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"The Other World of Jackie Gleason"

"Biblio" 1998 April

Ford / Gleason contact
Jackie Gleason Primary
Classic Feb 26, 75

"The Great One" McKittrick

The family of
Jackie Gleason
deeply appreciates your kindness
and the sharing of their sorrow

So sorry we
can not be help
at any to you.

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Subject: Re: McKittrick Follow-up
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 22:49:44 -0400

Grant;

When I called Beverly Gleason (McKittrick) earlier today, it was a soft, fuzzy sort of conversation where I didn't press for specifics, simply a first step as it were toward further discussions. She did say Esquire magazine, and that was something I was not immediately familiar with.

It could be that such a report appeared in Esquire around the time the other news stories broke, but that is speculation here. I have several articles but would have to go back and check the dates. One might also wonder if her memory is accurate and she said 'Esquire' when intending to

say something else like 'Examiner,' etc. Right now, though, I could only say that she sounded firm and knowing when she said 'Esquire.'

I plan to call her back this week and will see if I can get her to recall this more closely. In talking with her, I set the stage for the prospect of an on-camera comment regarding this situation. Wouldn't that be some compelling television? When I talk with her again I will see if she would agree to set something up where she would feel comfortable going on camera with this issue. Most interesting stuff - ky

Grant Cameron wrote:

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> Spent a short time looking for the Esquire article
> mentioned by McKittrick.
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> If it's there, it's not obvious. I thought this would be an easy
one.
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> According to the July 19, 74 NYT Beverly filed for divorce
"This week."
>
> The granted divorce was mentioned in the November 6, 74 NYT.
>
> I checked the periodical index for 1974 and there was no
apparent article under Gleason, McKittrick, or UFO.
>
> I checked the front index of every Esquire from August 1974 to
February 1975. Nothing apparent. It may be in some entertainment note
section or such thing not picked up by index searchers.
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> I will spent a few minutes going over the microfilm again.
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> Grant
  
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> "She (Hillary Clinton) told me once that some guy of our age
had walked up to her and said, You know, I would be really proud if
my daughter grew up to be like you, but I'm sure as hell am glad as
hell my wife isn't." Ford, Nixon, Reagan, and Clinton
presidential advisor David Gergen
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From: "David Rudiak" <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
To: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Almost a Big Lead
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 10:17:37 -0700

----- Original Message -----

From: "David Rudiak" <DRudiak@earthlink.net>

To: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2003 9:48 AM
 Subject: Re: Almost a Lead

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>

> To: "David Rudiak" <DRudiak@earthlink.net>;
 > <RDonolin@cs.com>

> Cc: "Steven Bassett" <ParadigmRG@aol.com>;
 > "Susan Hill"
 > <itsallconnected@theshop.net>

> Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 7:46 PM
 > Subject: Almost a Lead

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>

> > As you will notice Donald K. Fogelsanger was peddling
 > Beverly's fine China and other valuables.

> >

> > He last posted in 2000, so he may not be among the living
 > anymore. Perhaps someone else posting at
 > rec.antiques.marketplace might know.

> >

> > It appears that Beverly might be going under the Gleason
 name.

> Time for more searches.

> >

> > Grant

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> Here's a Yahoo People search for Donald Fogelsanger:

>

> Donald E Fogelsanger

> 655 Hampton Ridge Dr

> Akron, OH

> Add to Address Book, Map (330) 864-1653

>

> Donald H Fogelsanger

> 7 Acorn Cir

> Chambersburg, PA

> Add to Address Book, Map (717) 263-1025

>
> Donald Fogelsanger
> 8511 Green Cir
> Denton, MD
> Add to Address Book, Map (410) 479-9024
>
>
> The first two have the wrong middle initial. That would leave
> only the last as a possibility, in Maryland. If Beverly
Gleason
> went to a nearby antique seller, that might narrow down the
> region of the country where she would be.
>
> David

Doing Yahoo's alternate U.S. Search yields the following:

1 DONALD K FOGELSANGER OXFORD MD 66
2 DONALD E FOGELSANGER AKRON OH 77
3 DONALD H FOGELSANGER CHAMBERSBURG PA 69

The Oxford, MD guy has the right middle initial. So this may narrow down the search to the Maryland/N.J./Penn./Virginia/D.C. area.

Looking under Beverly Gleason, I come up with:

BEVERLY H GLEASON EASTON MD 71
Beverly Gleason
640 Mecklenburg Ave
Easton, MD
(410) 820-7623

Oxford and Easton are only about 5 miles from each other, and the age is about right (but the middle initial may be wrong).

On the other hand, N.J., Penn., D.C., and probably Virginia all come up empty (except for a possible B. Gleason in Alexandria).

The Easton MD Bev. Gleason may be the one.

David

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From: "Weisberg, David" <david.weisberg@aspenpublishers.com>
To: "'presidentialufo@presidency.com'" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>, "'ufo@fuse.net'" <ufo@fuse.net>
Cc:
Subject: Nixon/Gleason: Potential "Gold"
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 22:07:35 -0500

Hi Grant / Hi Kenny,

Just when I thought I couldn't find anything more on this "matter", I realized that I had forgotten about the very incident that began my interest in this matter.

Specifically, sometime between 1975 and 1985 (I'm only guessing here), I'm watching a day-time talk show (might have been home from work sick) and the guest being interviewed in Gleason costar (from the later Honeymooners) Sheila MacRae (still alive, in her late 70's). And she tells the interviewer the following "weird" Gleason story (paraphrased below):

- 1-"Jackie was always trying to impress women, and I am a woman!" (note: rumors Macrae was very sexually active in 50s Hollywood-Gleason probably made pass-might have succeeded)
- 2-":So one day Gleason pigeonholes me in the back of a limo, trying to get me to come over his house, and to impress me, I guess, he says that not only his he friends with the then President Richard Nixon, but that...
- 3-"as a thank you for both Gleason's friendship and political support, that he[Gleason] had received 'these" from Nixon"
- 4-"these" were "pictures of little unearthly men-Jackie said that they were real, and that the government had them here on earth"

and, gentlemen, with that, I totally forgot the show...(for approximately 20 years)-and then I start surfing the internet a couple of years ago, reading about the paranormal (one of my favorite things to read about) and OUT COMES THE GLEASON STORY-BUT WITH NO MENTION OF SHEILA MACRAE! (at which point I mumbled to myself something to the effect of "holy crap!"...)(I had pretty much discarded Sheila's story until then

which means, gentlemen, if my legal degree is worth a plug nickel (actually a very near estimate), that means that MACRAE'S STORY , or Macrae herself, might serve to CORROBORATE the other Nixon/Gleason "evidence" and "testimony"-

what do ya think guys if we can contact her, and/or locate that tape (perhaps with her help; or through some index or archives somewhere), we might be onto something, no?

