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Dear Mr. Ford:

March 26, 1966

For the past twenty years there have been an increasing number of U.F.O. incidents in this country and throughout the world. It is about time that these events were properly reported to the American people. I and many like myself applaud your statement of yesterday which gives us reason to hope for open Congressional Investigation into this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Peter Thompson
Peter Thompson

MAR 30 ANSO

Fred Kempf
114 South 107th Street
Seattle, Wash.-98168

March 26, 1966

U.S. Representative Ford, House Minority Leader
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

I heard on television, Friday, that you had called for a Congressional Investigation into the recent Michigan U.F.O. sightings.

Concerning Dr. J. Allen Hynek's explanation of the pictures taken by the Sheriff's Deputies on March 17, 1966 at about 7:30 P.M. His explanation of the objects in the pictures of being the Moon and Venus is completely false.

1. From the Detroit Newspapers, I have learned that the Moon set at 2:11 P.M. on the 17th and rose again at 5:32 A.M. on the 18th. It was impossible for the Moon to be seen at the time of the sighting, you can check this for your self.
2. Since the Moon was at the apex of the "New Moon" phase on March 20, little if any of it was visible at all on the 17th.
3. While I don't have the figures available, I think that you will find that Venus did not rise untill 2 or 3 o'clock in the Morning, again making Dr. Hynek's explanation impossible.
4. Even if the Moon had been in the position the Doctor says it was, there is no Star or Planet that is both bright enough or near enough to produce the effect presented in the pictures at this time.

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It seems fantastic that these Sheriff's Deputies, who have had years of experience and are men of strong character and responsibility, could be so stupid as to be fooled by the Moon and the Planet Venus, a thing so obvious.

Dr. Hynek, the Airforce consultant, either did not bother to investigate the sightings or issued said explanation simply to debunk them or both. You can draw your own conclusions on this, but the record shows a similar treatment by the Airforce on other sightings, both present and past, as well, and in other parts of the Country.

I suggest that you consult some disinterested and independent astronomical authority to verify the facts (one through four) that I have stated here. I believe them to be correct and that you will find them so.

yours



Fred Kempf

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U.F.O.'s Are Swamp Gases, Says Prober

DETROIT, March 25.—(AP)—An Air Force investigator said today that numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Southern Michigan skies recently were probably the result of swamp gases, not visitors from outer space.

"I emphasize . . . that I cannot prove in a court of law, that this is the full explanation of these sightings," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University physicist, who was brought to Michigan to investigate a week-long series of mysterious celestial objects.

HYNEK ADDED at a news conference:

"It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter—an unusually mild one in this area—and the particular weather conditions . . . were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

Hynek added that photographs showing two lights in the sky over a series of street lights were "without any question" trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet Venus.

Hynek said the photos were taken March 17 near Milan, Mich., about 25 miles southwest of Detroit.

HYNEK NOTED that most of the sightings were near swamps.

"A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space," Hynek said.

"It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours or where a soundless secret device would likely be tested."

Hynek said it seemed likely that spring thaws released trapped gases resulting from decomposition of organic materials, adding:

"It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps in these particular cases is more than coincidence."

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March 27, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing about recent news reports quoting you as asking for a Congressional study of the Air Force UFO investigations, especially in the recent Michigan cases.

As a long-time student of the subject, I would like to express my support for such a hearing. I hope, of course, that the hearing would concentrate on the serious segments of the subject and not become a sounding board for the "lunatic fringes." There is a wealth of substantial, factual material to prove that the Air Force has not lived up to its "press release claims" about its investigations, without branching off into the elements of nonsense. And it is this material, I am sure, that you are asking to have investigated.

To keep my files current, would you please send me a copy of any news releases or written statements you issued on the subject when you made your original request?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Embassy cleared
John Weigle
John Weigle

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9 Von Ruck Terrace,
Asheville, N.C.,
March 26, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Bravo!

The first to speak up for an investigation of UFO's...
let's get it done!

As a citizen I have studied all available information that is accessible to me on unidentified flying objects and the quantitative evidence itself supports a belief that the objects do exist, that they are operated by intelligent life and that they are extraterrestrial.

Topflight astronomers say they believe there is intelligent life on millions of other planets.

Scientists tell us that the earth is a young body...that some of the planets that may be inhabited are millions of years older than ours.

We do not think it ridiculous to try to put a man on the moon.

If outerspacemen have had millions more years to develop their brains, why are they not much smarter than we are?

If they are smarter, what is ridiculous about them having found the secrets of space flight?

The AF is making itself completely ridiculous...but I believe that like Napoleon having his Waterloo...the AF has their Exeter. No doubt you are familiar with what happened in Exeter, N.H. (See Look Magazine, Feb. 22, page 36.) The AF spoofed the Exeter sightings then backed out)

The American people have a right to know about these visitors...and our government being responsible to the people ought to take the people into its confidence.

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Who ^{is} ~~is~~ government is back of the plot not to tell the people about these space ships? WHO? Can you find the man?

Probably the most informed person in America on unidentified flying objects is Major Donale E. Keyhoe, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W. Washington. Perhaps you know him.

He states in one of his bulletins to members that every time a move is made to get a congressional investigation of unidentified flying objects the AF prevents it.

If you don't carry through on your idea of having this investigation I will believe someone silenced you...and since you are a Republican and so am I, I won't like it a little bit.

Don't you give up....stick to this course until you force a full investigation.

Let's get on with this and get on fast.

Yours for success,


V. R. Osha

For identification, I am Promotional Advertising Manager of the Asheville Citizen and Times, Asheville, N.C. Have been a business executive (vice president and general manager) of a large corporation, a newspaper reporter and editor, a teacher of English, History and Psychology.

MAR 3 1950

Dear Sir:
I see by the morning Orland Sentinel, that you are proposing an investigation on this U F O business, and I think it is high time that something is printed that could throw some better light, perhaps, on these well-meaning aerial phenomena. I will try the best I can with one finger of my left hand on account of a stroke some two years back, my left hand formally having only been more or less of a helpmate for my right one which I now only carry around for the good it has done.

