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Dr. Edward Condon,
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Dear Dr. Condon:

May I first introduce myself as secretary of the above Club which was originally founded under the name of the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club, by the late Wilbert B. Smith, who was a highly respected officer in the Canadian Government, i.e., Chief of Telecommunications Branch, Department of Transport under whose auspices he headed for some time Canada's "Project Magnet" at a special research station opened up at Shirley's Bay, near Ottawa, and who, in private life, was Canada's pioneer UFO researcher. His name is well-known in UFO circles all over the world and it is mentioned in many technical books and articles on this subject.

I understand, Dr. Condon, that you will be heading a group of scientists at the University of Colorado commissioned by the USAF to investigate the problem of unidentified flying objects, and I am therefore writing you in connection with an article entitled "White Paper" on UFOs" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, which appeared in the May 23, 1967 issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

I would like to refer specifically to two statements which appeared in this article, namely: (1) "The only UFO "hardware" so far consists of patent hoaxes." and (2) "If there were only some "hardware" to study, how simple matters would be! Hundreds of laboratory tests could be run and the exact physical nature of the UFO could be established."

May I first comment that a number of private UFO investigators, particularly those engaged in this activity in the early years before the USAF "veil of secrecy" fell on the subject, might be prepared to argue this point. From information that leaked out in those early days, it would appear that the U.S. Government does, or did have, quite a bit of UFO hardware. While it is conceded that this may not be in the possession of the USAF, indications were that this hardware was passed on to some other government agency in Washington, possibly the CIA. I have no personal proof of this point, of course, but mention it for your interest and possible investigation, as it is to be earnestly hoped that your group of scientists will explore every avenue in your search for the truth of the UFO mystery.

However, to get to the main purpose of this letter, as Dr. Hynek appears to be putting out something of a plea for UFO hardware on which to conduct laboratory experiments and as I imagine your own group would be similarly interested, I would like to draw to your attention the enclosed copy of an article entitled "The Mysterious Chunk of Hardware at Ottawa" which appeared in the Spring, 1966 issue of our Club journal "Topside" and the accompanying two reprints of photographs taken of the metal, the first of which shows the 3,000-pound mass of metal as taken in a Canadian Government Laboratory where it underwent a certain amount of analysis (the white lines shown on the metal were placed there for identification purposes), and the second, taken with the aid of micro-photography, shows an enlargement of one of the inclusions on the upper outside surface of this metal, as described in the article.