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Dear Sir: ^{UFO}
Thank
you very much
for your interest
in K.F.O. -
I'm tired of what
so called "scientists"
say -

Thanks again,
Sally Warren
71 Townsend
Norwalk, Ohio

MAR 31 1950



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ford;
Mississippi's "moonshining" is claimed
to do most any thing according federal
officials including murders, lynchings,
UFO's. Mississippi has radio of "swamp
in the Delta District - but no
UFO's are reported!!!"
The swamp gas become l...

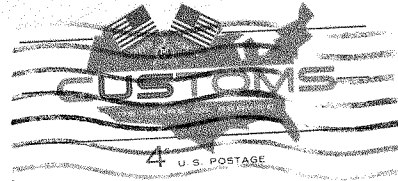
How does the swamp gas become light?
100 ft up in the sky?
who goes up there to lift the gas
in the sky?

in the song.
Reed: TRUE Vagabond - 1965 issue
 - January - P. 38: P. 3,
Contet: 20 3, 14 2, 11 1

7 Concl.
NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20036
a private organization of experts
who also have UFO data for over
15 years. - about a secret this big
with such enormous implications
for all humanity cannot possibly
be kept undiscovered for ever.
Federal "blackout" and "censorship"

US Automobiles will
be out of the picture of
the market - instead of
being 'very scarce'
they will have been
standing on the front
porches ~~and~~ of
everybody's house all
the way in with
the moon in with
the moon !!!
imagine

Congressman Gerald Ford
(Republican House Whip),
House Office Bldg.,
Washington
D.C.



~~Charles E. Taylor~~
~~Charles E. Taylor~~
~~Charles E. Taylor~~
~~Charles E. Taylor~~

Att: Swamp Gas Addicts Dept.

UFO

MAR 31 1966

17 Russell Street
Worcester, Massachusetts
March 29, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

I cannot sit idly by any longer, I must speak my mind. The explanations of UFO sightings by the Air Force and Mr. Hynek are incredibly ridiculous. Their "swamp gas" theories now make it quite obvious that they are definitely covering up something. What (?) and why (?) are the questions that need to be answered---not next month or next year, but right now, today!

Having seen seventeen (17) UFO's in the past two years, and reporting some of these in detail to the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), I fully support, along with thousands of other UFO viewers, your attempts at obtaining Congressional inquiries into this potentially historic situation.

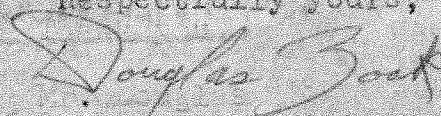
There have been thousands of UFO reports over the last twenty years. Most, it has been found, are by responsible citizens---police, professors, and scientists. The Air Force, in its apparently farcical "Project Blue Book," has explained away most of these reports without any valid reason why. Some are so illogical that they do not even challenge the reasoning of a kindergarten pupil.

(con.)

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I do not think the people will panic or scare from any sensational findings that might occur from a hearing. I have found that people, at least in this area, no longer laugh when one talks about "flying saucers." Instead, they listen, fairly intently, and possibly offer their own, usually constructive, viewpoints. The public is ready and waiting for answers to these mysterious UFO reports, and the equally mysterious ignorance of the Air Force. A Congressional hearing would be most beneficial now; and, I share my pleadings with others across the nation for you to strive to attain these Congressional investigations.

Respectfully yours,



Mr. Douglas Zook

17 Russell Street

Worcester, Massachusetts

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MAR 31 AMSD

March 28th, 1966

Honorable WmD.Ford
House Of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

Dear Representative Ford:

I was delighted to hear you say on MEET THE PRESS, that you favor and will ask for a Congressional Hearing on the subject of UFO's. I do hope you will not let anything discourage you from pursuing this long over-due responsibility which I feel that the Congress owes to the Public!

I have never seen a UFO, but I have read, with considerable interest, most of the books - both "crack-pot" and serious, issued in the past twenty years. I have also studied the NICAP survey, THE UFO EVIDENCE (which I understand has been sent to every member of Congress); and it seems to me that the accounts - worldwide - of sightings by competent, trained observers can scarcely be disregarded or tossed off as delusions. If members of the armed forces, trained pilots, astronomers, cannot be relied upon to be truthful in reporting what they see, can they be relied upon to perform their assigned tasks?

I find the recent Air Force "explanations" of the Michigan sightings thoroughly unconvincing. If police officers thoroughly familiar with their territory cannot recognize "marsh gas" when they see it, I would wonder about their general competence! And passing off the pictures as "time exposures of Venus and the Moon" is really tricky. It is not clear from the published reports which I have seen just when the photos were made, but according to the March Sky-map published in NATURE magazine (American Museum of Natural History publication) Venus and the Moon would have been in such a position on March 16-17 ONLY in the very early dawn, and then low in the Eastern sky. And police officers cannot recognize the crescent moon? Or brilliant Spring Venus? I think the Air Force has worn completely threadbare its favorite "culprit", Venus.

But what concerns me most, in the face of our own Space efforts and achievements, is the sublime nonchalance with which officialdom discounts the very logical possibility that inhabitants of other habitable planets (minimum estimates: ten billion in our own galaxy?) would be as curious to explore the visible Cosmos as we are. We have long since passed beyond the stage of "panic" engendered by the famous Orson Welles Radio broadcast of more than a quarter of a century ago. I am confident that the American Public would like, once and for all, to know whether "mass delusion" is a new human ailment, or whether we should prepare for the most exciting prospect in the entire history of the human race - possible contact with intelligent beings from outer space.

DO insist on a public Congressional Hearing, and smoke out the timid old foggies in the Air Force!

Sincerely yours,

Ann Clarke

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UFO
Hon. Gerald R. Ford, Jr
Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1966

Dear Mr. Ford:

MAR 31 1966

As a Republican presently rather disenchanted with present Republican leadership it seems to me that time of the Congress could be spent to much better advantage on some of the real problems both financial and moral rather than investigating U.F.O. hysteria. One place for real need is stopping the sale of gold to France until she starts paying on her World War I debts.

