much better earth-person for it.

Dr. Fry was contacted at White Sands in the 1950's when he was working there. He said he realized how obsolete these new things they were creating there were, as compared with the knowledge these outer-space people had.

Maybe this is one of the many reasons the Air Force has long tried to hush them us. We hate to admit we're ignorant!

I don't understand it all, as the metaphysists do, but we are in an Air Age, a New Age. Think back. How much we have advanced in the last 20 years! Time was when I thought a space trip to the moon was a science fiction story! Yet, today, I am sure it can be done. The satellites, people all over the world can see something happening as it happens, via Early Bird and TV. Our astronaut

Men have been given great knowledge in the last 20 years, much more, much faster than in centuries before.

So, with all these things to believe in, that were utterly fantastic a few short years ago...why shouldn't there really be "Flying Saucers"?

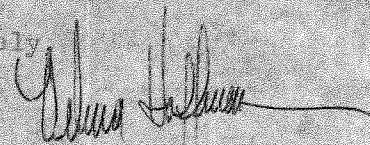
Or is it that the Air Force hates to admit anything can break thru our radar and so-called defenses? And that if Space ships can come thru, enemy missiles also can? *I don't think UFO's can be seen on radar. They use different propulsion than we - sort of solar energy.*

I recently read Phyllis Schafly and Adm. Chester Ward's "Strike From Space". It's, shall we say, "thought provoking". If it isn't true, Mollamah and others would certainly sue them for libel...unless they figure the people are too dumb to believe it, that our defenses are rapidly being destroyed and dismantled - *and how come Congress permits that? Why don't you - all get rid of him? Things like that, I fear*
 All of a sudden, I'm taking a sudden interest in Civil Defense, and maybe buying a few extra groceries, just in case! One of the best, informative, but quieting books I've read on the subject was Associated Press' 1961 "You CAN Survive an Atomic Attack". But maybe before that day comes, the Outer Space people in their space ships can either prevent that from happening, or "save" those of us who believe in them.

Of course, I don't know what kind of a Congressional Committee you could get together. Too many of them don't realize they're selling us short, and there's too few of you with your thumbs in the dyke that's beginning to look like a sieve. And those who can't see what's happening to America surely wouldn't believe in Flying Saucers!

Good luck. I'd like to hear what you discover. Frankly, I'm surprised it has reached radio and paper news! So much is omitted these days! And too much is given out that some of us don't believe, and keep searching for the truth of.

Sincerely



Valma A. Hoffman

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3125 Major St.,
Fort Worth 12, Texas,
March 28, 1966.

APR 5 - ANSO

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

Dear Congressman Ford:

I am enclosing two newspaper clippings. One will let you know that all the "odd balls, Screw balls, Nuts and cranks" do not live in Michigan. . . Mr. Johnson's home state seems to have it's fair share of same.

The second clipping points out in an editorial that it is hardly credible that these numerous sightings of U.F.Os. by large numbers of people could be a hoax, hallucination or optical illusion.

I hope your plan for a full investigation of these objects is a complete success, and that you will see to it that the people all over the Country are given full information on same.

Sincerely yours,

Rene M. Sweet

(Mrs.) R. M. Sweet,
3125 Major St.,
Fort Worth, 12, Texas.

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Motorist Confronted By Something Fishy

WICHITA FALLS (AP)—Eddie Laxton, 56, said he decided not to say anything about the fish-shaped object that he says blocked U.S. 70 in Oklahoma Wednesday morning.

But then C. W. Anderson saw the same thing, Laxton said, so Laxton decided to tell about it. The Wichita Falls Record-News described Laxton as "a calm, stable sort" of man.

Laxton, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base here and former publisher of the Temple, Okla., Tribune, said he was en route to work from Temple to the air base when he had to stop his car because the fish-shaped object blocking the highway.

WHEN HE alighted from his auto and approached the silvery object, he said, a man dressed in what appeared to be GI fatigues was standing by the strange craft in the early morning darkness.

Laxton said he turned back toward his own automobile to get a camera, but when he did the man standing by the craft entered it and took off.

The takeoff, the former newspaperman said, was vertical.

Questioned closely by newsmen, Laxton discounted the possibility that the craft was a helicopter.

HE SAID HE was familiar with helicopters and that the craft that blocked his way had no rotors. He said it had numbers on it that began with TL41 but he did not make out the others.