note: she might not be in a talking mood-as I have begun preliminary surfing on Sheila, I was surprise to learn of the recent death (a few years ago...from brain cancer) of her daughter, actress Meredith Macrae ("Petticoat Junction"; "My Three Sons") at the young age

of 56...

but it has been 3-5 years since, and she always seemed like a very nice, warm and engaging woman whenever I (rarely) saw her interviewed on TV

HEY-you two are the experts-I'm just some putz with a (admittedly strong) hunch about this whole thing (and my friends like to brag to others about how often " Dave's hunches come-or are - true]

So, what do you two guys think????????????????????.....

(I'm "all ears"),

Wg

Dave Weisberg

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Dear Jackie:

It was good to see you again, and I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit to the Inverrary Country Club. I am delighted that my schedule made it possible for me to participate in this very worthy event. Incidentally, being out on the golf course again made me realize once more what a great and challenging event a good golf game really is, and I hope to have a chance to indulge in a few rounds when the weather warms up a bit.

Your generous comments -- as well as your friendship and support -- are greatly cherished, and this note comes to you with my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

X
X

RN

Mr. Jackie Gleason
407 Lincoln Road
Miami Beach, Florida 33153

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President Meeting
Fates Feb 73

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Monday, 19 February

8:15 a.m. Awoke.

8:35 a.m. Breakfast alone at 516 residence.

10:37 a.m. Departed Key Biscayne residence via ARMY ONE en route Haulover Beach. Accompanied by: Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Ziegler, Dr. Tkach, Cdr Campbell, Mr. Bull

10:48 a.m. Arrived Haulover Beach and boarded motorcade en route to Americana Hotel.

10:53 a.m. Arrived front entrance of Americana Hotel and was greeted by: Secretary Peter Brennan and Mr. George Meany. Proceeded to holding room.

11:03 a.m. Entered the Executive Council Meeting in session, accompanied by Secretary Brennan and Mr. Meany.

11:37 a.m. Departed meeting accompanied by Secretary Brennan and Mr. Meany. Proceeded alone to motorcade.

11:45 a.m. Motorcade departed en route helopad.

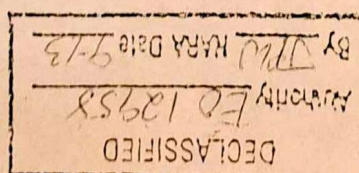
11:52 a.m. ARMY ONE departed en route Inverrary Country Club. Accompanied by: Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Ziegler, Dr. Tkach, Cdr Campbell, Mr. Bull.

12:10 p.m. Arrived on 18th fairway of the country club approximately 175 yards from the 18th green. Met by Mr. Jackie Gleason and drove to the 18th green in Gleason's golf cart.

12:12 p.m. Arrived center of 18th green.

12:19 p.m. Introduced by Mr. Gleason to spectators in the grandstands.

12:20 p.m. Delivered remarks.



Boarded golf cart and drove with Mr. Gleason to the helicopter.

12:30 p.m. ARMY ONE departed en route Key Biscayne residence accompanied by Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Ziegler, Dr. Tkach, Cdr Campbell, Mr. Bull, Agent Rochner and Agent Bob Newbrand.

12:52 p.m. ARMY ONE arrived Key Biscayne helopad.

1:00 p.m. Taped Economic Radio Speech. President's Study.

1:35 p.m. Lunch alone at 516 residence.

6:35 p.m. Dinner with Mrs. Nixon, Lt (jg) and Mrs. David Eisenhower, Mr. Rebozo and Mr. Robert Abplanalp

7:00 p.m. Dinner over.

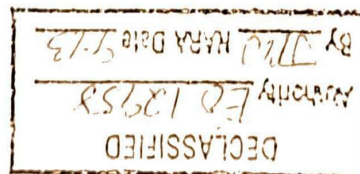
7:07 p.m. Mrs. Nixon, Lt (jg) and Mrs. David Eisenhower departed the residence via helicopter en route to Homestead for Mayport (drop Lt (jg) and Mrs. Eisenhower) and proceed to Andrews AFB, D. C.

10:30 p.m. Retired for the Evening.

Tuesday, February 20

7:55 a.m. Awoke.

8:25 a.m. Breakfast alone at 516 residence.



Tuesday, February 20, 1973 (Cont'd)

10:15 a.m.
(EST)

Departed Key Biscayne helo pad enroute Homestead Air Force Base on board Army One with:

Mr. John D. Ehrlichman
Mr. Ronald L. Ziegler
Mr. Stephen B. Bull
Dr. Walter R. Tkach
Commander Craig S. Campbell

10:29 a.m.

Arrived Homestead Air Force Base. Boarded The Spirit of '76.

10:35 a.m.

Departed Homestead Air Force Base on board The Spirit of '76 enroute Columbia Metropolitan Airport, South Carolina.

10:50 a.m.

Mrs. Nell Yates in.

10:52 a.m.

Mrs. Yates out.

10:58 a.m.

Mrs. Yates in.

10:59 a.m.

Mrs. Yates out.

11:55 a.m.
(EST)

Arrived Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Fort Jackson Aviation Division. Met by:

Governor and Mrs. John C. West (D)
Mrs. Robert Bagley (wife of POW LtCol Bagley)

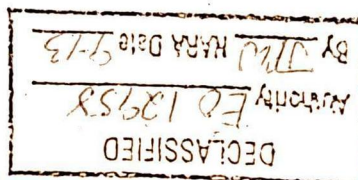
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Mrs. Bagley presented the President with a plaque commending him for POW return.

Boarded motorcade.





From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
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Cc: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>, Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>, Steve Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>, Susan Hill <itsallconnected@theshop.net>
Subject: Follow-up with Beverly Gleason
Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2003 06:10:09 -0400

Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2003 06:04:53 -0400
From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
Subject: Follow-up with Beverly Gleason
To: ufo@fuse.net

This afternoon I placed a second call to Beverly Gleason to her home in Easton, Maryland. We spoke for about 15-minutes and I asked if she could recall for certain if Esquire Magazine was the first to print her story about Richard Nixon showing comedian Jackie Gleason, her late husband, alien bodies after a golf game while at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

Beverly said that she is certain that it was Esquire Magazine that first printed the story, and went on to describe how the article was the front page cover story of Esquire, carrying a picture of Jackie and some text regarding UFOs. She also said that the reporter who did the story still works there, and she could only recall his first name perhaps being "Ben."

