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Dear Dr. Frain

Your letter of September 4 brightened an otherwise dull and uninteresting day. Here is my response.

I have not seen or heard from Sarbacher for ten or fifteen years, and know nothing of his present location or circumstances. Since all of my contacts were in the past I will use the past tense. Bob was brilliant, charming, utterly amoral, a name dropper, and a congenital liar. I am convinced that, at the time, he usually believed what he was saying, but this was not always the case. On one memorable occasion he confided that his third wife was so smart and tough that he was forced to keep a private notebook of the lies he told her in order to keep the story straight. In brief, I give very little credence to anything he reported.

With regard to UFOs, I remain a sceptic. Dr E.U. Condon, a well respected Physicist, headed a group that made a rather thorough and public investigation of the subject at about the time in question. I believe their conclusion was negative. I was never involved in any UFO study; never before heard of Majestic 12. But I do not doubt that such a group existed.

I share with Sarbacher the belief that the Government has no reason to keep such information secret. And I find it hard to believe that the facts would not have leaked out by this time if the evidence was solid.

I was in continuous and sometimes very close contact with Sarbacher from 1935 to about 1950. I recall no conversations about UFO research, but this might be explainable on the basis of tight government security.

In closing, I wish you luck in your investigation, and hope you will let me know your conclusions. With thoughts of the libel laws I suggest that you not publish my remarks about Sarbacher.

Yours sincerely
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