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Dear Friends,

Once again, I take great pleasure in thanking all of our donors for their kind support of the Center for UFO Studies. As I mentioned in my letter of April 1, 1975, the Center for UFO Studies has developed more rapidly than originally scheduled, gaining dignified visibility, and public response to the Center has increased beyond our expectations. This recognition is most welcomed; however, expenses have increased accordingly.

Each day, the Center receives numerous calls and letters from newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations, schools, planetaria, and individuals requesting information of a specific or general nature. Since public education is one of the objectives of the Center, we attempt to remain as an authoritative source of reliable information. Of course, the dissemination of such material has become a major expense.

Most important, funds are needed for research. Too many years have gone by in the study of UFOs during which information was gathered, data compiled, cursory investigations made, and cases forgotten. The Center has attempted to actively investigate several "good" sightings during the past year and these will be issued as technical reports. There is a pressing need for immediate, thorough investigation of cases, for intensive laboratory analysis, and for the scientists interested in the problem to have resources for unhindered research. Major institutional funding, though pursued, is not imminent. Such funding will allow for the research called for in this important field, though funds accepted must be carefully considered, to assure that research will remain "unhindered".

To help the Center acquire this needed monetary support, we have reorganized our fund raising, and are offering incentives to larger donors. The current small donations are most helpful in "keeping the show on the road", and we hope to continue to encourage these amounts. But now, in addition, we are offering seriously interested persons an opportunity to support the Center in more substantial ways, by becoming a Contributor, Fellow, or Patron of the Center. Information is included with this News Bulletin. It is my hope that those of you who are able will consider making an additional tax-deductible contribution to the Center. Our list of current donors will be reviewed, and those who have sent donations any time during 1975 will have the opportunity to take advantage of the classifications listed or to make an additional contribution to upgrade their present status.

Again, my sincere thanks to you who are supporting a scientific venture which is almost certainly sure to culminate in discoveries which may be of monumental benefit to all of science and society.

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