She said that in the years after the Esquire report, other publications picked up the story - some of them she thought, directly from Esquire.

Going back to the Gleason/Nixon meetings for golf in Florida, she couldn't remember any specific date they met but said that her relationship with Jackie Gleason was good during that time frame. She said that she had even met with President Nixon herself, meeting him near a pool and having a drink with him.

She said that later, at the time of the Esquire article, her relationship with Jackie was not good.

"I'll be honest with you, about the time the article appeared Jack and I were breaking up," she said. "And when he saw the Esquire article that just finished everything."

I asked her about the reports she had planned to write a book and whether or not she ever prepared a manuscript. She said that she did not have any written manuscript at

any time and nothing otherwise prepared. There is nothing she had ever prepared in writing, she said, to document this first-hand.

"At the time Jack came home after his meeting with The President, he was so giddy and excited about seeing these little men," she said, "but in the years afterward I began to ask myself if any of this could really be true or if he was just telling me that... perhaps having been 'out' with someone?"

I asked her if she could recall any of his words, a more complete description of the 'little men' or any information such as where they came from or crashed, and Beverly laughed and reminded me of how many years ago this was. She then answered by saying: "you would be best off to find that Esquire article, that probably contains my closest recollection of anything he said."

I told Beverly that in addition to doing research, I also was involved in writing and producing television documentaries. I asked her if she would feel comfortable going 'on camera' with this story and said that it would be tremendous to preserve her comments and experience on videotape. She said that she was not interested in going on television and thought the story concerning the 'little men' should be authenticated first. I said that the only real 'authentication' would come if the government announced having the bodies and she said "I guess you're right, but I guess I just don't want to go on camera with this."

I thanked her for talking with me and she again suggested I find the Esquire magazine article.

Filed,
AUGUST 6, 2003
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All messages from thread

From: [Donald K. Fogelsanger \(image2go@friend.ly.net\)](#)

Message 1 in thread

Subject: Valuable WEDGWOOD FS

Newsgroups: [rec.antiques.marketplace](#)

Date: 1996/12/10

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By authority of Mrs. Beverly Gleason. we offer for sale the entire collection of dinner china belonging to the now deceased Jackie Gleason. It can be seen at <http://www.friend.ly.net/axdmv/Files/BevWedg.htm> You'll see an asking price, there.

Will the WEDGWOOD experts please tell me what price they believe this china should bring, if it were of just ordinary provenance?

Thanking you in advance,
Best regards, Don

This is the only article in this thread

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From: RDonolin@cs.com
To: presidentialufo@presidency.com
Cc:
Subject: Re: Beverly McKittrick
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 08:06:53 EDT

Grant,

Thank you for responding to my e-mail. I just got home from the Michigan MUFON Conference. It was very well attended. Stan Friedman was entertaining as always and Bruce Macabee gave a great presentation. I unfortunately did not get to see Linda Moulton Howe's Brazilian case presented as she was later on the last day and I had to leave early. The Jackie Gleason case has always intrigued me. I have spent a lot of time trying to locate Beverly Mckittrick for an interview. I do not know if she would except but I would be willing to travel to see her for the interview. Any help would be greatly appreciated if you could locate her phone number or address so I can contact her. She may not have anything new to add to the story but I believe follow-up interviews are always interesting.

Donnie Blessing

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From: "William McNitt" <william.mcnitt@nara.gov>
To: <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Jackie Gleason
Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 10:06:08 -0400

Dear Mr. Cameron,

Thank you for your request for information about Jackie Gleason. The only direct contact between Mr. Gleason and President Ford was when President Ford participated in the Jackie Gleason Inverary Classic golf tournament on February 26, 1975. I found no other meetings during the Ford presidency.

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>>> "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com> 07/06/03 04:50PM >>>
 I would like to get some information from President Ford's schedule.

I would like to know how many times (with dates) comedian Jackie Gleason met with President Ford. This would include White House visits and golf encounters.

I hope you can help.

Grant Cameron

"She (Hillary Clinton) told me once that some guy of our age had walked up to her and said, You know, I would be really proud if my daughter grew up to be like you, but I'm sure as hell am glad as hell my wife isn't." Ford, Nixon, Reagan, and Clinton presidential advisor David Gergen

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To: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Cc:
Subject: William E. Brown
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 13:34:27 -0700

Grant,

Got off the phone with you a minute ago and looked up Brown on Google:

David

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From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
To: RDonolin@cs.com, presidentialufo@presidency.com, DRudiak@earthlink.net
Cc:
Subject: CONTACTED BEVERLY GLEASON (McKITTRICK)
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 09:09:01 -0400

INTERVIEW with BEVERLY GLEASON

This morning I spoke by telephone with Beverly Gleason McKittrick, an ex-wife of the late comedian Jackie Gleason. I explained to her that I was interested in the progress of her book and if she could talk about Jackie Gleason's claim of seeing alien bodies at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

She said that the book never came out as she had 'stopped writing' of it. She said she was 'glad to get out of it' as Jackie Gleason did not seem pleased with her quoting him on the aliens in Florida. She said that there was not much additional to tell as the whole story regarding Jackie Gleason and the aliens, as far as she knew, had already been printed anyway.

"Esquire Magazine interviewed me after our separation," she said, "and I talked about how Jackie told me about seeing dead aliens in Florida. I think it was sometime in '74 when this happened. When I said that it was because he told me."

"After the interview was published, Jackie was upset about the story being public. He called and said he didn't appreciate me giving the interview, and that's when I started to wonder if the story was 'iffy.'

"The reason I became 'iffy' about it is because I wondered if it was really true, I mean... I believed it the whole time. I bought the story hook, line and sinker. But if it was true, then why did he get so upset about it?"

Beverly went on to explain how Jackie came to tell her of his experience.

"Jackie had been out very late one night I did not know who he was with," She said. "He told me where he was that same evening, he said he had been in South

Florida with President Nixon to see some dead aliens there and I believed him, he was very convincing.

