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Letters from Kent Jeffrey

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Greetings List,

I hope to be able to save Dennis some of the trouble of scanning and OCR'ing the Murguia letter. In my snail mailbox today were copies of the letter sent to President Clinton (which Dennis so kindly posted already), Janet Murguia (this was a kind of cover letter, as the boxes of declarations were sent to her to process), and a statement from three of the gentlemen mentioned in Kent's Roswell article.

All typographical errors should be considered to be made by my OCR software.

July 8, 1997

Janet Murguia
 Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
 Office of Legislative Affairs, East Wing, Room 112
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Murguia,

A congressional legislative assistant suggested that I send the enclosed letter to President Clinton, along with the approximately 20,000 signed declarations that accompany it, to your office. The declarations are a part of a mainstream, grassroots effort, the International Roswell Initiative, whose purpose is a general declassification of any information that the government might possess regarding the UFO phenomenon or extraterrestrial intelligence. The shipment accompanying this letter consists of seven boxes containing approximately 13,000 signed declarations. The remaining 7,000 or so declarations will be sent from locations in Texas and Illinois and should arrive within the next two weeks. Additionally, a significant number of signed declarations have been collected in Australia, England, France, and Germany, and may be turned into the U.S. embassies in those countries.

Although I was the initiator of the International Roswell Initiative, because of new evidence in the case, I have now become one of the 1947 Roswell UFO

incident's most outspoken skeptics. In the last couple of weeks, for example, I have debated the issue a number of times on radio and even national television.

Over the last few years, Roswell has practically become an American icon. opinion polls show that close to two thirds of the American people don't believe the government's explanation of what happened. The controversy and media attention surrounding Roswell is therefore unlikely to go away anytime soon.

Unfortunately, from a public relations standpoint, the government has handled Roswell, along with the UFO phenomenon in general, very poorly -- all but ignoring the issue. Such a cavalier approach, in combination with the public's intense interest in the subject, has exacerbated feelings of distrust and suspicion about government actions and motives. A positive and forthright response to this issue on the part of the President would probably be viewed and appreciated by most Americans as a refreshing change to the perceived (albeit, perhaps, unfairly) long-term policy of stonewalling and avoidance by the government.

Any attention you or the President give to this matter will be greatly appreciated. The letter accompanying the declarations, along with any meaningful response from the President, will be published on numerous Internet sites and in UFO publications worldwide.

Sincerely,

[s]

Kent Jeffrey
Coordinator, International Roswell Initiative

This statement did not accompany the petitions (at least not the ones I sent).

27, 1997

Walter Klinikowski, Colonel, USAF, Retired
Walter Vitunac, Colonel, USAF, Retired
George Weinbrenner, Colonel, USAF, Retired

June

In view of recent worldwide media attention and apparent public misconception concerning the 1947 Roswell incident, we have chosen to issue a joint statement in an effort to help set the record straight on this most controversial matter. We are taking this step strictly out of a sense of responsibility to the truth, and are doing so of our own volition, without any pressure or encouragement from the U.S. military or government.

Over the past years, innumerable documentaries, books, television shows, and movies have conveyed the impression that the 1947 Roswell event is a matter of historical fact. Incredible-sounding but unsubstantiated claims by alleged witnesses and participants have further exacerbated the situation.

Consequently, according to recent opinion polls, the majority of Americans now believe in the reality of an event that never occurred -- the crash of an alien spaceship northwest of Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947, and its subsequent recovery and transportation by the U.S. military to Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

Wright Patterson is indeed where the Air Force's technical and intelligence experts were, and still are, concentrated. It is where the recovered wreckage from a foreign craft of any kind with the potential for invading our skys, including an alien spaceship, would be taken and kept for technical analysis. Contrary to the Roswell legend, however, no such craft was taken to and stored at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. If such an event had occurred, as ranking officials of the Foreign Technology Division (FTD) at Wright Patterson, we would have known about it. During our collective tenure there, which spanned a period of 17 years -- 1957 through 1974 -- there was no alien spaceship, and no secret hangar housing it -- of that we give our word.

Going on record with such an unequivocal statement is not something we take lightly. As retired military officers, we would not dishonor ourselves, our military careers, our families, or our country by lying to the American people, especially about an issue of such great potential significance.

Any doubters should note that if an alien spaceship were actually being kept at Wright Patterson Air Force Base by the U.S. government, the administration in power could choose to declassify the matter at any time.

