

Part E: Final Air Force Summary after closing Project Blue Book in 1969

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Dear Mr. Davidson:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent inquiry. Please accept this form of response so that we may give you a reply without undue delay.

On December 17, 1969 the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force Program for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled, "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects;" a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during the past two decades.

As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of presentday scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs has been rescinded, and Project Blue Book records have been transferred to the Air Force Archives.

Attached for your information is the Project Blue Book sighting summary for the period 1947-1969. Also included is a listing of UFO-related materials currently available through publication outlets of the federal government.

Your interest in the United States Air Force is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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