Anderson, a truck driver from Snyder, Okla., was quoted as saying he saw the craft and that he and another truck driver had seen several in the past few months.

Anderson is employed by the Mangum, Okla., Oil and Gas Co.

Flying Objects Again

Some apparently sound-minded citizens of the Midwest are furnishing new evidence that people in various parts of the country from time to time are seeing things—call them flying saucers or whatever you will—in the skies above them.

According to the testimony of about 60 persons, many of them police officers, the things have been flitting and hovering in the vicinity of Dexter, Mich., near Ann Arbor. A composite description of the things suggests that they are the same as the objects reported in a rash of sightings in the Northeastern states a few weeks ago and in other parts of the United States, including Texas and the Southwest, last fall and on several prior occasions.

The descriptions indicate a triangular shape, flat on the bottom and rising to a peak on top. The things are shrouded by a halo of shimmering light which gives them the appearance of something seen through desert heat waves. In addition, flashing lights of red, green and perhaps other colors are visible at times about the edges of the objects.

So many reputable people have sighted the things that the possibility of hoax, hallucination or optical illusion is hardly credible. And the things as they are described by creditable witnesses resemble, in appearance or behavior, no natural phenomenon or man-made craft with which the average person is familiar.

It is to be hoped that the Defense Department, if it does not know what the things are, is taking seriously the recurrent reports of sightings. People

are seeing something. If what to them are "unidentified flying objects" are also that to the Defense Department, it's time that agency made an all-out effort to identify them. And if the Defense Department does know their identity, it's time this be made known to the public.

A.M. Star-Telegram, 3-25-66, P. 6, Sec. 1

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11460 124th Ave. N.E.
Kirkland, Wash. 98033
March 28, 1966

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

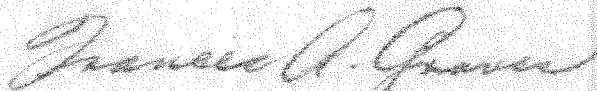
APR 5 - AMSD

Dear Mr. Ford:

I agree with you that there should be a Congressional investigation of UFOs. I hope it will be thorough and that the results will be given to the public. We ordinary people are tired of secrecy in government. Secrecy and deceit in foreign affairs are being accepted because we are in war. But we are not at war with UFOs (or are we?) so I think the information the government has on them should be released. I don't think it would cause panic. I have never seen one, but I think there is enough evidence of their existence to take them seriously.

I am most concerned that on several occasions when persons carrying guns saw, or believed they saw, a UFO, they fired at it, although it had not shown any hostile action. These men said they fired instinctively. I believe that Congress should pass a law against individuals' killing or attempting to kill any non-belligerent creature in or from a UFO. I reason that if the UFOs are from space, they are operated by creatures at least as intelligent as we, and certainly more scientifically advanced in at least one field. Aside from the moral issue, for us to attack such creatures might, at the worst, bring disastrous retaliation against us, and if not that, might **destroy** an opportunity for us to learn from them things that might be of great value.

Respectfully yours,



Frances A. Graves
(Mrs. W. S.)

UFO

128 Ross Street
Batavia, New York
March 30, 1966

Representative Gerald R. Ford
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

APR 5 - ANSD

Dear Congressman Ford:

I am a sixteen year old boy and am very interested in Unidentified Flying Objects. I also belong to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

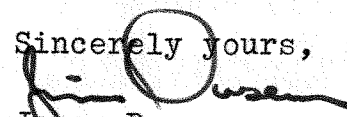
The UFO sightings from your state are making nation wide headlines. And now the reports are spreading to all parts of the country. Let me tell you that more people than I ever thought are very concerned about UFOs. A few years ago many of these people would have read the reports and laughed, thinking of it as mere science fiction. But now they are taking this very seriously. And a great many of them think that the Air Force is with holding UFO information and on the whole is doing a lousy job investigating UFOs.

I have written to Rep. Conable of my district and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives concerning this matter. Congressional investigations have been blocked many times in the past by the U.S. Air Force. Please stand firm and do not give up the fight for hearings. The American public is standing right behind you. Go to Representative Conable. He may be of assistance since he is on the House Science Committee. The longer UFO sightings stay in the news the more support the public will give you. Also go to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Thank you very much for your time and effort.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



James Dusen

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Hon. Gerald R. Ford
 U.S. Congressman from Mich.
 House Office Bldg.
 Washington D.C.

