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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Zamaites, Harold)

July 14, 1967

Mr. Harold Zamaites
219 Cutler, S.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

Dear Mr. Zamaites:

Mrs. Westfield of my Grand Rapids office told me of your desire to receive a copy of Project Blue Book prepared by the United States Air Force. I am pleased to enclose the latest edition the Air Force has given us.

Because of your interest in unidentified flying objects, I thought you would also be interested in the enclosed booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About 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 also be of interest to you. Also enclosed are copies of two news articles discussing the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado.

If I can ever be of further service to you, Mr. Zamaites, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

7/12/67

Mr. Harold Zamaites
219 Cutler S.W.
G.R., Mich. 49507

Would like a copy of
U.S. Air Force BLUE BOOK on UFO's

Thank you.

ew

GERALD R. FORD
FIFTY DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

WASHINGTON, D.C., ADDRESS:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ADDRESS:
425 CHERRY STREET SE.
GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Nickless
(Nickless, Roy M.)

July 6, 1967

Mr. Roy M. Nickless
2719 Madison, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

Dear Mr. Nickless:

Mrs. Westfield of my Grand Rapids office told me of your desire to receive a copy of Project Blue Book prepared by the United States Air Force.

I am pleased to enclose the latest edition the Air Force has given us. There is no charge for this publication. Because of your interest in unidentified flying objects, I thought you would also be interested in the enclosed booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects."

Thank you, Mr. Nickless, for your kind personal comments, and I trust that I may continue to merit your confidence. If I can ever be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

7/3/67

Mr. Roy M. Nickless
2719 Madison S.E.
G.R., Mich. 49507

Wonders if Mr. F. can obtain a copy of
BLUE BOOK ON U F O's (printed by govt.)

Has tried to obtain locally, but unable.
(I forgot to cover with him if there might
be a cost involved).

Says Mr. F. is doing very good work and we
need more like him in Wash.

ew

GERALD R. FORD, JR.
FIFTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Kloac, William)

July 27, 1967

Mr. William Kloac
1140 Edna, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

Dear Mr. Kloac:

Mrs. Westfield of my Grand Rapids Office has told me of 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, Mr. Kloac; and if I can ever be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

7/25/67

William Kloac
1140 Edna S.E.
G.R., Mich. 49507

Would appreciate any info you can send
him on

UFO's (Project Blue Book??)

Thank you.

ew

GERALD R. FORD
FIFTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

WASHINGTON, D.C., ADDRESS:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ADDRESS:
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GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

Moore, John R.)

August 15, 1967

Mr. John R. Moore
3019 MacArthur Road
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your interest in unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time which I thought might be of interest to you.

We trust that the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon will provide the public with all the facts we need about UFOs. I am looking forward, with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation.) Enclosed are two news articles concerning this current study.

Because of your interest I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Thank you again, Mr. Moore, for your letter, and if I can ever be of further service to you please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

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John R. Moore
3019 MacArthur Rd.
Muskegon, Mich. 49442

Quality
The Honorable Gerald Ford
House Representative
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to "space
research and '70's". I have read both pros
and con on space research. Some people
believe we are spending too much money
on the program. I do not believe this to
be true. We will always have a number
of people who are unable to look ahead.
We can go back to Columbus when he first
set sail for this country. As you know from your
history books, some people believed he would fall
off the end of the world. The same goes for
the automobile and the airplane. Now we start
a new era called "The Space Age" and we still
~~have~~ some type of people. They say that God
does not want us to go into space, but in
my humble opinion, God gave us a brain to
use and I believe if we use it for the good
of mankind we are doing the right thing. The
people, not only of the United States but of the
whole world will benefit by this program. We
have already gained by space research. I urge

you to support this program to the fullest.
I have taken a special interest in
"unidentified flying objects". I am well read
on the subject and am a member of
N.I.C.A.P. Although my opinions are strictly
my own, we are spending \$300,000 for a group
of Scientists to evaluate the information they
have received, which is a step in the right
direction but is far from the solution. I believe
it definitely belongs in the hands of Scientists.
I'm sure that if you have done any research
on U.F.O.'s you will agree some of the
things have backing into. After reading articles
after articles, I can not believe that some
of these are not real. Despite the findings of
Mr. Cordor and his staff at the University of Colorado,
we ~~do~~ not have concrete proof. What we need
is a U.F.O. detection system. Spectrometers,
spectroscopes, spectrographs and Geiger counters
are some of the instruments that would give
an incontestable reading on what U.F.O.'s really
are. I know what you face up against. It would
take a lot of money but we are spending \$5,000,000
not counting thousands of dollars already spent on
investigations of U.F.O.'s. Even Mr. Cordor and his
group, and I realize they are top men in their field,
just their research we still will have no concrete
proof one way or the other. I have never seen
a U.F.O. and I may never see one but I find it hard
to believe that some of these people are not seeing
some type of craft. Some of the things are seen
in broad daylight by qualified observers at

Close now. I urge you to do everything you
can to bring this thing to a head

Sincerely Yours,
John P. Moore

LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Treadway, Lee W.)

September 26, 1967

Mr. Lee W. Treadway
143 East Walnut Street
Stockton, California 95204

Dear Mr. Treadway:

Thank you very much for your note of September 21 concerning information on unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time.

Because of your interest I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Encl.

Donnell

143 East Walnut Street
Stockton, California 95204

September 21, 1967

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

Dear Sir:

Would you be kind enough to forward the latest news releases
on unidentified flying objects to the above address.

Very truly yours,

Lee W. Treadway
Lee W. Treadway

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Wood, Dorothy)

September 26, 1967

Ms. Dorothy Wood
1922 Rutledge Way
Stockton, California 95207

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you very much for your note of September 21 concerning information on unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time.

Because of your interest I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Encl.

Dorothy

Sept. 21, 1967

Please send me latest news release on UFO's.

Thank you,

Dorothy Wood
1922 Rutledge Way
Stockton, Calif. 95207

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(Madancy, Ronald)

August 15, 1967

Mr. Ronald Madancy
197 Whittier Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island 02909

Dear Mr. Madancy:

Thank you for your letter of August 10 concerning your interest in unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time which I thought might be of interest to you.

We trust that the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon will provide the public with all the facts we need about UFOs. I am looking forward, with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation. Enclosed are two news articles concerning this current study.

Because of your interest I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Thank you again, Mr. Madancy, for your letter, and if I can ever be of further service to you please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Enc.

August 10, 1967

Dear Mr. Ford,

I would like to ask a few questions about Unidentified Flying Objects.

Why is the Air Force secret on U.F.O.'s. The Air Force is not telling all they know. I do not think that is fair at all. I would like to request congress to look into this matter as soon as possible. The American people should be more informed of this serious matter in the near future.

I am a member of the Saucer News located in Fort Lee, N.J. As you know, much research is being done by respectable organizations such as ours. I am very interested in this subject. What possible steps would I have to take in order to accomplish my interest and to do better research for the United States of America.

A field of deeper work would be preferred by me, if possible.

The reason for this letter is that many U.F.O.'s are sighted day and night all over the world. Many reports and photographs have been taken and yet there is so much covering up going on. People have seen these spacecrafts for many years, even before Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947.

The C.I.A. is one for covering up these U.F.O.'s. I believe, Mr. Ford, that these flying saucers are intelligently controlled by a far superior race and they have been observing us for a long period of time. These saucers are interplanetary and the Holy Bible calls attention to U.F.O's.

Waiting to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Madancy

Ronald Madancy
197 Whittier Ave.
Providence, R.I. 02909

RM/dr

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O."

(McKay, Joseph Mrs.)

September 20, 1967

Mrs. Joseph McKay
444 Bernell Avenue
Turlock, California 95380

Dear Mrs. McKay:

Thank you very much for your note of September 11 concerning information on unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time.

We trust that the current investigation being conducted at the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon will provide the public with all the facts we need about UFOs. I am looking forward, with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation. Enclosed are two news articles concerning this current study.

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:h

Encl.

444 Bernell Ave
Turlock, Calif
Sept. 11, 1967

Congressman Gerald Ford,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Will you please send
me your latest U.F.O
News Bulletin. I
would like to be placed
on your mailing list,

Yours Truly

(Mrs.) Joseph McKay

444 Bernell Ave
Turlock, Calif
95380

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"U.F.O."

(PRICE, Peter)

re: U-Colo. contract

October 30, 1967

Mr. Peter Price
2336 Eastern, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Peter,

I am sorry that I didn't have a chance to visit with you when you were in the office on October 11th. You indicated at that time that you would like to have a copy of the full and complete text of the official order issued by the Air Force in connection with the UFO investigation being conducted by the University of Colorado.

We requested this information from the Secretary of the Air Force and have been sent that which is enclosed. I hope this is what you wanted to see. If it is not, please let me know and we will try to obtain additional information.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr

Encl.

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[Suspense]

"U.F.O."

(BROWN, Harold)

re: UofC investigation
Peter Price

October 16, 1967

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action. receipts*

Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

You know of my interest in the investigation presently being conducted by the University of Colorado on unidentified flying objects.

I would very much appreciate having a copy of the full and complete official order defining the responsibility of the University and the scope of the investigation.

Your cooperation in supplying me with this information will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr

bcc: Mr. Peter Price

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an office

Peter Prince
2336 Eastern SE

10-11-67 @ 12:30

UFO - RR

order by H.F. to U. Col.

being
washed
never subject to
high ranking
carbon
military

planned "whitewash"

A.I. offices

unexplained weather phenomenon

do not encompass whole gamut

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(negative relation) can be ex
cluded those for which no

official, ^{full complete} order defining the Col. project
as a central

extra-terrestrial

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very general

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5% could be
explained

would make further but determine

moon trip early - easier to control also

been seen for 20 yrs.

~~moon-visit~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OCT 27 1967

Dear Mr. Ford:

This is in response to your recent letter to the Secretary of the Air Force concerning the investigation of unidentified flying objects conducted by the University of Colorado.

We are attaching the documents you have requested. Your interest in this matter is appreciated and we hope the information fully satisfies your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mervin G. Getty", is written over a horizontal line.

MERVIN G. GETTY, Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Plans Group
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

Honorable Gerald R. Ford

House of Representatives

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90TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 946

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 1967

Mr. WYMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Science and Astro-
2 nautics, acting as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized
3 and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation and
4 study of unidentified flying objects.

5 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the com-
6 mittee or subcommittee is authorized to sit and act during the
7 present Congress at such times and places within the United
8 States, including any Commonwealth or possession thereof,
9 whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has ad-
10 journed, to hold such hearings, and to require, by subpoena or
11 otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses
12 and the production of such books, records, correspondence,

90TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 946

RESOLUTION

To authorize the Committee on Science and
Astronautics to conduct an investigation and
study of unidentified flying objects.

By Mr. WYMAN

OCTOBER 17, 1967

Referred to the Committee on Rules

1 memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary;
2 except that neither the committee nor any subcommittee
3 thereof may sit while the House is meeting unless special
4 leave to sit shall have been obtained from the House. Sub-
5 penas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of
6 the committee or any member of the committee designated by
7 him, and may be served by any person designated by such
8 chairman or member.