Sincerely,

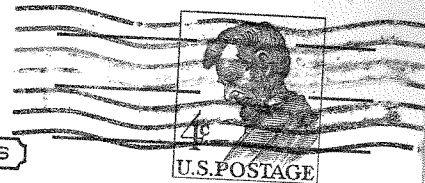
Handwritten signature of Harry F. Tapp

Harry F. Tapp, 717 Solar Isle
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Handwritten notes:
early copy of
Stan's report
on financial
(9 pages) - Nat'l form - let's get a fix



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

MAR 31 AMSD Jm CHESTER TOWN R3
MD. 3/27

THANK YOU FOR URGING
INVESTIGATION OF UFO'S,
SOMETHING STRANGE IS
GOING ON UP THERE, AND
IT LOOKS AS THO' A LID
WAS ON THE FACTS,
BRING 'EM OUT! *Maab Kingale*

Dear Sir:

I am very proud to note that
you support efforts to obtain a
Congressional investigation about
Unidentified Flying Objects MAR 31 AMSD

There are many vital questions
which need answered concerning UFO's.

Gary L. Lehman.

MADON KINGSLEY
CHESTERTOWN R3
MARYLAND

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HON. GERALD R. FORD
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON
D. C.

334 South Juniper St.
Phila, Pa.

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Rep. Gerald Ford
% House office building
Washington, D.C.

VFD
MRS. CLAUDE MIDDLETON
IRVINE HILL FARM
GRANVILLE, OHIO 43023

MAR 31 AMSD

March 28, 1966

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

House of Representatives MAR 31 AMSD

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following is a confirmation
of my recent letter, wired yes-
terday to you.

"May we thank you and con-
gratulate you for asking for an
investigation of UFO's, a
long awaited hope.

Hugh Galt Parsons

Shirley G. Middleton "

Sincerely yours,
Shirley G. Middleton

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. MCFALL
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HOUSE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

NINE OUT OF TEN PEOPLE WANT TRUTH OF UFO'S. PRESS YOUR INVESTIGATION
TO THE FULLEST

MRS ETHYLE M DAVIS 1865 MADISON ST EUGENE OREGON

UFO'S 1865.

MAR 31 AMST

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MICHIGAN WASHDC

I HAVE SEEN UFO. WILL BE AVAILAEE TO TESTIFY
HAROLD R BROWN COL. USAF RET. ARDMORE TENN

USO

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MAR 3 AMST

MAR 31 AMST

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHDC

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MAY WE THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ASKING AN INVESTIGATION OF UFO'S ALONG A LONG AWAITED HOPE

HUGH GALT PARSONS AND DOROTHY G MIDDLETON

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HONORABLE GERALD R FORD JR

HOUSE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

MAR 3 ANSD
MAR 31 ANSD

REFERENCE: RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS. AS A SCIENTIST FROM M.I.T. AND A CONCERNED CITIZEN I IMPORE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAKE AIRFORCE PROJECT BLUE BOOK KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE. WHILE SECRECY MAY HAVE BEEN REQUIRED 20 YEARS AGO IT IS PRESENTLY BEING PERPETUATED FOR FEAR OF EMBARRASSMENT AT KEEPING SUCH VITAL INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC. SUCH SECRECY WILL CONTINUE IN THE REFERENCED INCIDENTS UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE US CONGRESS SPEAKS FOR THE PEOPLE SINCERELY

RONALD COLIER 1412 BUTLER AVE LOS ANGELES CALIF 90025

Pod: Phil
Sat. 3/26/66

Mr. George Clark
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear George:

Well, the Air Force has done it.

By Hyneck's ridiculous "solving" of the UFO's in Michigan in a day or two...he may have doomed the Air Force. Brilliant. Absolutely brilliant.

They were trying to establish their reality...for it must be done, if they are to help us.

Now, they are angry at being called 'marsh gas' and are going on record that they are going to harass the Air Force now as they have been doing NASA.

Knowing what I know, George, if I were the Air Force I would be scared witless. But of course, who ever heard of marsh gas being dangerous?

To make it clear....the Si's (saucer intelligences) are now going to teach the Air Force a lesson it will never forget. They are turning their attention to the harassment of the Air Force in a big way.

P K Man (Owens)

Owens

Congressman Ford —
wish we could get together.
I have material that would startle
you.

H. Owens (P K Man)
1114 Spruce
Phila.

UFO
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2903 West Cavett Dr
Shreveport, La.

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MAR 3 ANSD

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

Dear sir,

Enclosed is a letter which you may use in your

investigation of the Unidentified Flying Objects.

This was obtained from a book store-collection box

shop. You are welcome to the enclosed photo copy,

and the best of luck to you.

Yours very truly,

Rupert Y. Collins

Rupert Y. Collins

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

26 January 1953

Henry Holt & Company
383 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date regarding a proposed book on "flying saucers" by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps, retired.

We in the Air Force recognize Major Keyhoe as a responsible, accurate reporter. His long association and cooperation with the Air Force, in our study of unidentified flying objects, qualifies him as a leading civilian authority on this investigation.

All the sighting reports and other information he listed have been cleared and made available to Major Keyhoe from Air Technical Intelligence records, at his request.

The Air Force, and its investigating agency, "Project Bluebook," are aware of Major Keyhoe's conclusion that the "Flying Saucers" are from another planet. The Air Force has never denied that this possibility exists. Some of the personnel believe that there may be some strange natural phenomena completely unknown to us, but that if the apparently controlled maneuvers reported by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer.

Very Truly Yours

Albert M. Chop
Albert M. Chop
Air Force Press Desk

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26 March 1966

6100 Inwood St.
Cheverly, Md.

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

MAR 31 ANSD

Dear Representative Ford:

The Washington Post for this morning reports that you think it would be a wholesome thing for Congress to investigate UFO's. I do wish you would do it. The UFO's are obviously not any secret weapon of the United States, and a thorough investigation of them may prevent some future disaster. What ever the UFO's are, eventually they may get tired of getting shot at.

J. Allen Hynek has insulted my intelligence for the last time. I shall no longer believe anything the Air Force says about saucers. For instance, Hynek explains them away as:

- 1--Swamp gas igniting.
- 2--College boys lighting flares.
- 3--A picture of Venus and the Moon rising.

My answer to Hynek is this:

1-- Swamp gas does not ignite in weather as cold as it is in Michigan this time of year. Swamp gas does rise that high from a swamp. Nor does it give off with a metallic ping when shot at.

