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June 14, 1977

Dear Mr. Tokars: HARRY

Thank you for sharing your concerns on information about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) with Jody Powell, in your June 5th letter. You can be assured there has not been a "cover up," nor an attempt at one in the Carter Administration.

When President Carter took office he asked Science Adviser Frank Press to look into the UFO situation and determine if government information was being withheld. Dr. Press determined that government information on UFOs had been de-classified and is now part of a 22-year compilation of reports that is public record and available for citizens to examine, or to purchase at a cost of $1,700 for the total record, at the National Archives.

Dr. Press also checked with the Central Intelligence Agency following the single, unattributed paragraph in the U. S. News & World Report issue and the CIA said there are no further revelations to be made. I suggest you contact U. S. News & World Report directly concerning the accuracy of the unattributed paragraph. Also, as you know, the President appointed a man of the highest integrity, Admiral Stansfield Turner, in charge of the CIA and has great confidence in hiw work.

It might be helpful to review the overall situation. The CIA said it has not been involved with UFO reports for about 25 years. Over 20 years ago, the Air Force requested the agency to conduct a comprehensive study on UFO reports. A special group was formed at the CIA to determine if UFOs, or whatever they might be designated, constituted a hazard to the national security. This group issued a report, which is available to the public, stating there was no hazard to the national security. The U. S. Air Force disbanded a special unit in 1969, after a similar study determined there was no threat to the national security and UFOs were not a Defense Department matter.

Reports of UFO sightings are directed to local law enforcement agencies, and this has been helpful. For example, a very recent report in Maryland was traced by the local authorities to some aerial advertising that was being done. I hope this information is helpful to you. As I said, the President is noted for his candor and, if he feels something is being covered up, he will speakout.

Sincerely,

Jim Purks
Special Assistant
Media Liaison

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cc: Eleanor Weaver w/copy of incoming

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Mr. Jody Powell
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Mr. Harry Tokarz
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June 5, 1977

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to you regarding a matter of utmost importance and I trust you will see fit to look into it and respond. As part of President Carter's campaign promises and victory speech he stated implicitly that there would no longer be 'cover-up' situations and that neither he nor his aides would knowingly lie to the public. As a Canadian citizen I and many others are concerned because the U.S. policies on this delicate subject directly affect us here, since we are under NORAD's defence. I am referring to disclosures about UFO's. It was very disparaging to hear that Jim Purks was recently quoted as denying the contents of an article in U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (April 18). I know that the statement made in this article came directly from you so I consider the source authoritative and reliable. What gives? Are you people doing an 'about-face' as so many administrations before you? The time for the truth is NOW and I suspect that the CIA has put a 'clamp' on this story that leaked out and that the President, regardless of his honesty, has succumbed to pressure in this matter and fallen down on his promises. May I remind you that in 1973, as governor of Ga. when he himself had a sighting he stated publicly that "if I become President I will release all information to the public on UFO's". The public can no longer be conned into thinking that all UFO data is now available for public scrutiny at the archives. Project Blue Book was nothing more than a public relations outfit, and you know it! Furthermore, UFO investigations and evaluations, as well as UFO policy has ALWAYS (since 1953) been handled DIRECTLY by the CIA and OSI. The public is entitled to the COMPLETE story on this global phenomenon, regardless of the consequences. Remember, the greatest possibility of panic will come from ignorance and not from education!

I am sure that if President Carter is given the COMPLETE story on UFOs by the CIA, he will make a public statement on the subject. After all, he has shown great candor in all other areas. However, many people suspect that the CIA is witholding this data even from him and this reflects on the idea of WHO is really running the country. How many more years must unwitting people be traumatized by UFO encounters, simply because they were brainwashed into thinking they were fictitious, only to have a harrowing experience with them. The records show something on the order of 100,000 'close encounter' cases (documented) in the last 15 years, with 15 million Americans having witnessed a UFO (Gallup). When we eliminate all the misinterpretations we still have an astronomical figure-enough to prompt the President to make all the 'unsettling disclosures' DIRECT to the public. It seems that the Canadian government is awaiting Carter's decision on this matter and will probably follow suit as soon as a public statement is finally made by the White House or the Pentagon.

Thank you for your time and patience and I hope the public is not disillusioned by this administration. I look forward to an honest reply.

Best Wishes

Sincerely

Harry

Harry Tokarz

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May 31, 1977

Dear Mr. Thornton:

We are sorry you did not receive a response to your letter of March 23.