"He and Nixon were in contact quite a bit and I'm not sure how that was arranged, but it seems that their meetings were set up by an associate of Nixon's. After he got back, he was very pleased he had an opportunity to see the dead little men in cases, he explained to me what they looked like and he was still talking about it the next day."

Beverly explained that during her interview with Esquire Magazine, she made the statement about Gleason's claim to see dead aliens and afterward things between her and Jackie turned sour.

"We were on the verge of divorce, but everything was okay until it came out in Esquire," she said.

She informed that Gleason never did deny the story

Regarding her announced intention to write a book, Beverly again said that she abandoned the project due in large part to Gleason's objection to her comments about him seeing the aliens.

"I just made that one statement about the UFOs and it appeared in Esquire and I guess a few other places and he didn't like that and I thought, I just can't go through with this. Let him live his life. So I never wrote the book."

I thanked Beverly for talking with me and asked if it would be okay for me to call her back later if I had more questions, she agreed. That concluded our conversation.

Special thanks to Donnie Blessing, Grant Cameron and David Rudiak for their help in providing contact information for Beverly Gleason McKittrick.

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From: RDonolin@cs.com
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Cc:
Subject: Found Beverly Gleason Mckittrick
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 14:03:48 EDT

Grant,
Thank you so much for your help!!!!!! The Beverly in Easton,
Maryland was
the right lady. My partner Kenny Young, who is the Northern Kentucky
State
Section Director for MUFON talked to her this morning. He will be
sending you and
David a report of the interview. Kenny and I have been working
together for
several years and he was also thrilled to finally find her. Please
let me know
if there is anyone else I need to thank for the research in this
matter
besides you and David Rudiak. One thing I was wondering. Do you
happen to have the
Esquire Magazine article that Beverly said she was interviewed in?
If so,
could I please have a copy for my files. Again, thank you ever so
much! We have
been trying to locate her for months. Please keep in touch.
Donnie Blessing

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Cc:
Subject: Jackie Gleason
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 23:33:04 -0400

Grant,

Several years ago, when well known U.S. TV personality Tom Snyder tried his hand at a fairly successful evening radio talk show, he featured on one occasion a man who wrote a biography of Jackie Gleason. I do not recall his name now. Anyway, I decided to try to call the national call-in show to ask about well-founded rumors that Gleason had literally owned one of the largest UFO-related library collections in the world. I did get through and asked, but to my amazement the author claimed not even to be familiar with any books or interest in UFOs on Gleason's part. Some biographer!!!

Back in the 1950s or maybe early sixties, NICAP publicly thanked Gleason for his support of NICAP as a member in the pages of its *UFO Investigator*. I'm sure that was a stunning surprise to many NICAP members, if not to others, who didn't have a clue about JG's interest in such topics.

Bob

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Greats gather for golf



PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON joined Jackie Gleason at the Gleason Inventry National Airlines Golf Classic last Monday during practice.



DON SHULA (left), Miami Dolphins coach, talks golf with Marlene Hagge, pro golfer, and Norm Van Brocklin, coach of the Atlanta Falcons, during pro-celebrity days. (See the March 12 issue of National NOW for a full story on the tournament.)

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March 6, 1973

Miss Rose Mary Woods
 Personal Secretary to the
 President
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Dear Rose:

Attached are several copies of the National Airlines employees' publication NATIONAL NOW picturing the President at the Jackie Gleason Invitational National Airlines Golf Classic, which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely,



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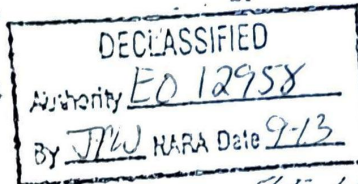
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February 19, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

STEPHEN B. BULL *SB*

SUBJECT:

1973 Jackie^x Gleason Inverrary
^xNational Airlines Classic

BACKGROUND:

At Jackie Gleason's request, you have agreed to make an appearance at the^xInverrary Country Club in order to focus public attention upon this charity golf tournament. The proceeds from the physical attendance of spectators, sale of programs, parking and concessions will be donated to the Boys Clubs of America and selected other charitable organizations.

The actual championship portion of the tournament will run from Thursday, February 22, through Sunday, February 25. Monday when you will be present, will be the day on which the celebrities will be practicing. Some of the celebrities include Bob Hope, Mike Douglas, Joe DiMaggio, and Mickey Mantle.

Few, if any, of the professional golfers will be present because of the tournament in San Diego that concluded Sunday evening. The pros will not be arriving until Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

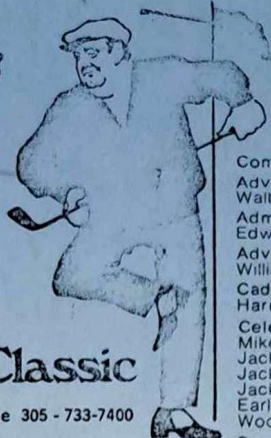
Tuesday and Wednesday will be professional/celebrity/amateur play that is expected to attract a large group of paying spectators and raise interest in the championship portion of the tournament.

Your participation will be to be introduced by Jackie Gleason, make brief remarks related to the worthiness of the tournament, and depart.

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February 22, 1973

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Personally and on behalf of all of our Committee Chairmen, our 1200 volunteer workers and all of the hundreds of others connected with the Jackie Gleason-National Airlines Inverrary Golf Classic, I wish to express to you our most heartfelt thanks for taking your valuable time this past Monday to officially open our tournament.

Your presence here, I feel, will most certainly help us exceed the \$50,000 we raised last year for charity and in particular for the Boys Clubs of South Florida, and if we get a break in the weather we will be shooting for a goal of \$75,000 this year.

If we do make that goal you will have contributed a great deal and, again, I just can't express how deeply all of us appreciate what you have done.

I also would like to tell you that I have heard innumerable comments from the spectators who were on hand during your appearance and who deeply appreciated your taking the time to talk to them and give them a personal handshake.

Sincerely,

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Some of Jackie's TV shows were spotty in their success. After *The Honeymooners*, he had a live half-hour series on Fridays that featured Buddy Hackett. It was yanked from the screen in midseason. In 1961 he was host of a game show, *You're in the Picture*. It was so bad that Jackie canceled it himself after its debut and went on the air to apologize to the audience for "that bomb," Gordo and I at his side!