9 The committee shall report to the House as soon as
10 practicable during the present Congress the results of its
11 investigation and study, together with such recommendations
12 as it deems advisable. Any such report which is made when
13 the House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of
14 the House.

H. RES. 349

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be and it is the duty of the Committee on the Judiciary to conduct an investigation and to report the results thereof to the House as soon as practicable during the present Congress.

THE CLERK

Printed in the Committee on Reports
October 17, 1944

Handwritten mark

"UFO"

(Besson)

6349 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, Penn'a
15206

November the 17th, 1967

Mr. Gerald Ford
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear and respected sir :-

I am most appreciative of your excellent letter dated November the 10th, together with the 1966 UFO data you so kindly sent. I have noticed that the truly great evince this characteristic: kindness! How simple it would have been just to not to have taken the time to reply! I consider you, Mr. Ford, one of the truly great men living today.

Let us hope that the Colorado investigation shall produce results. I, personally, have my doubts anything shall come of it, first, because it is Air Force sponsored and second, the findings shall have to pass through the National Academy of Sciences. If you will read M.K. Jessup's UFO books published in 1955 and 1956, you will read my prediction that the Air Force will never admit to the reality of "flying saucers" simply because such an august body will not admit to the reality of... shall we say.. the supernatural! I believe the whole reason we have not had an answer to the UFO problem, officially, is precisely because we refuse to admit to the reality of plain, old-fashioned GHOSTS (which, have been absolutely proven to exist!). Now imagine the government addressing the public declaring the UFOs are "ghosts". It simply would not do such a thing. Frankly, I do not expect an answer from the government on this subject during my lifetime, and I am now 53.

I have spent thirty years investigating the paranormal (supernatural) and rest assured I am not one to be taken in by fakery. I am very hard to convince. I have no faith in "mediums" and wild claims, and "contactees" leave me absolutely cold. I am swayed solely by fact. I evolved the "ectoplasmic animal" theory relative to "flying saucers" in July 1947. Aside from a tiny mention of this theory in the Saturday Evening Post (April-May 1949) and a word of it in LIFE (April 1952) nothing was said of it till Jessup carried it in his books in 1955-56, and Vince Gaddis mentioned it in his TRUE article for August 1967. But what a splash that Klass "plasma" notion made! Everyone was talking about it, even though it does not explain the typical "saucer" at all!

I hope you will read Hynek's latest article on UFOs in the current Playboy magazine.

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In 1966 I exchanged some correspondence with Mr. Hynek, and in his last letter to me, Hynek wrote, " I have decided to take your advice and dare to be a Daniel". Since then, he has stood on his own two feet.... thank heaven. No longer will he be a controlled puppet of the Air Force.

I have claimed that the "saucer" is propelled by "teleportation", is mentally similar to the porpoise or chimpanzee, is capable of materialization and dematerialization, and "lives" in the ionosphere, its natural habitat. But most people want to believe that the UFOs represent vehicles from outer-space, peopled with benevolent beings who are so vastly "superior" to us poor earthlings, and my theory is NOT in the least popular! Keyhoe, of NICAP, for example, is a dyed-in-the-wool believer the objects are of bolt and weld, and piloted by "superior" beings. I say this is not realistic thinking, for the typical "saucer" wobbles, changes shape in flight, and is often a transparent object, or a simple ring (see the latest Dell quarterly (on all newsstands, I believe) titled "Flying Saucers and UFO Reports".)

I do not pretend to have ALL the answers to the UFO enigma. I believe the disc-shape object is an "ectoplasmic" shell, or ideo-form, created by the "ectoplasmic" blobs "piloting" it through space. I cannot explain the noisy "dirigible" type objects observed and heard by thousands in the 1890s and early 1900s. There actually MAY be some aerial objects piloted by human beings... but I think they are in the minority. that the typical object seen today is an "ectoplasmic" shell housing an animal intelligence. I am sure, that, were the entities "human", we'd already have had a contact... a bonafide contact involving government officials.

Now, on another subject... the separation of church and state... I request that you take a good, long look at the Post Office's Postal Inspection set-up. Playboy has thrown much light on postal antics involving letter opening, harrassment of "suspects", etc.. I have been researching torts of justice for 25 years, and have sent much data to Cornelius Gallagher and Edward V. Long. "Obscenity" is still too phantasmal to be defined (despite the puerile Supreme Court "definition" of it) yet the devout, churchy postal boys presume to KNOW exactly what is and what is not "obscene"! In a word, lets separate CHURCH MORALITY FROM THE POST OFFICE. At present, the P. Inspection Service is an extension of the Church, severely persecuting those who fall victim to its many HIDDEN-TRAP LAWS (which the Post Office steadfastly REFUSES to morally and intelligently post up in its offices throughout the nation!). I do not see the propriety in a government agency dealing with moral issues strictly of the church. Mr. Ford, I have worked for over 20 years to have cleverly concealed postal laws publicized in our schools and in our federal buildings. I have got absolutely nowhere. Let us take church morality out of the Post Office! Lord knows, harmless prayers were yanked out of our public schools, and I understand a group is trying to have a beautiful postage stamp bearing the picture of the Virgin Mary, banned. This is childish nonsense. The real thing to get rid of is the Inquisition-like involvement of the Post Office with S E X!

Very kind wishes!

Sincerely,


JOHN PHILIP BESSOR

P. S.

Any way to investigate the realty business? Here is inflation, runaway inflation, at its worst!

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LEGISLATIVE

"U.F.O"

(Bessor, John)

November 10, 1967

Mr. John Bessor
6349 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

Dear Mr. Bessor:

Thank you for your letter of November 6 concerning your interest in unidentified flying objects.

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time.

As you undoubtedly know, the Air Force has authorized a thorough and complete investigation of UFOs. This investigation is being conducted at this present time at the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon and we hope it will provide the public with all the facts we need about UFOs. I am looking forward with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation. Enclosed are two news articles concerning this current study.

Because of your interest in UFOs I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.
GRF:h
Encl.

BESSOR, 7-B
6349 WALNUT STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15206

Donald

Nov. 6th, 1967

Dear Gerald Ford :-

You and Senator Dirksen are about the only two men of action in Washington. Please read the enclosed and see what you can do about this whole crazy mess. Something very, very funny going on. Is the C.I.A. behind the whole "mystery men" thing.... or what ?

We are paying, in taxes, the fat salaries of government officials, and they should "level" with us.

I have done extensive "saucer" research for 20 years, and these "men in black" are wilder than the UFOs themselves, believe me! At first I thought they were products of over-active imaginations, but I have come to think differently about them. PLEASE SMOK-OUT THE TRUTH AND LET US KNOW.

Cordially,

John J. Bessor

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□ The following story may sound like the plot of the recent hit movie, "Blowup," but it occurred several months before that film was released.

Late in 1966, a professional photographer in California was out on a routine assignment when he heard an eerie whirring sound overhead. He looked out of his car and was stunned to see a huge, unearthly metallic disk hovering directly over him. Fortunately, he was well equipped with excellent cameras and lenses and he was able to click his shutter several times before the machine shot straight up and vanished.

Believing that he might have some sensational—and highly salable—photographs, he rushed back to his studio and dunked the film into the developer. The photos turned out even better than he had expected and the photographer delightedly made several enlargements and hung them up to dry.

Feeling quite pleased with himself, he left his studio for a few hours. He did not tell anyone about the UFO pictures. No one knew that he had taken them. But when he returned to his darkroom later he discovered that *someone had broken in and stolen all the prints and negatives.* They did not touch any of his other pictures, nor did they attempt to steal any of his valuable equipment. It was obvious that whoever entered his studio had been after only one thing: *the UFO pictures.*

Who was responsible for this theft will probably never be known. The baffled photographer finally called a well-known scientist, who was also a civilian UFO investigator, and told him the story in hushed tones, asking that his name be kept secret. After all, no one had seen the pictures and he didn't want to be accused of making up a crackpot tale. We have only his word that the pictures ever existed at all.

A year ago I would have taken this man's account, folded it neatly, and tossed it into the "circular file." But in the past 12

UFO "AGENTS OF TERROR"

By John A. Keel

Fantastic truth behind the mysterious "men in black" who masquerade as government investigators but whose real job is to seize pictures of flying saucers, suppress all evidence of sightings and contacts, and frighten all witnesses into complete silence—at the risk of their lives!

months I have trekked through some 20 states and talked with hundreds of people who have reportedly seen unidentified flying objects and who have even stranger stories to tell, stories which I was able to check out and document. That anonymous California photographer was not the first to lose a set of flying saucer pictures in a bizarre way. Nor will he be the last.

Somebody, somewhere doesn't want certain types of UFO photographs to be seen. In fact, there are several somebodies from several different independent groups, all working to suppress information about UFOs, collect negatives and prints of good photos, and wipe away whatever traces may be left behind by these mysterious objects. Some of these agents are directly employed by the United States Government and are following orders. Others seem to be playing the same game for reasons of their own and are actually being hunted by the government agents! In January of this year Lt. Col. George P. Freeman, current Pentagon spokesman for the Air Force's Project Blue Book, revealed that the government was concerned over frequent reports of men in Air Force uniforms who allegedly attempted to silence UFO witnesses. We discussed several cases which I had been investigating, including the numerous sightings around the Wanaque Reservoir in N.J. in 1966. According to several witnesses there, Air Force officers had harassed them and ordered them to keep quiet.

"We checked with the local Air Force base," Freeman told me, "and discovered that no one connected with the Air Force had visited Wanaque on the date in question. Whoever they were, they weren't from the Air Force."

I wrote a newspaper story about these "mystery men" and it made headlines throughout the world. Although many UFO buffs chuckled over the story, suggesting that it was just another "cover-up" designed to reduce the criticisms against the Air Force, the Pentagon hierarchy took it quite seri-

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ously. Within days after the story appeared a confidential letter went out from the Pentagon to all commands (please see letter on page 31)

Who are these men who dare to masquerade in Air Force uniforms? "We haven't been able to find out anything about them," Colonel Freeman admitted. "By posing as Air Force officers and government agents they are committing a Federal offense. We would sure like to catch one."

Of course, we've all heard the endless stories about the U.S. Air Force's attempts to shut up UFO witnesses and suppress evidence. Those attempts have often been clumsy and ineffectual. But I now have documented proof that another group has been engaged in the same kind of activity for years—and has been getting away with it, much to the Pentagon's consternation. Furthermore, this second group has not been afraid to employ wire-tapping, mail tampering, thievery, and even physical violence in order to achieve their goals. After a long and detailed study of this bizarre undercover conspiracy I am forced to conclude that the U.S.A.F. has, through a display of incredible stupidity, unwittingly been aiding these "mystery men."

To understand the complexity of this bewildering conspiracy, we must first examine briefly the basis for the government's policies toward the UFO phenomenon.