Soon after being sworn into office, President Carter checked with military authorities and learned that all government recores on Unidentified Flying Objects have been de-classified and are now available for the public to review in the National Archives. You can obtain a copy of the report by writing to that agency.

The President's Science Adviser, Dr. Frank Press, has further advised the Administration that the government no longer keeps track of UFO reports, and that these are referred to private organizations.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. de Suarez:

Thank you for writing. I can understand your concern about money being spent to track down UFOs when people are living in poverty.

I know of no special group which is, or will be, authorized to pursue the question of UFOs. Whatever is done will probably be worked out within the framework of the armed forces and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Sincerely

Joseph L. Powell, Jr.
Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1977

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The Honorable Frank Brademas
1236 Longworth ~~House~~ Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Brademas:

Frank Moore has asked me to respond to your letter of May 5 requesting information as to a possible White House statement on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), the request being prompted by a letter from your constituent referring to an item in the April 18 issue of U.S. News and World Report. That item indicated that the Government would make disclosures about UFOs, based on information from the CIA.

At present, we know of no White House plans to make any such new disclosures. Our check with the CIA verifies that they are not conducting any research on this matter and have no new information to report. Official Federal involvement in UFO identification and recordkeeping ended in 1969 when the Air Force terminated its work on this subject. Its entire file on UFOs was declassified and turned over to the National Archives in July 1976, where it is now a matter of public record. There is no other Federal UFO program at this time.

We hope this information is of help to you in replying to your constituent.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Press
Science and Technology
Adviser

cc: Frank Moore,
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May 5, 1977

Mr. Frank Moore
Congressional Relations
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Frank:

A constituent of mine, Mr. Charles Tucker of Nappanee, Indiana, has expressed his interest to me in seeing the White House make a statement similar to the one described in the attached U. S. News & World Report column.

I would be grateful for any information that you might be able to provide on when such a statement could be expected.

Sincerely,

JOHN BRADEMAS
Member of Congress

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1977

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MEMO TO: WALT WURFEL
PAT BARIO

FROM: Jim

SUBJ: National Enquirer-UFOs

John Pratt of the National Enquirer formally ask that the following question be formally submitted to Jody:

"Is it the official attitude of the White House that all government information on UFOs is available through the material released by the Air Force to National Archives?"

Please advise and thanks.

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Honorable Frank Press
Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Frank:

In your letter of July 21 you expressed the view that NASA should be the focal point for UFO matters, and specifically recommended that a panel of inquiry be formed by NASA to see if there are any significant new findings since the Condon report and that NASA become the focal point for general correspondence and inquiries.

While we are inclined to agree with your recommendation, there are a number of questions which need to be resolved before any formal program is undertaken. You may know that the Air Force served as the focal point for UFO matters during the 1960's and devoted considerable resources to the program. It, however, concluded, in the absence of significant findings, that the program warranted no more than routine form letter answers to inquiries and has been handling the program in that manner since about 1970. It now handles a small number of inquiries, perhaps 10 to 12 monthly. NASA, likewise, handles routine inquiries by form letter response, 10 to 12 formal inquiries and a somewhat larger number of public inquiries monthly. NASA uses the information sheet attached in its responses. The Air Force uses similar data.

From the point of view of the Administration as a whole, this is economical. However, it fails to provide a recognized focal point for technical appraisal of sightings and understandably results in some frustration to individuals making what they consider to be serious inquiries.

A panel of inquiry such as you suggest might possibly discover new significant findings. It would certainly generate current

interest and could lead to the designation of NASA as the focal point for UFO matters. It would require some additional resources for the inquiry and for follow-on activity. Before committing to this, I feel that we should assure ourselves that an inquiry is justified. I believe we could do this by naming a NASA project officer to review reports of the last ten years and to provide a specific recommendation relative to any further inquiry by the end of this year. If you concur, I will initiate this action.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Frosch
Administrator

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

INFORMATION SHEET
FGM 76-6

Prepared by
FGM/Office of Public Affairs
NASA Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20546

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

NASA is not involved in research concerning unidentified flying objects. Reports of unidentified objects entering U.S. air space are of interest to the U.S. military as a regular part of defense surveillance, but no government agency is conducting an ongoing investigation of UFOs at this time.

An extensive study known as Project Blue Book was undertaken in the 1960's by the U.S. Air Force through a contract with the University of Colorado. Based on the findings of this study as reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences, the Air Force terminated the project December 17, 1969.