2--Flares when ignited and thrown into the air do not defy gravity and fall up.

3--Since Venus was a morning star at the time, and the moon was at new moon(or dark) when the picture was taken, it could not possibly be a picture of Venus and the moon rising. If Mr. Hynek is a competent astronomer, he could never have made a statement like that. He should be discredited.

Please start an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Betsy G. Freitag

(Mrs. Charles R. Freitag)

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March 27, 1966

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

MAR 31 ANSD

Dear Mr. Ford:

If there is a Congressional investigation of the recent UFO sightings, one of the men I am sure you would like to hear testify is Mr. Frank Edwards, a news commentator associated with the radio station WXLW-AM in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has written a book entitled Flying Saucers--Serious Business, belongs to a nation-wide organization which is trying to overcome the official Air Force ban on information on this topic, and sometimes lectures on the topic, at least in the Indianapolis, Indiana, area.

Sincerely,

Ronald T. Urdal

Mr. Ronald T. Urdal
GRC Box 293
Bloomington, Ind 47401

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92 - 32nd Street
Newport News, Virginia 23607
March 27, 1966

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

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Dear Mr. Ford:

Although I am not one of your constituents I hope you will allow me to add to your large list of mail I am sure you have received so far about your proposal to hold a Congressional investigation of recent UFO sightings and their hasty explanation by the Air Force. I am in full support of such a proposal. As a Federal Government employee myself, I have had, during the past eight years, many frustrating experiences with that part of officialdom which seeks to inhibit open discussion of the controversy of Unidentified Flying Objects. In fact, I understand that Congressman John Moss's Subcommittee on Government Information is at this time studying a case of attempted censorship in which I am involved. May I suggest, therefore, that you contact Mr. Moss to determine how soon, and under what sponsorship, your proposal could be put into effect. You may even wish to discuss the matter with former senator Barry M. Goldwater, who is on record as believing "flying saucers" exist. Since he is a member of the Air Force Reserves, he possibly could seek out for testimony those high-ranking officers whose views might be suppressed under the provisions of Air Force Regulation 200-2.

In any case, I congratulate you on having the courage to voice a serious interest in the UFO problem. After all, why should we wait until a mass landing of "saucers" occurs in Michigan (or in Virginia, for that matter)?

yours very truly,

Larry W Bryant

Larry W. Bryant

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Snarr Hall, Room 380
Moorhead State College
Moorhead, Minnesota 56560
March 25, 1966

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

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Dear Congressman Ford:

As a student of unidentified flying object reports, I was most encouraged to hear that you are advocating full-scale Congressional hearings on this subject.

Past experience indicates that our Air Force's handling of this controversial topic is not all that it is supposed to be. For example, the "explanation" for the recent Michigan sightings suggested by service spokesman J. Allen Hynek seems to ignore the fact that some of the UFOs were not seen over the Ann Arbor swamp, and consequently could hardly have been "marsh gas." Nor does the Air Force theory account for the appearance of the object that purportedly landed in the swamp -- for instance, according to press reports, the UFO had a metallic surface pitted like "coral rock."

It is evident that only such public investigation as you urge can bring the truth to light. If there are indeed unknown craft flying through the atmosphere, security interests demand that we know it as soon as possible.

In closing, may I refer you to the excellent book The UFO Evidence, prepared in 1964 by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena?

I sincerely hope that you will not abandon your efforts to uncover the facts about this great mystery. You are to be commended on your public-spirited concern.

Very truly yours,

Jerome Clark
Jerome Clark

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UFO

March 24, 1966

Dear Rep. Ford

I was very happy to hear that you plan to investigate UFOs

MAR 31 AM '66

This has been needed for a long time.

UFOs must exist. Not with standing what the Air Force and Mr. Menzel say, what I have seen are not balloons, bubbles or birds.

If UFOs don't exist I wish the Air Force would quit spending tax payer's money investigating them & chasing them with jets.

I am very upset with the way the Air Force has covered up UFOs from the public for years. It certainly needs investigation. I hope you can get UFOs investigated soon.

Sincerely,

Stephen Millard

12731 W. 60th
Arvada, Colo.

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Jim

Howard B. Tower
3119 Arundel Lane
Indianapolis, Ind. 46222
March 26, 1966

Repr. Gerald Ford
House of Congress
Washington, D.C.

MAR 31 ANSD

Dear Sir:

MAR 31 ANSD

It was with much pleasure and encouragement that I read of your proposal to investigate the UFO sightings.

I have read two books on the subject, many articles, get two bulletins regularly (NICAP and APRO) and have personally talked with persons who have seen the UFO. On one occasion, I talked with a person before and after the Air Force officers (ATIC) came to his place of business, where employed as a foreman, and "put the secrecy lid on". Many of these people who see UFO's (excluding cultists and kooks) are intelligent people, often technically competent, who have been ridiculed and upset by AF visitations and statements such as "they saw swamp gas".

The man who saw the UFO (NOV. 18, 1965) and was visited by ATIC officers at the Indianapolis-Chrysler Commercial Body plant that evening upon ^{his} report ^{to work} on the afternoon shift was: Mr. Omar Keltner
3601 Patton Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana
He made reports to Indianapolis and Ind. ...

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state police that morning and a statement appeared that evening (Nov 18th) in the Indianapolis News - I all before ATIC (appearing at his place of employment placing him under duress) asked his cooperation not to discuss the matter.

also appearing in the Indianapolis ~~Star~~ ^{News}, March 24, 1966 was a report by a teenager and his friend of a UFO seen at 9:05 PM the evening before I called and talked with him on two occasions this week because I saw the object at great distance (perhaps a mile) at the same time that it moved as he said to the southwest in my direction of travel. I was only surmising that I might have seen the same object because I was much too far away to discern what type of object it was. He told me the following account: He and a friend were driving near the giant Glendale shopping center (in Northeast Indianapolis) when they saw an object with lights swaying violently and descending in the sky. They thought it was an airplane about to crash and drove in to the parking area to observe the incident. As they got out of the car, they saw the object stabilize and hover for nearly half a minute. It was at an altitude of about 500 to 600 feet. The great amount of light from the shopping center area (about 2 square city blocks) made the UFO visible enough to see that it was: 30 to 40 feet in diameter, was elliptical in shape, rather deep in middle, silver grey in color, had a red light on the top dome, and a white light on the side. It was

Several people saw this UFO.

no noise. Shortly, it began to move in an unstable rocking motion as it started to lift upward. Then it moved away very fast to the southwest. The boys chased it in their car for a few blocks and noticed that it turned to a white star like lighted appearance as it quickly moved from their view. It was perhaps at about that moment that I got a glimpse of it - ~~without~~^{without} knowing what it was. The boy I talked with was:

Robert Perlstein
4127 Vera Drive
Indianapolis, Ind.