After a thorough study of the UFO incidents of 1947-48, the officers of the Air Technical Intelligence Command (ATIC) at Dayton, Ohio, drew up a "Top Secret Estimate of the Situation." Their conclusion was that the unidentified flying objects were interplanetary vehicles. This detailed, carefully-thought-out document was presented to the then Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg. To ATIC's chagrin, Vandenberg threw it back in their faces, declaring that the Air Force could not offer such a conclusion to the public without solid physical proof to back it up. This reaction

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Some UFO investigators who've been warned by the "Silence Group" have desperately burned their files and abandoned all interest in the subject—others have simply vanished!

caused all the UFO believers in Dayton to backtrack and in 1949 they issued a 600-page report called Project Grudge, which attempted to "prove" that everyone was seeing weather balloons, meteors, and mirages. For the next two years, the Air Force had no official UFO investigating group. Flying saucers, they claimed, did not exist and they weren't going to bother with the persistent UFO reports.

But in 1951, a group of irate scientists and industrialists, all very upset by the continual appearances of flying saucers over their installations and factories, applied pressure and caused the Air Force to reluctantly set Project Blue Book. The late Capt. Edward Ruppelt was placed in charge of the new project and he and his staff, many of whom were ardent UFO believers, worked hard and enthusiastically to make some sense out of the mystery. In those early days they often released details of interesting, "unexplained" cases to civilian UFO investigators and to the press.

A world-wide wave of flying saucer sightings in 1952, including the appearance of 65 unidentified flying objects over Washington,

D.C., in a single day, produced rumblings from the White House on down. The omniscient Central Intelligence Agency bounded into the situation, and, as usual, tripped over its long black cloak and fell flat on its perpetually reddened face.

A top secret panel of leading scientists, Air Force officers, and C.I.A. agents met behind closed doors in Washington in 1953 to reconsider the whole UFO phenomenon. Prior to that conference, an engineer and Intelligence officer named Maj. Dewey Fournet worked for several months preparing an extensive presentation which outlined the best UFO sightings, radar trackings, Air Force incidents, etc. He offered this mass of evidence to the C.I.A. panel, along with the endorsement of his superior officers at ATIC.

"He had eliminated each of the known and probable causes of sightings," the final report of that panel stated, "leaving him as 'extra-terrestrial' as the only one remaining in many cases. His background as an aeronautical engineer and technical intelligence officer could not be slighted. However, the Panel could not accept any of the cases cited by him because they were raw, unevaluated reports."

They did not explain why they considered Major Fournet's collection of hard data to be "raw" and "unevaluated."

Another team, a group from the Navy's Photo Interpretation Laboratory (P.I.L.), spent over 1,000 hours analyzing a color motion picture of flying saucers which was considered by everyone to be authentic. They prepared graph plots of each of the 1600 frames in the film, showing the relative motion of the objects and variation in their light intensity. When the P.I.L. team appeared before the Panel they received the same kind of reaction that had disappointed Major Fournet. The learned panelists brushed aside the charts and graphs and rejected outright the team's conclusions that the objects in the film were "self-luminous," "intelligently controlled" and,

naturally, of unknown origin.

Thus the C.I.A. deftly disposed of some important, and expensive, UFO evidence that had been painstakingly prepared by Air Force and Naval investigators. The full text of the 1953 C.I.A. report was kept classified as "Secret" for 14 years. (I have a complete copy of this document in front of me as I write this.) The C.I.A. panel seems to have decided that UFOs were non-existent before they heard the evidence. And their report offers suggestions for the handling of UFO information which clearly explains the confusions and conspiracies which later developed.

Here's another important quote: "The Panel noted that the cost in technical manpower effort required to follow up and explain every one of the thousand or more reports received through channels each year (1,900 in 1952) [Author's note:

According to the 1967 Project Blue Book report, there were only 1,501 sightings in 1952—399 sightings apparently have been misplaced.] could not be justified. It was felt that there will always be sightings. . . . Dangers might well exist resulting from overloading of emergency reporting channels with 'false' information. . . . The consensus of the Panel was, based upon the history of the subject, that the number of sightings could be reasonably expected to increase again this summer."

What the Panel was trying to say was simply that, even though the C.I.A. didn't believe in flying saucers, they expected so many sightings to be reported that there was a danger of official communications channels becoming jammed with UFO reports and data. To avoid this, the Panel was recommending that the UFO reports

should be ignored as much as possible.

In addition, the Panel proposed a program for "debunking" sightings and "training" the public. "The 'debunking' aim would result in reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers,'" the Report stated, "which today evokes a strong psychological reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles." The Panel went on to advise ATIC and Project Blue Book on how to "debunk" sightings and educate the public into believing that it was all nothing but "swamp gas." Viewed in its entirety, the C.I.A. Report's tone is one of total disbelief in the UFO phenomenon, even though it indicated, for unspecified reasons, that sightings would increase.

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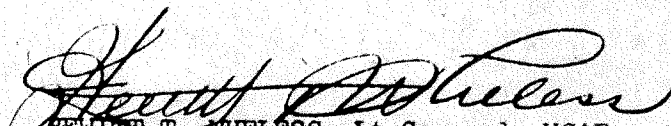
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But the most disturbing section of this document was its open attack against civilian UFO investigators. "The Panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the 'Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators' (Los Angeles) [now defunct] and the 'Aerial Phenomena Research Organization' (Wis.) [now in Tucson, Ariz.]," the Report noted. "It was believed that such organizations should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind."

There, in three sentences, the C.I.A. gave the Air Force and all other agencies carte blanche to harass and abuse civilian UFO investigators. Further on, we will cite several cases of such harassment. Most important, however, this incredible document revealed that despite their apparent disavowal of the reality of "flying saucers," the C.I.A. anticipated what might happen "if widespread sightings should occur." The whole report is so poorly and so illogically assembled that one can only marvel at how it could possibly have been accepted by any General or C.I.A. official. If you or I had been in a position of governmental responsibility and this report had crossed our desk, we probably would have hurled it back at the C.I.A. in disgust and fired everyone connected with it. Perhaps that is the main reason it was kept in the classified files for 14 years.

Could it be, however, that the C.I.A. knew more about UFOs than they were pretending, and that the whole 1953 Panel affair was merely a ruse to keep the Air Force from suspecting? They gave the Project Blue Book personnel a chance to present their case (that the flying saucers were extraterrestrial), and then they rejected the evidence as "insufficient" and literally ordered the Air Force to debunk the subject, suppress the flow of future reports, and clamp down on civilian investigators. Captain Ruppelt, Major Fournet, and the other early Air Force UFO buffs left the service and were replaced by hard-headed types who followed the new "line" without hesitation.

Actually, flying saucers began to appear in large numbers during W.W. II and there is every indication that someone high in government knew something about the subject before the first explosion of UFO publicity in 1947. Pilots over Germany and Japan were seeing things which they called "Foo Fighters" in 1944. In that year, strange objects

were also buzzing around secret experimental stations in Arizona. The pilots and witnesses were reporting these things to Army Intelligence officers and somewhere a file on these incidents was beginning to take shape. Since it was wartime, and since it was not known if these objects were enemy secret weapons, Army secrecy was understandable.

Immediately after the war, in 1946, thousands of mysterious "ghost rockets" were reported over Scandinavia. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle was sent posthaste to Sweden that summer on a secret mission which has never been explained. (The Swedish government established the world's first official UFO-investigating bureau in 1910. During the 1950's this agency and all its files were quietly merged with the Swedish Secret Intelligence Agency.)

Did General Doolittle learn something important about flying saucers in Sweden? Something so hush-hush that only a few men in the upper echelons of the U.S. Government were privy to the information? Was one of these men Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg? From June 1946 to May 1947, General Vandenberg served as head of the Central Intelligence Group, forerunner to the C.I.A. It was, you recall, General Vandenberg who later rejected ATIC's "Top Secret Estimate of the Situation."

The circle narrows. Could General Vandenberg have had some other reason for rejecting that painstaking analysis besides "insufficient evidence"?

Somebody knew a lot about flying saucers before the general public had even heard of the mystery. That somebody was ready to move when, in 1947, the whole thing broke in the newspapers.

On June 21st of that year, two harbor patrolmen, Harold Dahl, Fred Chrisman, and Dahl's young son, were boating on Puget Sound when they saw what they described as "six doughnut-shaped flying machines" which spewed out a great quantity of a slag-like substance. One piece of this "slag" killed Dahl's dog. Another injured the boy's arm and the boat was badly damaged by the barrage. This incident did not appear in the papers until several days later. Yet the very next morning, before Dahl and Chrisman really had a chance to spread their tale, a late model car pulled up in front of Dahl's house and a mysterious stranger joined him for breakfast. Later Dahl said the man was about 40 years old and was wearing a dark business suit. He sat down and told Dahl precisely what had happened the day before, almost as if he had been there, and then

he very sternly warned the astounded man to keep quiet about the whole affair if he valued his job and his family.

Who was this stranger? He never identified himself and Dahl never saw him again. The Air Force did not formally set up any kind of UFO investigating project until several months later. Although hundreds of people in the Tacoma-Seattle area reported sighting unidentified flying objects a few days after the Dahl-Chrisman incident, Air Force investigators eventually managed to whitewash the whole situation and branded it "The Maury Island Hoax" (much of that "slag" fell onto Maury Island).

Kenneth Arnold, the private pilot who sighted nine flying disks near Mt. Rainier three days after the Puget Sound incident, is generally credited with focusing national attention on the presence of flying saucers in our skies. There have been many "Men in Black" cases (as they are known) since then. Somehow these unknown agents manage to appear on the scene almost immediately after sighting. When I first became involved in UFO research I regarded this "Men in Black" (S.G.) as a fiction created by over-imaginative saucer fans. But now I have personally investigated and documented several of these cases and I have even chased after "Men in Black" missing one by a scant hour in West Virginia recently.

Consider this one, which took place near Key West in 1951, at a time when the Air Force had disbanded all UFO investigating groups after having officially decided that the whole business was nonsense.

Several Naval officers and crewmen were in a motor launch when they saw a pulsating cigar-shaped craft hovering over the water. They watched it through binoculars and could see a greenish column of light extending down to the surface of the water. The sea was strewn with dead fish. Suddenly a fast moving fighter plane appeared and the object took off, vanishing in seconds. As soon as that motor launch docked, the Naval men were surrounded by "hush-hush" officials who hustled them away and held them for hours, questioning them in a manner, one of the witnesses said years later, which "seemed more aimed at discrediting" them than anything else.

In 1955, 20 workmen were making repairs on the outside of a large factory building in southern New Jersey when a gigantic circular craft silently descended from the sky and hovered almost at ground level above the 600-car parking lot. The object was so big that it covered the entire lot and the workmen watched it for several minutes, hardly believing

their eyes. Later, as they all filed in to punch out on the time clock, a man in civilian clothes herded them all into a meeting room.

"We want you all to sign an oath of secrecy," he told them grimly, flourishing a sheaf of papers, "promising not to tell about what you saw today. Those of you who don't want to sign needn't come in to work tomorrow—or ever again."

Everyone signed.

Who was this man? What was the purpose of this secrecy oath? One thing is obvious: He had to know that the flying saucer was going to appear that day; he had to be prepared for it, just as the "hush-hush" officials in Florida had to be immediately on hand when that motor launch filled with witnesses reached the dock. These "agents" must also have had the necessary credentials to get them onto the Navy dock, and into the factory building (which was engaged in classified work for the Navy). They had to know what was going to happen in advance, and they had to have a reason for suppressing the stories of the witnesses.