The University of Colorado report, entitled Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, was published in paperback by Bantam Books. A three-volume photoduplication (AD 680:975-6-7) may be purchased for $18 from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151. The complete reports were transferred from Air Force storage in July 1976 to The National Archives, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20408. Those wishing to view the report must obtain a researcher's permit from the National Archives and Records Service.

The University of Colorado study reached the following conclusions: (1) there was no evidence that the subject of UFOs had been "shrouded in official security"; (2) UFOs did not constitute any hazard to national security; (3) two decades of UFO study had made no significant contribution to scientific knowledge; and (4) further extensive study of the general topic could not be expected to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of science.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D C 20500

September 14, 1977

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of September 6 responding to my letter of July 21 recommending that NASA become a focal point for Federal activity in UFO matters.

I am pleased that you agree that NASA can handle the public inquiries on UFOs. The fact that my Office and the White House can direct such inquiries to NASA will relieve my small staff of a responsibility we are not equipped to handle. Therefore, I have asked my assistant, Stan Schneider, who has discussed this matter with your Executive Officer, Ed Andrews, to forward all our UFO inquiries to NASA.

Regarding the recommendation for NASA to become a focal point for the scientific and technical appraisal of the UFO phenomenon, I can understand your reluctance to commit the agency to a formal program before evaluating the current status and recent history of UFO activity and determining what might be involved in conducting a serious study on this matter. Therefore, I concur with your idea of assigning a project officer at NASA to review the situation before deciding whether to undertake a more formal inquiry.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Jim Purks of the White House Media Liaison Office of our exchange of ideas on this subject so that they are in the communications loop on this situation. I will suggest that he forward all public inquiries on UFOs to the White House to NASA (Code 4) for response.

I would appreciate it if NASA could keep my office, through Stan Schneider, informed of any progress the agency makes toward a decision on a possible UFO study.

Yours sincerely,
SIGNED:
FRANK
Frank Press
Director

Honorable Robert A. Frosch
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

cc: Jim Purks, W.H. Media Liaison ✓

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

September 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: Jim Purks
Media Liaison

FROM: Frank Press FP

SUBJECT: UFO Inquiries

The attached copies of correspondence between Dr. Robert A. Frosch and myself will bring you up-to-date on the current status of our arrangement to have NASA become the focal point of all public inquiries on UFOs.

On the basis of the arrangement indicated in that correspondence, I believe that our offices should routinely forward all future public inquiries on UFOs to NASA (Code 4) for response.

If you wish to reply to the attached letter from Robert Todd, I suggest that you tell him that all UFO records that are not classified are available through Freedom of Information requests to the appropriate sources. Mr. Todd can gain access to the material he seeks through this procedure. We believe that such availability, in effect, fills the President's commitment.

Attachment
(1) 7/21/77 letter from Press to Frosch
(2) 9/6/77 letter from Frosch to Press (encl. NASA Info Sheet 76-6 on UFOs)
(3) 9/14/77 letter from Press to Frosch
(4) 8/29/77 letter from Todd to Purks

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1977

MEMO FOR: WALT WURFEL

FROM: Jim JP

SUBJ: UFOs- National Inquirer

Bob Pratt of the National Enquirer has been working a long time on the UFO stories, and has the tape of the Carter interview in which he is quoted as saying he saw one once and if elected would make certain that information about them is made available to the public.

Since then, we have said basically all records are unc and available at Archives, or through the Freedom of I tion Act, and therefore the President's commitment is fulfilled.

However, Pratt is pressing ahead and says there are in where the armed services have not divulged everything have occasionally told us -- the Press Office -- stori found not to be ture.

He is writing a story now and has formally requested a statement from Jody on UFO policy. He wants to hear within a couple of days. I have usually handled UFO news inquiries from out-of-state, but this one is especially pressing. Could you check with Jody and help me out to see if any kind of "policy statement" requested by Pratt will be made?

For your background, here is the latest report from Dr. Frank Press, our Science Adviser. (We could say that for now the Administration is supporting Dr. Press in asking NASA to handle UFO inquiries and assigning one of their project officers to determine if a new study is needed.)

Thanks.