With that uncertainty, publicly lying about such an issue, on top of all else, would be pure folly.

As is surely the opinion of the vast majority of Americans, both civilian and military, we are in total agreement that anything as important and profound as knowledge of other intelligent life in the universe would be information that should not be suppressed or censored by any government. It would be information to which all humanity should be entitled.

[s]

Walter Klinikowski, FTD 1960-74, Deputy Director of Intelligence Collections, Director of Foreign Activities

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Walter Vitunac, ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center) and FTD 1957-62, AFSC (Air Force Systems Command) 1965-68, Director of Intelligence Collections, Director of Foreign Technology Programs, Director of Foreign Activities

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"UFO Crash at Roswell" on Clinton's White House Book Shelf

September 21, 1998

.c The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Clinton never turned over to prosecutors a novel about phone sex that Monica Lewinsky says she gave him as a gift. But White House records indicate it once sat on the shelf of the president's private study.

Among the mountain of evidence released Monday by Congress was a White House inventory taken at one point of all the books Clinton kept in his private study.

"Vox," Nicholson Baker's steamy novel about phone sex, was listed on a shelf right between volumes entitled "Churchill on Courage: Timeless Wisdom for Persevering" and an Air Force report, "UFO Crash at Roswell."

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October 29, 1998

PRESIDENT CLINTON: HONORING AMERICA'S SPACE PROGRAM

I can think of no better way to celebrate NASA's 40th Anniversary than to come here today and witness, along with each of you, history in the making. With the return of John Glenn to space, NASA has reignited the sense of excitement and national purpose that is so much a part of our space program.

President Bill Clinton
October 29, 1998

Today, President Clinton will be at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to view the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery, which will take Senator John Glenn and six crewmates into space for an almost nine day mission, during which time the crew will conduct more than 80 scientific experiments ranging from the inner realm of the human body to the study of the Sun and solar activity.

The President Salutes Senator Glenn's Leadership And Courage. More than thirty-six years ago, Senator John Glenn made history when he became the first American to orbit the Earth, and today, he will return to space as part of a multi-national crew with the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery. This mission will accumulate valuable scientific data, and Senator Glenn will be a test subject for specific investigations which mimic the effect of aging, including the loss of muscle mass and bone density, a depressed immune system, and the loss of balance. As he returns to space, Senator Glenn, who inspired many current astronauts to pursue space flight as a career, continues to inspire people of all generations with this flight.

President Clinton Has Helped Transform The U.S. Space Program. Over the past six years, the Clinton Administration has established and implemented a series of space policies to address a broad range of civil, national security, and commercial activities. These policies are based on the cumulative experience of the United States in space, they recognize the current domestic and international environments—most importantly, the end of the Cold War—and they reflect the growing maturity of U.S. government, commercial, and international space capabilities. America's space program enhances our knowledge of the Earth, solar system, and universe through human and robotic exploration; strengthens national security; enhances the economic competitiveness and scientific and technical capabilities of the United States; and promotes international cooperation to further U.S. domestic, national security, and foreign policies.

A Strong Record Of Accomplishment. America's accomplishments in space under the Clinton Administration span a range of civil, commercial, and national security programs that support hundreds of thousands of high-tech, high-wage jobs across the country. Specific highlights of U.S. space accomplishments under President Clinton include:

- **The International Space Station.** Under President Clinton's leadership, NASA is now leading a 15-nation partnership to build an International Space Station. Since the Administration's redesign of the space station in 1993, the U.S. and its foreign partners have built over 400,000 pounds of flight hardware and the first elements are scheduled for launch and assembly in orbit this November