Two "Men in Black" inadvertently gave us a clue to that reason when they confronted a deputy sheriff in Texas back in 1965. Late on the evening of September 3, 1965, Chief Deputy William McCoy and Deputy Robert Goode, both of the Brazoria County, Tex., Sheriff's Department, observed a purplish object some 200 feet in length drifting silently across an oil field. The object turned and moved swiftly toward their car, frightening both men so badly that they took off at over 100 miles an hour. (That same night, the long series of UFO incidents in far-off Exeter, N.H., began.)

Soon afterwards, two strangers turned up in West Columbia, Tex., and tracked down Deputy Goode in a restaurant. Before he could open his mouth, they described to him in detail what he had seen in that oil field—in the same mysteriously knowing manner as Dahl's visitor of 18 years earlier. Then they told Goode that he might see the same thing again. If that happened, they warned, *and if he should have any conversation with the UFO occupants, they advised him to keep the contents of the conversation to himself.*

Reviewing several other "Men in Black" and "silence" cases, we find that both the Air Force and the mystery men seem to have concentrated on debunking the stories of witnesses who claimed either very close UFO sightings, or actual contact with the occupants themselves. They seem more dedicated to getting the witnesses to change their stories than to merely investigating in-

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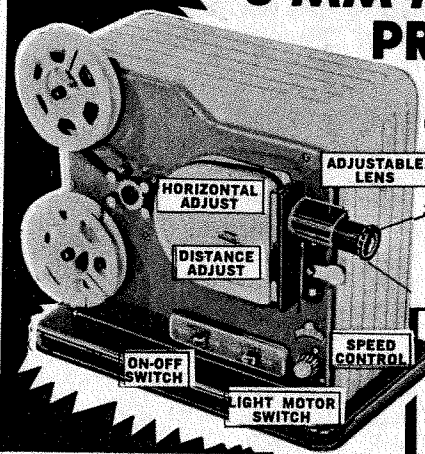
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cidents and learning the facts. Until recently, this Silence Group succeeded in suppressing many contact stories.

For example, there were actually dozens of contact cases, some with several witnesses, from coast-to-coast in early November of 1957. But only a few of these incidents ever leaked out to the general press. One of these involved an Ohio house painter named Olden Moore who, on November 6, 1957, observed the landing of a large circular machine with a pointed dome on top in a field near Montville, Ohio. The next day, Kenneth Locke, the Lake County Civil Defense Director, examined the site and found it was highly radioactive. He also discovered six strange footprints in the field and two fresh holes three feet in diameter. Air Force investigators descended on the scene, picked up Olden Moore and drove him to the landing site where a helicopter was waiting. The helicopter carried him to an Air Force base and from there he was flown to Washington, D.C. Two officers closeted him in a "hotel-like room" in Washington and grilled him for *three days*, trying to get him to admit that he had seen nothing but a "fireball." He was literally held prisoner and was never left alone. Finally, he was asked to sign an oath of secrecy and then he was flown back to Ohio.

Why, we wonder, did they go to such extraordinary lengths when Olden Moore's story had already been published in the Ohio papers and Kenneth Locke's findings had already been made public?

These mystery men do not confine their activities to the United States. Shortly after an engineer named Gianpiero Monguzzi took some pictures of a flying saucer in the Italian Alps in 1952, he claims he was visited by "an American secret agent" disguised as an Italian ski mountain policeman who interrogated him through a long night, apparently trying to get him to repudiate his story of having seen a disk-shaped object land on a glacier.

In England, on May 26, 1964, a fireman named James Templeton took some snapshots of his five-year-old daughter in a park near the Chapelcross Atomic Energy Station. When the pictures were developed he was flabbergasted to discover that "someone else had gotten into one of the pictures." That someone was a very tall human-shaped being in a white space suit and space helmet. No one in the park at the time the pictures had been taken had seen such a man. Baffled, Mr. Templeton took the picture and negative to the firm that had processed the film. They couldn't explain it, nor could police photographic experts.

Two sedate gentlemen in bowler hats appeared at the Templeton home a few days later and questioned him carefully about the photograph. This pair did not identify themselves and referred to each other by numbers. Certainly any self-respecting secret agents could invent phony "cover" names for themselves. They could call each other "Charlie" and "George" instead of "Number 9" and "Number 14."

These two numbered agents asked James Templeton several intriguing questions, including: Had he seen any birds in the area when he had taken the pictures? (It is not generally known, but all the sea gulls in Puget Sound vanished for the entire summer of 1947.) From James Templeton's baffled description of this encounter, it is obvious that these two men knew a great deal more about the UFO phenomenon than even a hard-core amateur ufologist. Again, who were they and why were they so interested in a freak snapshot of someone in a space suit?

Still another mystery man, this one claiming to be from "an agency so secret that he couldn't give its name," visited a school in Norwalk, Conn., and carefully interviewed two 12-year-old boys who said they had been pursued by a small flying disk in April 1966.

These tactics don't make much sense. A genuine secret agency would most likely operate behind a very bland front, such as "The Acme Research Company." The quickest way for a secret agent to become conspicuous is for him to refuse to identify himself or the name of his organization. And no agent wants to be conspicuous. At least, not usually.

Our peripatetic "secret" UFO investigators are very talented at making themselves conspicuous. It's almost as if they want to get caught as they leave a wake of confusion and mystery behind them. A few have posed as F.B.I. agents. One fellow is rubbing salt in the Air Force's wounds by openly impersonating Maj. Hector Quintanilla, chief of Project Blue Book, throughout Ohio and West Virginia. He even shows impressive credentials from the Air Force but, from descriptions given to me by several witnesses, he resembles the Major in about the same way that Mickey Rooney resembles John Wayne. The Air Force is supposed to be trying to catch up with him.

The techniques employed by these unknown agents are quite different from the silencing methods used by the U.S. Air Force. Many of the Air Force's "cover-up" efforts have smacked of a comic opera. Major Quintanilla once berated an Ohio police officer and tried to get him to switch his story of a saucer

sighting while a tape recorder was running in full view and recorded the whole discussion. The Major never realized he was "on the air." In other well documented cases, the Air Force shamelessly took evidence from witnesses and later returned shabbily contrived imitations of the original material. They have even been caught in the act of doctoring UFO pictures so they could brand them "fakes." In one instance after another, the Air Force has found its blue trousers at half-mast. And bold investigators like Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, head of the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), have constantly reminded them of their fallibility.

While Project Blue Book's pitifully small staff (two officers, a sergeant, and a couple of secretaries) has struggled to maintain its dignity, this other, far more secret group, has been operating quietly and earnestly. Organized civilian UFO researchers have long been aware of this "Silence Group" and have cautiously followed their operations. A lot of crackpot literature has appeared on this subject, and a wearisome amount of half-educated speculation has been published about these unknown men.

For years, civilian UFO investigators have suspected that this "Silence Group" is really a branch of the Central Intelligence Agency. As we have already pointed out, there is evidence that the C.I.A. does, indeed, know a great deal about the UFO phenomenon and may have established the 1953 Panel so that they could officially clamp down on the Air Force's enthusiasm. Anyone who has ever been in the service knows that our military machine, and our government, runs on fear. The Captain is afraid of the Major, the Major fears his Colonel, etc., up the line. It would be relatively easy to switch the pro-saucer officers to an anti-UFO position. Not many career men will risk their careers bucking the official "line." Those few mavericks who do find themselves being passed over at promotion time. But the thousands of well-documented UFO incidents of the past 20 years indicate that thousands of military men have been involved in official UFO research and investigation. Many of these men have gone into civilian life carrying with them, supposedly, many secrets about government UFO research projects. Yet not a single one of these men has spoken out. It is contrary to human nature and against the law of averages for *all* of them to keep their mouths shut.

One simple explanation comes to mind. Maybe the Air Force doesn't have that much to hide. Perhaps their long-time negative position has resulted in

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equally negative results. The Project Blue Book investigation might be naively sincere. Maybe all of these men do blindly believe in "swamp gas." After all, back in 1953 the C.I.A. told them firmly that there aren't any flying saucers. What Major with his eye on that nice 20-year pension would dare tell the C.I.A. otherwise?

So whenever a sighting comes along that seems to indicate that flying saucers may be real, these men quickly alter the facts to suit the C.I.A.'s orders. I've come across many examples of this.

In the summer of 1966, I visited Presque Isle, Pa., where a UFO landing had been reported on July 31st. The witnesses were badly shaken up by the sudden appearance of some kind of tall, unidentifiable creature, and three large wet spots were later found on the beach where the UFO had allegedly touched down. Policemen and officials of Presque Isle Park had pointedly told Air Force investigators that there were no bears or other large animals there. They also had some of the wet sand analyzed on their own and learned that it contained silicon (not silica, which is common sand). When dried, these moist spots formed a transparent, flexible, plastic-like material. However, in their final report on the case, Project Blue Book announced that, "raccoons and bear are known to be in the woods in that area" and "there was nothing unusual in the soil sample except urine." Urine, of course, dries up very quickly on a sandy beach in the middle of the summer. These wet spots lingered for over 24 hours and dried into the plastic substance.

Every Air Force base has a UFO officer today. Usually he is a young lieutenant in the Public Information office at the base and he is equipped with a pair of binoculars, a Geiger counter, and a pile of the standard sighting reports. I have met several of these men in my travels, and some of them do a thorough job of investigating UFO activities in their area. Others tend to treat the whole business as nonsense and a chore. The Air Force investigates only those incidents which are reported directly to them by the witnesses. In most such cases, a standard form is merely mailed to the witness to be filled out. Only about 10 per cent of all recorded sightings are ever reported to the Air Force at all. They claim that 1,060 cases were sent to them in 1966. I have over 10,000 clippings and reports in my own files for that same year, and I'm sure that I have managed to collect only a small percentage of the total number of 1966 sightings.

Working full-time and alone, I man-

aged to personally investigate several hundred of these 10,000. In about 50 cases, I learned that the Air Force had also been in touch with the witnesses, usually by telephone. In some of these instances, several different Air Force officers had interviewed the witnesses for as long as three hours on the phone by long distance. It was obvious to the witnesses that whoever they were talking to at the other end was filling out a very long and very complicated form. Far more complicated than the standard form. It would be interesting to see a copy of that form and find out where the completed ones are kept.

One witness at the Wanaque Reservoir sightings, a policeman, received a call from a "Mr. Johnson in Washington" who questioned him at length. The mystery is: the policeman has an unlisted phone and doesn't know how "Mr. Johnson" located him. Colonel Freeman at the Pentagon claims that no one has ever reported the Wanaque incidents to the Air Force and therefore the Air Force has never officially investigated any of the sightings there. "Mr. Johnson" is another of our mystery men.

You can see the puzzling contradictions. The Air Force seems to be disinterested, and determined to prove that it is all "swamp gas." Yet they carefully question some witnesses for hours, and even whisk others to Washington for further questioning. They also lie baldly to newsmen and the public with appalling frequency.

The first time I wandered into the tiny office of Lt. Col. Maston Jacks, then the Pentagon spokesman for Project Blue Book, I learned first-hand of the Air Force's anti-UFO policy.