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Surely, the Air Force is losing the confidence of the American people by their handling of the UFO. Since thousands have seen them, there is no danger of panic to the American populace; rather there is growing distrust with official handling of news. We trust our lives daily to our neighbors and friends as they give their verbal witness reports before our juries. Why not examine the facts without regard to the bias of knowledge of conventional aircraft? Other countries such as Brazil, Australia, etc. are free to discuss the UFO and ^{are} hampered by our official position. Good luck in your efforts. Sincerely, ...

from 3465 N. River Rd
Port Huron, Mich.
March 28, 1966

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

MAR 31 AMSD

My Dear Mr. Ford,

I wish to commend you on the stand which you are taking in regards to the recent Michigan U. F. O. sightings.

After twenty years of studying these things I, and many others like me, are getting fed up with being brainwashed and treated like kids by the Air Force. This is one of the greatest cover-ups that has ever been perpetrated on the American public.

If the U. F. O.s are of extraterrestrial origin I can only think of the following reasons for the Air Force's attitude:

1. The earth is about to experience

a cataclysm because of a shift II
of the earth's axis - resulting in a
displacement of the earth's outer crust
and the U. S. Gs will play a forthcoming
role in the resulting holocaust.

2. The Air Force does not feel that
the American people are ~~not~~ emotionally
mature enough to be told and panic
will result. I disagree with this.

3. The Air Force is afraid of public
opinion because telling them would
make our space program men look like
boys playing with firecrackers at the
public's expense. I feel strong on this one.

My own opinion is that man is so
conceited with himself that it is difficult
if not impossible, to accept the fact that
a higher intelligence than himself may
exist.

So to it! We're all behind you and
good luck to you! Respectfully yours,
Harry Hambarum

Mar 27, 1964

MAR 31 ANSO

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

Dear Mr. Ford,

I do commend you in your decision to
ask for a "full blown" investigation
of UFOs: regardless of how many of
us may feel regarding the so-called
sightings it is by now impossible to
accept any longer the statements
made by or in the name of the Air
Force.

So - I would but strengthen you in
your endeavor.

Respectfully

James S. McCluskey
(Mrs. Geo.)

406 Ewing St
Princeton N.J.
08540

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W. E. VIVIAN

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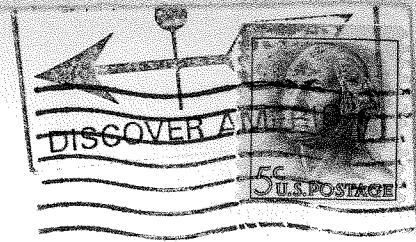
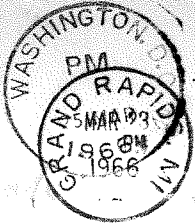
Dear Sir,

I have been reading and listening about the UDO reports. I don't think it will do you any good to get something from the air force about the UDO. But you can get something from me. It said on the radio someone might know something about these UDO's but won't say anything. Well I am the person. You can give me a reply over letter. And then I will send back and tell you what happened. I am serious about this it is no head. Thank you (right back as soon as you can)

W. E. VIVIAN

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Gabli M. ...
2723 Raymond
Grand Rapids Mich.
CH-35567



To: U.S. Dept. of Welfare
→ Urban D. Mich.
Washington D.C.

WESTON E. VIVIAN
2D DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND ASTRONAUTICS

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

Paul :
Another lead, for the
Marsh gas investigation!

- Mike

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March 27, 1966

Congressman Gerald H. Ford, R., Mich.,
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

MAR 31 1966

Dear Sir:

At last someone in a position of authority has asked for an investigation and an open hearing on UFOs! Now that you've got it started, please for the sake of all of us do not let it drop! I think you and others in high places that may help you, will find you'll have a lot of backing from the people in your efforts to clear up the UFO mystery of 20 years or so if you can but bring the issue out in the open for the benefit of everyone.

I saw you on television (Face The Nation) and read about your remarks in regard to the flurry of UFO sightings in Michigan, etc.

I have had numerous sightings of UFOs since World War II and I will state here to you now that I saw a UFO that appeared to be identical with the one in the picture that Dr. Hynek is holding in his hand in the enclosed newspaper clipping in which he describes the object in the above-mentioned photo as a "chicken feeder". Several years ago the same group and other described the same photograph as being that of a lamp shade. Nuts! (And I'm being polite.) It might pay to run down this lamp shade and "chicken feeder" theory and see when and where they were manufactured and by whom I saw the object as I described above first appear as a brilliant ball of light. As it came towards my house it went from a ball of light to a shadowy form with blinking bands of light surrounding it. When it passed directly overhead, if I'd had a sling-shot and a rock, I could've hit it, as far as distance was concerned. It made no sound and in all appearances that I could tell, the UFO that passed above me appeared to be identical with the object in the photograph that Dr. Hynek is shown holding in the enclosed clipping.

With the aid of Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, I have carried on some research concerning this very photograph described by Dr. Hynek as a "chicken feeder" and I have in a sense tore that picture apart over a period of 15 years one way or another, but that's approximate.