Back in the early fifties I lived in Idaho near Boise when an airman spied a saucer and gave chase. Every time he sped up to try to catch it or even get closer it took off like a flash. It could turn right sharp off to the right or left or up and down while our planes have to turn in the form of an arc. It could stop and stand still in the air seeming to not be affected by gravity. It could divide and assemble itself with ease. This was in the daytime so no lights were visible, however at night later on lights were seen such as a fluorescent tube around the perimeter. At the time we got stories out of the department of the Air Force not too much unlike we still get - with little if any proof of what could be the reason for them. There were no rockets then.

Now if we have the courage to venture out with another angle so many so-called scientists and numerous news media poo-poo or ridicule even a suggestion that man seems to want to evade. Nothing just happens - there has to be a reason. We are having numerous earthquakes in the most unlikely places; severe droughts which are bringing on starvation and eventually of course, pestilence. Even the seasons are slipping some, defiance over the whole world is growing by leaps and bounds, we are determined to get to the moon, yet we were only told to subdue the earth, so what is going on anyhow?

Now back to that neon sort of light I mentioned earlier that surrounded the saucer - a halo is a symbol of spiritual things, so why could God not be trying at place where it can not be covered over by man, to tell us something about future events that will have great significance? Does it not seem strange that we can spend more time and efforts trying to disprove something today than we do to really endeavor to get on the right track? Do you suppose that some faces we have around today will ever get red enough to flag a train? Why are we paying some people in Wash. D. C. to give us their personal opinions like this when we can read that eventually there would be great signs and wonders in the sky and on earth, in an effort to warn the peoples for that day? or is it this day?

For nearly 40 years now I have followed very closely the events that are too and are preceding a great change of world affairs and hardly a week goes by anymore but what some momentous event occurs, not just happens, to prove that we are fast approaching that time. Not knowing too much about your private life this too may fall on deaf ears, who knows?

If hearings are held, I can walk now good enough with a cane to appear before a committee to help get to the bottom of this matter if that is what is really wanted, but I sure can not walk that far from here. Even if I must say so myself, you would find upon personal investigation that I am a substantial citizen - not a crank.

So long,

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(A former architect and builder)

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The LAST NEWS

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EXTRA

Tomorrows' Headlines Today

WORLD WIDE COVERAGE

MIDNITE MESSAGE

WEATHER: STORM CLOUDS

CHRIST RETURNS

Millions Missing Around World

BULLETINS:

(Special to LAST NEWS)

- Indonesia**—Earthquakes have been rocking this nation every three minutes. Thousands have perished.
- Australia**—Earthquakes in other parts of the world have caused tidal waves over many parts of Australia.
- Japan**—Volcanoes are erupting all over Japan! Hot lava spews from the heart of the earth.
- South America**—Floods ravage entire cities. Coastal towns wiped out. Thousands perish.
- Korea**—Rock slides cause murderous avalanches. Hundreds perish.
- China**—Famine and pestilence continue to take their toll. Thousands die of starvation and fear.
- Russia**—Stars have been falling on the soviet territory causing much damage. Huge hailstones as large as grapefruit have been falling in the Ukraine.
- Palestine**—Thousands crowd the streets of Israeli cities. An air of expectancy has thousands on edge.
- Egypt**—Drought and famine have left the nation paralyzed.
- Iran**—Troops prepare for invasion from Russia.
- Middle East**—An alert has been sounded for all out war. Mass Russian troop movements on all borders. The bear is ready to move.
- Hawaii**—Residents fear something worse than a Pearl Harbor—Island is beginning to sink. Harbors report a two foot rise in all tides.
- Canada**—Great Lakes region alarmed and perplexed by sudden heaving of fifty foot waves in all lakes.
- Poland**—Thousands report terrifying signs and wonders in the skies. Reports are too numerous to deny.
- Miami**—Weather bureau reports sudden change in weather. Four feet of snow predicted.
- London**—British officials reveal student riots breaking out in every major city. Youth are worried by world conditions.
- Los Angeles**—Observatory reports the sighting of a large, foursquare star descending toward the earth. It is in collision orbit.
- United Nations**—A late report reveals a personality who claims he will solve the world problems that have suddenly burst forth. Many followers now claim he will be the world's 'new saviour.' Some are calling him the 'anti-christ.'

At 12:05 last night a telephone operator reported three frantic calls regarding missing relatives. Within fifteen minutes all communications were jammed with similar inquiries. A spot check around the nation found the same situation in every city. Sobbing husbands sought information about the mysterious disappearance of wives. One husband reported — "... I turned on the light to ask my wife if she remembered to set the clock, but she was gone. Her bedclothes were there, her watch was on the floor . . . she just disappeared . . ." An alarmed caller from Brooklyn tearfully reported— "... My husband just returned from the late shift . . . I kissed him . . . he just disappeared in my arms . . ."

Less than thirty-five minutes after the first calls were received a well known television executive took to the air with the first explanation of the mass midnight kidnapping. He asserted that the strange disappearance of millions last night was a biblical prediction that suddenly exploded into fulfillment. In determined syllables he spelled out what he called the 'rapture of the saints.' "Jesus Christ has returned to the earth and has taken His christian people as His bride . . . It has been forecast for centuries . . . My own mother spoke often of this day. We

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Thousands mob streets stunned by news of the return of Jesus Christ. Dazed police battle to keep order.

World Leaders Call for UN Emergency Session

A Canadian official was the first of many world leaders to call for a special emergency session of the U.N. to discuss the new world crisis brought about by the mysterious disappearance of millions. Speaking over the CBC network he called for immediate steps to regain world confidence. He voiced the fear that as a result of this crisis—Russia would take immediate steps to launch an all out hydrogen war. He stated—"The world is tottering on its axis. A waiting world looks to the skies for an explanation. Fear and terror has blinded the eyes of men everywhere. Godless Russia will take advantage of this fear. She will strike in an effort to claim responsibility for this calamity. We must be prepared for an attack."

