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October 15, 2002

Grant,

A surprise for you. I found my Robert Kennedy letters, a total of three, photocopies enclosed with my address removed as per my perpetual paranoia. Comments as follows:

I haven't seen these since the sixties, and really had it in my mind that I had a letter or two closer to 1968, but I suspect now that 1965 was the one and only year I corresponded with Kennedy's office.

I'm actually enclosing four letters. The June 9, 1965 response from a staff assistant informs me that Kennedy receives an "overwhelming volume of mail," and my initial letter to the senator is lost for the moment amongst the stacks of correspondence.

At last, Robert Kennedy responds on July 15, 1965 and, as I've attempted to make clear to all who have inquired over the years, his attitude toward UFOs was skeptical, yet open-minded and willing to examine the evidence.

As a follow-up, I offered to obtain for Kennedy the fairly new (1964) report prepared primarily for Congress by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), "The UFO Evidence," but, of some interest historically, he admits a familiarity with the document in his reply of September 23, 1965.

In my teenage enthusiasm as it related to the UFO subject, it wasn't uncommon for me to write political leaders repeatedly, frequently to the point of annoyance to many a Congressional staff member, I have no doubt, and, indeed, I sent yet another inquiry off to Senator Kennedy. Again, he responded, and in his October 2, 1965 letter, he echoed his skepticism, this time in reference to the possibility that the U.S. Air Force was censoring UFO information. However, he also reiterated a willingness to examine further evidence.

The decades have passed, and I now find it nearly impossible to get so much as a form letter from some members of Congress when I write them about UFOs. I truly entertain reservations about the reason for this silence. There was a time when I thought they might have written me off as just another UFO "nut," but increasingly I suspect some members of Congress have an uneasiness about the UFO topic, perhaps a genuine gut feeling that something lurks almost invisibly, yet enormously, right in front of their eyes, a phenomenon so bizarre that they don't really know what to say anymore in response to inquiring constituents.

Drop me an e-mail, Grant, with your views. I knew you would want these letters — you're the first to get them, so feel free to post them, with my comments if you like.

Robert



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June 9, 1965

1161 Park, 11/19/65 000
-R-E-B-

Mr. Robert E. Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your card of June 7th inquiring whether we had received your letter of April 19th.

Because of the overwhelming volume of mail that Senator Kennedy has been receiving, I have no way of checking on your letter.

However, if you would kindly tell me what the letter was in reference to, I will be better able to locate your letter.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. I shall be looking forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Mary-Anne Hehir
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Staff Assistant

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July 15, 1965

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JUL 17 1965
-R.E.K.

Mr. Robert E. Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects. I regret that my reply is not as prompt as I would prefer it to be.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Robert F. Kennedy

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REC'D September 23, 1965
- R. E. B.

September 23, 1965

Mr. Robert Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for offering to obtain a copy of the "UFO Evidence Report" for me.

I have, however, seen this publication and do not need an additional copy.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Kennedy

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 6, 1965
R.E.B.

October 2, 1965

Mr. Robert E. Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter concerning the censorship of unidentified flying object information by the Air Force.

I have looked into this matter in detail and I do not believe that the Air Force is censoring any information of interest to the public on so-called "Unidentified Flying Objects."

However, I will look forward to reading any other information you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Kennedy



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FEATURED DOCUMENTS

Document of the Week

Title: None

To: Mr. Gray Barker (pioneer UFO researcher)

From: Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Length: 1 page

Date: may 8, 1968

Classification (if any): not classified

This letter from the-then New York State Senator, written several months before his assassination, is significant in that it makes clear Kennedy's sincere interest in the subject of UFOs. To view the complete letter, [click here](#)

OTHER FEATURES

Editor's note: Several weeks ago we posted a copy of a 1968 letter that Congressman Gerald Ford had sent to one of his constituents. Copies of this letter, with the recipient's name and address appropriately blacked out, have been circulating among researchers for several decades. While the authenticity of Ford's letter has not been in doubt, I was nonetheless pleased to receive the following email last week:

08:37 AM 8/7/01

Sir or Miss:

SHOPPING

I happened to learn that you featured a letter I once received re UFOs as a "document of the week" for your UFOCITY.COM web site in recent months.

LINKS

The letter was a response to me (Robert E. Barrow), dated May 13, 1968, from then House minority leader Gerald Ford on the Colorado University UFO investigation.

ABOUT THIS SITE

I thought I should just take a moment to assure you that the letter is genuine. The copy you have was apparently copied from an article I wrote about presidents and UFOs for the old ARGOSY UFO national newsstand magazine (an offshoot of ARGOSY Magazine itself) in the late seventies.