APR 5 - ANSO

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your awareness re the U.F.O. incidents and their importance. I trust you will continue pressing for hearing & investigation. Past disregard for the matter is a disgrace and so called "explanations" by A.F. & other "authorities", exclusive of NICAP, have been and are, an insult to intelligence. No wonder there is wide spread & increasing lack of confidence in government. Much more is to be feared from it than from the "flying saucers" themselves. In so far as I have been able to determine as the result of 15 yrs research into the matter, there is little if any cause of fear from the UFO's.

I, like many others, do not speak from "hear say". I too am a member of NICAP and in addition to same, I have had more than one sighting, each unmistakable in identity and beyond any possibility of fitting the framework of "natural phenomena" as we presently know it. I have had both daylight & night sightings. My first occurred at Lansing Mich in 1913, believe it or not. Admittedly I was young at the time but it was unmistakable and before aircraft etc cluttered up the heavens. Time, about 9 PM, midsummer, sunset, cloudless sky, direction of travel, slightly north of eastward, speed--- much faster than any known vehicle of that day & age, probably 200 to 300 mph, appearance-- shiny & probably metallic of flattened spherical configuration, sound,- none, angle with horizon, about 15 to 20 degrees with horizon, probable distance away, not more than 4000 ft, elevation probably 1500 ft above ground. Plenty of witnesses including my parents observed it. Explanation, none. Definitely however, it was no balloon, meteor, plane or temperature inversion. So much for my first.

Second sighting took place in 1952. In the presence of 5 others and about 10:30 PM, while on witnesses front lawn, a group of 7 lighted objects were observed NW of us rapidly approaching and traveling in south-southeasterly direction at roughly 1000 to 2000 mph without sound. When due west of us, angle with horizon was approximately 20 degrees so they were roughly perhaps 1500 to 2000 ft above Denver. Sky was pretty much cloudless and there was no appreciable wind. Against the night sky no details were discernable of course, they were merely "lighted objects" and spread out for perhaps a mile. Hundreds observed same and according to Denver Post of the following morning, sightings occurred variously between Laramie Wyo. and Trinidad Colo. Post estimated ave. speed at 9000 mph. Public explanation, a meteor. Hooy!

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The foregoing, Mr Ford, is characteristic of many of UFO sightings. Sure, some are not as clean cut & definate or by trained observers. As a Prof. Engineer, I deal with distance judgements every day. Also Engineers are not overly gullible or prone to jump to rediculous conclusions. I know whereof I speak, ridicule not withstanding. The "saucers are real". Admittedly however, they sometimes behave in an "Unreal manner". They definatey are not of our civilization. They deserve a concientious & unprejudiced study on a world wide basis. We of NICAP as well as other similarly interested organizations with more than a million members have butted our heads against the stone wall long enough. It is high time someone like yourself enters the picture fully aware of the implications. You will receive aid and will be doing perhaps a greater service to your country than you presently realize. It is high time that the government, and the human race in general, cease disregarding & ridiculing that which eludes their understanding.

More power to you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eloyd L. Arnold". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eloyd L. Arnold

UFO

Mineral Wells, Texas
March 29, 1966

Honorable Gerald Ford
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

APR 5 - ANSB

I am glad that someone in Congress is interested in investigating UFO's because Mr. Ford, they do exist!

If I had not witnessed such for myself I am afraid that I, too, would be skeptical. But, it has been almost 13 years since I witnessed the 3 AM "race in the sky" and I can't ever forget it!

It was 3 AM on August 7, 1953 and being unable to sleep (it was first anniversary

of the death of our only daughter) I was scanning the sky and I guess trying to believe that one of the bright stars might be Linda.

My eyes wandered from star to star and I was more than surprised to see in the Northern sky three large orange lights in stairstep fashion - Each was about the same distance apart.

My first thought was - "I've never seen lights like that before!" I never once dreamed of UFO's but continued watching and wondering about God's universe then suddenly

the light on "top" took off toward the east at a fantastic rate of speed. It left no trail behind it but remained one large orange light. It did not drop into the horizon as planes "apparently" do but remained visible to me as far as I could see.

When it passed over the City of Brownwood, Texas (where we formerly lived - 20 miles out) the lights of the town reflected on it.

I was surprised, but not so shaken until about 5 minutes later, ^{when} the middle light took off at an even faster

rate of speed. It disappeared so quickly I couldn't believe my eyes.