One hour after the broadcast—
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Playful, Sensual World Shocked by Sudden Mass Kidnapping

Around the world crowds were eating, drinking and playing—unaware of what was happening to thousands of Christian people. Broadway was packed with thrill seeking multitudes — champagne and whiskey was flowing like water — inebriated dancers were whirling away morning hours — gourmets were greedily tasting their fancy foods. Wedding bells were ringing from many steeples. Divorce proceedings were in full swing. Lovers lane was crowded with thrill seeking fornicators. Building contractors were busily making plans for new gigantic projects. Wealthy men were laying plans for new investments. Buyers and sellers were restlessly active. New crops and vineyards were being planned. Smoking, drinking, cursing crowds were talking about the fabulous future.

The shocking news that broke
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MANY GRAVES FOUND OPEN—BODIES GONE

Shortly after the news broke last night that Jesus had come — thousands took to the cemeteries looking for the bodies of loved ones. Most of those in the cemetery—who found empty graves—where there mainly because of a bible verse they had heard. (1 Thess. 4:16) "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST . . ." The dead were the first to be found missing last night.

Hundreds Trampled to Death During Revival Meetings

Little Worth, Texas reports sixty three persons trampled to death when over 3,000 people tried to rush from the civic auditorium at the very height of a revival service. The Rev. Forthright was reading his text: "... in an hour that ye think not — then shall the son of man come . . ." Right before the eyes of thousands the minister suddenly disappeared. The choir disappeared. Over two thirds of the congregation disappeared. Those left behind began to scream and run in all directions. Over 500 ran weeping to the altar crying out to God for mercy. Trampling, pushing, screaming, wailing—the crowd kept yelling — 'Jesus has come — we're lost—we're left behind.'

From Coast to coast services like this were interrupted. The same was true in store front churches — in rallies, in open air meetings in house prayer meetings. Jesus has come for His church—His bride.

Gigantic Bon Fire of Sex Books on Times Sq.

At four o'clock this morning an elderly gentleman was seen angrily tearing down his newsstand on Times Square. After tearing the stand apart he proceeded to pile every magazine and sex book on top of the wood. He poured gasoline over the heap and ignited it. When asked why he was doing it — he tearfully replied: "I'm burning all this trash so that maybe God will have mercy on my soul. I've peddled this junk for twenty two years and I know it has ruined the lives of thousands of young people—but maybe there is still hope for me."

A crowd of over ten thousand people gathered and the flames

Millions Missing Around World

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 have been left behind. There is no hope. I have missed the only thing worth living for. I—like you—refused to believe in the literal coming of Jesus Christ."

All major TV and radio networks cancelled late programs and have been operating on a round the clock news service. By 12:45 this morning mass hysteria had gripped the world. No other explanation has been offered as yet. To the millions left behind in the wake of this gigantic mystery one cold fact looms larger by the hour — "JESUS CHRIST HAS COME. HE HAS TAKEN HIS BRIDE TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER. THE WORLD AWAITS HIS NEXT MOVE."



Missing crew members wreck havoc on high seas. Seven missionary families aboard missing.

World Wide Industry Paralyzed

Union officials have not yet completed their reports on missing mill workers. It is now official that thousands of workers are missing from union plants everywhere. The first startling report of missing mill workers came from Steubenville, Ohio — where four lathes workers rushed into the night office to report a sudden disappearance of two other men on the same lathes. The excited men told of passing a hot tempered fagot to one of the missing men—only to see him dissolve in thin air. The same report has been reaching union and management offices for hours since the midnite rapture.

A strange report from Atlanta, Georgia tells of a grinder at a metal polishing plant going into hysterics when she found her helper missing. Her bible was found open to the book of Matthew and these words were underlined: "... Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, the other left ..." (Matt. 24:41)

Among the missing are auto workers, steel mill workers, and others from plastics, glass ware fabrics, farmers, lumbermen, of-

Panic Stalks High School Corridors

Absenteeism reached an all time high today when thousands of teen agers and grade schoolers did not show up for regular classes. One city school principal reported five teachers missing and over 175 students unaccounted for. He believes that all are victims of the mass disappearance that took place late last night.

Hundreds of students refused to leave their classrooms because of fear. The auditorium was opened for those who wished to pray for the missing students. Stunned and shocked — most teen agers spent the time looking about for certain 'Christian' youth. Some remembered that club members of HI-BA and youth for Christ and Teen Age Evangelism were all missing. One teen ager went to her locker and brought out a small booklet one of the Christian girls had given to her the day before.

A crowd gathered as she read the solemn warning—GET READY — TIME IS SHORT — JESUS WILL COME SOON. Before she could conclude, a young basketball star fell to his knees screaming—"WHY DIDN'T WE LISTEN—I MADE FUN OF THAT GIRL—I CALLED HER A RELIGIOUS FANATIC — MY GOD — I'M LOST."

Dropping books on the steps—on corridor halls—teen agers were seen running wildly for the exits. Some ran home for more information—others headed for the nearest church or synagogue to pray and seek mercy. Regardless of the outcome of this strange midnite affair — one thing is certain — IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THOUSANDS OF TEEN AGERS RETURN TO THE HAUNTED HALL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

World Leaders

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 the official Russian news agency TASK—carried a report that the soviet presidium was contemplating a statement in effect that a new secret weapon was launched and is responsible for the mysterious disappearance. All armed forces in Russia have been alerted to stand by for orders. One correspondent reports unusual activity at three major missile launching sites in the Ukraine.

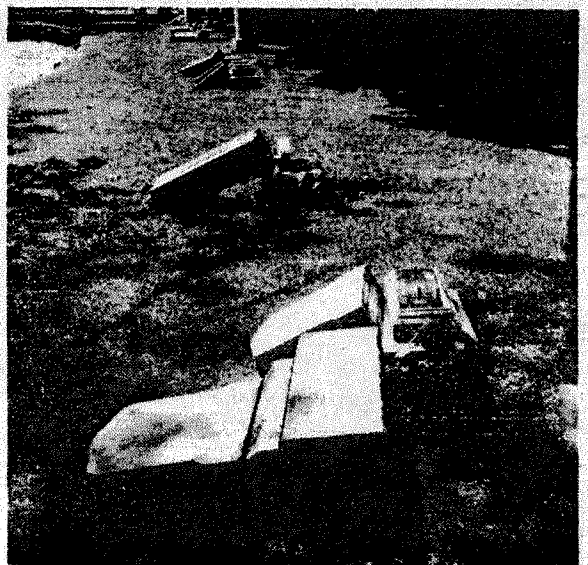
Two American planes crash landed on Russian soil — but no pilots were found. They are believed to be victims of the disappearance. Russia is prepared to use these crashes as excuse to launch an attack on the west. There was no comment from Washington.

