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Editor,
The Citizen,

Sir:

Much has appeared in the press and on radio and TV recently pertaining to the current UFO 'flap' and your paper deserves to be commended for its considerable coverage of the matter.

However, in the interests of keeping the record straight, I wish to draw attention to the following facts.

As reported by Jo Ann Gosselin (Citizen, Oct. 24), the National Research Council does not investigate all reports they receive and "any scientific return would be minimal" even if they did. To be certain of the result before investigating is hardly scientific. As usual, when it comes to UFOs an unscientific approach is taken by the professionals who accuse amateurs of the same failing.

In addition, only a fraction of UFO sightings ever reach NRC and some interesting scientific data has been gleaned from UFO investigations in other countries. What is wrong with NRC?

An AP report (Citizen, Oct. 17) stated that the U.S. Academy of Sciences had endorsed the report of the U.S. Air Force which claimed that "90% of all UFO sightings prove to be plausibly related to planes, satellites, balloons and various natural phenomena". The report endorsed by the Academy was actually of a study conducted by the University of Colorado. Thorough studies of this 1000-page report by certain scientists not connected with the U. of Colorado or the Academy (eg, Hynek) reveals that approximately 30% of the cases investigated by