I then sat up by the window and watched No. 3. for quite sometime but it remained stationary and I finally dropped off to sleep from sheer weariness.

I have searched the sky many times since then but have never seen any such lights. But, I am a firm believer in the UFO's. No amount of explanation by the scientists or anyone else can erase from my memory those large orange lights racing across the sky at such fantastic

speeds.

I have my doubts about "little green men" getting out, and some of those kind of reports are what responsible people are doubters.

Believe me, I have no desire for publicity but I can't help remembering with anxiety what I saw more than 12 years ago.

I really believe "they" mean us no harm but nevertheless they do exist and the air force and others should not stick their heads in the sand.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Gail McMurry
616 SE 20th St
Mineral Wells, Texas 76067

APR 8 - 1966

UFD

250 W 24 St 5DE

NYC, NY

April 6, 1966

Rep. Gerald Ford
U.S. Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

As a long time researcher on UFO's, I would like to urge you to proceed in the suggested investigation of our force and other official cover-up of the subject, leading to the shame of respected citizens who are interested in the truth of the subject.

The nonsense about swamp-gas, Venus, etc, etc. is an insult to the intelligence of a supposed free citizenry! What censorship in time of peace, denial of the rights of free speech, and right to the facts of something so important to our safety and welfare. I am a mathematics teacher and descendant of Yankee Americans since 1629, and ~~to~~ a lover of the American way, but this Silence Policy is completely contrary to ^{the} ways of a democracy of intelligent citizens and I say the time has come to expose it widely to ^{the} American people. We would not fear visitors from space as much as we fear the evil intentions of our own deceivers! So ring up the curtain with our blessings! Yours for truth and honor! R. Miles

NFD

APR 8 - ANSD

Herbert Koester
42780 W. Eight Mile Road
Northville, Michigan
April 3, 1966

Rep. Gerald R Ford, Michigan
House Republican Leader
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford;

I am not in the habit of sky-gazeing in the sky for flying saucers, or was I ever mindful of this existence until the recent sightings in Michigan, outside of a mention of it in the papers occassionly.

I would like to tell you about my experence with a flying saucer. Last fall on a Saturday evening 9:20 pm , I was leaving the drive from my place of employment St Johns Seminary, in Plymouth Township, and in the County of Wayne. A large glowing object flew from the rear of my car and over the top from the S E toward the N.W. at about 1500 feet high. I can truthfully sat that this was a moving device, and no gas, because we have no swamps in this neighborhood , to th contrary we are high and dry.

On the next morning, Sunday at about 10:00 am I reported this to Selfridge Field by telephone , they told me to call the National Guard, Detroit. I did this, They said they would check it out. And that is the last I heard of it.

I am retired from the Detroit Police Department, and belæeve in reporting thing of this nature , or any other matters that might be importent to our officials.

Hoping that this might be of some help to you in getting an investigation started,

Yours very truly,

Herbert Koester
Herbert Koester

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APR 8 - 1966

3636 Georgia Street
San Diego, California 92103
March 28, 1966

Rep. Gerald Ford
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

After reading several newspaper accounts of the UFO sightings in Michigan, I thought I should write to you and encourage your efforts that such objects should be investigated (since I am a former Michigander).

The San Diego Union reported last week that Air Force investigators were willing to settle for the solution that such UFO sightings (witnessed by dozens of persons) were nothing more than swamp gases. How ridiculous! I lived in Michigan for 20 years in a rural area near many swamps and never once did I see swamp gases glowing or think that swamp gases reminded me of UFO's.

I, too, have sighted a UFO. In September of 1961 I sighted an immense UFO shaped like a boomerang with various undulating lights on its bottom. This object flew directly over San Diego about 9:00 p.m. A complete record of this sighting has been filed with NICAP in Washington, D.C.

Please continue to urge the investigation of UFO's! Do not be discouraged by skeptical or ignorant people who refuse to recognize a fact even when it is plainly visible. Do not accept the blind explanations of our Air Force either. About four years ago I wrote to the USAF and gave them my opinion of their UFO explanations. In return I received a five-page news release denying the existence of UFO's. However, the last line of that news release read "If you should see a UFO, please report it to your nearest Air Force office as soon as possible".

Thank you for your persistence and pluck.