Nobody knew the ups and downs of show business better than Jackie. He'd been at it since the age of thirteen after winning an amateur-night contest. He was in vaudeville and carnivals and had worked in nightclubs and on Broadway. In 1940, Hollywood beckoned when Warner Bros. signed him for small character roles. What the movies failed to discover in Jackie Gleason, television found in abundance, an amazingly versatile comedic talent and acting ability which, ironically, took him back to Hollywood in the 1960s for major roles in film dramas as a pool shark in *The Hustler*, a prizefight manager in *Requiem for a Heavyweight*, and an army sergeant in *Soldier in the Rain*.

"When I first went to Hollywood, I made two hundred dollars a week," Jackie recalled, "and I had more fun there than I did in my entire life. It's a whole different climate now. Segregated as hell. There are five-hundred-dollar-a-week actors, and they hang out together. Then there are the thousand-dollar ones, the two-thousand, the five-thousand. And they all hang out with their own. It's so boring. It stinks."

I first met Jackie in 1954 when I was pregnant with Bruce. He was doing his popular Saturday night variety show at the CBS Theater at Broadway and 54th Street, since renamed in honor of Ed Sullivan, whose shows also came from there. Jackie liked the studio because it was only a few blocks from the hotel where he had his offices at 58th Street and Sixth Avenue. Then called the Park Sheraton, the hotel had a notorious moment in 1957 when gangland boss Albert Anastasia was assassinated in a hail of bullets while having a haircut in the barber shop, a scene somewhat replicated in *The Godfather*.

If Jackie especially liked a male guest on the show, he invited him to his extravagant home in Peekskill, a manly, woodsy, and remote spot up the Hudson from New York. Accordingly, when Gordon was booked onto the show, he was asked to go up. Telling me about it on the phone, Gordon became very excited. "Guess what?" he said. "Jackie is going to let you join us."

The tone of it put me off. "Let" me join them? "Who is this guy

Gleason?" I said to myself. Is he a royal personage? Then I understood what was happening. Jackie had intended a compliment. He was allowing me into his all-male bastion.

"Jackie's sending a limo to pick you up," Gordon continued, "and then you'll pick us up at Toots Shor's."

I waited in the car outside for an hour, knowing exactly what was going on inside, the "guys" crowded at the bar, each with another story to tell and then one to top that, lots of yarns about "broad" while Toots kept the liquor flowing. When, at last, Gordon and Jackie piled into the back of the limousine, Jackie leaned toward me and said, "Gordon tells me that you're a great believer in spiritual stuff and that you used it to save his life once. Something about the Ninety-first Psalm? He wasn't too clear about it, so I want to hear it from you. Tell me everything."

Embarrassed and shocked that Gordon had revealed the episode to a man I knew only from television, I had a feeling of being trapped and that the only way out was to tell the story. Jackie listened with rapt attention. "That's amazing," he said. "When we get to my house, I'm going to show you my ectoplasm."

"Your ectoplasm?"

"You'll see," he said, patting my hand as my father had done so often when counseling patience and faith.

The house in Peekskill was a surprise. It was round! Not a straight wall in it. "No corners," Jackie explained. "No place for spirits to lodge in!"

From a shelf in his den, he took down a bronze box with a thick glass lid. Inside lay a glutinous substance that looked like aspic or white Jell-O. He looked at me with the quizzical expression of a child. "If I thought you'd laugh or think I was nuts, I wouldn't be showing you this, Sheel, but that stuff is ectoplasm. A spiritualist captured it for me."

He showed me his library of books on spiritualism, the occult, and UFOs. "I'm kind of a nut on the subject," he bellowed, laughing. "Hey, maybe 'nut' isn't the right word, eh? Think of the fun the columnists and the writers for *TV Guide* would have if they got a load of all this, hunh?" Beneath the laughter was a plea: "I've let you in on my little secret, Sheel. I trust you to keep it to yourself."

Having experienced acute embarrassment after Gordon told fan magazines about my experience with an apparition in the house that Gordon and I were considering buying shortly after we went to

Dressing Room No. 1 of the Miami Beach Auditorium, a spacious room with an immense adjustable lounge chair where "the Great One" could lie back and put up his feet. The conversations were never about the show, never about show business. The subjects were my experiences with ESP, UFOs, the Bermuda Triangle, and all the mysteries of life past, present, and future.

I recounted how Gordon was the only person saved on a flight from Mitchell Field on Long Island to Fort Bragg, South Carolina. Gordo was doing special LORAN training for overseas duty. I stayed with my parents because it was only three weeks and there were no hotels available. Every Friday, a Major Brown flew Gordon and two other New York servicemen home for the weekend and back on Monday morning.

I woke up after the second week, screaming, insisting I had to go down there—now today. My parents said that Gordie is coming at three PM as always! No! No! I insisted. When I got to the colonel's house, Gordo was having brunch and wasn't pleased that I wanted to stay the weekend at the base.

"Something bothered me about the plane, darling. I'm sorry."

We were swimming in the colonel's pool when the officer of the day reported that the plane and all the men were destroyed, having hit a tree at Mitchell Field at 3:15. Gordo and I cried together.

Jackie talked about the many ghosts that were supposed to be haunting Hollywood. Jean Harlow was believed to be one of them, as was Carole Lombard and, most recently, Marilyn Monroe. Among the male ghosts, it was said, Clifton Webb still prowled the rooms of his Spanish-style Beverly Hills house just off Sunset Boulevard. A home on Summit Ridge once occupied by John Barrymore was reported to be visited not only the late "great profile" but by his deceased brother, Lionel, and sister, Ethel.

Might there be something about actors, Jackie wondered, that made them especially sensitive in such matters? "Maybe we have some kind of special connection to the force that drives the universe," he said. "Did you ever have the experience when you're acting that everything around you falls away and it's like you're in some special place?"

"Yes, I have," I said. "Just last week, as a matter of fact, when we were doing the scene in the Italian restaurant." In the scene, Alice and Ralph have just had one of their fights, and Alice has gone upstairs to stay with Trixie. Unknowingly, she and Ralph separately go to an Italian restaurant and are seated in back-to-back booths. "I had the feeling then

that we were the only two people in the world," I said. "Our connection was so strong that I felt suddenly that there were no cameras, no set, no audience. No Sheila, no Jackie. Just people."

"Yeah," Jackie said, staring into space. "Yeah."