"You're wasting your time here," he stated flatly at the beginning of our talk. "There's nothing to this flying saucer business. It's all hearsay."

In the course of that interview in April 1966, Colonel Jacks told me several times that the Air Force did not have any kind of a photo file at all. Nor did the Air Force ever confiscate pictures from citizens, he insisted. A year later, however, a science writer named Lloyd Mallan was given over 100 pictures from that nonexistent file! I examined those photos and was rather disappointed to find that they were mostly spots of light or dark blobs—for I know for a fact that Air Force Officers (or men claiming to be) have seized remarkably detailed UFO pictures taken by honest American citizens. These people have shown me copies of photos whose negatives had been brazenly collected by Air Force officers. I described some of these pictures to Mr. Mallan recently. He was given complete access to a large file of

pictures at Project Blue Book headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, he told me, but he did not see any of those pictures. *Where are they? Who has them?*

There has been a "credibility gap" for years between the truth and what the Air Force says is the truth. That gap grows with each new sighting. Some observers, such as Dr. James E. McDonald, a meteorologist at the University of Arizona, believe that the Air Force has simply fallen victim to its own propaganda and is now struggling to adhere to an obsolete and untenable position. It's the old story—when you tell one lie, you have to tell a bigger one to cover it up.

Part of this "cover-up" would naturally involve keeping the press from discovering and reporting on the truth. The UFO buffs have been screaming for years that UFO reports are being kept out of the papers and that newsmen who have gone prying into the situation have been silenced. It's even true that this has happened in a few isolated cases.

When Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the distinguished astronomer who has served as an official Air Force UFO consultant for 20 years, was called before a hearing of the Committee on Armed Services in Washington, D.C., on April 5, 1966, he told the assembled Senators and Congressmen: "Mr. and Mrs. Chase of Keenings, N.H., who live a few miles down route 50 (near the site of the famous Exeter, N.H., UFO sightings) told me that an Air Force officer had gone around to all the stores selling newspapers in Exeter and purchased all copies of the Manchester, N.H., *Union Leader* newspaper which carried a detailed account of these sightings. Mrs. Chase also told me that a friend of hers, a Mrs. Parker Blodgett, works as a correspondent for the Haverhill, Mass., *Gazette* and was asked by the U.S.A.F. not to publish UFO reports."

For the past year, American newspapers have been filled with UFO reports and information about flying saucers. I sometimes receive as many as 300 clippings in a single week. The problem is not that these UFO reports are not being circulated, but rather that *there are too many of them*. The wire services cannot possibly carry all of these stories, nor could any newspaper print them all. So, many papers have simply given up and report only local incidents—and only the most outstanding of those. Newspapers in major cities, where UFO incidents are few, tend to slight all UFO news. Even so, the papers in New York City printed over 100 UFO stories in 1966, but the UFO buffs are still wailing that the New York press has been "suppressed."

Ironically, the Air Force's policy of debunking and ridiculing witnesses has cut them off from the public. Few people bother to report sightings to the Air Force today. Even police departments and other local officials refuse to cooperate with the boys in blue. And now that UFO activity is more widespread than ever, the Air Force simply does not have an intelligence organization big enough to keep up with it. I doubt if even the C.I.A. or F.B.I. has the personnel and facilities necessary to investigate each new outbreak of saucer incidents. The problem is now out of hand. During the past months there have been several "flaps" when UFOs appeared and even landed in hundreds of places in every state, and all within a space of a few hours. The majority of these incidents were never reported to the Air Force, or even to the local newspapers. The witnesses were so afraid of ridicule that they talked only amongst themselves.

This backlash might cost all of us dearly if the "flying saucers" are hostile and are ultimately planning to attack or destroy us, as many ufologists now suspect. Another Pearl Harbor could be underway before the Air Force finally became aware of what was happening. Recently, I pointed out to a group of officers in the Pentagon that the most intensive UFO activity today is occurring in areas where there is little or no Air Force protection—in West Virginia and Kentucky, for example, which have no Air Force or military bases of any kind.

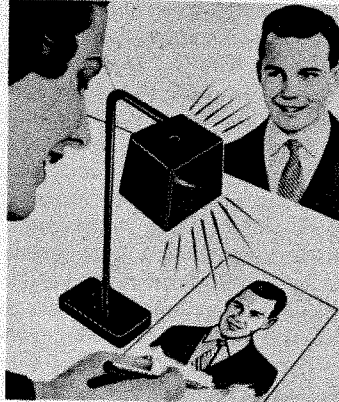
As the UFO activities increase, so, too, do the appearances of the mystery men. While this article was being written, my phone rang and a very reliable source told me that three "Men in Black" had turned up on Long Island in an area which has had a continuous UFO flap this spring. A day later a young man, an amateur UFO investigator, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in the same area.

Other UFO investigators have simply vanished after being warned by the "Silence Group." Still others have desperately burned their files and abandoned all interest in the subject. James Moseley, publisher of *Saucer News* and a UFO researcher for 15 years, has collected many stories of this type. "In New Zealand, a saucer researcher named John E. Stuart told of having obtained a piece of metal from a flying saucer," Moseley wrote recently, "and of having it taken away from him by a mysterious visitor." From Australia came the story that Edgar R. Jerrald, director of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, had received a strange visit shortly after he, too, had been sent a saucer fragment. Jerrald supposedly wasn't 'hushed up,'

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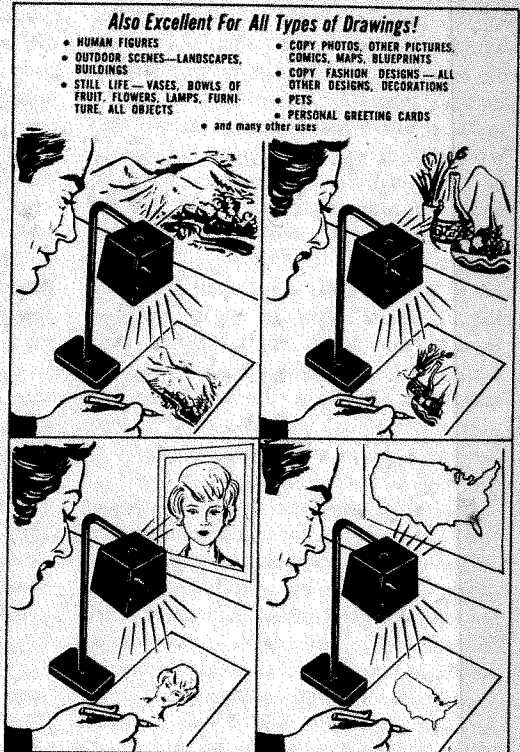
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but after his 'visit' he stopped answering his mail, and gradually faded out of the saucer picture. In Brooklyn, N.Y., another leading researcher named Eliot Rockmore suddenly stopped publication of his magazine *Flying Saucer Review*, and refused to answer mail or even talk to anyone on the phone. And from a correspondent whom I consider extremely reliable, I learned of still another weird incident: he had obtained a saucer fragment, and sent it to be analyzed locally. Thereafter he was also visited, by some sort of government agent, who warned him not to divulge the results of the analysis to anyone, and who spoke to him so threateningly that he feared for the safety of himself and his family."

In 1960, a UFO researcher in Miami, Fla., William Dunn, Jr., wrote to Moseley and told him, "My UFO files were broken into—the only damned thing that was broken into in the entire house—and many of my valuable reports were *burned* right in my room, and many of my photos, and so on, were stolen!"

That was the year that a mysterious man with a heavy build, dark olive complexion, and foreign accent, made a tour of the United States, systematically visiting civilian UFO investigators. He called himself "Mr. Alexander" and in St. Louis, Mo. he visited a researcher named George Marlo who later wrote: "I am finished with radio and TV appearances about UFOs. I will talk on other subjects, but this one is too dangerous for me. Since talking to Alexander I *know better now.*"

Was "Mr. Alexander" a C.I.A. man sent out to squelch the UFO buffs? It would be nice to believe that the heavy-handed C.I.A. was taking an interest in the flying saucer problem. But I worry that the agency might believe its own 1953 report. In October 1966, the C.I.A. issued a formal statement declaring that it had no interest in the UFO situation and had not been concerned with it at all since 1953. The F.B.I. has not been able to issue such a denial because it has been directly involved in investigating the wave of mysterious kidnappings which have been occurring from coast-to-coast in the last two years and which appear to be definitely linked to the flying saucers. In some of these cases, *whole families* have vanished after a UFO was sighted near their home or farm. Anyway, F.B.I. men always identify themselves properly. They may be responsible for some of our mystery men cases, but not all.

Since the Air Force investigations are sporadic and are largely conducted by mail and phone, who else could be to blame for these stories? Could some of

these mystery men really be amateur UFO investigators having a little fun? The answer, unfortunately, is a definite "Yes."

In the spring of 1966, a young couple on a beach late at night on Long Island saw what they described as a "large red disk" hovering directly above a bathroom. Later, when local reporters heard about the incident and tried to talk to the youngsters, they were told: "Somebody from Washington warned us not to say anything about it." It didn't take much digging to find out that that "somebody" was a team of men from the Washington headquarters of NICAP who had made a quick trip to Long Island following a flurry of sightings.

Other NICAPers made such a nuisance of themselves at the Wanaque Reservoir in New Jersey that one policeman remarked: "If somebody says they're from NICAP, we won't even talk with them." Witnesses in Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio have also complained about NICAP.

"Some of our members get a little carried away," Richard Hall, deputy director of NICAP said recently as we discussed this problem. "When we catch someone being overbearing or misrepresenting himself, we kick him out of our organization."

"I won't let anybody from NICAP into my house anymore," Woodrow Derenberger of Mineral Wells, W. Va., grumbled in April. He said that a local NICAP member had harassed him, ordered him not to talk to anybody but NICAP, and annoyed him daily after he had allegedly experienced a UFO contact.

Derenberger is a robust, ingratiating man of about 40, and until the night of November 2, 1966, he led a quiet, normal life, working as a sewing machine salesman to support an attractive young wife and two small children. Then, around 7 p.m. on that fateful night, as he was driving home on Interstate 77, outside of Parkersburg, W. Va., a flying saucer sailed silently into his life.

According to his story, which has been told and retold in hundreds of newspapers and magazines, a charcoal-colored object shaped something like the globe from an old kerosene lamp settled in front of his truck, stopping him. An average-sized man in a glistening blue uniform got out of it, he says, approached him with a broad grin and spoke to him. The conversation was brief, as Mr. Derenberger tells it, and the UFO occupant did not pass along any earth-shaking message or deep outer space philosophy, but only asked a few polite questions about the area.

Understandably unnerved by the experience, the salesman called the police

and reported the incident. They held a press conference for him which was attended by other people who had reported seeing unidentified flying objects in the immediate vicinity that night. Since his story was made public, Woodrow Derenberger has had no rest. Huge crowds descend on his once-peaceful home every weekend. He is constantly hounded by UFO buffs, religious cranks, skeptics bent on "exposing" him, and just plain curiosity seekers.