Sincerely,

Marcella Anderson Buckley
Marcella Anderson Buckley

cc: Chief, USAF
Donald Keyhoe, NICAP

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VFD

APR 8 - ASD

Dear Senator Ford:

Congratulations on your stand about letting people know about spacecraft and flying saucers. I am sure there are many that would volunteer if it were possible to do to have the subject brought out in the open instead of covered up.

I know of some that would and I saw one at a great distance one time at a convention. I shall be glad to ask my friends if they would volunteer their information if you would ever get a group together that would get this started. You no doubt know of Understanding which is a group under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Harper 736 North Cambridge, in Orange California at the present time. I should appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Dorothy Sawyer
Mrs. Dorothy S. Sawyer.

I heard your interview on CBS last Sunday.

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Dorothy Sawyer
226 Costa Mesa St.
Costa Mesa, Cal

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APR 8 - ANSD

14 Elm Street
Corning, New York
April 6, 1966

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

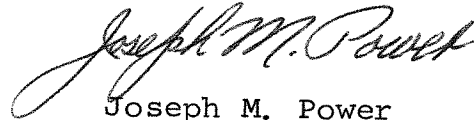
Dear Mr. Ford:

I wish to express my interest and support for your proposed Congressional Investigation into the Unidentified Flying Objects phenomenon.

The apparent "white wash" of the most recent incidents of UFO's seen by so many people in the sky over Michigan and elsewhere underscores the need for an open investigation into this mystery that is of such deep public concern.

I appreciate your interest in this most urgent matter.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph M. Power

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Dear Congressman Ford: UFO

I wish to express my
approval of the stand you
have taken concerning an
honest investigation of information
concerning UFOs.

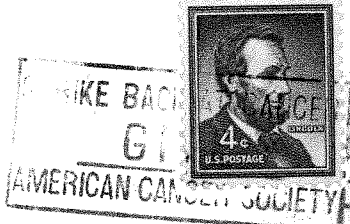
Sincerely,

Mrs. E. A. Stewart
267 W. McCright Ave.
Springfield, Ohio
(Former Michigander)

Remove tape and press here to seal. To open just peel apart.

From:

267 W. McC
Springfield



To:

Congressman Gerald Ford
Congressional Office Bldg.
Washington
D.C.

APR 8 - AMSD

Tom Dykstra
3130 Jefferson
Grand Rapids, Mich

Dear Mr. Ford

I want to congratulate you on your plans to initiate a full scale investigation of UFO's. I hope that you are able to follow through with your plans.

The American public deserves to know what is going on and I have my doubts as to whether the Air Force is telling all that is contained in Project Blue Book. If it is nothing why won't they tell us?

The Air Force practice of quieting and ridicule of reliable people who have seen UFO's is a practice that I feel should be curtailed. Freedom of speech is one of the basic principles upon which our country was founded.

I myself never gave much thought to flying saucers until I read the book by Major Keyes (Head of the NICAP) named Flying Saucers - Top Secret. The book is most interesting and informative and I hope that you will get the opportunity to read the book if you already haven't.

GERALD R. FORD
FIFTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN OFFICE:
425 CHERRY STREET SE.
GRAND RAPIDS

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

FOR USE ON UNDERWOOD ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER MOUNTED ON AUTO-TYPIST.

Dear :

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

Washington, D.C.

Date

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March 30, 1966

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salutation

Mr. John P. Bessor 7-B
6349 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bessor:

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Hon. Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
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MAR 30 ANSD

March 26, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

I hope you will pursue your request for a congressional investigation of UFO's relentlessly and achieve one of full-scale proportions. This should include a penetrating analysis of the practices and policies of the Air Force and the difference between their private opinions and public reports.

I am not so much concerned about UFO's as I am over governmental attitudes. Personally, I feel I am out of the primitive class and do not need a Great White Father to rock me to sleep with silly lullabies. It is distressing to me that I do not believe one single word the Air Force and/or the government has to say on the subject of UFO/s. It seems to me they presume the citizenry will swallow anything. If this is so, then all pronouncements in other areas are suspect as well. It is time to call a halt and get to the truth of the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet Kilborn
(Miss) Harriet L. Kilborn

The Sunday evening of the first reported sightings in Ann Arbor, UFO's in formation zipped down Walloon Lake at such a terrific speed that they disappeared in perhaps 30 seconds. They were lower than an airplane would fly at night. The woman who saw them was sitting looking out at the lake when they zipped past the window. She let out a scream for her husband and when he got there she was sitting bug-eyed and open-mouthed with her arm stretched out toward the window and it was 15 seconds before he could get a word out of her to find out what was the matter. I think it would be a little hard to find marsh gas out in the middle of Walloon Lake.

