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1967: Unidentified Flying Objects, April - June (folder B79-44)

Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers

"UFO"

(Rakowski, Anthony S.)

April 19, 1967

Mr. Anthony S. Rakowski
1921 Wyoming Avenue
Wyoming, Michigan 49509

Dear Mr. Rakowski:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 15 regarding your desire to obtain some information about unidentified flying objects.

As you know, I have called for a congressional investigation of this matter so a full disclosure of the findings to date could be made available to the public.

I hope the enclosed materials will be useful to you in the development of your term paper.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:Kh

Enc.

Bill

April 15, 1967

Dear Sir:

I am engaged in writing a term paper on Unidentified Flying Objects and have found it necessary to obtain the government's views on these, and possibly why the government denies the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Not knowing how to obtain this information, I have written to you hoping that you can refer it to the proper agency.

It is necessary to have this information within the next couple of weeks.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely
Anthony S. Rakowski
1920 Wyoming Ave.
Wyoming, Michigan
49509

Bill

DR. RONALD D. SANDERS
DENTIST
McCORMICK BLDG., RM. 10
TRINIDAD, COLORADO
VI 6-7387

17 Jan 67

Dear Rep. Ford,

I just last night saw a picture of two UFO's taken by two boys over Detroit. The pictures are very clear, and show a couple of two very unusual flying machines. I'm certain you have one in your possession by now.

It is most interesting that Dr. Allen J. Hyneck, the top UFO analyst for the U. S. Air Force, said that, "the pictures have not been faked, the objects in the picture are real---similar to other pictures I have seen!" With this admission, I now believe it is imperative to have a full investigation and to find out exactly what the true story is concerning the "flying disks".

I believe you should confront the Secretary of the Air Force with this photograph and the statement of Dr. Hyneck, and obtain a definite answer from the Air Force concerning these objects.

I cannot understand why an object which can race in at speeds in excess of 4000 miles an hour, come to a complete halt, hover silently in mid-air, and then disappear straight up within 2 to 3 seconds is not considered by the Air Force

DR. RONALD D. SANDERS

DENTIST

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to be of any importance to the security of the United States. This just doesn't make sense.

There has been too much proof of sightings, and now this beautiful photograph with Dr. Hynneck's admission that the objects are real, to put off any further a final conclusion.

I will see Rep. Frank Evans this Friday, and will bring the subject up with him. He is on the House Armed Services Committee and should also be most helpful in coming to a conclusion on the subject.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cordially,

Dr. Ronald D. Sanders
Dr. Ronald D. Sanders

"U.F.O."

(Sanders, Ronald D.)

April 19, 1967

Dr. Ronald D. Sanders
McCormick Building
Room 10
Trinidad, Colorado

Dear Doctor Sanders:

Thank you for your kind letter indicating your interest in unidentified flying objects.

As you may already be aware, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of my news releases in this regard which I thought might be of interest to you.

I have further pursued this subject for you by contacting the Air Force and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. Their contributions have also been enclosed.

It is my pleasure to have been able to be of service to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:Kh

Enc.

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(McKemie, Karen)

April 21, 1967

Ms. Karen McKemie
2000 Woodlawn
Tyler, Texas 75703

Dear Ms. McKemie:

Thank you for your kind letter indicating your interest in unidentified flying objects and the problem of providing for an anti-missile defense.

As you may already be aware, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of my news releases in this regard which I thought might be of interest to you.

I have further pursued this subject for you by contacting the Air Force and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. Their contributions have also been enclosed.

It is my pleasure to have been able to be of service to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:Kh

Enc.

Karen McKeppie
2090 Woodlawn
Tyler, Texas 75703

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2090 Woodlawn
Tyler, Texas
January 13, 1966

Hon. Gerald Ford
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Knowing your interest in Flying Saucers, I am sending you some vital information. This discovery could be very important for defense purposes. Russia has an anti-missile system and we do not. I feel that it is very dangerous for us to have no adequate defense against them. This could indeed become "the ultimate weapon". Also it would be more economically feasible than the space program and Nike X.

Sincerely yours,
Karen McFerrin

Successful, Too**'Flying Saucers'
Tested In Area**

A sides group of Tylerites got a look at several flying saucers Monday evening. Not one did ever spit fire, nor did little green men walk from them.

Nevertheless, the noisy little objects did bring casts from the assemblage as Ed Sides, a Van Zandt County native, put the "aircraft" that will never fly" through their paces at the John Prothro farm, west of Tyler.