You have my permission to check with Senator Morse regarding a letter that I sent to him March 21, 1966, concerning that very photograph. If you can, get Senator Morse to send you a copy of that letter and maybe he'll brief you on my efforts that I've made officially regarding UFOs. And I can send you photostats, if Senator Morse cannot, of the questionable results of the evaluations made by the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, etc.. And I say questionable because of the phone conversations I had with some of their personnel and the fact that they emphasized some mistakes I made and did not bring out all the good points, etc., of my findings, regarding my invention of an aircraft propelled by an electromagnetic motor. I think you will realize that I cannot go into everything within this letter, but I'll give you a brief rundown on how I think the

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UFO as pictured in the clipping enclosed operates. The ship is propelled by an electro-magnetic motor whose starting battery, etc., is charged from an outside source, with supplemental power gained from the 3 atomic fuel cells as pictured on the underside of the Scout Ship in the photograph. And part of the motor appears to be a centrifugal compressor to aid in lift-off, etc., and the use of centrifugal force, centripetal force, and a mercury ballast is brought into play to aid the ship in forward flight, etc. More details were plainly brought forth on my drawings and since some of the side-effects I pointed out have been proved time and again in other electrical devices, it would seem to me that we all had better pay more attention to the reality of at least Mr. Adamski's UFO photograph he refers to as a Scout Ship in his books.

In regard to Mr. Adamski and his claims of riding in a ship of the type Dr. Hynek calls a "chicken feeder" and others call a lamp shade, I must state that I cannot underwrite all of Mr. Adamski's claims as yet, but I can state again as I have in writing to the President of the United States Senator Wayne Morse, The U.S. Air Force and others that that photograph I have referred to above appears to be authentic from what I've seen and found out technically by myself. And I would personally be glad to appear before any investigating group or hearing and tell them everything that I have experienced and learned about UFOs in the past 20 years. I would like to make it clear that I had civilian engineers go over my technical findings before I sent them to the Air Force, etc., and I know that there are bound to be mistakes in the drawings, etc., that I worked out, but there's nothing in my findings that a good group of truthful professional people in the proper sciences couldn't overcome with the aid of all the other intellectual, financial and natural resources that our country has at its command. I am convinced that the reason we do not know more about the facts concerning UFOs is made up of two things: politics and ignorance. And if those who are at fault for all the confusion in the UFO matter think that the people are going to continue to put up with excuses such as "swamp gas", etc., then they must be full of it! If I sound angry, sir, it's because I am! I have tried with everything I've had to try with, officially and unofficially, to convey what facts I may be able to contribute to the proper authorities, etc., so that we may all know the answers regarding UFOs but frankly it appears strongly to me that there are those in high places for reasons known only to themselves that do not want facts sifted out so that everyone would know what's going on in regard to UFOs, etc.

I have more information in the form of drawings, etc., that I could send to you or any investigative group that wants to conduct an official investigation and hearing and bring the facts concerning UFOs out to the public. I might add there are many people in the civilian UFO field that should be called upon to see if they can help clear up some of the mystery. I mean of course some UFO civilian investigative groups and also some of the so-called contactees. And as I said, if I were aided and given time by professional engineers, etc., I'm convinced the personal research I have conducted over the years at my own expense would show that Dr. Hynek's "chicken feeder" might possibly prove to be a so-called UFO after all. The "chicken feeder" theory was brought forth by Dr. Menzel in a rather unfair manner as I see it, for he did not use a copy of the photograph that Dr. Hynek is holding in the enclosed clipping, and compare it with an actual photograph of his alleged "chicken feeder". Instead in Dr. Menzel's book, they used two crude drawings.

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The Air Force and some of these so-called experts sure must think the American people are stupid in every respect. To my estimation, the only experts on UFOs as pictured in the enclosed clipping, etc., are the ones who have built and are flying them. If open hearings, etc., did nothing else, the volume of people bought into investigations, etc., should tell us something.

I hope that you will give the contents of this letter to you careful consideration for I have stated the truth. Please feel free to call on me if I can be of further service in the UFO matter.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Clendenon, Jr.
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Weather Forecast

Complete Report on Page 15.

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NEWSMAN handed this photo to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astrophysicist, at Detroit and asked him if object was a "flying saucer." Hynek described it as "chicken feeder." He held

press conference and reported that numerous recent sightings of unidentified flying objects in Michigan probably were result of swamp gases. Dr. Hynek has studied UFOs for past 15 years. (AP Wirephoto)

Mystery Lights In Michigan Sky Blamed On Seasonal Swamp Gas

DETROIT (AP) — Some of Michigan's flying saucers were shot down Friday by a Special Air Force investigator who said they probably were swamp gases and not unidentified flying objects (UFO).

But some of those who said they saw the objects remained unconvinced.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek discussed his findings at an overflow news conference after spending almost a week interviewing persons in the nearby Ann Arbor and Hillsdale areas where most of the sightings originated.

Hynek is a Northwestern University astrophysicist and scientific consultant for the Air Force.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in recent weeks, many of them by law men.

Hynek emphasized his investigation was confined to two specific days of sightings and did not cover all of those reported.

"I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomena over the last 20 years," Hynek said, adding:

"I emphasize that I cannot

in both cases have reported only lights," Hynek said. "They have not described an object."

He said both sightings were in swampy areas, a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space, and ascribed the UFOs to spring thaws releasing trapped gases resulting from decomposing organic materials. He explained the swamp gases could have produced flames, which could be yellow, red or blue-green.

In the Hillsdale case, he added, the sighting might have been assisted by youths playing "pranks with flares."

"I emphasize that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. 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."

Study Limited

Hynek said his study was confined to March 20 sightings made near Dexter, a small community about 50 miles southwest of Detroit, and one made at Hillsdale, about 100 miles west, on March 21.

Although there have been numerous other reports of UFOs in the state, Hynek said he would not investigate them because not enough persons had seen them. He said he investigated only those sightings seen by a large group of witnesses.

"If only one person reports seeing something, it might be discounted," Hynek said. "But if 10 or 20 report seeing similar objects then it is grounds for scientific investigation."

Hynek also pointed out that photos released to the press which showed 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.

Trucker Takes Pictures

The photos, taken March 17 near Milan, Mich., about 25 miles southwest of Detroit, have no reference to the March 21 sightings at Hillsdale, to the north, Hynek said.

The first sighting was made by Frank Mannor, 47, a truck driver, who said he looked out the window of his rural home and saw flashing lights.

Mannor said he went outside and saw a "pyramid-shaped" object which was red, blue and white. His son, Robert, 19, wife, Leona, and daughter, Ellen, 17, also saw the object.