MRS D F FAGG
1169 SMITH ST
ALGONAC MICH 48001



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1167 Smith St.
Algonac Mich. 48001

Dear Mr. Ford,

Mar 26 1966
ANSO

I think you are correct in your dissatisfaction of Air Force "explanations" of U. F. O's, especially the ridiculous accounts of the so-called experts such as Dr. Hynek. The Air Force has been handing out this "line" for so many years now - no intelligent citizen accepts it any longer.

With reports coming in from all over U. S. not merely Mich. - Hynek certainly has little respect for people's integrity or even their senses. "Reflections" of the moon and planets don't dart or hover, and I am disgusted with the Air Force and the contempt they display for the intelligence of the people. What do they know about Science anyway - and any hired "advisor" had better agree with the Air Force brass if he wants to hang on to his well paying job. So we need the opinion of reliable and disinterested scientists - men of integrity who are not afraid to contradict government officials when necessary.

To assume this little insignificant war-torn planet is the center of the universe is ridiculous, as any competent astronomer can testify.

But this is beside my point for writing.
1008 years ago - the Air Force itself refuted
such testimony as that handed out by Hynek.
This was stated with documentation in a
pamphlet - or rather an issue of Current Events.
I think it was called - published by Dr. Sest
hearing, in which Sightings of U. F. O.'s were
discussed by the Air Force and planes sent
up to investigate as much as possible, one
of which ended in tragedy.

We never seem to be able to approach
any thing we don't understand except with
hostility, which does it always pay.

This little document may still be available
from Dr. hearing who I believe now writes for
Monthly Review - he no longer publishes Current
Events.

I borrowed it myself - which I had to
return registered - and am sorry I did it make
a copy of it - but you may be able to obtain
the loan of it. Am sorry I have't the address
of Monthly Review thru which you can contact
Dr. hearing - but you no doubt can easily find it.

Such people as Hynek disgust me - their
very attitude is unscientific - and their opinions
too dependent on their subjective position.

Sincerely yours
D. Florence Fagg

Dr. Pearson had discussed U. F. O's before - and like all men who are a little ahead of their time was laughed at, but they were not quite so cocky after he published the issue of Current Events I have mentioned. He give an ample Bibliography on the subject too - if I remember correctly - which shows that space ships have been sighted over a period of 100 years, which surely surprised me.

Think what wonders we might learn if we could abandon our god almighty we know everything attitude. We are becoming an arrogant people - too arrogant for our own good - and if we don't change our ways we may all end our days by incineration - and even Emperor Johnson won't have any place to scuttle ~~to~~ to with all his money.

If you are able to obtain the information - copies should
certainly be made of it. If they are - would very much
appreciate a copy myself.

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[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]

1019 Bement
Lansing, Michigan 48912
March 26, 1966

Congressman Gerald Ford

MAR 30 ANSO

Dear Sir:

According to the radio reports you wish to have a Congressional Investigation of our Michigan Flying Saucers. I wish to commend you.

I am not at all satisfied with the flimsy explanation that what is being seen is swamp gas.

Too many reliable police officers have seen these objects and one is an "ex" member of SAC who claimed that he had never seen anything go so fast.

Now then I am all for "national security" but I can not see where bringing out the true nature of these objects would endanger us. Is our government afraid of panic?

I cannot vote for you because you are not in my district but I sure have a lot of respect for you.

Sincerely yours

Edward J. Dewey
Edward J. Dewey
1019 Bement
Lansing, Michigan 48912

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Utica, Michigan
March 26, 1966

MAR 30 ANSO

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

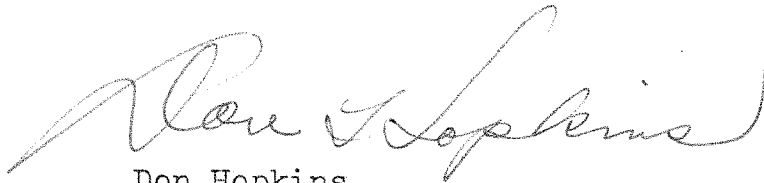
Dear Congressman:

Why does the Air Force continue to waste the taxpayers money by hiring so called "experts" to investigate UFO sightings while for years they (the Air Force) allegedly have been trying to keep the people in the dark on this matter by denying the existence of the obvious?

