

Appendix 15

NASA Information Sheet 78-1, "Unidentified Flying Objects"



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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The information contained here has been compiled to respond to queries on Unidentified Flying Objects directed to the White House as well as NASA.

NASA is the focal point for answering public inquiries to the White House relating to UFOs. NASA is not engaged in a research program involving these phenomena, nor is any other government agency.

BACKGROUND

In July, of 1977, Dr. Frank Press, Director of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, wrote to Dr. Robert A. Frosch, the NASA Administrator, suggesting NASA should answer all UFO-related mail and also to consider whether NASA should conduct an active research program on UFOs. In a letter dated December 21, 1977, Dr. Frosch agreed that NASA will continue to respond to UFO-related mail as it has in the past and, if a new element of hard evidence that UFOs exist is brought to NASA's attention from a credible source, NASA will analyze the unexplained organic or inorganic sample and report its findings.

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Quoting from Dr. Froesch's December 21 letter: "...If some new element of hard evidence is brought to our attention in the future, it would be entirely appropriate for a NASA laboratory to analyze and report upon an otherwise unexplained organic or inorganic sample; we stand ready to respond to any bona fide physical evidence from credible sources. We intend to leave the door clearly open for such a possibility.

"We have given considerable thought to the question of what else the United States might and should do in the area of UFO research. There is an absence of tangible or physical evidence available for thorough laboratory analysis. And, because of the absence of such evidence, we have not been able to devise a sound scientific procedure for investigating these phenomena. To proceed on a research task without a sound disciplinary framework and an exploratory technique in mind would be wasteful and probably unproductive.

"I do not feel that we could mount a research effort without a better starting point than we have been able to identify thus far. I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish research in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject.

"I wish in no way to indicate that NASA has come to any conclusion about these phenomena as such; institutionally, we retain an open mind, a keen sense of scientific curiosity and a willingness to analyze technical problems within our competence."

Reports of unidentified objects entering United States air space are of interest to the military as a regular part of defense surveillance. Beyond that, the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates reports of UFO sightings.

This was not always the case. On December 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for UFO investigation started in 1947.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations, the USAF said, was based on: (1) an evaluation of a report (often called the Condon Report) prepared by the University of Colorado and entitled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects;" (2) a review of the University of Colorado report by the National Academy of Sciences; (3) past UFO studies; and (4) Air Force experience investigating UFO reports for two decades.

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As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of the Air Force were: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20408, and is available for public review and analysis. Those wishing to review this material may obtain a researcher's permit from the National Archives and Record Service.

Also available:

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. Condon Report study conducted by the University of Colorado under contract F44620-76-C-0035. Three volumes, 1,465p. 68 plates. Photoduplicated hard copies of the official report may be ordered for \$6 per volume, \$18 the set of three, as AD 680:975, AD 680:976, and AD 680:977, from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.

Review of University of Colorado Report on Unidentified Flying Objects. Review of report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. National Academy of Sciences, 1969, 6p. Photoduplicated hard copies may be ordered for \$3 as AD 688:541 from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.

NASA is aware of the many UFO reports made in recent years. However, the majority of inquiries to NASA concerning UFO sightings address themselves to the reported sightings by astronauts during Earth orbital and lunar missions and the report by President Carter while serving as Governor of Georgia.

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On October 12, 1977 Mr. Carter responded to the Senate Select Committee on Aeronautics and Space. He had seen a bright, moving object on October of 1969. He saw it for a few minutes and, at one point, he reported there was no explanation. What Mr. Carter saw in 1969 it has been suggested by some that Mr. Carter may have viewed it many times, may appear many times.

Since NASA is not required to review UFO-related phenomena, it does not review UFO-related phenomena or evaluate UFO-type space phenomena or apply to UFO sightings or apply to aerial phenomena investigated by NASA's research.

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During several space missions NASA astronauts reported phenomena not immediately explainable. However, in every instance NASA satisfied itself that what had been observed was nothing which could be termed abnormal in the space environment. The air-to-ground tapes of all manned missions are available at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, for review by the serious researcher.

On October 12, 1973, while serving as Governor of Georgia, Mr. Carter responded to inquiries from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) saying that he had seen a bright, moving object in the sky over Leary, Georgia, in October of 1969. He said the object was visible for 10 to 12 minutes and, at one point, shone as brightly as the Moon. The regional NICAP representative investigated the sighting and reported there was no evidence to support anything beyond placing what Mr. Carter saw in NICAP's "unidentified" category. However, it has been suggested by some students of aerial phenomena that Mr. Carter may have viewed the Planet Venus which, at certain times, may appear many times brighter than a star of the first-magnitude.

Since NASA is not engaged in day-to-day UFO research, it does not review UFO-related articles intended for publication, evaluate UFO-type spacecraft drawings or accept accounts of UFO sightings or applications for employment in the field of aerial phenomena investigation. All such material will be returned with NASA's thanks to the sender.