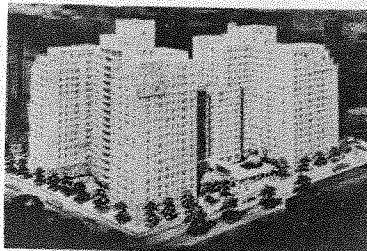
Mannor called police and among those who saw the object were Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor and Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor) Deputy Sheriff Stan McFadden.

Lights Noted

Some 87 Hillsdale College coeds and William Vanhorn, Hillsdale County Civil Defense director, reported watching a white and red object that was about 20 feet across from dormitory windows for nearly three hours.

"The majority of observers

Many Sudeten Germans expelled after the war still cam-



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March 27, 1966

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

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Dear Sir:

SAUCY SAUCERS

Yesterday in the sky
Flying saucers went whizzing by,
They have been seen by many folks
But the Air Force treats them as a hoax.

"In official gobbledegook we deny
That flying saucers are in the sky,
There are no such things in science today
But we wish that they would go away!"

* * *

I read what you said in the New York Times and I would like you to be assured that there is a great deal of "public concern" not because we, the public, are afraid that "flying saucers" exist but because there evidently is a broad effort on the part of the Government to "cover up" the issue. By ridiculing responsible persons, by pooh-poohing findings, by dismissing "evidence" as that concocted by "crackpots" and "little old ladies in dirty tennis shoes", the Government is insulting the intelligence of the public and, also, assuming that such scornful attitudes will stop the "flying saucers" from flitting about.

Your sound suggestions for a full investigation shows that you have an open mind about this subject and that, at least, you are willing to do something about it, now. These vehicles have been seen in Australia and in many parts of Europe over a great period of time. Are we to surmise that reliable persons there are to be classified as "crackpots", too? My friends, my family and I are not afraid of the facts -- it is hiding the truth that scares us.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Loudon
(Mrs. Jackson E. Loudon)



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Mr. Gerald Ford
Representative Office
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

I note with interest a local news article quoting you as dissatisfied with the progress of Air Force investigators after years of study of unidentified flying objects, U.F.O. commonly called, Flying Saucers.

I have seriously investigated this activity since 1954 and I have arrived at these basic conclusions.

The objects in question do exist and are seen. The Air Force branch following this activity are aware of their reality and do have much evidence of their existence. Those who are involved in the study and activity have chosen not to disclose their findings. Any statements made by this group are simply double talk of neither denial or admission.

My personal questioning of people shows that approximately 50% of the US adults accept their reality in varying degrees. And about 75 to 85% of high school and college level youths

Accept their reality with less reservation than adults.

The office of public information, U.S.A.F. Pentagon Bldg. by what we found in 1956 ^{serves} ~~has~~ no useful purpose as informants of we the people, on this subject. the staff at that time headed by Mr. Stephenson had no access to UFO files, they personally had no interest in the subject and by their own admission were coached on what to say. they learned more from our visit than by their contact with the Air Force.

During this above trip which was just prior to a Presidential Election. We contacted the Republican National Headquarters and by telephone and the Democrat Headquarters in person with a suggestion that as the Air Force obviously did not wish to be the public informant on the subject, then they should be ignored as an authority, and that any serious investigation be conducted by the administrative branch of Government.

The Republican representatives we told and the Democrats only luke warm.

It is depressing to realize that those people who represent us as a nation allow a military branch and general news reporting to set policy on a great drama of our time. Good American Citizens are made to look foolish and of questionable sanity.

I am enclosing a summarized report of a talk given by ~~Ex~~ St. Mel Noel at a convention in Yucca Valley Calif. I make no claim as to authenticity, but if you wish, a tape of his talk could be made available to you.

I did research (private) with A Lester Henderhot 1959 to 1961 and found to my satisfaction that usable energy seemingly unlimited is available, but requires an expansion of basic theories concerning the nature of space we live in. Henderhot passed away in 1961 and brought to a close our joint venture and research. I mention this because our findings paralleled described UFO fields and possible ~~propulsion~~ propulsion. Should you care to familiarize yourself a little on this way out subject you can find mention of Henderhots strange demonstrations in the book called, The Books of Charles Fort Page 1058 starting 1/2 page point, you will find in Library of Congress.

As you can see I am keenly interested in your suggestion concerning changes in investigating bodies. And should you choose to persue this further, then you have my whole hearted support along with millions of other We the People.

Yours Truly
Arthur C. Cho

Inside

Laws made by men provide for punishment if one is caught violating them. Punishment is the torture provided by the Satanic influence. This has never stopped laws by men from being broken by humanity. The cycles of destruction through the centuries are caused by laws made by men under the satanic influence.

There is only one thing humans have in common, regardless of race, color, or creed, and that is life. If each person in the world did something each day to make someone else's life more happy, or fruitful, they would stop the satanic influence of hate and greed and war.

There is no law to intelligence. It is God given. Ignorance insists on making laws to advertise itself.

The present trend is to propound "dreams", of changing in one generation, through laws made by men, what had not occurred in thousands of years. Laws create restrictions. Restrictions create corruption. Corruption creates malice and hate. Hate creates riots and bloodshed and wars. Wars create more restrictions and more laws and more greed. Then when the opponents wear down, or go broke, the war ends and authority starts choosing up sides again for another conflict.

All the laws in the world, made by men, have not stopped the increase in crime, riots, or conflict between people. The appropriation of billions of billions of dollars through taxes, has not solved a single problem in people. It has only financed more and bigger greed, corruption, and wars.

Until people perform their jobs through dedication to a better world, instead of for political prestige, or monetary income, the world conditions will only grow worse through laws made by men to restrict people.

When natural laws are followed by people, under the basic law of the Golden Rule, all of the man-made laws can be discarded and peace will reign, without authority creating havoc by serving the satanic influences of restriction while hiding behind the false face of a "do-gooder".

If the shoe fits, wear it.

*A page from Proceedings
Published by George W. Van Fassel*

REPORT ON THE RECENT SPACE CONVENTION

For those of you who could not attend the Space Convention on October 9th and 10th, 1965, held at Giant Rock Airport, we will try to answer your many requests as to what occurred.

The same well-known people spoke; and the Convention was declared by those who have attended every year, to be the best in 12 years.

