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The letter on page D-3 from Gen. Kinney indicates that the U.S. Air Force has not distributed the full 316-page Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 because the cost would have been prohibitive. A letter from A.F. Secretary Donald A. Quarles, dated July 5, 1956, states: "It has been estimated that the cost of printing enough copies for distribution to the public through such outlets as libraries and academic institutions would be between \$10 and \$15 per copy."

This privately financed edition of the Blue Book report is being issued as a public service. Through the careful elimination of the bulk of the tables in the original report, the size has been reduced to about 80 pages, without loss of a single word of the main text. The full Tables of Contents of the original report have been retained, so that the reader may know exactly what has been omitted. The only purpose in the omissions has been to bring the cost down to a reasonable level, so that widespread distribution could be established.

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The only ways in which the page arrangement of this copy differs from the original Air Force edition are as follows:

- [1] The Chi Square tables on pages 62-67 and 70-75 of the original report were arranged one table per page. For economy, these have been placed two per page in this edition.
- [2] Page 76 of the original edition has been reproduced in two parts, as pages 43 and 50 (upper page numbers) of this edition, to emphasize the division between sections and avoid split-up of the text by the Chi Square tables.
- [3] The case numbers have been written in on the sketches of the twelve "good UNKNOWN SIGHTINGS" (pages 52 to 64 of this edition). The original edition did not put such numbers on the sketches.
- [4] The heading at the top of page 69 (this edition) originally accounted for two pages of the report, and was incorporated at the top of page 69 for economy.

Please note: The original report assigned double page numbers to some pages, as is usual Government practise when a blank page follows a printed page. This is the case on page 82 of this edition, which was labeled pages "295 and 296" in the original edition.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

15 November 1956

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I know that during the past several months you have had considerable correspondence with the Air Force and the Defense Department regarding Special Report #14, the Air Force Project Blue Book. The intent of this letter is to inform you of our position on the Blue Book as defined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

We distributed a press release and a summary at the time the report was officially released. We made the full report available in the Information Offices of this Headquarters and in the Air Force Information Offices in New York and Los Angeles. The report is still available at these places. We did not distribute the report itself because the cost was prohibitive.

While the Air Force has never denied anyone access to the above-mentioned locations for the purposes of either reading or copying the report, we have not felt justified to expend public funds to assist in commercial reproduction of the report.

I trust this serves to make clear the position of the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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