Though it may be difficult to believe, Woodrow Derenberger is not unique. Today thousands of people in all walks of life and all parts of the world claim to have had actual contact with the flying saucer pilots. Until recently, such "contactees" were rare and of questionable character. Their stories were ridiculed by the press and, in most cases, probably were psychotic works of fiction. In 1966-67, this situation changed. The majority of the new "contactees" seem to give identical details, even though their stories rarely receive publicity and are often ignored by local newspapers because they are so "far out." But ufologists are carefully examining this new crop of contact cases and wondering just how far out it is to claim that there is somebody riding around in flying saucers.

The general public usually thinks, laughingly, that UFO occupants are short, greenish characters with pop-corn eyes. But from the some 2,500 cases in which reliable people have claimed to have glimpsed the UFO pilots, it would appear that they are actually of medium height, with angular faces, pointed chins, high cheekbones, and long oriental-like eyes. Their complexion is usually described as "very dark, like a heavy sun-tan." Many witnesses compare them to Indians or Gypsies. Their manner of speech is said to be slow, halting, a curious monotone of clipped phrases "as if they had taped thousands of conversations and memorized them." Generally, they are said to be dressed in either coverall type uniforms or in black jackets and black visored caps.

There have been other descriptions over the years, of course, of "little men," "seven foot giants," and even hairy monsters. But in the last two years the "Gypsy" type has dominated such reports.

The chilling thing is, some of the mystery men who have turned up over the years have answered this same description. A former UFO researcher named Albert Bender has claimed for years that three such men appeared in his home in Connecticut in 1953 and frightened him so badly that he destroyed his files and gave up his interest in flying

saucers. Not even his friends believed him.

One of the key questions in my investigations is: "Have you had any strange visitors since you saw the UFO?" I never explain what kind of visitors the witnesses might expect. But some of them write to me later when a "mystery man" does turn up. Mrs. Mabel McDaniel is one such correspondent. A stable woman with a good reputation in Point Pleasant, W. Va., she has, like so many of her neighbors, sighted UFOs frequently in the past year. On March 12, 1967, she wrote the following: "A man came into my office [she worked for the local Unemployment Office in Point Pleasant at the time] last week and acted terribly strange. He didn't look like a colored person, but still was very dark and his English was so poor I never did really figure out what he wanted. His eyes were funny looking, kind of starey and glassy. From what I could get from him, he was looking for an insurance company, only he kept saying 'trip insurance'."

I immediately phoned Point Pleasant and learned that this man had been dressed in a black coat, a black cap, and that he had also visited the branch office of the Athens, Ohio, *Messenger*. Other witnesses said there were three such men, accompanied by a fourth who looked different and was more shabbily dressed. Grabbing my suitcase, I took off for West Virginia.

This strange quartet had been making systematic visits to many homes in the Ohio Valley. At some houses they presented themselves as magazine salesmen, at others they claimed to be conducting "surveys." Although I found many people who had seen them and spoken to them, I could not find out where they were staying. The few local hotels and motels had not seen them. They had traveled on foot and lingered in the Point Pleasant area for several days—at a time when UFO sightings were at a peak in the region.

Far to the north of Point Pleasant, two other men were visiting homes in the Parkersburg area. They also changed their cover stories at each house. They would visit one family and introduce themselves as encyclopedia salesmen. Then they would go next door and represent themselves as Mormon missionaries. They even visited Woodrow Derenberger's wife, telling her that they were from a vacuum cleaner company and had just come in from Salem, Ore. (Unknown to the Derenbergers, Salem was in the midst of a big UFO flap at the time.) They spent two hours discussing flying saucers with Mrs. Der-

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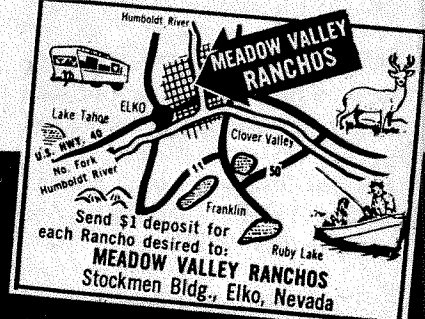
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enberger and didn't make much of an effort to sell her a vacuum cleaner. Later, Mr. Derenberger checked with the vacuum cleaner company's office in Parkersburg and was told that they didn't employ any men answering that description.

In April 1967, while I was racing up and down the hills of West Virginia, trying to catch up with these elusive "salesmen," a woman on Long Island received a visit from four "Indians." This woman lives alone in an isolated area and her home can be reached only by a narrow, almost impassable dirt road. One morning in early April she found four men at her door. Three of them were stately and dark-skinned, with pointed faces. They were neatly dressed in expensive business suits. The fourth man looked different, she said, and was "poorly dressed" in a frayed black jacket. Identifying themselves as "Indians," they told her that her land had once belonged to their tribe and they were going to try to get it back. What frightened the woman the most, and she was frightened she admitted later, was that there was *no mud* on their neatly shined shoes and there was no car in sight. There had been a lot of rain and the road and lawn were practically a sea of mud.

Although there had been frequent UFO sightings in the vicinity of her home throughout March and April, this woman never for a moment considered that the four dark-skinned men could in any way be related to the flying saucers.

Another mystery man, this one wearing a black coat too thin for the bitter cold weather, appeared in January 1967, in Cape May, N. J., after Air Force investigators had openly investigated low-level UFO sightings around a Coast Guard installation there. This character was posing as a "missing heir investigator" and spoke in a monotone, as if he were reciting each word from memory. Why would the C.I.A. or the F.B.I. bother to cover the same ground as the Air Force, using awkward disguises?

There is one frightening and incredible answer to all of this. Who could have known what that California photographer had taken pictures of? Who

could possibly have known what Harold Dahl had seen? Who could have known about the sighting of those two police officers in Texas or the two boys in Connecticut? Who might have the best possible motive for suppressing UFO stories and seizing photographs and physical evidence?

The unlikely solution stares at us: *the UFO occupants themselves!*

If this is true, then how have they managed to trick the U.S. Air Force into playing their game? Have they actually been carrying out many of these outrageous acts while the Air Force has taken the blame?

One final link is missing. Is it possible that sometime between 1945 and 1953, one small, highly placed group in our government stumbled upon some horrible truth about "flying saucers" which made it imperative for us to "do it their way"? Whatever the unidentified flying objects are doing here on Earth, it seems that they wanted to do it as secretly as possible for as long as possible. The U.S. Government has graciously obliged them and helped them, either willingly or through incredible ignorance.

Now the UFOs are continually appearing in great numbers over vast sections of the Earth, largely ignored by our major news media. The Air Force has done its job well. Men like Major Quintanilla and General Vandenberg have successfully cleared the path for Man's greatest adventure—or his greatest catastrophe. Even now, as the UFOs energetically enter what promised to be the final phase of their operation—landing and wide-scale contact—our government shuffles papers and awaits the verdict of a small group of scientists at Colorado University who are "looking into the problem" and trying to sift through 20 years of shocking history. Should Colorado Univ. declare that "there is something to it," then another fat contract will no doubt be handed out to "study the problem further." Perhaps by that time there will be a new colonel sitting in the spokesman's chair in the Pentagon. A colonel with a dark complexion, narrow eyes, pointed chin, and a monotone voice.

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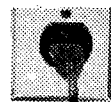
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as long as he "ran the damned place and let the prisoners and wardens know who was boss. If a prisoner gets out of line, hit him with anything you can get your hands on, that's the only thing they respect."

If anything came up he did not understand, "keep your mouth shut, sit back and act like you know all about it. Make everybody think you're the smartest son-of-a-bitch in the world and you'll get by."

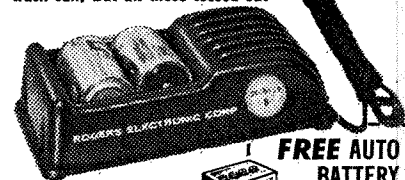
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(ALLEN, M. David)

re: Hse rslt 946

November 21, 1967

Mr. M. David Allen
19656 Andover
Detroit, Michigan 48203

Dear Mr. Allen,

Thank you for your letter of November 17 relative to your interest in House Resolution 946, the bill which would authorize the Committee on Science and Astronautics to investigate unidentified flying objects.

As you know, this resolution is presently pending action by the Rules Committee. As yet, nothing has been scheduled on it.

I was pleased to have your recommendations concerning this matter, and I will be happy to pass them on to my colleagues and friends on the Committee. Should this legislation come to the Floor of the House of Representatives, I will give it my closest attention, having your remarks well in mind.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:pc

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November 17, 1967

Congressman G. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

This letter concerned Louis Wyman (R., N.H.) House
Resolution 946, which I am asking you to vigorously support.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely yours,

M. David Allen

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Kevin L. Rettger
315 East 309th Street
Willowick, Ohio 44094
November 27, 1967

Congressman Gerald Ford
Longworth Building
Washington 25, District of Columbia

MFA

Dear Congressman Ford;

Thanks for the information on Mantell, I did notice that the air force said that he was chasing a sky hook, thats the best I ever heard on Cap. Mantell, he (Mantell) was trained to identifi enemy planes in a split second! And the Air Force knows it, besides I am sure he would have known that what he was chasing ^{was} a balloon and pretty fast! Right? I don't think the Air Force is going to ever be able to tell us that his body was never really found.
Thankyou for the info on Russia investigating the UFO's, it was a good idea for Russia to investigate the UFO's.

DON'T I repeat DON'T tell anyone this, its between you and me. I have evidence of some AF officers that are not of the Air Force, that are probably from another planet, I know this sounds pretty far fetched but it is true! Here are two of them. They (both cases) are from the agency and other sources.

Mysterious men dressed in Air Force uniforms or bearing impressive credentials from government agencies have been "silencing" UFO witnesses according to Col. George P. Freeman, Pentagon spokesman for Project Bluebook.

"We have checked a number of these cases," Col. Freeman said in an interview, "and these men are not connected with the Air Force in any way. Col. Freeman cited one recent case in which the police officers and other witnesses at the UFO sightings in Wanaque, N.J., were allegedly collected together by a man wearing an Air Force uniform. They were told that they "hadn't seen anything" and that they shouldn't discuss the incident.

"We checked with the local Air Force base," Col. Freeman declared, "and discovered that no one connected with the Air Force had visited Wanaque on the date in question. Whoever it was, he wasn't from the Air Force."

Another mystery man, this one bearing credentials from the North American Air Defense (NORAD), turned up at the home of Rex Heflin, a man who had taken a series of UFO pictures in California in 1965, and demanded the originals. Later, NORAD denied having anything to do with the incident. Major General M. M. Magee, NORAD's chief of staff, later told Representative James B. Utt, R-Calif., that "for your information NORAD does not have the responsibility for the evaluation of UFOs and therefore would not knowingly be in the business of collecting UFO pictures for evaluation. In addition, the office of primary interest for UFO matters is the department of the Air Force."

Heflin's photos have never been returned and the Air Force has never been able to determine the identity of the mystery man who took them.

That is why I said at the top "if the Air Force is able." I would like you to tell me what you think we can do to help the real Air Force get the facts out.

THE PEOPLE

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Lets see if we can find out what it is, it is not very hard to see that there is something holding the information back, and it must be stopped!