TEEN AGE MOBS TERRORIZE CITY

Teen gangs are roving city streets brandishing switch blades and zip guns. They are tearing down bar rooms and some churches. They have also threatened to destroy any minister who can be blamed for not preaching the message of the coming of Jesus Christ.

STEAM SHIP REFUSES TO SAIL

Fearing seventy five feet tidal waves and fantastic tides — the official of this steam ship line refused to sail on schedule. Crew members are missing. No one is signing for the trip and those scheduled have changed their plans.



Startling picture of overturned grave markers. Thousands of bodies are missing. "The dead in Christ shall rise first . . ."

The "LAST NEWS" is Distributed Through the Ministry of Gospel Tract Society

This unusual newspaper has come to birth under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Thousands of copies of this paper are being distributed in fulfillment of a prophecy in the bible. Matthew 25:6 declares—"AND AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A CRY MADE, BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM." Everyone knows it is now midnight for this old world. A cry must be made that Jesus is coming. This newspaper is making a terrifying cry at midnite.

The church must now compete with frankensteins, monsters and spine chillers. This newspaper invades this forbidden turf to rescue the souls of thrill scarred youth. If this approach has angered you it is probably a result of the conviction that has gripped you. You need to examine your heart right now.

This newspaper is ahead of the times. These are press releases that will soon rock the earth. You are very fortunate that you still have a few moments before this story actually breaks! YOU

STILL HAVE A LITTLE TIME LEFT!

If your heart has been stirred by this report —act right now! Read—here and now—how to get ready for the coming of Jesus.

1—FIRST—You must be sorry for all your sins and your wicked way of life. You must admit that even at your best you are a sinner.

2—SECOND—You must confess your sins now to Jesus Christ. He alone can forgive you and take away your guilt. Confess out loud with your mouth.

3—THIRD—Repent, confess — then believe! Have faith that God hears your prayer. Unbelief angers God. Trust in Him to keep you and break the power of sin in your life.

The bible says—"FAITH COMETH BY HEARING—AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD . . ." Read the bible verses in this newspaper and build up your faith!

4—FOURTH—Write to us today! It won't save you—but it will help us to pray for you. Someone is interested in you. Write today to:

The Gospel Tract Society, Inc.
 P. O. Box 266
 Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063

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(A former architect and builder)

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Dear Congressman Ford,

Thank you so much for your suggestion
of congressional investigation into the U. F. O..
I am very interested in these sightings and
feel that much of the mystery surrounding the
true identity of these objects would be cleared
up by a public investigation by congress.
Please, push this idea!

Sincerely,
John Tappin
1687 Lymanville
Houston, Texas 77055

P. S. I am an associate member of NICAP.

RALPH LEVERING KIRK
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March 26, 1966.

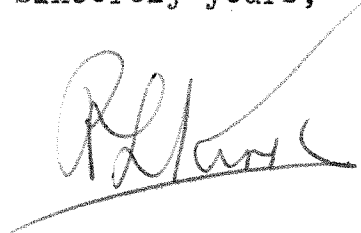
Hon. Gerald Ford,
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford;

I most heartily agreed with your proposal to investigate the flying saucers. There must be something to them, as too many reputable people have seen them.

Further more I believe the public is really concerned about them, and that a full and open investigation would be a mighty good thing for all concerned. I hope that you can get it accomplished.

Sincerely yours,



P. O. Box 357
Schoharie, New York 12157
March 26, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

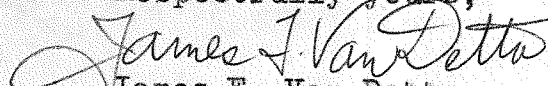
I should like to urge you to initiate a complete and open Congressional investigation of "Unidentified Flying Objects". UFO', as you are well-aware, have been observed in considerable numbers in your state within the past few weeks. The Air Force "expert", Dr. J. Allen Hynek, says the sightings in Michigan were probably marsh gas. I am still laughing about that!

As you know, pictures were taken of the sightings by a policeman who observed the phenomena. Dr. Hynek, on the Walter Cronkite CBS news program last evening, said the photographs showed the planet Venus and a crescent moon. Do you have any idea at all how such a ridiculous explanation must make that fine policeman feel? If I were that policeman, I would take Dr. Hynek and the Air Force into a court of law.

In the February 22, 1966, issue of LOOK magazine, there is a very enlightening article on UFO's that were seen last September in Exeter, N. H. If you have not read the article, you should try to do so. I should also like to urge you to contact the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena in Washington, D. C. This organization is dedicated to ending such harassment and humiliation as happened to the fine and honest people of your state who courageously and truthfully reported what they saw. About six years ago, I saw five red lights in the sky at night. They were moving in an unusual undulating manner. They were not conventional air craft such as often fly over this valley. I did not report this sighting to any official agency because I am familiar with how these reports have been treated by the Air Force since 1947. I refuse to be humbled intellectually the way that poor policeman, and others, had to face the Air Force's "simple" explanation. Some friends of mine have seen UFO's (circular silver discs) during the daytime. My friends and I have some quite definite conclusions on this whole matter of UFO's.

I sincerely hope you will push for an immediate investigation of the Air Force fiasco in your state. Even if you do not, I still refuse to believe that the fine people of Michigan are a bunch of ignorant fatheads--as Air Force "expert", Dr. Hynek, clearly implies.