But Alvin Wilson, an observer of the demonstration, noted that the police and fire departments, as well as news media offices, probably will get their share of the calls when the "strap saucer" is found.

The excitement by Sides is one that will make a hit with children and adults. "It is the nearest thing I've seen to the descriptions given for flying saucers," Prothro said following the demonstration. "I would not have believed the thing would fly if I had not seen it."

One of the saucer aircraft, which General Dynamics engineers said would not fly, was lost after Sides "loaded it with too much fuel." When last seen it was heading northeastward in the direction of Pounds Field.

Sides' second vehicle performed as "expected" — fueled for 30 seconds of flight.

"I was told when trying to develop the thing it would never work," Sides told the Wilsons and the Prothors. "But re-

however, it does
Sides, a resident of



FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL—John Prothro, of Tyler, left, gets close look at a flying saucer, this one the brain-child of Ed Sides, of Dallas, right, a Van Zandt County native, who starts the "aircraft that's not supposed to fly" on its way in the photograph

at right. The "UFO" being launched by Sides was last Monday afternoon when it was over-fueled and flew out of sight. However, a second vehicle "demonstrated" for 30 seconds.

(Staff Photo by Bill Duncan).

UFO Pictures 'Real'

DETROIT (AP) — An Air Force consultant and landing authority on so-called flying saucers said Monday that pictures of a hamburger-shaped object, snapped by two Michigan teen-agers, appeared authentic and tend to support reports of similar sightings.

"The striking thing to me is the similarity these pictures have to other photos I have seen and also to verbal descriptions I've taken from ostensibly reliable people," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

"To the best of my recollection even the antenna shown on the back has been previously reported as having that structure," he added.

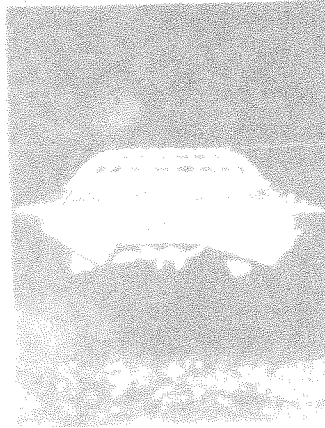
The bearded, bespectacled Dr. Hynek, chairman of the scientific committee at Northwestern University near Chicago, has studied unidentified flying objects (UFOs) for more than a decade. He is scientific adviser to the Air Force's Project Blue Book coordinator of all UFO reports for the military.

Commenting in a copyrighted story in the Detroit News, Dr. Hynek said analysis of the pic-

tures taken last week in suburban Macomb County "so far does not show any indication of an obvious hoax."

The News sought Dr. Hynek's views because it was he who came to the state last spring to investigate a rash of UFO sightings.

Those sightings, all involving mysterious hovering lights at



UFO in East Texas?
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night, were written off by the professor as marsh gas, a phenomenon resulting from rotting vegetation.

In this case, however, Dan Jaroslaw, 17, and his brother, Grant, 15, used an inexpensive Polaroid camera to snap two separate shots of an oblong object with what appear to be a tail and an antenna.

The pictures were taken in the backyard of their home about 15 miles northeast of Detroit, only a mile or two from Selfridge Air Force Base, and about 10 miles across the water from the northern suburbs of Windsor. Dan Jaroslaw reported no unusual radar readings and said helicopters in the area did not spot the object.

"Being a Polaroid print offers less chance for darkroom chicanery," said Dr. Hynek.

Adding to credibility, he said, was the fact that a series of pictures was taken rather than just one shot.

Copies of the original pictures are being studied by the Blue Book people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and by Dr. Hynek's staff.

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43 Penywern Road,
Earls Court,
London, S.W.5.

June 14, 1967

Mr. Gerald R. Ford, M.C.,
Congress of the United States,
Office of the Minority Leader,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford,

I thank you for your letter of June 5, and have only the following comments to make as a citizen of another country following the developments of a scientific problem in another country;

It amazes me to see just how many persons including Members of Congress and Senators who seem to think that the University of Colorado program is going to provide the answers to one of the greatest problems of our time.

This Colorado program although warranted is plainly understaffed. It at present consists of four full-time persons, none with training at the Ph.D. level, and several part-time members who contribute to the program averages less than 30 or 40 per cent in time.

At present, what is really required is a full-scale Congressional investigation to examine the actual nature of this problem.