During rehearsals for the first show, we were interrupted by the telephone. "Yeah," Jackie said. "Hi, Peter." Sitting up excitedly, he said to the caller, "Wait a minute." Then he wiggled a finger at me. "Come over here and hold the phone wire!" Bemused, I did so. "Okay, Peter," said Jackie into the phone, "tell me who's here with me." He then thrust the phone toward me.

The voice on the line was foreign-sounding. "It is vooman," he said. "She is five feet, eight inches tall, A size eight or ten dress. Very, very beautiful! She has hurt her back. It is an aggravation of an old injury but she should not worry about it, it will go away soon. Am I correct, young lady?"

"Why, y-yes," I said, astounded not only that he knew so much about me but that he knew he was talking to me and not to Jackie. "Who—who is this I'm speaking to?"

"Peter Hurkos," Jackie said, whisking the phone from my hand. "From the look on Sheila's face," Jackie laughed, "I'd say you were right on the money, Peter."

One of the most famous and controversial psychics in the world, the Dutch mystic Peter Hurkos had been consulted by police departments all over the globe in some of their most baffling cases. Just a few years before he described me to myself on Jackie's phone, he had been called in by the Boston police in their manhunt for the Boston Strangler. He'd joined in searches for missing children and even had been consulted by Scotland Yard to assist in their investigation of the Stone of Scone, stolen from the royal throne.

Peter described himself as a "psychometrist" who could divine facts about people or victims of crimes by handling objects they had touched, by being close to them, or by hearing their voices over the telephone. This amazing power had come to him in 1943 after a fall from a ladder had left him in a coma for three days. Awakening, Peter told his doctor, "What you are thinking, don't do it. Something terrible will happen." It turned out that the physician had been planning a trip abroad. He took it and was killed shortly thereafter.

Recently, in Miami, Peter had aided the police in apprehending a murderer by describing the culprit in detail after handling personal

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Jackie Gleason's plans to talk from beyond the grave

BELOVED COMIC Jackie Gleason had made plans to communicate from beyond the grave — and, before his death, discussed what he was going to say to God.

"That (talking to God) would be the greatest thing that could possibly happen to anyone," he said in a recent interview on TV's 60 Minutes.

"I'd say, 'I didn't think you were for real, but now I do.'"

The Great One, a hard-drinking carouser all his life, confessed he might not deserve passage into heaven.

"But if God is what he has been said to be, I'm sure he isn't vengeful," Gleason said. "I'm sure that if you've committed a sin, he's not going to send

The Great One also revealed his previous life — psychic abilities — and how he was taken to visit space aliens

By LEONARD SANDLER

you to hell for eternity."

The star of the classic *Honeymooners* series, Gleason was an ardent believer in the paranormal before his death at 71, say close friends. And they reveal that Gleason plans to keep in touch with his many pals from beyond the grave.

He let many of them know that:

- He was blessed with psychic abilities himself.
- He had lived before as a medieval knight.
- He was taken to visit UFO aliens.

"I guess I have the largest library in the country on psychic phenomena," he once said.

Gleason claimed he even had the ability to travel outside his body — but fought against it and lost the power.

"I didn't know what it was at first," he recalled. "I had these tingling sensations and thought I was dying. I forced myself to get rid of the feelings. Later, after I studied the subject, I realized what had been happening."

From his reading, Gleason said he was able to identify his own psychic abilities.

"I know immediately if someone is sincere," he pointed out. "I know if they're devious toward me or anybody."

Ghosts

"I've had psychic experiences. Not with ghosts or anything, but in the way I know how to remedy problems — say with a stage set — before anyone else even knows there's a problem."

Friends say Gleason used to answer the phone, then amazingly greet them by name before they even spoke.

Gleason, who was married three times and had two daughters, was convinced space aliens exist and believed he lived before as a swashbuckling English duke in the days of King Henry VIII, says his second wife Beverly.

"His life as a 16th-century duke had evidently been just as exciting as his present one," recalled Beverly, who was married to The Great One from 1970 to 1974.



THE GREATEST: Besides TV and movie roles that changed the face of entertainment, Jackie Gleason was also an ardent believer in the supernatural.

"He'd tell me how he rode into battle, dressed in a suit of gleaming armor and mounted on a snow white horse. Of course, he was always victorious."

"And through his dreams he would recall

how he lived in a huge castle and about all the servants he had and people who owed their allegiance to him."

Gleason was a firm believer in UFOs and swore he personally saw them on at least two occasions.

Beverly will never forget the night in 1973 when the comic returned ashenfaced to their Florida home and slumped into an armchair.

"I've been at Homestead Air Force Base," Beverly said he told her, "and I've seen the bodies of some

aliens from outer space."

"It's top secret. Only a few people know. But the President arranged for me to be escorted in there and see them."

Gleason was a close friend of then-President Nixon.

Beverly recounted that the comic described the four aliens as tiny, only about two feet tall, with small bald heads and disproportionately large ears.

"It sounds incredible, but I swear it's true," Gleason told Beverly. "I'll never forget it — ever."

Cat on a hot stove

"THE CAT did it!" says a man whose ranch house caught fire while he was asleep.

The offending feline had strolled on the push-button stove top controls and put two burners on full. Then the curtains caught fire.

Gilbert Cabana, 65, was awakened at 5 a.m. by the caterwauling of Screamer, his son's girlfriend's pet cat. He found the kitchen of his Leominster, Massachusetts, home ablaze.

Cabana grabbed the cat and some clothes, and ran out.

Neighbors called the fire department, who doused the blaze and estimated the damage at \$30,000.

"AND AWAY we go!" Away he went, but Jackie Gleason said he was determined to try and make contact after death.

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An English sighting by a former skeptic was reported on Aug. 1 by D. F. Ogilvy, a veteran flight instructor. About 8 p.m., Ogilvy observed a strange and very large flying object over Hertfordshire. It had a delta shape, but through binoculars he could see it was not an aircraft.

When he called the Air Ministry, an official who appeared to have been briefed to keep quiet told him it was a meteorological balloon that had drifted over from France. In Ogilvy's report he stated this was impossible "because of the prevailing north-easterly airstream."

Through the air traffic controller at Elstree Aerodrome, Ogilvy learned that Southern Air Traffic Control had logged the strange device as an "unidentified object." The Elstree controller also gave him an unconfirmed report that a USAF F-100 jet had vainly tried to climb up and intercept the UFO.