Respectfully yours,


James F. Van Detta

to: [unclear]

MAR 31 1966

25 March 1966
David E. Mullen
6527 193rd S.W.
Lynnwood, Washington
98036

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Ford

I would like to state my support for your recent statement to the effect that a complete Congressional investigation should be held on the subject of UFOs. Like myself, many members of the armed services have been seriously interested in this unusual phenomenon. But any elementary inquiry into the subject will show that there is something seriously wrong with the "official explanations". I am not satisfied with the explanation that somehow all of the pilots, all of the control tower and radar operators, all of the law enforcement officers, all of the professional engineers, and all of the hundreds of other reliable persons who have seen UFOs, could all be wrong. The American public is mature enough to be entitled to the truth in this highly significant matter.

David E. Mullen
David E. Mullen
Capt. USAF

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WILLIAM P. DEGENER
296 PIERMONT ROAD
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY 07624

3/27/66

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FORD:

RE, U.F.O.'S

THE AIR FORCE, OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS,
HAS FIBBED ITSELF INTO A LUDICROUS POSITION.

NOW, NO MATTER WHAT IT DIVULGES, WE
CONSIDER IT UNRELIABLE.

MR. AL CHOPP WOULD BE YOUR MOST
REWARDING WITNESS. HE IS NOW WITH NASA.
IN HOUSTON.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

William P. Degener

ROBERT WARREN ROSS
20 DONNA ROAD
FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

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Sunday, March 27th, 1966

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

Dear Representative Ford:

I read in today's New York Times, Page 61, of your desire to conduct a full investigation of so-called "flying saucer" or "Ufo" sightings in your state of Michigan and other parts of the country.

This sounds like a sensible thing to do in view of all the responsible people who claim to have seen these objects over the past twenty or more years.

May I suggest that you obtain a copy of the book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, published by Henry Holt & Co. If Major Keyhoe's credentials are in order, then certainly you ought to launch a complete inquiry. This is the most fascinating book I've ever read-----and I'd like your comments after you've read it and perhaps spoken to the author.

If, as Major Keyhoe states in his book, there is now, and has been for some time, a high level censorship going on with regard to these strange incidents, then it is time the government told the public what's going on. For, if the alleged censorship is designed to prevent panic or fear, imagine what the consequences might be if sometime in the future one of these things were to descend near a highly populated area with the people having been told nothing by their government.

Perhaps you have already read this book, but if not, I urge you to do so. Inasmuch as the book is rather thoroughly documented, one is inclined to accept what the author has to say.

Would you be good enough to let me have your comments?

Sincerely,



Postscript: As a member of the local Republican Town Committee (Associate) may I congratulate you on your splendid leadership in the House.

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MAR 31 ANSD

RICHARD J. BOCKLET
RIDGWOOD, NEW YORK

26 March 1966

Honorable Gerold R. Ford
House Office Building,
Washington 25, D.C.


Dear Congressman:

I enthusiastically support your call for a congressional investigation of the unidentified flying object reports.

Reports of these objects have persisted over a long period of time and are restricted to no particular part of the globe. Last fall, for example, in traveling through Latin America, I read in the local papers numerous solidly-witnessed accounts of UFO activity.

I think it is well time for Congress to pronounce whether the many sightings by qualified and competent observers can all be explained away as "marsh gas" or as "the moon and the planet Venus".

Sincerely,


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

MAR 31 1966

415 High Street
Lockport, New York 14094
March 26, 1966

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

Dear Representative Ford:

You are to be congratulated on your call for a Congressional investigation of the phenomena known as unidentified flying objects. The matter of UFOs is potentially one of the most serious in all of history and has yet received but a minimum of attention and a maximum of ridicule.

Although I hardly consider myself an expert on the topic, I am nevertheless familiar with the hundreds and thousands of UFO sightings in this country and abroad in the past years. The recent sightings in Michigan, Florida, and those of last fall in Exeter, New Hampshire only serve to substantiate an already solid fact. These things have been seen too often, in too many ways, and by too many qualified persons to be brushed off as hallucinations, weather balloons, or the like. Indeed, there is no question in my mind that these things do exist and are indeed intelligently controlled machines. I feel confident that any Congressional investigation would reach a similar conclusion.

To anyone familiar with the UFO subject it is an established fact that the United States Air Force has ~~and~~ followed and continues to follow a policy that attempts to ignore the UFO phenomena or, when impossible, explain it away with ridiculous explanations and ridicule of military and civilian pilots, police officers, and other persons of the highest character and competence.

I urge you to do all that you can to obtain a serious Congressional investigation in this matter. I am also urging my Representative, Rep. Henry P. Smith, to do the same.

Sincerely yours,

Gary R. Aikin
Gary R. Aikin

MAN U I ANSO
Kalamazoo, Mich.
March 26, 1966.

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

I wish to thank you for your interest in the UFO's over Michigan. I sincerely trust there will be a thorough investigation, since the verdict of the person sent to Hillsdale county that the UFO's seen there are "swamp gas" is ridiculous to one, like myself, who lived 35 years in that area.

I know that territory well, both by day and by night, and am very familiar with the swampland in the county. Why have we never heard or seen "swamp gas" before?

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Van Horn who watched the UFO at Hillsdale for three hours. He is a professional man and it must be an insult to his intelligence to tell him he didn't "see what he saw".

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Lena Adams
1864 Nottingham Ave.

473 ASD

Bay City Michigan
March 26, -66

Congressman Gerald Ford
U.S. House of Representatives

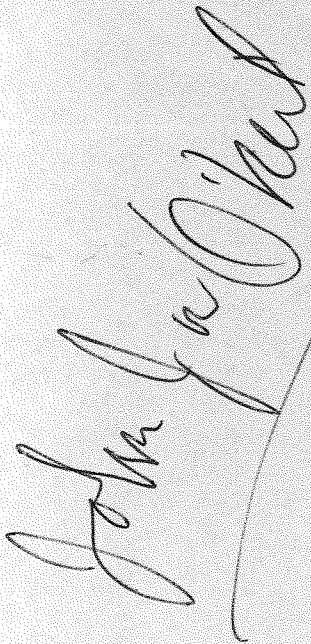
Dear Congressman:

I am heartily in agreement with your stand on U.F.O.'s and I am very sick of the Air Force's "censorship by ridicule." I know ~~that~~ a lot of people who have seen U.F.O.'s who don't believe in little green men.