- and the President.
- **Space Exploration:** Under the Administration, Americans and perhaps the world over have been awestruck by the shuttle space program's progress, Mars Pathfinder's successful landing on Mars, the Hubble Space Telescope's discovery of ice on the moon, Voyager's detection of possible subterranean oceans on Jupiter's moon Europa, and scientific evidence of planets around other stars in our galaxy. NASA has revolutionized space exploration by replacing larger, complex spacecraft with smaller, faster, cheaper ones that have cut average development costs by more than half while also doubling the number and frequency of space science missions.
- **Space Transportation:** In 1998, the Clinton Administration announced a strategy to pursue low-cost access to space. In October 1998, government and industry announced the design, along with government contracts and private investment, to develop and fly two families of Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles (EELVs) that may reduce launch costs by 25 to 30 percent over the next 20 years, facilitating access to space for both commercial and government payloads well into the next century. NASA is also developing, in partnership with industry, revolutionary new technologies for next generation reusable launch systems that promise to reduce costs by a factor of ten within ten years. The first of these test vehicles, X-33 and X-34, are scheduled for flight tests next year.
- **Exploring Planet Earth:** President Clinton has continued to support government efforts to develop and operate new tools, including NASA's and NOAA's satellite missions, which allow us to better understand weather patterns, droughts, floods, violent storms, and other phenomena, including El Niño and variations in the ozone hole over Antarctica.
- **The Global Navigation Satellite System (GPS):** In March 1996, the President announced a new policy for the use and management of GPS, a service that is offered free of charge to U.S. allied and military forces and civilian users all over the world. GPS offers a wide range of important applications in areas such as navigation, global change research, and mapping. As demand grows for GPS services among civil users, the Administration is devising a way to ensure adequate civil access to GPS while protecting precise positioning service for authorized military users.

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April 10, 1997

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT
AT TOP OF CABINET MEETING

Q -- just a little while ago, Mrs. Clinton was asked about questions that keep coming up about efforts -- whether the White House knew of or was behind or whether there were any efforts to pay hush money to Webster Hubbell. And she called it part of the continuing saga of Whitewater, the never-ending fictional conspiracy that honest-to-goodness reminds me of some people's obsession with UFOs and the Hale-Bopp comet. (Laughter.) And I was wondering --

THE PRESIDENT: Did she say that? (Laughter.) That's pretty good. (Laughter.)

Q I was wondering if you share that sentiment? And also, we haven't had a chance to -- (laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, if I didn't, I wouldn't disagree with her in public. (Laughter.)

Q We haven't had a chance to hear what your comment is to the apology that Webb Hubbell and his claim that he was a con artist who fooled people here at the White House. Are you angry at him now? He seems to have caused you a whole lot of trouble, and he seems to be causing it.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, no, I'm not angry at him anymore because he's paid a very high price for the mistake he made. And if he hadn't come up here and he'd stayed home and tried to work it through, he would have paid a price, but it would have been a smaller one.

But let me remind you that everybody pays in life. There's -- somehow we all wind up paying for whatever we do, and he paid a very high price. And he's apologized and I accept his apology. He's got four wonderful children and a fine wife. And he's done a lot of wonderful things in his life, and I hope he'll be able to go on and do some more wonderful things.

And as far as I'm concerned, that's why we have a criminal justice system: people get punished, they pay their price, and they're supposed to be able to go on. He got punished and paid quite a high price, and I hope he'll be able to go on with his life now.

For Immediate Release

November 26, 1997

PRESS BRIEFING
BY MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

Q Did the President ask Webb Hubbell to find out about UFOs and the JFK assassination?

MR. MCCURRY: No. We have a regular briefing in the Oval Office with this space alien that some tabloids report. (Laughter.) Maybe The New York Post hasn't reported that, but we asked the space creature to look into that story.

Q Did he ask Hubbell to find out about those two issues?

MR. MCCURRY: I have no idea and I'm not going to respond to specific things in books that are written.

For Immediate Release

January 28, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE PEOPLE OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

University of Illinois
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

There are polls that say that young people in their 20s think it's more likely that they will see UFOs than that they will ever collect Social Security. (Applause.) And all of you know that the Social Security system is supposed to be in trouble.

For Immediate Release

January 28, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE PEOPLE OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

La Crosse Convention Center
La Crosse, Wisconsin

I saw a survey the other day that said young people in their 20s thought it was more likely that they would see UFOs than that they'd ever get to collect Social Security. (Laughter.) Now, here's what I have to say about that. I don't want to stop people from watching the X-Files, go on and do that. (Laughter.)

For Immediate Release **February 9, 1998**

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Gaston Hall
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.

You know, there was a recent poll which said that young people in the generation of the students here felt it was far more likely that they would see a UFO than that they would draw Social Security. (Laughter.) And others may think that it's a long way off, as Mannone said, and the Vice President said he thought it was a long way off.

A couple of days ago I went to New Mexico to visit our national labs -- you may have seen the story. And our national labs at Los Alamos and Sandia and Lawrence Livermore, where we do a lot of the research that not only helps us to preserve the security of our smaller and smaller nuclear arsenal, but helps us to deal with our environmental questions and a lot of other fascinating challenges of the future...It's very important you understand this. Once you understand this, you realize this is not an episode from the X Files, and you're not more likely to see a UFO if you do certain specific things.