A number of universities and scientific organizations have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. In addition, a number of private domestic and foreign groups continue to review UFO sighting reports actively. Some of these organizations are:

- (1) National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
 John L. Acuff, Director
 Suite 23
 3535 University Boulevard, West
 Kensington, MD 20795
 (301) 949-1267
- (2) The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal
 UFO Subcommittee
 Robert Sheaffer, Chairman
 9805 McMillan Avenue
 Silver Spring, MD 20910
 (301) 589-8371
- (3) Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
 James and Coral Lorenzen, Directors
 3910 E. Kleindale Road
 Tucson, AZ 85712
 (602) 793-1825
- (4) Mutual UFO Network
 Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director
 103 Old Towne Road
 Seguin, TX 78155
 (512) 379-9216
- (5) The Center for UFO Studies
 Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director
 924 Chicago Avenue
 Evanston, IL 60202
 (312) 491-1780

February 1, 1978

INVITED ESSAY

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Abstract—One of the existence is the flow of time. The basic nature of time is not understood at all. The concept of the passage of time in one direction remains in one direction remain influence the future? Can dynamic arrows of time exist? The nature of time and its relation to the universe.

The fundamental changes made by Albert Einstein are pointed out, and some are described.

The nature of time is discussed, and the question

How many times have you been in time and flow through time to change a decision and are, our experience shows.

One of the most basic is the flow of time from the past to the future. The logical arrow of time. The flow of time is the way that time flows.

Even though everything is in flow of time, we still do not

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To: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
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Subject: FBI Memo
Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2004 12:16:52 -0500

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FBI document:

June 14, 1977
FROM J Cochran
RE White House inquiry re unidentified flying objehcts

This document says that Stanley Schneider of the Office of Science and

Technology of the White House called by phone to learn whether or tot he FBI had a procedure for handling UFO info. Schneider told Cochran that Jody Powell had raised the question as to whether or not there was any coordinaton wthin the Executive

Branch relative to UFOs.

Cochran told Schneider that the FBI had no authorization or reason for conducting any inquiries on this subject s if they received any they would immediately turn it over to the Air Force without taking any action on it.

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PRESIDENT CARTER SPEAKS OUT



President Jimmy Carter

**President Carter's
interest and concern
with the universe,
and it's
phenomena, stems
from the
time he saw a
UFO when he was
Governor of Georgia**

On September 5, 1977, when the spacecraft Voyager I was launched, its destination was the far reaches of the galaxy, its mission was to explore three planets. Fifteen days later, Voyager 2 was launched on the same mission—to fly by the galaxies outer planets, encountering Saturn in 1981 and Uranus in 1986.

On March 13, it was announced that the planet Jupiter, the first of the three to be probed, was encountered on schedule.

Discovered were the first active volcanoes (outside the earth's) in the solar system, on Io, one of Jupiter's major moons; its highly sensitive and ultra-sophisticated equipment disclosed that volcanic ash and dust are shooting out of Io's six active volcanoes at speeds more that 1,000 miles per hour.

The knowledge being gleaned by the spacecraft probes as they conduct a scientifically detailed investigation of our neighboring planets, will be of enormous significance.

This thought was prominent in the minds of scientists and world leaders everywhere as news of the probe reached home.

One of the messages placed on board both spacecraft as they left earth veering into the unknown

nearly two years ago, was one by President Jimmy Carter, himself interested in the enigma of outer space:

"This is a present from a small distant world. A token of our sounds, our science, our images, our music our thoughts and our feeling. We are attempting to survive our time so that we may live in yours. We hope, someday, having solved the problems we face, to join a community of galactic civilization, and; we send our good will to a vast and awesome universe..."

Carter's interest and concern with outer space and the phenomena it presents stems from the time he was Governor of his home state of Georgia, when he saw a UFO.

His sighting took place in October, 1969. A member of the Lion's Club, Mr. Carter had been waiting with others outside the club's headquarters for their 7:30 meeting to begin.

Describing the UFO, Jimmy Carter added that it appeared "blueish at first—then reddish—but not solid."

At the time, he told the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City that the UFO "came close, moved away, came close again, and then moved away. It appeared as bright as the moon."

The UFO was visible for an estimated ten to twelve minutes during which time it changed shape and color. The UFO made no sound and was sharply outlined. The press, in publicizing the incident, said it was "a big, shining light in the shape of a flying saucer hovering overhead."

The incident was mentioned on the Paul Harvey national radio program, and newspapers across the southern portion of the United States headlined it as one of the biggest UFO sightings in history. The object was estimated to be "maybe 300 to 1000 yards away."

Towards the end of 1978, President Carter had asked NASA to take a bigger interest in UFO while they probe the unknown universe. □