I think the government should call in civilian experts and conduct a full committee hearing.

Sincerely

John Joseph O'Neil
1111 Bangor Street
Bay City Michigan



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917 Church St.
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home address;
326 McKinley
Grosse Pointe, Mich.

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

Dear Senator Ford:

Not all of us here at the University of Michigan are Viet Nam protestors! In particular, I protest, as I'm sure you do, the sloppy handling of the U.F.O. incidents by Dr. Hynek. This may be no reflection on his own capabilities, rather, he could have investigated those two incidents and no others upon direction from the Air Force. He certainly chose two easy cases to explain away with swamp gas. But since I get the local news out here, there have been nearly a dozen sightings, not all in swamps, and certainly not all at ground level.

Whether or not I 'believe' in U.F.O.s is not important. The real issue at stake is the censorship of information from the American people. As an upcoming member of the 'academic' community, I cannot accept so naive an explanation as that proposed by Dr. Hynek or the Air Force. Do they think that such simple explanations will convince people that explaining one is as good as dismissing the whole series of sightings as mistakes, mirages, reflections, etc? How dumb do they think we are?

Perhaps you have glanced through a copy of the U.F.O. Evidence, published by N.I.C.A.P., of which I am a member. It would make good homework assignments for each senator! I respect and praise the Air Force for their deterrent strength, but really wonder about its power of censorship. I fully support your proposed U.F.O. hearings and fine action as minority leader in general. "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall

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make you free." This goes for greater public knowledge of our policies
in Viet Nam, and our confusion over U.F.O.s.

With best wishes for a long and fruitful career,

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Steinheiser Jr.
Frederick H. Steinheiser Jr.

UFO

Monday, March 28

Dear Senator - MAR 31 ASD
no address

We applaud your concern,
and effort - to have the
entire U.F.O. matter be given
a serious investigation, Now!

We are "sick" of being treated
like idiot children, and told
to "never mind" its a balloon,
or "gas" or just some prank!

Gerald Heard, the English
scientist, but now living
^{Santa Monica} in California, (and an American
citizen I believe) should

certainly be called before
a committee to testify. For
he, among 20 other responsible
scientists, some twelve years
ago - investigated these
U.F.O. objects in many

other countries besides So.
America and the U.S.A.
Their Findings ^{are} important. (This
committee acted under
the British government's
orders, and their report
is of enormous weight
and value.) So, by
all means —
get in touch with
this distinguished scholar,
Gerald Heard; — He is an
Austrian, author of over
40 books, his latest "The
5 ages of man".

Action: Now —

P.S. ^{of} We thank you —
Tula, ^{of} Mr & Mrs Frank Nonny
Charles S. White
Wendover, N.Y. Allan

P.S. of course it will do no good

to remind you, I suspect,
that Major Donald E.
Keyhoe USMC (retired)
could ^{also} greatly assist in
getting the true facts
out in plain
view! He
has been ignored for
years, but his information
is valid, nevertheless.

Tuesday, March 29th —

The morning newspapers
report some of Major
Keyhoe's information, so perhaps
you will "at long last"
be forced to give us
some facts, thank God, and
I say this in Absolute
Reverence, I assure you.

P.I.T.

Donald B. Hanlon
3055 North Mason
Chicago, Illinois 60634

UFO

MAR 31 AMST

phone: NA. 2-2725

March 29, 1966

Respected Sir:

I am writing to you in regards to your recent proposal for a congressional investigation of UFO reports. Should such an investigation actually be undertaken, it could provide the needed stimulus for an objective scientific analysis of this phenomenon. It could also contribute to the intolerable (to a scientist) web of confusion which surrounds the subject. This possibility should be taken into consideration. I should like to emphasize that the value of a congressional probe will depend upon the evidence, or lack of same, submitted.

I think it is fairly obvious that the one individual whose testimony would have the greatest influence would be Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University. Should Dr. Hynek be called, I believe his testimony would surprise many who consider him to be an unswerving skeptic.

One of the most pertinent factors, which must not be ignored in an examination, is the proper historical perspective of the phenomenon itself. One of the most striking and significant examples of this factor is the vast wave of UFO observations throughout the American Mid-west in the year 1897 (long before the Wright Brothers flight). The number of reports from this period which I have thusfar uncovered, far exceeds those of the most recent observations.

I would certainly be willing to present this data before an investigating committee should I be requested to do so.

Awaiting your reply,

Sincerely,


Donald B. Hanlon

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MRS ALLAN G BELL PO BOX 545 GLENDALE CALIFORNIA.

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HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN FORD *H230***MAR 31 AM 60**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHDC

I CAN EXPLAIN MORE THAN ANY OTHER PERSON ABOUT THE ORIGINATION
OF THE FLYING SAUCER. IN FACT, 18 **WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THIS TO**
CONGRESS

GEORGE LAECK 279 NORTH BROADWAY YONKERS NY.

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LT. JOSEPH W. MORGAN

10691 RANNEY AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92649

26 March 1966

MAR 3. ANSD

Mr. Gerald Ford

MAR 3. ANSD

Dear Sir:

I understand that you are calling for a full congressional investigation of the UFO sightings.

I emphatically urge you to pursue this course, Sir. It is obvious that the Air Force's "investigations" have been incompetent or the true findings kept secret.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Morgan

Joseph W. Morgan
2d Lt, USAF

Astronautical Engineer

City of Grand Haven

MICHIGAN 49417

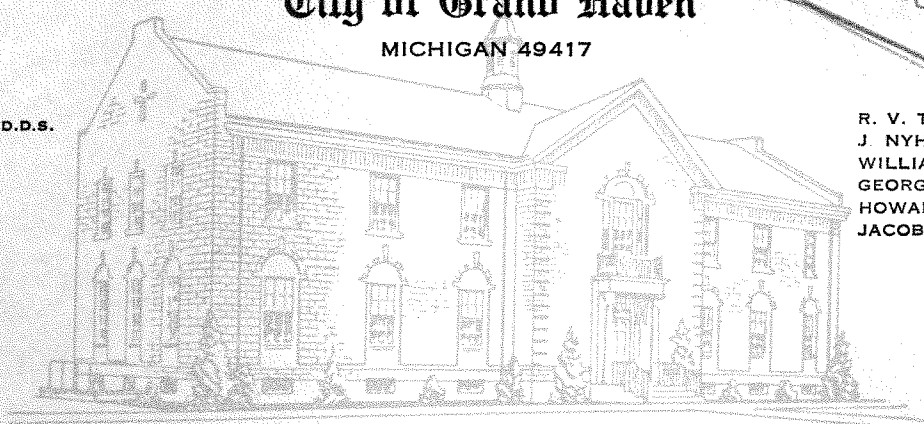
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CITY HALL