Also I would like you to get me a printed record of the "Missing Top Secret Document." It was April 5, 1966, the Committee On Armed Services of the House of Representatives held a hearing on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, I do believe you were there. During this hearing, various letters and documents were read and enclosed in the proceedings. A private citizen writer stated that the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, had concluded in a top secret document that UFOs were real and interplanetary. The date of the document was given as July-August, 1948.

I read Edward J. Ruppel's book called "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects and he states that he saw that document, it said the following...After a preliminary study of UFO reports, ATIC concluded that, to quote from the letter, "the reported phenomena were real." Then the hearing of the 89th Congress printed another letter sent to Hon. L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of the Representatives, Washington, D.C. This letter had been sent by Colonel Dwight W. Covell, USAF, wrote that "there has never been a top-secret document, entitled 'Estimate of the Situation', which concluded that UFOs are interplanetary in nature."

In the book called "The UFO Evidence, on page 109 Major Dewey J. Fournet stated that he also had seen this document. Then Major General W. P. Fisher and Colonel Carl M. Nelson stated that there has never been an Air Force conclusion that flying saucers were real interplanetary space ships. Ruppel and Fournet should know if anyone because these officers were directly connected with the documentary reports compiled by the Air Force Project Investigating Flying Saucers. Somewhere in some top-secret file there rests a thick document - and this document contains an official conclusion that the UFOs are real and do exist.

I would like you to get me the record of this document and everything that was brought up about it.

Also with this letter I put in a copy of Saucer Scope that I typed out, I would like you to let me know what you think about it.

I have some information on UFOs (Flying Saucers) that would say that the Saucers are causing "Earth Quakes" if you would like a copy tell me in the letter, I will send you a copy. I think it will help you too as much as it has me. I have the dates of the quakes and ~~the~~ the dates of the saucers ~~and~~ when they were seen, there is a definite connection between the two.

Thank you

Kevin L. Rettger

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Kevin L. Rettger
315 East 309th Street
Willowick, Ohio 44094
December 2, 1967

Congressman Gerald Ford
Longworth Building
Washington 25, District of Columbia

Dear Congressman Ford;

I thank you again for the information, but there is one thing I can not agree on with the Air Force.

The Air Force always says that it does not miss-lead us on the subject of Flying Saucers (UFOs,) well you can find out for your self if you so want to, thats if you don't know already.

You do remember in March 20 and 21, 1966 in Michigan (your home state) when strange lights were seen in the area of Dexter and also Hillsdale. The Air Force says that the sightings were caused by "swamp gas" or (marsh gas). I sure hope you will go to the nearest wether bureau and look up the record for those dates and you will see that the wether did not permit for "swamp gas."

Also the Air Force seems to be over-looking two other dates when this same thing happened. The dates are March 14 and 17, 1966 as you probably already know.

Please go and find out for your self and you will see that the Air Force does not tell all they know "behind the Flying Saucer Mystery."

But you probably already know that. Some times you start to think and you say to your self "The Air Force must take us for blind fools" who do they think their kidding, we aren't no dummys that we don't know whats going on. Before they come up with some of their ideas they should first think it over and at least come up with half sensible answers!

I have sent similar information to Senator Frank J. Lausche, Senator Stephen M. Young, Congressman William Stanton, and I might send a copy to Vice Persident Hubert H. Humphrey.

Please write back and tell me what you find
thats if you don't already know.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Rettger

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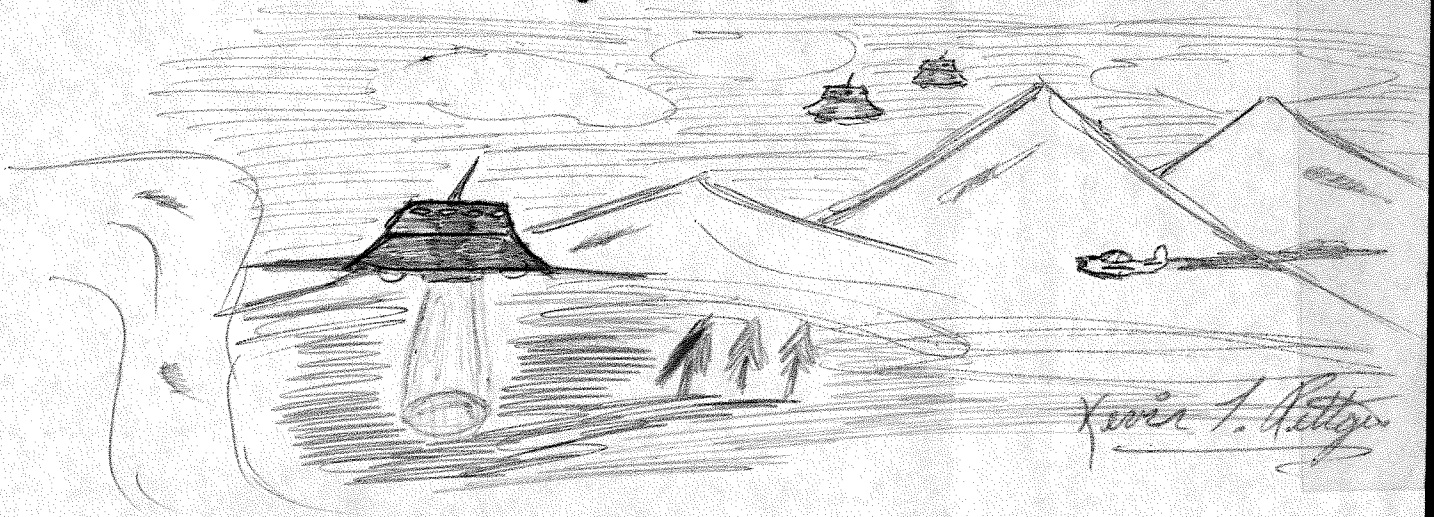
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For many years UFOs (Flying Saucers) have been around our Earth. There are many reports that would say that the saucers are probably "Hostile!" There are really a lot of true and untrue reports but they should still be investigated more than they are being now. I myself think the public should have the right to know all the facts about these saucers that some day might change their lives.

There should not be any rule like AFR 200-2 to hold the reports back from the public. I don't know who made it but they certainly weren't very smart to make such a rule and leave us in a blanket of their stupid silence.

These Flying Saucers might be Hostile or friendly or even both, but whatever, they should be investigated thoroughly and truthfully. And the Air Force shouldn't put lies in the reports to fool the public.

In the future don't let the U.S. Air Force fool you, but watch out for false reports from sighters, it could be your life!!!!

Sincerely,


Kevin I. Rettger

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"It hovered for two or three minutes over the house," Jones said, "then fell and burst into flames, setting fire to the Lewis' lawn."

After the Joneses alerted the Lewis family and extinguished the fire they found particles of a brittle, metallic-type material. "It was light-weight and looked charred," Jones said. It also smelled of sulphur. When he first sighted the dancing light, Jones estimated it to be the size of a basketball. Upon close inspection by Oscar Moonig, one of the countries outstanding authorities on meteorites, it was found to NOT a meteorite. Upon closer inspection by very learned authorities of a "private" concern it was found to have a "VERY HIGH" magnesium content, much like the U.F.O. fragment found in South America some years ago.

1966 (Naples, Fla) Bill Keralas didn't hesitate one moment in telling officer Dave Dampier why he was doing 115 miles an hour-it was because a "blue-green light 100 feet across" was chasing him.

Keralas, who officer Dampier said "did not appear overly tired nor had the symptoms of drinking," said the light "shooosed" over his open convertible Friday night and followed him along nearly 10 miles of the desolate Tamiami trail.

IN FACT, Keralas, a real estate man from Cape Coral, didn't even worry about a speeding ticket. He went straight to the police station.

"I felt as though nothing good was going to happen if I stopped, so I got out of the area as fast as my car would go," he said.

Corporal Dampier said "I think this man was telling the truth-he was right scared. In fact, thats what he said: "I wans't nervous. I was scared!"

No other sighting was reported.

1966 (Willoughby, Ohio) City police had their turn at sighting an unidentified flying object today.

Patrolmen William Young and Kenneth Eisele sighted a "glowing object" while on patrol in the area of the Hospitality Motor Inn Route 306 at 4:50 a.m.

"We saw an object moving in a south easterly direction coming from the west. It was very high and was giving off a glowing light," the police report stated.

Officers said the object was very high, but its movements were "slightly erratic from east to west." Patrolman Eisele's report said they were not able to judge the speed of the UFO.

The Ashland County Sheriff's Department received a call at 5:20 a.m. from a person saying he had seen a strange light moving from the north-west.

December 11, 1955 (Jacksonville, Fla.) About 9:00 p.m. fast maneuvering round objects, glowing orange-red, reported by two Airliner crews, numerous ground witnesses, along Atlantic coast near Jacksonville, Florida. Two Navy jet fighter pilots on night practice were vectored toward UFO by JAX Naval Air Station tower. When jets tried to close, UFO shot up to 30,000 feet, then dived back, circling and buzzing the jets. JAX officers and tower controllers saw action on scopes, confirmed that jets were helpless against the unknown objects. A full report

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Sightings

April 27, 1966 During a flight made by the Governor of Florida in his own private plane, two UFO's passed the aircraft for quite some time, and then veered under the right wing of the plane and dissapeared from sight.

October 9, 1965 During the early hours, this report was made by Miss Pat Gresiwald of 114 Cloud Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Pat sighted a large disc shaped object with white lights around its center. The objects body was silverish in appearance and had a dome or ball type superstrueter on top. This report was witnessed by six other people. This report was made at 8:45 P.M.

Five minutes later a call came into the Cleveland Ufology Project report center from Wade Ave., Cleveland, Ohio - this one was witnessed by 12 people who all saw a very large round object with lights all around it. The object itself was spinning or the lights were. Both of these objects were into effect. The Cleveland Press reported four sightings were called in. The Cleveland Plain Dealer had none. Case Tech reported that they had a change of personnel within the last half hour and did not have any information on any UFO. The Cleveland Hopkins Airport told the Report Center to inform the USAF. The Report Center called the U.S.A.F. Special Investigations Center. There was no answer.

January 2, 1966 (Cleveland) Mrs. Hineline of Merriman Road in Akron, Ohio, reported this very unusual sighting. The time was 11:45 P.M. when she saw this very bright light outside her living room window. At first she thought the light was a neighbors car pulling into the next door driveway. Then she noticed the bright orange color and high intensity of the mystery light. She watched the mystery object for 4 to 5 minutes when all of a sudden there was what she explained as an "explosion, but with no sound". Then the object began to rise. In 4 to 6 seconds it was out of sight.

As if her story was not convincing enough, The Akron Police Department was notified of a mystery explosion in the area of Sand Run Park. All total there were three police cruisers dispatched or seen in the area. Two red balls of light were also reported that evening by two other sources. These balls of light were seen coming from the eastern portion of the sky.

January 26, 1964 (Ft. Worth, Texas) An erratic flaming phenomena fell from the skies in BenBrook the evening of January 24th. It was described as definitely NOT a meteorite. There was speculation the object may have been part of a missile.