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cc: Pat Bario w/Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1977

TO: Jody Powell

FROM: Frank Press

Following our discussion at the staff meeting this morning, I enclose the correspondence between the NASA Administrator, Bob Frosch, and me concerning the UFO inquiries. By rereading the letter I wrote last July 21, I see that I did ask Dr. Frosch to establish a small panel of inquiry to see if there are any new significant findings. His response, which I agreed to, was to assign a project officer to review the situation before deciding whether to undertake a more formal inquiry.

Jim Purks was sent copies of all of this correspondence, so he should be up to speed on this matter.

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National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Washington, D.C.
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Office of the Administrator

December 21, 1977

Honorable Frank Press
Director
Office of Science and Technology
Policy
Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Frank:

In response to your letter of September 14, 1977, regarding NASA's possible role in UFO matters, we are fully prepared at this time to continue responding to public inquiries along the same lines as we have in the past. If some new element of hard evidence is brought to our attention, in the future, it would be entirely appropriate for a NASA laboratory to analyze and report upon an otherwise unexplained organic or inorganic sample; we stand ready to respond to any bona fide physical evidence from credible sources. We intend to leave the door clearly open for such a possibility.

We have given considerable thought to the question of what else the United States might and should do in the area of UFO research. There is an absence of tangible or physical evidence available for thorough laboratory analysis. And because of the absence of such evidence, we have not been able to devise a sound scientific procedure for investigating these phenomena. To proceed on a research task without a disciplinary framework and an exploratory technique in mind would be wasteful and probably unproductive. I do not feel that we could mount a research effort without a better starting point than we have been able to identify thus far. I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish a research activity in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject.

I wish in no way to indicate that NASA has come to any conclusion about these phenomena as such; institutionally, we retain an open mind, a keen sense of scientific curiosity, and a willingness to analyze technical problems within our competence.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Frosch
Administrator

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

December 27, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO Jody Powell

FROM: Frank Press

SUBJECT: UFO's Unidentified Flying Objects

The attached from NASA Administrator Bob Frosch is for your information. It represents a mutually-agreed-upon position between NASA and OSTP about not undertaking an investigation of UFO's at this time, but not closing out the possibility should suitable evidence turn up.

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August 5, 1977

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

As we understand it, in keeping with a campaign promise you had your Science Advisor, Dr. Frank Press, query the Air Force and the CIA as to whether these agencies were withholding any data pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). Apparently, both agencies responded to the effect they were not withholding any pertinent information on the subject.

Moreover, the CIA has released public statements to the effect that its only involvement in UFO research was the four-day Robertson panel inquiry in January of 1953. The CIA states that following the issuance of the Panel's report, it concluded that UFO's did not represent a threat to national security and therefore discontinued any interest or involvement in the subject.

The Air Force has publicly stated that they also concluded UFO's did not represent a threat to National Security, vis-a-vis their 22 year study of the phenomena and the recommendations of the Condon Committee report, and discontinued any interest or involvement in the subject following the disbandment of Air Force Project Blue Book in 1969. The Air Force also states that all the data it collected regarding UFO's now reposes in the National Archives, where it has been declassified and made available to the public.

Assuming that those statements are accurate, we hereby request that you, Mr. President, issue a statement allowing former military personnel and civilian government employees to speak publicly or privately about their government-related UFO experiences, if they so wish, without fear of retribution or censure by the government, so long as they don't reveal non-related classified or proprietary information.

We make this request, sir, in order to satisfy our own research objectives, which include obtaining for study the details of all UFO sightings, photographs, films and, if it exists, physical evidence. We have been approached by, and have approached,

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many former military personnel and civilian government employees who would otherwise give us their full and complete testimony, if they did not feel bound and restricted by oaths they took and caveats that were imposed upon them during their government employment.

Since no government agency claims to be currently engaged in UFO research, it seems that we--the civilian research groups--have the responsibility for studying all UFO sightings and attempting to identify them. We accept this task and hereby pledge to conduct a responsible investigation which seeks only the truth, but we strongly believe that a proclamation allowing military personnel and civilian government employees to give us their testimony is vitally necessary in order to reach that objective.

We would greatly appreciate your personal reply.

Respectfully,

The Undersigned UFO Researchers:

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February 7, 1978

President James E. Carter
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a person long involved in serious research into the vexing problem of the UFO phenomenon, I would respectfully like to offer a suggestion as to how this matter might be handled by your office.