MAR 31 ANSO

March 28, 1966

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

Re: UFO

Dear Gerry:

For about eight years I have been a member of the NICAP organization headed by Major Donald Kehoe. I presume you are entirely familiar with this organization since it has its headquarters in Washington.

I was quite interested in last week's outbreak of sightings which started early Saturday morning, March 19, at La Porte, Indiana, and were also seen at Dexter and Hillsdale, Michigan, and discussed the matter with our radio station WGHN. I was asked to go on the air with the owner, Douglas Djapkes, and their program manager. In essence, my position was that it seemed to me that there is a growing trend toward consistency in these reports not only in the general outline of what people see but in small details. For instance, numerous times reports have stated that as these objects settle toward the ground, they sway or swing something like a fallen leaf. This would have no significance except for the fact that it does bear out a certain consistency in the reports. Again, within the last two or three years, there have been numerous reports of objects hovering over moving vehicles, sometimes frightening the occupants of the vehicle almost to the point of hysterics. I recall that last summer there were five sightings over northeastern France in which this happening was repeated. So, without being biased and frankly admitting that I have never seen a UFO or anything that resembles one, I took the position that it is high time that we as individual citizens - and perhaps officially as well in high levels of government - should consider the matter as anything but a joke. And it is long past time that we can afford to scoff at it and dismiss it with the trivial and sometimes rather inane explanations given, principally by the

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The Honorable Gerald Ford

March 28, 1966

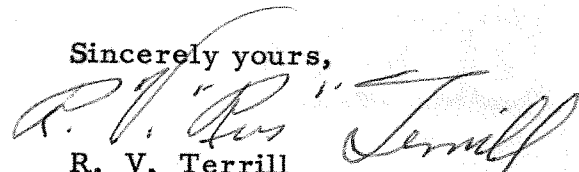
Air Force who have the project Blue Book for investigating the matters. Invariably, as was the case last week, they toss the matter off in a rather manifest effort it seems, to squelch and subdue general interest.

In receiving bulletins from NICAP over the time of my membership, I have tried earnestly to be strictly objective and to keep any personal bias out of the matter. I have considered the phenomenon of UFO as a possibility, and repeatedly stated that I had no idea as to the degree of probability involved. However, in the light of what appears to me to be a growing consistency focusing on these reports if we look at the matter as a study in human behavior, we find that this human behavior does not come from reports of irresponsible cranks but rather from people in many, many cases who must be considered as reliable, responsible people. I further note an area of seriousness in contemplating the matter by the lay citizenry, ^{which} is rapidly growing, and the idea of scoffing or laughing the thing out of consideration is diminishing. My personal feeling is that this is a healthy reaction.

In view of these observations, I was most gratified at the position that you took as revealed on station WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, last Thursday evening for I believe that far from being a joke, the matter could be very, very serious, and the government would be well advised to lend every effort toward as exhaustive information as possible concerning the phenomenon.

My family and I want to extend best personal regards to you and also your secretary, Frank Meyers.

Sincerely yours,


R. V. Terrill
City Manager

RVT:ey
cc: NICAP

WE ~~MAR 31 ANSD~~ ^{NFI} ~~3-28-66~~ WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT
YOU IN YOUR REQUEST FOR A
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION ON
"UFO SIGHTINGS." THE AIR
FORCE STIFLING OF INFORMATION
ON "UFO'S" SOUNDS LIKE RUSSIA..

~~MAR 3, ANSD~~ MR. + MRS. A. F. FRAHM
~~MAR 9, ANSD~~ 1526 N. LOGAN ST.
LANSING, MICH 48915

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Rep. GERALD FORD
c/o HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr Paul

3-28-66

MAR 3: ANSD

I am writing in reference to the U.F.O. sighting in Michigan. MAR 3: ANSD

We as American are free to express our opinion as we see or wish, but I think in at least get the feeling the Air Force is giving us the run around.

I am not alone in feeling you are doing the right thing for us, and wish you all the success in your findings. When & where will we find a report of your finding or progress.

Charles Smiley
4204 Greenwood
Holt, Michigan

John
Rt 4 Box 380
Brooksville Fla. 33512
Mar. 26, 1966

MAR 31 ANSD

Hon. Gerald Ford
House Office Bldg.
Wash. D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

I have been a dem. voter but I want to thank you so very much for deciding to conduct an investigation into the U. F. O. situation. The air force brands authentic sightings that cannot be explained a hoax and tries to mutilate the character of persons reporting such sightings. We have a friend of ours who has seen a saucer on the ground, talked in sign language to one of the occupants and has been inside this ship and saw all that was in it. He is telling the truth and because the air force called his story a hoax he wishes the truth to be known. Accordingly the Sunday issue of the St. Petersburg Times April 3, is going to break this story. This saucer occupant told this friend that he would return in 29 days and he did return and a photo was made to prove it. At this time an air force jet came in and chased it off. I wrote President Johnson to have an

investigation and he turned my letter over to the air force and they wrote me the same type letters they send out to everyone who reports a sighting. Some reports say the first saucers were sighted in 1946 or around there. We saw our first 3 pacing a coast guard plane on the Ohio River 2 miles from Wheeling in 1942. There were 3 discs in formation, gold colored flying high above a coast guard plane.