The Hearings held before the House Committee on Armed Services last year was a superb example of one sidedness. The three persons testifying were all attached to the USAF and therefore naturally falsely gave the impression that the UFO subject was in good hands.

I consider it a travesty of justice that a few pleas from people in the Michigan area can secure a hearing on the UFO problem when a group like the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena is ignored for over 7 years.

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NICAP has on its records sufficient data for half-dozen Congressional Hearings but Congress does not want to know.

All in all my respect for American justice has somewhat dropped. I quite frankly state that I have never come across so much injustice and issuance of false statements as I have discovered being made by U.S. Government Agencies regarding UFO's. If you do not believe me, I shall send you the evidence.

The above are briefly my views at present and I invite your comments on them.

Please understand that this is not aimed at you personally.

Thanking you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Julian J. A. Hennessey
Julian J. A. Hennessey.

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"U.F.O."

(Hennessey, J.J.A.)

Re: invest. at U of Col

June 5, 1967

J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.
43 Penywern Road
Earls Court
London, S. W. 5, England

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the investigation of unidentified flying objects currently being conducted at the University of Colorado.

I have not as yet made any statement pertaining to the investigation under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon. I am looking forward, with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation.

Thank you for thinking of me in this regard.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

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UFO

Reply to: ~~36 Elvaston Place,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.~~

43 Penywern Road,
Earls Court,
London, S.W.5.

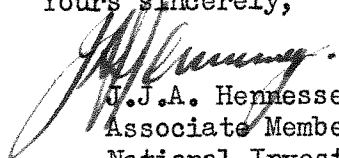
Dear Sir,

As you may be aware, the United States has recently given the University of Colorado a grant of 313,000 dollars to investigate unidentified flying objects. This investigation, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University's Physics and Astrophysics Department, is primarily to determine whether there is any pattern, in the mass of reports on file, that would indicate that interplanetary vehicles are reaching this planet from an extraterrestrial source (*).

In view of the above study and its possible far-reaching implications, I should be pleased to learn what your own opinions on this subject are at this stage.

Your reply will not be published without your previous written consent.

Yours sincerely,



J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.,
Associate Member,
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena

(*) This conclusion had previously been reached in 1948 by the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Centre (U.S.A) in its Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation", this was later declassified and destroyed.

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Baroni, Peggy)

April 11, 1967

Miss Peggy Baroni
Forest Lane
West Oneonta, New York 13861

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for your kind letter indicating your interest in unidentified flying objects.

As you may already be aware, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of my news releases in this regard which I thought might be of interest to you.

I have further pursued this subject for you by contacting the Air Force and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. Their contributions have also been enclosed.

It is my pleasure to have been able to be of service to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Bill

April 4, 1967

Miss Peggy Baroni
Forest Lane
West Onondago
New York 13861

House of Representatives, U.S.
Office of the Minority Leader
Public Document

Dear Sirs,

I am very interested in
UFO's and was wondering
if you have any infor-
mation on them, and if
so, could you send me
something?

Thank-you!

Sincerely yours,
Peggy Baroni

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Carmean, Billy)

June 5, 1967

Mr. Billy Carmean
1144 Cypress Drive
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Carmean:

Thank you for your kind letter indicating your interest in unidentified flying objects.

As you are already aware, I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of my news releases in this regard which I thought might be of interest to you. Also enclosed are copies of two news articles discussing the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado.

I have further pursued this subject for you by contacting the Air Force and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. Their contributions have also been enclosed.

It is my pleasure to have been able to be of service to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

Truly

Billy Carmean
1144 Cypress Dr.
Brownsville, Texas

U.S. Rep.,
Gerald R. Ford

Dear Sir:

I noticed that you demanded an investigation on "U.F.O's" however I never heard very much about this investigation and I am very interested in this phenomena.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me some information concerning this matter.

Thank You Very Much.

Yours Truly,

Billy Carmean

Billy Carmean

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Scott, R. F.)

June 7, 1967

Mr. R. F. Scott
Post Office Box 115
Lamar, Arkansas 72846

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you very much for your note of May 31 to which was attached your copy of The Reinhold Schmidt Story. As you requested, I am returning your booklet to you.

In order for the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress to run a search for any comments by Mr. Schmidt appearing in the Congressional Record, it will be necessary for them to have the specific date (day, month, and year) of his entries.