The light sailing light was sighted as it bobbed slowly through the sky by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Jones of 206 Eric about 8 p.m. They followed its wandering course about eight blocks from the home of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. L.C. Eberhard of 1102 Wade Hampton to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Lewis at 1303 Park Center.

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was sent to the Air Force.

Monday, January 11, 1966 (Washington, D.C.) At 4:20 p.m. twelve to fifteen UFO's were sighted by 12 highly placed government officials and others from the Munitions Building at 19th Street and Constitution Ave., circling over the capitol. The UFO's were being chased by two delta-winged interceptor aircraft. Radar from Washington International Airport clearly tracked both UFO's and interceptor aircraft during the sighting. The Air Force officially denied the entire thing. The 12 officials were TOLD "they saw nothing." They say differently.

December 28, 1964 (No name of place) The U.S. Navy tracked two UFO's on radar at estimated speeds of 4800 m.p.h., which exceeds the known speed of any U.S. aircraft, and that of any foreign power at this time. The UFO's maneuvered in tight turns at this speed. This information was never released by the USAF, officially in charge of the UFO investigations. (Project Bluebook)

April 8, 1964 (Cape Kennedy was Cape Canaveral, Fla.) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration launched a two-man Gemini Space capsule which went into its planned orbit and was publicly declared a successful shot. This was never made public; during its first orbit the capsule was approached by four unknown craft which surrounded it, taking positions up at close range, two above, one beneath, and one after. They appeared to inspect it minutely, and after pacing the capsule for four orbits, they then pulled away and vanished.

1966 (Sandusky, Ohio) A Sandusky man may have had insomnia Friday morning, but he wasn't sleepwalking when he saw what he termed "some kind of flying object" over Lake Erie.

It was shaped like an "oversized watermelon," with a bright light on each end," explained Dr. George Heiler, 1619 Cedar Point Road. He said he noticed the object about 4 a.m. as he looked out his picture window towards the east. Heiler said he awakened his wife and son a senior at Xavier University, and they watched the object through binoculars. The object stayed in the same part of the sky for an hour and a half before it disappeared out of sight in the east, he explained.

"The object was revolving because at certain times only one of the bright lights was visible," Heiler said.

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During the years since the end of World War II, the subject of "flying saucers" or Unidentified flying objects have come to the public more and more often.

There are those who believe in the thousands of sightings made during these years. There are also many sceptics, who along with the USAF, the Air Force "party line," and many "news" reporters think that ALL sightings are the cause of missiles, balloons, birds, kites, search-lights, aircraft navigation and anticollision beacons, jet engine exhaust, condensation trails, astronomical bodies, meteorological phenomena, spurious radar indications, hoaxes, fireworks, flares, temperature-inversions and hallucinations.

Many noted authorities and experts think otherwise. Such as the following:

SENIOR CAPTAIN WILLIAM B. NASH, PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS - 16 yr. Vet.

"I am certain that the UFO's we saw were intelligently operated craft from somewhere other than this planet."

ALBERT M. CHOP, DEPUTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, NASA

"I've been convinced for a long time that the "saucers" are inter-planetary. We're being watched by beings from outer space."

REAR ADM. DELMER FAHRNEY, USN (Ret.) FORMER CHIEF OF NAVY GUIDED MISSILES DIVISION.

"Reliable reports indicate that unidentified objects are coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and that they are controlled."

DEWEY FOURNET, JR., FORMER AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS' INTELLIGENCE MONITOR, UFO PROJECT.

"The Air Force is still withholding information on Unidentified Flying Objects, including UFO sightings reports."

VICE-ADM. ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER, USN (Ret.) FORMER CIA DIRECTOR.

"The unknown objects are operating under intelligent control. It is imperative that we learn where they are coming from."

LT. COL. HOWARD STRAND, BASE COMMANDER - MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

"My own conclusion is that UFO's are real and can come only from another planet with a civilization older than ours."

Many of our top law-makers in Washington have voiced the opinion on occasion that there should be congressional hearings on the subject of UFO's and lack of information forthcoming from the Air Force.

These lawmakers say UFO's should be investigated:

SEN. STANLEY DIKESSE, REP., ILL. (Minority leader)

"I cannot support government secrecy in these fields unless the national security is involved and I cannot believe that it is."

CONG. JOHN V. LINDGAY, REP., N.Y. (NOW THE MAYOR OF N.Y. CITY)

"Information covering sightings of UFO's is of vital importance. The American people are fully capable of understanding these problems."

SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, SEN. MO.

"The public has sound reason for being confused about this subject. The public should be given all information which not adversely affects our national security."

CONG. JOHN E. MCCORMACK, SEN., MASS. (SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE)

"I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the information it has on the Unidentified Flying Objects. You can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources."

SEN. BARRY M. GOLDWATER, REP., ARIZ., PRES. CLE. 1964, RESERVE GENERAL USAF.

"I am indeed interested in UFO's. I frankly feel that there is great deal to this and I have discussed it often with many Air Force Officers."

SEN. THOMAS J. BOGD, SEN., CONN.

"UFO's have been never really accurately explained. We don't have all the facts and certainly the Senate committee should have all the facts."

Listed above are just a "few" of the many top lawmakers who are not misled by the Air Force "party line" or the public information officers connected with Air Force Intelligence Office or ATIC (Project Blue-Book) at Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The following account is from the Bryan (Texas) Daily Eagle of July 8, 1947, which we believe has never been published by a saucer publication.

"The mysterious case of the flying disks was still on trial today before a skeptical Texas jury. Entered as "evidence" besides "testimony" of at least 50 eyewitnesses, was the "remains" of two disks

"One of the disks was reported found on a beach near Trinity Bay near Houston. It was found by Norman Hargrave, a jeweler. He said he found an aluminum disk Sunday floating near the beach. The Houston Chronicle said mystery surrounded the finding.

The paper said Hargrave first described the object minutely, even saying a message was inscribed on it indicating it had military significance. But later, Hargrave said "it was all a joke." Despite that, the Chronicle made an extensive check and stated: "There are some mysterious facts contained in Hargrave's first report that lend credence to the tale." Hargrave first reported the disk was inscribed with the following information:

"Military secret of the United States of America, Army, Army Air Force #4339653. Anyone damaging or revealing description or characteristics of this missile subject to prosecution by the U.S. Government. Call collect at once, LD 446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Wash."

"The Chronicle telephoned Spokane, but the commanding officer would neither confirm or deny the existence of such a missile.

"The second flying disk was reported found by Bob Scott, a farmer living two and a half miles east of Hillsboro. He said the disk fell on his place Friday. He said he was afraid people might believe he was "going to extremes in imagining things" and he told no one but his family until Sunday. Then he notified C.F. Kissick and Joe Cerick, Hillsboro, who went to the field and investigated. Meanwhile more and more Texans reported seeing the flying saucers. Over 50 Texans have reported seeing the mysterious objects during the last ten days."

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See You Next Week with I hope more information than this week!!!

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"U.F.O."

(Rettger, Kevin L.)

November 24, 1967

Mr. Kevin L. Rettger
315 East 309th Street
Willowick, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rettger:

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter regarding your continued interest in unidentified flying objects. I am glad to know that the information I sent you was helpful to you.

Enclosed is a copy of a report from the Department of the Air Force entitled, "The Mantell Case 7 January 1948" concerning the incident with Captain Mantell.

Because of your interest in UFOs I thought you would also like to see the enclosed copies of news articles that were sent to me by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena dealing with Russia and their study of UFOs.

I trust that this additional information will be of assistance to you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Don't tell

Kevin L. Rettger
315 East 309th Street
Willowick, Ohio
November 9, 1967

Congressman Gerald Ford
Longworth Building
Washington 25, District of Columbia

Dear Congressman Ford;

Thank you very much for all the information on UFO's. I really enjoyed reading the back copies of "news releases" that you presented to the congress meeting. I sure was impressed when I saw the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts about UFO's," it sure tells alot of information about the objects. I am also thankful of you to send me Project Blue Book 1967 and some of the new articles concerning the new project of the Air Force's in Colorado under Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado.

I would like you to find out the answers to some more questions of mine.

First, has Capt. Thomas Mantell Jr.'s body really been found after his plane was completely disintegrated after he closed in on a UFO. I have many reports that say his body was found and many that say it wasn't. I would like you to find out the real answer to this for me.

Has the Air Force got a Flying Saucer in their hands that came crashing to the ground. I have reports about crashed saucers from the organization to which I belong to, called "Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigation Club (CAPIC)," they always say at the end the air force comes in and takes over and what they do with them they don't know. I think you can get the answer to this better then I can.

If you can get me a complete report on the Astronauts and Cosmonauts of their sightings, please do so.

Other people might have a different appinion, but I think the U.S. should get together with Russia, maybe then we might get to really know what kind of life is up there. I think it is better two countries work together to find out the mystery then one cause then they might find out more information about such things.

I don't know how true this is but in 1999, we (the earth) is suppost to be invaded by Mars according to the Astrologists, and it isn't very often that their wrong, besides I can believe it the way this world is going on with Ufo's coming around us. It is no longer impossible it is now probable!!!

Sincerly,

Kevin L. Rettger

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(Rettger, Kevin L.)

November 6, 1967

Mr. Kevin L. Rettger
315 East 309th Street
Willowick, Ohio 44094

Dear Mr. Rettger:

Thank you for your letter of October 31 concerning your interest in unidentified flying objects.

As you may be aware, I have repeatedly recommended that thorough investigative action be taken and the public be informed concerning this matter. I had called for an investigation of this matter in the Spring of 1966. Enclosed are some of the news releases which I issued at that time.

As you undoubtedly know, the Air Force has authorized a thorough and complete investigation of UFOs. This investigation is being conducted at this present time at the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward U. Condon and we hope it will provide the public with all the facts we need about UFOs. I am looking forward, with all other interested citizens, to seeing the results of this important investigation. Enclosed are two news articles concerning this current study.

Because of your interest in UFOs I am also enclosing a booklet prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress entitled, "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects" and the latest copy we have of Project Blue Book explaining the work on UFOs by the Air Force.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Congressman Gerald Ford
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Dear Congressman Ford;

During the recent months I have become interested in the reports on Unidentified Flying Objects. I have read many books and magazines about the U. F. O.s. I have a good many questions about the governments attitude toward this subject. Perhaps you, a Congressman can answer me. I understand that the public has been told that their seeing things.

First, why has the U.S. Air Force kept all facts and information about UFO sightings from the American public as a whole, as well as reliable civilian investigators?

Why has the U.S. Air Force, as well as other agencies in Washington put "the squeeze" on reliable and intelligent citizens who have made their sightings public in spite of ridicule and censure?

Why has the U.S. Air Force been telling some real good lies that don't even make sense? I'm sure they wouldn't have made the AFR 200-2 if there wasn't anything to them.

I would appreciate a direct and honest reply to my questions. It is ^{my} opinion that if this country is to go on functioning as a democracy, its citizens have the "right to know" and Should Be Told about something which could drastically affect our lives in the years to come. We, as citizens of this country, don't need to be shielded from the truth by other citizens, even if they do happen to have stars on their shoulders.

Sincerely,

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