"The object was obviously very large," Ogilvy said. Rejecting the Air Ministry answer, he added, "I was a high-altitude P.R. pilot in the Royal Air Force for several years, and have been a qualified flying instructor for the last 14. I certainly know a 'met' balloon when I see one . . . I may add that 24 hours ago I was a 'disbeliever,' and now have an open mind on the subject of UFOs."

A second U.S. case in which the AF tried to offset a UFO news story occurred on June 18 at Niagara Falls. From 10 p.m. to midnight, a UFO which flashed red, blue, green and yellow was seen maneuvering above the city -- once completely reversing its course. Witnesses included FAA tower operator at Niagara Falls Airport and newsman Bill Nelson, staff writer on the Niagara Falls Gazette. The FAA ruled out ordinary aircraft, and the alternate hovering and maneuvering ruled out any orbiting satellite.

Next day, the Gazette carried a detailed story, including an evaluation by Arthur Young, staff astronomer at the Niagara Falls Planetarium. The UFO, Young stated, could not be any normal astronomical body because of its extreme brightness, maneuvers and speed.

The Gazette reached nearby Lockport AFB at 2:30 p.m. Within 30 minutes, Nelson later informed NICAP, he received a call from Lt. Col. Robert Friend, head of Project Blue Book, Wright-Patterson AFB.

For 45 minutes Col. Friend quizzed Nelson, attempting -- without success -- to convince him the UFO was some ordinary object.

"I know it was NOT a balloon, an aircraft, a temperature inversion or anything but a UFO," Nelson told NICAP.

After the Gazette story, the Associated Press checked with the AF and NASA. Both said they had "no activities that would explain the mysterious lights." After vacillating over a balloon answer, the AF finally released the conclusion that the UFO was a star or a planet.

If the AF had carefully checked, they would have found this explanation impossible, as Astronomer Young stated. Either this answer "was quickly made public without checking the facts -- or the AF deliberately released it, knowing it could not be true.

On July 18, an attempted UFO interception by four jets was observed by Joseph Cappels, technical editor for the United Technology Center (a division of United Aircraft.) At 7:25 p.m., Cappels saw a bright disc-shaped object hovering over the area Palo Alto, Calif. Taking a movie camera from his car (Bolex mm., 36 mm. telephotolens) Cappels caught the UFO in several frames. (Film being evaluated by NICAP and Bay Area Subcommittee No. 2, in California.)

In a signed report to NICAP, Cappels said the disc was the size of a dime at arm's length. After driving home, he and a neighbor watched the strange object until four jets appeared. As the jets approached the disc, it tilted up in a short arc, then faded out of sight in an estimated three seconds.

(An AF missile shot, an hour later, caused general excitement because at high altitude its trail glowed weirdly in the rays of the sun, then below the horizon. But this shot had nothing to do with the UFO sighting.)

Lack of space prevents other examples, except these two "briefs": June 20, airport tower operators at Cordoba, Argentina, reported a strange object flying "under intelligent control"; May to July 28, several Australian motorists reported UFO

encounters. Two were "chases" which frightened the car occupants; in two other cases, the UFOs had landed on highways, taking off as the cars approached. (Other recent cases will appear in NICAP's documented REPORT, "THE UFO EVIDENCE.")

OPEN LETTER TO HOLD-OUT WITNESSES

This is the last chance to release "hidden" information for use in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," NICAP's documented report. We refer to UFO reports and secrecy evidence given us in confidence because those involved fear ridicule or adverse effects on their business.

PLEASE JOIN THE OTHER RESPECTED CITIZENS WHO HAVE BRAVED THE RIDICULE. THIS INCLUDES:

YOU, Commander -----, U. S. N. Please release the report of your close encounter with a large flying disc, in 1956.

YOU, DR. -----, and your seven laboratory associates who privately recorded a rocket-shaped UFO sighting in New England.

YOU, Capt. -----, Delta Airlines, your First Officer and the eighteen other Delta pilots who sighted UFOs, singly or in formation, in 1962.

YOU, First Officer -----, United Airlines, who photographed a large disc pacing your DC-6.

AND YOU, THE OTHER PILOTS, TOWER OPERATORS, MISSILE TRACKERS AND SIMILAR TRAINED OBSERVERS WHO ARE STILL HOLD-ING OUT.

Many other witnesses in responsible positions, well known in their communities or nationally, have risked adverse effects to help break UFO secrecy.

WILL YOU HELP, TOO -- NOW? OR WILL YOU CONTINUE TO REMAIN SILENT AND LET OTHERS FIGHT THE CENSORSHIP?

The urgent plea above applies to ALL members or non-member friends of NICAP who are withholding UFO reports or added secrecy proof.

This applies not only to current reports but earlier sightings. Often, an "old" sighting helps fill a gap, confirms an unsettled case, or provides a new clue to the UFO problem.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR HIDDEN INFORMATION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

GLEASON REPEATS UFO BELIEF

In a discussion reported by Bob Consodine in his August 8th column, Jackie Gleason firmly repeated his conviction that UFOs are interplanetary machines.

"This planet," he told Consodine, "is under almost perpetual observation by vehicles and people from outer space."

"Little green men from Venus?"

"I don't know what color they are or how big they are or whether they resemble us in any way," said Gleason. "All I know is that they are there and have killed at least one pilot who tried to investigate them -- a boy flying an F-51 -- and have landed in several places."

Jackie Gleason is one of the strongest believers in the interplanetary answer, and he has never hesitated to make his convictions public. As a NICAP member he has expressed the hope that we will get Congressional hearings. We greatly appreciate his support and his interest in our investigation.

THE ARGOSY STORY

Several members have denounced an article in the July issue of Argosy Magazine, entitled "The Spaceniks of Giant Rock". It was written by Max Miller, formerly a NICAP photographic adviser.

This article plays up the usual ridiculous meeting at Giant Rock, California -- a meeting attended mostly by deluded persons, screwballs and suspected frauds who claim contacts with beings from other worlds. Regardless of intent, the obvious result is to alienate the average reader from a serious consideration of the real UFO evidence.

If the writer were uninformed as to the UFO facts, we could accept this as an unfortunate story by a careless reporter. But Mr. Miller has investigated UFOs for years. He knows the massive, factual evidence from hundreds of reliable, competent observers. We consider that Mr. Miller has done a grave disservice to serious investigators, and we hope that our members, whenever possible, will help nullify this article by citing the true evidence.