We were told by the Library of Congress that entries in the Congressional Record are not indexed by the name of the contributor. Therefore, Mr. Schmidt's entries are not indexed according to his name. The only way they will be able to find his entries will be according to their specific date.

If you wish to pursue the matter further, perhaps you would like to write to Mr. Schmidt to get the specific dates of his entries. You may wish to write to the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, Inc., to obtain his address.

If you could supply us with specific dates of his entries, we will be glad to have the Library of Congress resume their check.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

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

April 24, 1967

J. Ford

Mr. R. F. Scott
Post Office Box 115
Lamar, Arkansas 72846

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your interest in the comments of Rheinhold O. Schmidt alleged to have appeared in the Congressional Record subsequent to November 5, 1957.

I have contacted the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress on your behalf and have had a search run for any comments by Mr. Schmidt; however, nothing was found.

Should you be able to provide me with a specific date the check could be repeated, perhaps more successfully.

Realizing your continuing interest in unidentified flying objects, I have enclosed a copy of the latest edition of Project Bluebook.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

J. Ford

May 31

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

Rep. Ford,

GRF:Kh

Enc.

His comments may be a short paragraph at the end of another article.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Schmidt's story. His comments on Congressional Record is on page 3 top right column. a list of his contacts & dates are listed at bottom of back cover. His comments if any would be in Record after Nov 7, 1957. Thank you for your time & interest. Please return magazine.

Sincerely,

*R. F. Scott
P. O. Box 115
Lamar, Ark. 72846*

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LEGISLATIVE

"UFO"

(Scott, R. F.)

Re: Rheinhold O. Schmidt

April 24, 1967

Mr. R. F. Scott
Post Office Box 115
Lamar, Arkansas 72846

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:Kh

Enc.

PHOTOCOPY FROM GERALD FORD LIBRARY

Rep. Ford: Bill

Jan: 22, 1968

I have done considerable amount (at least I think I have) amount of research in the past 14 months on Flying Saucers (I don't call them UFO's as their identity is known even by our Government they just refuse to admit it & release their files to the public)

On Jan. 11 th. I received several magazines pertaining to Space Craft & People and their contactees here on Earth.

Among these magazines was a story by Reinhold O. Schmidt from Bakersfield, Calif.

The issue was 13-14-15 Jan - June 1960 ^{1, price \$1.00} AFSCA World Report

Here is the list of Mr. Schmidt's contact with the Saturnians

1. Nov. 5, 1957 - Kearney Neb. (aboard a landed 100' spaceship for 1/2 hour)
2. Feb. 5, 1958 - Kearney Neb. (short ride aboard 100' Saturnian spaceship)
3. April 1958 - Tulsa Okla. (aboard landed 100' spaceship for 2 hours)
4. Aug. 14-19, 1958 - Mohave, Calif. (40,000 miles per hour ride to Arctic Circle and under the ice cap in a 200' spacecraft for a 4 day trip)
5. Jan. 24, 1960 - Bakersfield, Calif. (200' craft taken aboard military "carrier" spacecraft. U.S. & Russian missiles on display aboard "Carrier" craft.)
6. Feb. 9-11, 1960 - Bakersfield, Calif. (200' and "carrier" spacecraft trip to desert Pyramid of Esized in Egypt) and in secret chamber under the Sphinx. which had not been opened since a spacecraft was placed there almost 2000 years ago)

The reason for this letter is this: Paragraph 3 on page 3 of the story Mr. Schmidt states: "My experiences since 1957 are recorded in the Congressional records of the United States.

It may surprise you to know that in the Pentagon's hands.

ington D.C. there are 5 officers with a personnel of 25 men and women who work exclusively on reports concerning Unidentified Flying Objects and Allied subjects." end of Quote.

Could & would you get me copies of those issues of the Congressional Record after Nov 5, 57 which contain the transcript of Mr. Schmidt's story?

I hope they don't cost too much.

Jan. 23 I tried to find Mr. Schmidt's article as mentioned above at the library of the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville.

I couldn't find any mention of Reinhold Q. Schmidt in any of the Congressional Record from Jan 58 to Feb 1.

If you could locate Mr. Schmidt's article I will appreciate it very much.

Either I can't find the article or else the Government didn't include it. I hope it's the first.

You probably know how to look for the article you want better than I do.

Sincerely,

Subrajan couldn't find Mr. Schmidt's name or his article either.