I presume to make this suggestion only because of my association with UFO research, first as an astronomical consultant for some 18 years to the Air Force's Project Blue Book and now as Scientific Director of the Center for UFO Studies, an association of scientists from various universities and laboratories, some of whom are listed on the present letterhead. You will note that not only are physical scientists involved but social scientists as well as exemplified by Dr. Margaret Mead. The UFO problem, I believe, is interdisciplinary, having a sociological and even political aspect to it.

Having seen at first hand the problem that the Air Force had in its long encounter with the UFO problem, I can both appreciate and sympathize with NASA for essentially turning down the request that they handle these matters. NASA has done a superb job within the limits of their relatively narrow assigned area of responsibility. They, of course, would be fully competent to deal with the analysis of the many so-called Close Encounters of the Second Kind (of whichover 1000 have been catalogued). But the many other aspects (psychological, sociological, and certainly that of public relations) would necessitate not only new staff but new directions of effort not within the purview of NASA's basic assignment.

It is my considered opinion that the problem should be assigned (quietly and without publicity) to the private sector, to a group from various universities answerable directly to your office. In short, I would suggest a personal task force to monitor and study the continuing flow of UFO reports and to report to you the results of such activities. I respectfully offer the assistance and services of the Center for UFO Studies in helping to set up such a study group, and indeed some scientists from the Center roster might well serve as its nucleus.

I have long had prepared a specific plan of attack on the UFO problem and I would be most happy to outline it for you in as much detail as you might wish. I would, of course, be delighted to discuss these matters in person should you so desire. I am taking the liberty of sending under separate cover a copy of my book THE UFO EXPERIENCE, which has been used as a basic text on the subject and even on occasion as a text in several universities.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek

J. Allen Hynek

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April 14, 1977

Dear President Carter,

Enclosed you will find past issues of a new publication, THE INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER. Knowing of your interest in the subject, I am taking the liberty of sending these on to you. Copies of these issues have also been sent to Dr. Frank Press, Director Designate, Office of Science and Technology Policy. I recently spoke with Dr. Press and am eagerly awaiting his comments on this publication. I would greatly appreciate any comments you may have.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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Biographical Information provided by Mr. Bryant

Larry W. Bryant, who recently retired from a 36-year career in writing and editing for U. S. Army publications, operates the Washington, D. C., office of the public-interest group Citizens Against UFO Secrecy from his home in Alexandria, Va. A native of Shenandoah, Va., he attended high school and college in southeast Virginia.

"My government career," he says, "paralleled my UFOlogical pursuits, not always amicably. That certainly related to my having filed more UFO-related lawsuits in federal court than has anyone else in the entire universe."

Bryant continues to contribute material to the UFO press and to support such groups as Operation Right to Know in the interest of promoting greater freedom of official UFO information. Since, in his words, "I have no plans to acquire a Komputer," Bryant remains reachable only via mail and telephone

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Looking Back upon Jimmy Carte UFO Mail

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: Beginning on Feb. 3, 2001, you now have in your hands the first installment of my book-length manuscript "Jimmy Carter Answers His UFO Mail." Once this Introduction enters the http://www.im-ur.com gallery (alongside such items as my recent open letter to Pres. Clinton), I'll proceed with serializing the entire book upon the Politics Magazine of this site.]

INTRODUCTION to "Jimmy Carter Answers His UFO Mail" (Compiled, Edited, and Analyzed by Larry W. Bryant):

On February 6, 1977, when I addressed my own letter to President Jimmy Carter -- the only U. S. president ever to admit having sighted a UFO and the only one ever to endorse in an election campaign the notion that ALL government UFO data and findings should be released to the public -- I had expected to receive no substantive reply. I wasn't disappointed.

After all, considering my then-already 20 years of needling officialdom on its multifaceted For, as the records plainly show, poor John Q. Public, the sincere and trusting American, has received nothing but lip service -- or less in some cases.

But lest I turn these prefatory remarks into a time-wasting polemic, let me launch right into those records, so that you might decide for yourself whether the federal government has leveled and is leveling with us about its decades of allegedly passive involvement in the UFO controversy.

The letters represent a cross-section of American citizenry: students and housewives, professionals and non-professionals, political liberals and conservatives, religious fundamentalists and liberalists, visionaries and pragmatists, con artists and kooks, commercializers and cultists. Some of the letters have a spur-of-the-moment, letters-to-the-editor flavor; others reveal careful planning and construction as either dialectic or a literary spoof. As a whole, they represent a valuable reservoir of contemporary Americana, ready to be savored (if not exploited) by sociologists, psychologists, theologians, and, of course, political scientists.