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February 9, 1998

PRESS BRIEFING BY
GENE SPERLING

The Briefing Room

Sperling:... somebody who is 33 today will turn 65 in 2029 and that they should care very deeply about this, and that they should not feel that Social Security is as likely to occur for them as seeing a UFO.

For Immediate Release **February 19, 1998**

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO DNC DINNER
Private Residence
West Orange, New Jersey

And everybody knows -- there are surveys which show that young people believe it is more likely that they will see a UFO than that they'll ever draw Social Security. (Laughter.)

For Immediate Release **February 25, 1998**

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT DCCC DINNER
Private Residence
San Francisco, California

But as I said in the State of the Union address, it's literally true, there was a public opinion survey done last year which showed that most people under 25 thought it was more likely that they would see a UFO than that they would ever draw a penny of Social Security. I don't want to discourage young people from watching the X-Files -- (laughter) -- but I think we have to somehow reverse that perception. So that's the first thing I want to say.

For Immediate Release **March 21, 1998**

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN SATELLITE ADDRESS TO PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS'
"AMERICANS DISCUSS SOCIAL SECURITY"

The one think I think is very important is that young people understand especially what the realities are. I mean, I saw a survey the other day that said that some people -- a lot of people in their 20s thought it was more likely that they would see a UFO than that they would ever draw Social Security. Now, that's not accurate.

For Immediate Release **April 7, 1998**

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO A NATIONAL FORUM ON SOCIAL SECURITY
Penn Valley Community College
Kansas City, Missouri

To the younger people here today who may believe that you will never see a Social Security check -- indeed, I saw a poll which purported to be serious that said that Americans in their twenties thought it was more likely they would see a U.F.O. than that they would ever draw Social Security. (Laughter.)

For Immediate Release January 29, 1998

PRESS BRIEFING BY
MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

Q Right. But where is he going on Monday or Tuesday?

MR. MCCURRY: It's always good to let a little rabbit out that people can chase. You will be especially happy at where he's going.

Q Tucumcari, New Mexico? Roswell?

MR. MCCURRY: I didn't say a thing. No, we don't need to go there because we were there in the flying saucer yesterday.

(Laughter.)

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Re: Clinton speaks of Alien Attack

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- Republicans pushed the last and biggest spending bill of the year through the House on Thursday, the latest step in a political dance that will lead to a veto by President Clinton and then budget talks.

"If we were being attacked by Space Aliens we wouldn't be playing these kinds of games," Clinton told educators visiting Washington.

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December 30, 2000

State Department
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that documents containing the following information be provided to me:

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a paper produced in France related to UFOs. Also any record of
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fees will
exceed this limit, please inform me first.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. McClendon,

I am a researcher here in Canada working on a manuscript related to the work of the late Wilbert B. Smith, who headed up the official UFO program for the Canadian Government from 1950-1954.

As part of this book I have an appendix which details statements and involvements from Presidents of the United States related to the UFO situation. There are as I am finding quite a few.

While in Laughlin Nevada this past March I heard a lecture by Dr. Steven Greer who related a story about you and President Clinton. I would like you to check Dr. Greer's quote and confirm whether or not it is accurate. You can naturally add any other things President Clinton might have said that would add some insight into the UFO situation.

"Sarah McClendon who is a well-know and rather cantankerous, wonderful older lady, who is the Deaconess of the White House Press corps had received a lot of my information and started looking into this. She was always at the press briefings at the White House.

She was bugging President Clinton in the last couple of years, " Why don't you do what Dr. Greer is asking - about putting a commission together and get this information out, and the technologies that are being suppressed. They could transform the world and we would no pollution yada yada yada...

Finally. This is from her lips to my ears - firsthand. The President of the United States bent down to Sarah and said, 'Well Sarah, there's a secret government within the government, and I have no control over it.'

That is true. This President said that."

I have also enclosed a "draft" of part of the President Carter section so you can see what I am referring to. Carter was one of the most outspoken along with Ronald Reagan probably because they had sightings prior to becoming President.

I hope you will take time to add to this, especially in light of the fact that George W. Bush has thrown his "promise" to make the release of UFO information Cheney's first task as Vice-President.

Thanks

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