Each year there seems to be one outstanding thing occur. We report this last year's revelation as follows.

A man who introduced himself as Mel Noel, addressed the 6000 people on both days of the Convention. He stated that he was an ex-Air Force pilot, having left the Air Force under a medical discharge in 1957. He said that there is a 10 year statute of limitations imposed on Air Force personel, that does not permit them to talk publicly on any event they are involved in while in the Air Force.

What he disclosed occurred in 1954, and he said "he had to live with it stuck in his craw for 10 years, and now he just had to tell people about it."

Ex-Lieutenant Noel said they were flying North toward Canada over the state of Idaho, in a formation of F-86 jet aircraft. This formation was flying at 38,000 feet altitude, at dusk, when suddenly 16 disk-shaped objects came from above and flew in a "V" formation in front of them. The four F-86 pilots continued their flight following the 16 "saucers", while they took pictures with their gun cameras, at the instructions of the Colonel who was in command of the squadron.

Mel reported that the "saucers" in formation flew at times from five to six times faster than their F-86 speed, which was 680 knots per hour. The jets increased their speed above Mach 1, which is the speed of sound, or 750 miles per hour at sea level. He said the saucers flew circles around them. He felt like he was flying an old Wright biplane instead of a super-sonic

jet. This continued for 12 minutes. Mel said that the saucers at one time flew close to about 1000 feet away from them. He said they would speed up, stop, and reverse directions, and perform maneuvers impossible to do with conventional aircraft. Mel said when they landed all the film was removed from their gun cameras and sent to Washington, D.C.

A week and a half later while flying in the same area on another assignment, Mel says they again were accompanied by the saucers. Suddenly the Colonel instructed them to switch to another radio channel. Mel says he heard the man in charge of the saucers speaking in slow English to the Colonel.

When they landed after this flight, the pilots were instructed to fill out forms telling exactly what they had seen, but nothing about what they had heard over their radios.

Mel said that later the Colonel told him of an arrangement made by the people in the saucers to meet the Colonel in a given room in a particular motel in Phoenix, Arizona - when he was flying out of Luke Air Force Base.

The Colonel said he was furnished an Air Force Staff car by his superiors to drive to the motel. The Colonel went to the motel early, and soon two men came to the door and he admitted them. They said names were not important, and the Colonel could call them "Bill" and "Joe". They invited the Colonel to go with them, and they drove beyond the outskirts of Phoenix into the desert, where a large saucer was parked. The Colonel said the lights on the car went out as they drove up near to the saucer, without the light switch being turned off.

As the Colonel and the two men approached the saucer on foot, one of the men handed him a disc and told him to hold it between his two hands. Then they went aboard the saucer, where he found there were both men and women on board the ship.

The Colonel was embarrassed when two gorgeous women came into the room, because he was doing what he called "progressive thinking" about the women - when he discovered they could read his thoughts. He thought the women looked very young and was startled when the saucer commander informed him one of them was 78 years old and the other was 146.

The commander, whom the Colonel described as a super-intelligence compared to humans, told him the craft he was aboard was taken into a mother-craft for inter-planetary travel. They told him there was once an atomic war between people who occupied the Moon and people on the Earth at that time. (This probably explains Sodom and Gomorrah of the Bible). The commander told him that reincarnation was a scientific fact to them. He said one only re-embodies on the Earth when they have failed to make the grade here in their last lifetime.

The Colonel returned to his flying with the Air Force a much changed man, according to Mel. The Colonel later disappeared in a jet while on a flight over the Atlantic Ocean, and was never found.

Mel stated flatly that the Air Force knows where the saucers are from; they know they are here, and that he believes the Air Force should reveal the facts to the public.

Mel Noel is married. His wife was with him at the Convention and they have four children.

He is now trying to locate other Air Force pilots who have had experiences with saucers, and who are now beyond the 10 year statute of limitations.

ANNIVERSARY

This issue of the "Proceedings" starts the thirteenth year of this publication. We hope to continue printing this paper as long as time and money will permit us to do so.

We want to thank those of you who have sent gifts of money to keep the "Proceedings" going. Your letters and comments are also greatly appreciated.

This issue is not being mailed to nearly 500 of the people who were in our active file, because they either haven't been supporting the expense of printing and mailing the "Proceedings", or we have not heard from them for at least two years.

Please send us your Zip Code numbers, and any changes of address!

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

UFO Investigation

Dear Sir:-

I have had, for many years, a copy of a book, "They Flying Saucer Conspiracy" by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S. Marine Corp. Ret. published in Dec. 1955 by Henry Holt & Co. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 55-7918.

All you need do, to get a glimpse of how operation "Blue Book" is operated and U.F.O. investigations (?) are made by the Air Force at Dayton, Ohio, and diagnosed as "swamp gas, weather balloon, Venus etc.etc.etc.", get this book and READ IT!

Of course, some one behind the scenes in Washington, has determined that the public must not be given any FACTUAL information about unidentified flying objects, lest they go berserk from fear. So the lid must be kept securely clamped down, ALL information on U.F.O. must be reported to and channeled through "Blue Book" organization, who will then try to convince the masses of people that other people, who SEE U.F.O's are either mistaken or balmy in the head.

I, for one, am utterly fed up with such nonsense. I believe that attempts have been made by some members of Congress, over the years, to bring this U.F.O. business out into the open, but apparently there is some powerful opposition to such a move.

Rep. Wes Vivian represents my district. Several months ago he gave a luncheon talk in Plymouth h. Knowing that he was on the "Space Committee", I asked him to tell us, what he could about Flying Saucers. He said that he had never seen one and therefor could not speak on the subject.

When I read Keyhoe's article in the January issue of TRUE magazine that "Our Government, hoping for a technical breakthrough, (on the problem of "antigravity") has set up 46 different research projects on various aspects of gravity control. The Air Force is running 33 of these projects and the others are divided among five other agencies", I was hopping mad, to think Vivian had refused to divulge any information.

Well Vivian is going to have a chance to explain this matter to the people of this District. I wrote him, asking why he had deceived me and his audience and he had the guts still to write that he had not deceived me. If Keyhoe can get FACTS AND FIGURES and give details about what some of these 46 Government research Agencies are spending BILLIONS of dollars on, surely Vivian could have admitted a little of what was going on - (unless the Space Committee also is not being briefed), which conclusion seems illogical.