O.P.F. Scott
P.O. Box 115
Lamar, Ark 72846

Under Army heading

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Posner, Gary)

Re: results of investigation

June 5, 1967

Mr. Gary Posner
5 Samwood Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Dear Mr. Posner:

Thank you for your letter of May 31 concerning the investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado pertaining to unidentified flying objects.

As far as I know, the investigation being conducted by Dr. Edward U. Condon is proceeding as scheduled. To date no report of the results of the investigation has been made to the Congress.

Thank you again for your continued interest in this aerial phenomena.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

GARY POSNER
National Investigations
Committee on Aerial Phenomena

5 Samwood Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21208
May 31, 1967

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.
Congress of the United States
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives


Dear Sir,

In your letter of 30 November, 1966, you agreed to pass along any information that you may periodically receive concerning the progress being made by the University of Colorado in their study of UFOs.

Has the University kept Congress up-to-date with the status of their investigation, particularly authentication of photographs such as those of January, 1967, taken by Dan and Grant Jaroslaw in your home state?

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,


Gary Posner, Member,
NICAP Youth Council

LEGISLATIVE

UFO

(POSNER, G.)

RE: INFO ON
PROGRESS UNIV. IS
MAKING

November 30, 1966

Mr. Gary Posner
5 Samwood Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Dear Mr. Posner:

Thank you for your letter of November 19th asking that I send you any information that I may periodically be able to send you concerning the progress being made by the University of Colorado in their study of UFO's.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and although I have not been informed by the University that they intend to keep me current on the progress of their investigation, if I do receive anything from them on the status of the investigation, I will be glad to pass it along.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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GARY POSNER
National Investigations
Committee on Aerial Phenomena

5 Samwood Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21208
November 19, 1966

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Office of the Minority Leader
Washington, D. C.


Dear Sir,

I wish to express my thanks to you for sending me the Air Force press release of October 7 concerning the University of Colorado and its UFO project. Robert Low, project coordinator, has informed me that no findings will be released to the public until they are reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences; the press release states that the Air Force will be informed in early 1968. This leaves me wondering whether the public will be told anything definite before 1970.

I would sincerely appreciate receiving any information that you may periodically be able to send concerning the progress being made by the University.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,


Gary Posner
Member, NICAP
Youth Council

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Reiss, Norman Martin)

June 5, 1967

Mr. Norman Martin Reiss
330 East 77th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Reiss:

I have your recent letter requesting copies of photographs made by Mariner IV, copies of photographs from the Ranger series, and other space photographs.

I contacted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on your behalf. They forwarded to me the enclosed photographs from the Mariner IV and the Ranger IX series. However, NASA explained that some of the photographs you requested were out of print.

I trust these photographs will be sufficient for your further study of space.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

MAY 22 1967

NORMAN MARTIN REISS

330 East 77th Street
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

13-21841

NASA

Miss Dorothy Hessler.

Can you please send me the following

Copy of the 22 photos made by Mariner IV
copy of the Photo of the Clavius Crater on the
moon

~~Any~~ As many of the Ranger Series Photos as possible

Any other photos and information on our space
program as possible

Called NASA 5/25

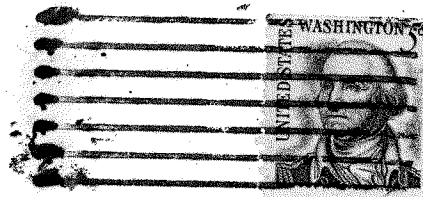
will send material

Talked to Miss

Karen Anderson

Thank You.

Norman M. Reiss



Miss Dorothy Hessler
Office of Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives.
Washington. D.C.

REISS
330 EAST 77th ST
NEW YORK. 10021



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MAY 10 1967

Dear Miss Hessler:

We refer to Mr. Ford's inquiry in behalf of Mr. Norman Reiss requesting further information on unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

I have inclosed the latest news releases pertaining to this subject.

We have more than 11,000 sightings on file at Project Blue Book and have not published resumes on each and every one -- only the more interesting ones, such as those inclosed.

The House Armed Services Committee published Pamphlet 55 on the hearing of April 5, 1966 concerning UFOs. A copy of this report is attached.

We do not have any copies of the February 1966 edition of the report on Project Blue Book. This was the 1965 year-end report including statistics since the program's inception in 1947. The facts and figures have been updated and are included in the inclosed 1967 edition.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 is discussed on Page 5 of the inclosed report. However, if Mr. Reiss should happen to come to Washington, he would be more than welcome to read our file copy and take whatever notes he wishes. Arrangements can be made through the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information (SAF-OICC), The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20330.