It is possible and probable that some stars and balloons may be mistakenly called saucers, but when you are inside a 30 ft. one on the ground I don't think the person can have any doubt. At the time the man found 2 pieces of paper with strange writing. The air force took these and those returned were not the same papers as 3 people who saw the first papers said it was not the same. We all know the air force is concealing facts and if you bring this out in the open for all to know you are our hero. Please give it all you've got!

Sincerely
Eula Lewis

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After the sighting mentioned on the other side a Radar installation was set up near Barberville.


Please do not use my name as I would probably be deported to somewhere but I am a born Kentuckian. This man who was in the saucer will cooperate with you but is poor and would need his expenses paid. The St Petersburg Times has the whole story.

Jan Mar. 28-66



Mr. Ford - MAR 31 ~~MAR 3~~ ANSD

Dear Sir - I regards to
 unidentified flying objects
 that has been sighted in
 the Sky in the past, now
 if you will call Wells
 Church on the Phone, he
 lives in Bethesda Md. and
 ask him just what his
 sister Vera seen in air
 about 1000 feet up traveling
 on a straight line from
 north to South, at about 2³⁰
~~2~~ A.M. one night in May of
 1925, or better yet ask him
 for her address and she
 will write you this information
 I believe she lives in Cleveland,
 I was 17 years old and she
 was 22, we stoped in the
 middle of the road with
 our 1923 model T Ford and
 watched it pass in front



of us heading for the direction of Chicago coming over from Canada over Lake Superior, we were about 15 miles west of Trout Lake and no other cars on the road, it was about a - city block long cigar shaped, about 100 feet down through the center of it, traveling now I suppose about 600 miles per hour, 2 or 3 rows of windows in it and all lit up inside with blue light along bottom also red sparks flying from around front of it, that was of course caused from the nose of it about 100 feet around being pushed through the air so fast, there was many other lights also but we could plainly see the whole ship it was so



close to us, my window was down on left side of car and my arm was on the door, I could plainly feel a heat wave and funny smell that came down from it, we sat there and watched it till it was out - of our sight, it was not falling, it looked like a - large Passenger Boat passing in the night, now this is all true. the first thing Vera said after it was out - of sight was I suppose we will read about that in the Papers tomorrow, and I said how could we when we were the only ones that seen it, and she laughed and said, ah now, people sit up all night looking for things like that. and she was



right because I seen
the picture of it in
a magazine in 1954
and it said there that
this cigar shaped
object was sighted over
Quebec Canada and three
hours later it was sighted
over South America, it
passed in front of ~~us~~ us.
that wasnt formed by gas
from swamp land, but I have
also seen those kind of lites
to in a real dark night, in
Kudyard Mich, and in the ~~the~~
country, we thought there was
about a dozen people coming
to-see us carrying lanterns
from all directions untill
we found-out it was swamp
gas. Sincerely,

Russell Seaman 3
5034 Keeney St. Sa. Mex

UFO

Mrs. Anna E. Cron
R. D. 1
Corsica, Pennsylvania 15829

MAR 31: ANSO
MAR 3: ANSO

Dear Mr Ford
 Minority Leader of House
 What kind of fools do Democrats
 think people are when they see
 objects in air or sky.
 Do you think the Russians had
 something to do with the trouble
 the last 2 astronauts had, do they
 have a device that can track all
 are movement. "I am not in favor
 of spending all this money on trip
 to moon unless they send Johnson
 & Cus signus there"
 you know all the black out we had
 one Sunday afternoon in the fifties
 A nerve was explained, I know
 it was dark because I lived on Lake Erie

at Dunkirk N.Y. ⁽²⁾ Buffalo papers said
it was forest fire smoke, It didn't
have a smoke smell

I hope some of your fellows put the
brakes on Johnston to curb his
spending. F.H.A. should be cutoff
after reading the April Readers Digest.

How could the Vice President
go around the world, promise
millions to country after country
who gave him authority to do so.

Your fellows in Congress that
voted this money are going to have
to share blame with Johnston & "Smiley"
I have always been a Republican
and hope to remain so. We must
balance our Budget, how long can
you spend what you don't have, it
won't be long before we are in some

(3)

Mrs. Anna E. Cron

R. D. 1

Corsica, Pennsylvania 15829

fit as France, "by the way did they"
way pay back what we did for them
India + other fair weather friends
Our wealth has an end too.

We aren't allowed to have our
Gold, but other countries want
nothing else. If America has to
take our men + equipment out of
France aren't they going to
lose what money our country
spends there?

I think it is a shame the Beatniks
are allowed to fill up our Colleges
who pay their way, what kind of
teachers are in these Colleges
do they teach Patriotism anymore

if not let these bums go to countries
they are so fond of.

as for all these people en relief
one generation after another

I too had hard times in the
thirties with sick husband lived
in Cleveland & made \$14.00 a week
paid \$20.00 rent. but I never ask
for relief.

I have written to Evette Kishen
always get an answer.

Have written to Scott & Clark
of Pa. but have never heard from
them.

Thank you for reading this
an good luck in future

Auna Cran

Corrigan

15829 Pa.

1340 - 46th Ave., N.
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33703
March 27, 1966

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

MAR 31 ANSD

Dear Congressman Ford:

Your views on supporting the President in his actions and policy in Viet Nam do not seem to be shared by many other Americans.

Recent polls have shown that anywhere from 50% to 65% of the voters do not support Johnson over the way he is handling the war there. Isn't it about time you took off the padded gloves and started catching up to vocal feelings of your fellow Americans by speaking out against this present situation? Either we make a real effort to win, or we get out. We could set up a strong defense line near the neutral zone near the parallel or border with North Vietnam, clear a path a few hundred feet wide, fortify it all the way to the Mekong and then up river - using the river as a natural defense line.

Your statement that we should have an investigation with the U. S. Air Force required to testify and produce their records is a good idea, with regard to the unknown flying objects.

That Dr. Hynek of Northwestern must have felt desperate last week when he declared, from observing the photographs of those strong lights in the sky, that they were nothing more than Venus and the moon. I am sure the nation's scientists, especially the astronomers as colleagues of Hynek, will be interested to know, as a byproduct of his theory, that the moon and Venus have a parallel orbit.

Let us learn the facts of these sightings right now.

Yours very truly,

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