You are right; a congressional investigation is about due.

Congratulations on your actions in this vital matter.

Sincere best wishes,



Don Hopkins
51707 Mound Rd.,
Utica, Michigan 48087

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MAR 30 ANSO

Jim

John P. Bessor 7-B
6349 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh 6, Penn'a

March the 27th, 1966

Respected Sir :-

Let me heartily compliment you on your expressing a desire that the entire UFO matter be subject to a congressional investigation! I admire intelligence and initiative in our congressman!

This investigation of Air Force suppression should have been effected away back in 1949, when secrecy went into effect. I note that N.I.C.A.P., of Washington, has, for a year or more, tried to interest congress in an investigation. This group is a very sensible and sane lot of dedicated researchers, and..... they have "the facts".

I have been a researcher of aerial phenomena since June of 1947, after Ken Arnold first described the objects he saw as "saucer-shaped", and "weaving" over the mountain tops. Having studied paranormal phenomena for 10 years previous to his sighting, I realized a similarity of the "weaving" to a description of a poltergeist-propelled piece of wood in a carpenter's shop, which "zig-zagged" in flight, a phenomenon which occurred some years ago. Further, I noted the SIMILARITY of the UFO luminosities to the appearances of phantoms in (proven) haunted houses. I put two and two together, and wrote Wright Air Force Base that it was my BELIEF the "flying discs" represented various forms of extra-terrestrial (perhaps ionospheric) ectoplasmic-animal life, possibly forced to seek more dense atmospheres during (roughly) 30 year periods of climatic disturbances (freak weather, etc.) these periods being, roughly, 40 years apart. You see, the 1870s, '80s and '90s saw a good number of sky phenomena and.... "record-breaking" weather! Harry H. Haberer, Radio and Press Section, Wright Air Force Base, wrote me that my theory concerning the flying discs "is one of the most intelligent we have received." In a press release, in 1949, the Air Force stated "the saucers act more like animals than anything else." The Saturday Evening Post, May (or June) 1949, carried my "ghost-animal" theory and also Life magazine, April or May 1952, in its letters column.

When humanoids are "observed" in or near "saucers", I rather suspect the witness SAW an object and just "added" the men to embroider it.

Because the Air Force refused to admit the reality of UFOs, the opportunists got in on the act (Adamski, Frye, Bethurum, Angelucci, Desmond Leslie, etc) and made saucer hay. The poor public was being HOAXED by the pranksters on one side and the Air Force on the other. Nor is this the only time the government had deliberately hoaxed the public! It took 10 years and the heat of a presidential election to apprise the tax-paying public of the term "strontium-90". Bless Adlai's heart! A congressional hearing drew out the term "cesium"

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in 1957, and it was not till 1960 we got from the very reluctant A.E.C. the term "radioactive iodine"! So..... there are certain government agencies which are tight little isles unto themselves and "the public be damned!"

When there was a rash of sightings over Washington, D.C. in 1951 or '52, right away quick, the Air Force "shot them down" by calling in Donald Menzel, Harvard "astrophysicist", who at once "explained" them all away as "temperature inversions". Don Menzel is one of those men who simply REFUSES to admit the possibility of "flying saucers". He suffers from what I call "professional myopia", and Hynek suffers from this occupational malady to some extent. On Feb. 27th, N.B.C.'s "Open Mind" program had a UFO panel discussion. Who were on the "negative" side? You guessed it! the Air Force's "front-men" Hynek and Menzel! You see, the Air Force selected these men as "fronts" precisely because they are "negative" on the whole matter. And the poor taxpayer supports the Air Force which diddles and boaxes him!

Hynek's "swamp" excursion cost the taxpayer a pretty penny. "Gas" indeed! I say Hynek is full of HOT AIR and Menzel needs his lenses changed!

But.... let's have congress settle the matter!

I hate mysticism and cultism and the like. I am strictly scientific in my approach.

Read M.K. Jessup's UFO ANNUAL for 1955 (Citadel Press) and you will read why I feel the Air Force doesn't care to give the truth to the public. It just doesn't care to admit the "supernatural" or the "paranormal". It would be far too embarrassing!