The only recent Air Force publication pertaining to Project Blue Book is the one which I have inclosed. We are not familiar with the publication to which Mr. Reiss refers.

The FTD Form 164 and the Special Report of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board which Mr. Reiss requested are also inclosed.

It is a pleasure to be of assistance in this matter and we hope the information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bryce Poe II", is written over a horizontal line.

BRYCE POE, II, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Plans Group
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

Miss Dorothy Hessler
Office of Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Reiss, Norman Martin)

May 15, 1967

Mr. Norman Martin Reiss
330 East 77th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Reiss:

Thank you for your letter of April 24 requesting further information on unidentified flying objects, especially knowing what the Air Force has to say about these phenomena.

Miss Dorothy Hessler of my staff took the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Department of the Air Force to receive their authoritative answer. Enclosed is a copy of the reply we have received from the Air Force and also all the information they supplied to us.

I am also enclosing a copy of two news articles discussing the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado.

I trust this information will be sufficient for your further study.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

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24 April 1967

NORMAN MARTIN REISS
330 East 77th Street
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

Gerald R. Ford
Sir;

I wish to thank you for the information you send me on 6 April 1967, in regard to unidentified Flying objects.

Over the years, anyway since 1943, the Air Force has put out statements on this situation. I would like copies of as many as possible.

I am writing and asking you, since you are the one that recommended the investigative of unidentified Flying objects, and also asking our Representatives or Senators from New York is like asking for ice water in ^{it}; will you know from were.

I am sorry for being a pain in the neck, in asking you to get this information for me, but my interest in this is quiet large, and I would like very much to know what the Air Force has had to say on as many of the sightings since 1943 as I can.

Enclosed is a list of some of the things I would like to have you get for me.

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NORMAN MARTIN REISS 24 April 1967

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- Plus any thing else that you can send on this subject
- Plus any thing you can send on our Special program
- From the ~~beginning~~ start to present.

Thank you Very Much
Norman M. Reiss

SUSPENSE

"UFO"

(Poe, Bryce Colonel)

Re: further info

April 26, 1967

United States Air Force Headquarters
SAFLL (Plans)
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel Bryce Poe

Gentlemen:

As you asked in your telephone conversation with Miss Hessler of my staff, I have enclosed the letter I received from Mr. Norman Martin Reiss requesting further information on unidentified flying objects.

I would appreciate very much any assistance you can give us on this matter. With your reply will you please return Mr. Reiss's letter.

Please address your reply to the attention of Miss Dorothy Hessler.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

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MINORITY LEADER

United States
House of Representatives

USAF Hdqs.
SAFL (Plans)

Col. Bryce Poe

Called 4-26-67

Col. Poe will answer

11-76790

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Thank you Very Much

Norman M. Reiss

"U.F.O."

(Reiss, Norman Martin)

April 6, 1967

Mr. Norman Martin Reiss
219 East Second Street
New York, New York 10009

Dear Mr. Reiss:

Thank you for your thoughtful and informative letter of March 28 in regard to unidentified flying objects and the Administration's treatment of this matter.

As you know, I have as the Minority Leader repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter.

The current research being done at the University of Colorado may shed some light on these hitherto unexplained phenomena.

The enclosures will more fully explain my position relative to this situation. I trust you will find them informative.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:Kh

Enc.

Bell

March 28-1967

NORMAN MARTIN REISS
219 East 2nd Street
New York, New York. 10009

Gerald R. Ford.

Sir;

Reading a story in the newspaper on the 27th about the U.F.O. seen at the Wanago Reservoir, New Jersey, brought to mind a story in the Journal American, 30 March 1966, so checking back on the clipping, it said that you have asked for a Congressional hearing into UFO sightings and the Air Force's Project Bluebook, what was happened to the hearings, or at the hearings. You also said that you "want Congress to investigate in order to give the public a better explanation than that thus far given by the Air Force.

Since we the public are still being given the same explanation, then Congress has agreed with this explanation that has been given by the Air Force for all sightings to date. True?! in what case if a U.F.O. was to come down in Times Square, at high noon, and the Air Force was to say it is for for let's say swamp gas, then Congress would agree with that explanation. I myself am not sure if there is such a thing as a flying saucer. but I don't matter, but you

would think that my Congress would be wiser, and come out
with the report of the investigations made by them that you
asked for.

Thank you.

Norman M. Davis