If members of Congress are voting to appropriate billions of dollars to finance research into how "FLYING SAUCERS or SPACE SHIPS" overcome gravity and how they are propelled, without being given any information on who gets these funds and how they are spent, the people of this Nation better wake up and take actions that will correct such

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MISREPRESENTATION :

This U.F.O. business is not the only matter that smells to high heaven, and needs "AIRING" : But an open and GENUINE investigation of this subject might do wonders to educate the people how little Confidence and RESPECT they are justified in giving to "Government issued" statements :

Who the hell is this "scientist" (?) from a Chicago University to be imported (as an investigator for the Air Force) to spend a couple of days looking over the area around Dexter and Kalamazoo, listening to what people SAW, and then, with a straight face, tell them they saw MURDER GAS ? I saw and heard this FOOL's interview with a news reporter over local TV and it was plainly just a pitiful attempt to dissuade the public from believing reports OF HONEST PEOPLE of COMMON SENSE.

Believe me, if YOU let this matter pass, without making diligent effort to reveal the PHONY propaganda that is sponsored by GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, to hide or attempt to cover up FACTS about U.F.O's, a lot of intelligent people of this Nation will become convinced that there is " something rotten in WASHINGTON " that requires THEIR ATTENTION.

You are intelligent enough to KNOW that if OUR Government is making strenuous efforts to learn how to produce a " FLYING SAUCER ", RUSSIA and other Nations KNOW what we are doing, and while it might be wise to keep certain TECHNICAL information about our progress toward solving problems of construction, Secret, that does NOT mean that the U.S. Government has a ny right to clamp down on other information, and particularly to DELIBERATELY MISLEAD, CONFUSE, or attempt to BRAINWASH the public :

No great expense need be involved, in making a prompt and GENUINE Congressional investigation. Just hold up ALL APPROPRIATIONS for further SPACE projects until a thorough review of PROJECT BLUE BOOK and reports of U.F.O. investigations has been made by a CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE and a FACTUAL, UNBIASED report submitted to the whole Congress.

If Congress does not take appropriate actions to REVEAL THE TRUTH about the existence of Space ships and "flying saucers, then the MILLIONS of intelligent and SANE people, who have good and sufficient KNOWLEDGE, right now, that these "UFO's DO EXIST, will be FORCED TO CONCLUDE that HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT IS COMPLETELY LACKING and that NO FAITH OR CONFIDENCE in their official representatives is JUSTIFIED :

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Congressman:

Enclosed is a column which appeared in today's
edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer, in the effort of
justifying an investigation into the UFO sightings.

Respectfully,

F. J. Evangelista

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Roscoe Drummond

Time to Get Facts On 'Flying Saucers'

WASHINGTON.

YOU can't dismiss the possibility that some of the unidentified flying objects—these "flying saucers" which so many people have sighted in so many different places—are real, not imaginary.

There are, of course, UFO buffs who seem to want to believe everything and discount all kinds of logical explanations. But Air Force officials assigned to check up on these sightings seem so bored and totally skeptical that they here have the impression that they think the public would go panicky if all the facts were brought out into the open.

This isn't good enough. Let's not leave the search for more knowledge either to those who tend to accept everything uncritically nor to those who tend to dismiss every UFO as just too ridiculous.

The time has come for either the President or Congress to name an objective and respected panel to investigate, appraise and report on all present and future evidence about what is going on.

Too Many Unexplained to Dismiss

All I am saying is that the phenomena have been coming at such a rate that they can't be wholly explained away by the expert unbelievers. Like this:

Last week more than 100 persons (some of them trained observers) reported seeing "flying saucers" in seven States, from Maine to Texas to Colorado.

—Last year Project Blue Book, the small Air Force unit created to keep tabs on these things, had 886 reports of UFO sightings.

—During the last two years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private group headed by a retired Naval Academy Marine Corps pilot, received 3000 such reports.

—During the past 10 years the NICAP lists some 8000 reports and says that 1500 of them "seem pretty substantial and unexplained."

—The Air Force totals 10,147 UFO reports and states that 646 of them remain unexplained by provable natural phenomena.

AS OUR COLUMNISTS SEE IT

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Need Credible, Detached Appraisal

Maybe all of these reported sightings are whimsical, imaginary or unreal. But we need a more credible and detached appraisal of the evidence than we are now getting.

Maybe there is no intelligent life on the other planets. Many scientists think the other planets could not sustain such life. But we don't really know, and our view of what is necessary for intelligent life might be pretty limited and provincial.

I must say that one fact about the earth-sighted UFOs gives me pause. No outer space "creature" has ever been seen or known to have gotten off his saucer. To venture from your planet to another involves great intellectual curiosity and I would think it almost impossible to stifle that curiosity to the extent of not trying to make personal contact with earth-people. Conceivably we have been seeing only preliminary unmanned orbitings of the earth precisely controlled at great distances. But we don't know.

Panel Like Warren Commission

There is no evidence that the American people are timidly holding their breath in fear of some kind of aggressive invasion from extra-terrestrials. And even if they were, no good can come from pooh-poohing the perplexing evidence which already exists.

We need to get all the data drawn together in one place and examined far more objectively than anyone has done so far. A stable public opinion will come from a trustworthy look at the evidence, not from belittling it.

This is why a Warren Commission-type panel seems to me to be in order.

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1061 Lakeshore Drive
Collingswood, N. J.
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Senator Gerald Ford
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ford:

A news item today reported that there will be an investigation of UFO sightings which have been witnessed over the last few years.

The American people should be informed regarding this, and whether the many persons of reputable and knowledgeable experience in aeronautics do or do not see what they officially describe.

According to some news reports, there have been direct statements from Air Force sources (names never divulged) who completely discredit experienced pilots, civil defense officials, and the ordinary man in the street when there is a public announcement or news item concerning a UFO sighting.

Today a news item appeared in which a citizen opened fire on a sighted UFO, and unless some recognized official government position is taken, (and if there is in existence a UFO) somebody will get some wild ideas about declaring a personal war on what may turn out to be source of the beginning of an "interplanetary cold war".

Respectfully,

F. J. Evangelista

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