But.... the people of Michigan have been made to appear like country bumpkins through Hynek's "explanation".... even the girls at dear old Hillsdale College! If there is a hearing, I suggest Mr. Mannor be called to testify. I believe he was absolutely sincere!

Last January, the Royal Australian Air Force investigated huge "UFO" nests in Australian swamps. Appears the "saucers" are landing more and more frequently, lately!

And.... animals won't carry on wildly by mere "swamp lights"! They DO carry on wildly when apparitions appear. Every psychical researcher is acquainted with this fact. Actually, congress should have a sincere psychical researcher at the hearings. Laugh if you will, but I suggest Jackie Gleason.... one of the most sane, and unbiased researchers I know of. J.B. Rhine MAY be a good candidate for the job, but I think he leans a bit too much towards dice-tossing experiments and plain E.S.P..

Let's hope an investigation is commenced very soon!

Every kind wish!



JOHN P. BESSOR

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1916-50th Street
Brooklyn N.Y. 11204

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

M/A

Dear Sir:

I agree whole heartedly with your proposal for an investigation of the U.F.O.s allegedly sighted, near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

It's of my belief that these U.F.O.s do exist, and come from another planet. I also have reason to believe that these people in the U.F.O.s have extremely violent tendencies.

I further believe that last weeks Gemini 8 short-circuit failure was caused by these U.F.O.s. The blackout last November along the Eastern Seaboard and Texas, was caused by these same U.F.O.s. Also, these recent Boeing collisions were also caused by these planet people

These people have superior abilities. Also, they can fly at 50,000 miles an hour or better, with the anti-gravity secret.

I feel that the silence must be broken soon, between publicity of the U.F.O.s and the communications between the U.F.O.s and the U.S.A.

I also believe we should have a minute man alert force whenever a substantial report that the U.F.O.s have been sighted, to investigate immediately before they are gone. They move so rapidly that our missiles cannot catch them.

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I urge that high-speed photography be taken of the U.F.O.s immediately when they are sighted.

It's just a matter of time before we break the anti-gravity secret. Possibly in less than twenty years, but if the government pushes ahead it could be a lot sooner.

I believe these people are approximately four feet high.

I urge you to take swift action in the House to have this matter cleared up completely.

Your Ob't. Servant,

Allan Rosenthal

Allan Rosenthal

Andrew Schopick
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Dear Congressman Ford,

I am 18 years old and a Senior at Andrew Warde High School in Fairfield, Connecticut. During the last year I have been extremely interested in the UFO phenomenon. For the past three months I have been doing extensive research on UFOs in preparation for a paper for school. My research has led me into correspondence with several scientists.

The recent fiasco in your home state of Michigan has aroused my deepest concern. Newscasts have stated that you intend to ask for a full blown Congressional hearing into the sightings. I hope you will do more than ask or suggest; I sincerely hope that you will push for an investigation, using all the influence in your possession. As a leader it is your job.

As you probably realize there is a great deal of confusion concerning unidentified flying objects. Frankly, it is surprising how many people take these reports seriously. I know from my own research that many professional people, including scientists, are very much interested in the phenomenon. But the public in general is not aware of this fact. However, it seems that most people are dissatisfied with the official explanations for many of the sightings. I feel certain that there is more to all this than meets the eye. The press certainly has not helped the situation at all and it is largely responsible for the vast confusion.

I realize that Congress has far more important things to worry about. But it is my belief that the public has much interest in the UFO sightings. A serious, full fledged investigation by Congress would be a real blessing. It would be quite beneficial and a few surprising facts might be discovered. Naturally if an investigation comes about I hope the investigation will not be limited to just the Michigan case. After all the explanation may be completely correct here. Congress has in its power the ability to resolve and clarify the entire UFO situation. Why let the people of this country, and apparently of the world, go on wondering what is what? Some concrete facts would help. Let's get rid of all the confusion. I think it is high time that something be done by our nation, officially, to find out the full, honest story in back of these reports.

Sir, I know you are a very busy man and that such a hearing would involve considerable effort, cost and expense. But the time will not be wasted. Please do what you can to bring about a full blown Congressional hearing into unidentified flying objects with no holds barred. I would hope that the findings of such an investigation would be completely available to the public or else it would be to no avail.

I hope you will find a few minutes to acknowledge this letter. I would appreciate hearing from you, and thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Andrew Schopick

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