The Latest on the Flying Saucer

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...les from central London. It was a luminous ball, seen by me on a clear night, and I watched it pass into a band of cirrocumulus cloud in the zenith and even twenty minutes later it had not reappeared. Also, on July 13, 1954, at 6:25 A.M. (06.25) when a strange red cylinder, with no wake or exhaust, no ports, rudders, or gear passed, ten minutes after the end of seasonal, sub-stratosphere British Royal Air Force maneuvers, with which it was not connected. It was visible over low hills of Chislehurst, Kent, and passed towards the southern shores of England.

No one knows the intent of the flying saucers or their geographical origin, although one may suspect that they may use the moon or even Mars as a stopover place—in any cosmic trip to our earth. So far as my fairly dense and worldwide data go I have no evidence that any friendly contact has been made by these flying saucer entities with people of the earth and therefore I have as yet nothing whatever on which to dogmatize.

DONALD E. KEYHOE, retired U.S. Air Force major, author of "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" and "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy."

I HAVE never seen a flying saucer. In 1952 I saw a UFO [Unidentified Flying Object] tracked by radar at the control center of Washington National Airport. I have simply tried to do a straight reporting job collecting authentic and verified reports.

The beings who control the saucers believe are attempting to learn all possible details of our civilization, the earth's atmosphere and climate, with the intention of eventually making contact. Whether their motives are friendly, neutral, or hostile I do not know, but so far I have seen no conclusive proof that they are hostile. I believe that the saucers, or some of them, are using Mars and more recently the moon as bases of operation for their reconnaissance of the earth. It is possible the saucers originate from Mars but this has not been proved.

WARD J. RUPPELT headed an Air Force investigation into flying saucers two years and is author of "The Report on Flying Objects."

MYSELF have never seen a flying saucer. An answer to the question of the intent of these flying saucers and their origin would be nothing but wild speculation.

NALD H. MENZEL, professor of physics, director of the Harvard

College Observatory and author of "Flying Saucers."

ANYONE who is prepared to believe those authors who claim to have seen a flying saucer land, to have talked with its occupants, or even to have ridden in a saucer should realize that the documentation is of the flimsiest. When we note that the theories proposed by the saucer occupant strongly resemble the psychoceramic (i.e., crack-pot) theories concocted by uneducated cranks to explain the workings of the universe we may properly suspect the entire works. Other writers, though they may not have seen a flying saucer themselves, list sighting after sighting in an attempt to show conclusively that these sightings could not possibly have a simple explanation in terms of known, natural phenomena.

Certain of these writers have maintained that the Air Force has classified the subject of saucers because the general public is not ready to contemplate the fact of a potential invasion from outer space. Unfortunately, the most concrete evidence for the belief in the existence of flying saucers in the first place is the fact that the Air Force has seen fit to classify information concerning them. I have considered this classification unwise since the saucers in no wise threaten National Security.

I have seen many flying saucers and a great majority of them are reflections from a material object like a distant balloon, a distant plane, a peculiar cloud, a piece of paper, the feather of a bird, or a spider web. Bright stars and planets have accounted for their share. Certain flying saucers are due to ice crystals in the atmosphere or to peculiar effects of refraction. The effects can be startling—even frightening. And yet they are in no sense mysterious if one has the facts of science to work with. I had the good fortune to see one of

the famous green fireballs of New Mexico, in fact the very one mentioned by Donald Keyhoe in "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy." I saw it from White Sands, the night of September 18, 1954, where half a dozen astronomers and their families were having a picnic. We all saw it and agreed that it was beautiful and spectacular—but not mysterious. The greenness comes from the abundant element magnesium. Keyhoe states that the fireball was at 20,000 feet, whereas my calculations indicated that it was at least 350,000 feet above the earth.

Flying saucers are natural phenomena, have been visible for centuries in many cases, and pose no problem. They are not, even by the remotest stretch of imagination, vehicles from outer space.

JACKIE GLEASON, the noted entertainer, reflects the opinion of many other laymen who also are convinced that flying saucers are real.

I HAVE never seen a flying saucer anywhere personally but have read published flying saucer literature. Most of this literature is ridiculous, but amongst the trash there are some undeniable points that cannot be refuted even by the United States Government.

The most concrete evidence that saucers are real is the fact that there was an organization of scientists called "The Rock Hounds," who believed that there actually were flying saucers. They recorded on machines for just that purpose radioactivity beyond normal wherever the saucers were sighted. The entire story is told in a portion of Edward J. Ruppelt's book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects."

As for the intent of the flying saucers and their geographic origin, I am not sure where they originate but it is almost certain that their jumping off place is the moon. I think that their purpose in visiting us is to get geographic information and to find out all that they would have to contend with if they decide to make an absolute communication with us.



—Lynn Hawkins. —Walter R. Fleischer.

Donald Keyhoe, Edward J. Ruppelt, Donald H. Menzel, Jackie Gleason.

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From: Susan Naulty

Thank you for your message of July 13th regarding correspondence between Nixon and Jackie Gleason

Unfortunately, the Nixon Library does not have this correspondence, which would be together with all of Richard Nixon's other presidential papers, at the following location:

Nixon President Materials Project
National Archives
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

e-mail: nixon@arch2.nara.gov

The only reference I have found to Jackie Gleason in the "Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents" is to their joint appearance at the Inverrary Golf and Country Club in Lauderhill, Florida on February 19, 1973. Perhaps the Nixon Presidential Materials project would be able to locate correspondence between President Nixon and Jackie Gleason in files relating to that appearance.

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From: squishy@altavista.com [<mailto:squishy@altavista.com>]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2000 3:10 PM

To: archives@nixonlibrary.org

Subject: Comedian Jackie Gleason

I am a researcher who has researched at many of the

Presidential Libraries.

I have not been in your area and have thus not been lucky enough to look through your collections. I do have a question that I hope you can help me with.

I am wondering if an archivist could do an alpha scan for Jackie Gleason. I am interested in seeing and correspondence from Gleason to President Nixon, and from Nixon or any of his staff to Jackie Gleason.

I hope you can help.

Grant Cameron

I have one last promise I wish to make. From all quarters come in requests for me to speak, as if I were now released from a prison and would be able to "tell all." Well, that is not my concept of duty to you. I have no more right to talk or write in the substantive matters in which I shared your confidence, at any time in the future than I did in the past. Of course, I may talk of mechanics and operations and of course of your great spirit; but if I talk of those other things may a great Hand reach down from Heaven and squash me.

Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs writing to President Eisenhower following his 1955 resignation from the White House

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