As for the president's replies -- produced by the Presidential Inquiries Office of the secretary of the Air Force -- they rarely show any deviation from the stereotype reproduced below. For this reason, I'm omitting them or am excerpting only the more original parts.

The nine-month gestation period of this correspondence confirms that a number of citizens can and do write the president serious letters of inquiry or concern about UFO's. The offspring of that period offers a memorable testimonial to one way we Americans choose to address public issues, and weigh the government's response to

officialdom on its multifaceted failure to grasp the seriousness of the so-called "UFO problem," how could I expect to receive any more than the dismissive, formula response that I've always received? I can understand that I and my fellow long-time critics of the official party line on UFO information should hold no great expectations over rumored or actual revelations by the UFOlogical policymakers in the Executive Branch. And I can understand why our pleas to congressmen to remedy the status quo generally have fallen not on deaf ears but on deft ears -- the deftness that tells a senator or representative that the only controversial issues (s)he should support are those that will assure his/her reelection. What congressman in his right POLITICAL mind is willing to avow that the UFO problem remains the world's latent Public Issue No. 1?

But what I can't understand is why your garden-variety citizen -- who's interested not so much in UFO's as in the orderly processes of government (and who therefore expects to receive straight answers to straight questions) -- must settle for the same kind of response that your crusading, undaunted UFO critic accepts as routine.

When I sought the records comprising this compilation, I had held the faint hope of being mistaken -- that the director of the White House Military Office would've had the courtesy of assuring that each UFO-related inquiry would receive individual attention and point-by-point reply. Again, since my hope was rightly faint, I was only slightly disappointed.

public issues, and weigh the government's response to them. If from my choice of nuggets and nudges from several hundred letters you can gain some hope for reform in the way officialdom treats the UFO subject, then I will have achieved my purpose in presenting them.

Now, then, let's proceed with our short, sometimes somber, sometimes frolicsome journey through the wonderworld of presidential UFO correspondence, beginning with my letter of Feb, 6, 1977: . . . .

[LWB Note: The next installment will begin with that letter, along with the Air Force's reply thereto. Meantime, I urge you to write to Pres. G. W. Bush and ask him for an update on HIS election-campaign promise to "tell all" about UFO reality. His e-mail address is: president@whitehouse.gov]

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"Jimmy Carter Answers His UI Mail" (No. 2)

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: This second installment (2-6-01) of my e-book that debuted Feb. 3, 2001, via im-ur.com, features my own letter to Pres. Carter -- a communication that turns 24 years old on this very day.]

(Arlington, Va.) -- Dear Sir:

By now, you've probably received a number of letters urging you to fulfill your campaign promise to release to the public all heretofore unreleased files, reports, and other data on the federal government's role in the investigation of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects. And probably all those letters routinely have been referred by your office to Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, for direct reply -- despite the fact that the Air Force disavows its continued, formal involvement in the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of UFO-sighting reports; and despite the fact that, back in the days of its UFO public-relations instrument known as Project Blue Book, it persistently denied to newsmen and to other private citizens that the Blue Book managers were arbitrarily and systematically withholding reports from public scrutiny -- reports that we now know were marked CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET and that now, in their final resting place at the U. S. National Archives, serve as ample evidence of the official conspiracy to deny public access to them back at the height of the UFO controversy in the 1950's and early 1960's.

S. National Security Council, National Security Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Federal Bureau of Investigation in the continued intelligence analysis of UFO encounters? As a long-time critic of the "politics of UFOlogy," I'm hoping that your examination of those roles would culminate in a formal report of your findings to the public, in the course of which you undoubtedly will have fulfilled your campaign promise to disclose all UFO data now being kept secret by the federal government.

Yours very truly,

Larry W. Bryant

P. S. -- I'm sending a copy of this letter to a local newspaper, to be published in its letters-to-the-Editor column as "An Open Letter to President Carter."

P.P.S.-- If you need additional evidence of the sustained input of UFO-sighting reports into official reporting channels, I suggest that you make a personal check into the number of such reports received during the past 12 months, particularly those dispatched under terms of Joint Army-Navy-Air Publication 146 (Canadian-United States Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings).

LWB Note: Here's the Air Force reply of Feb. 16th:

Dear Larry [Sic.]:

Of course, there are some UFO-sighting reports that apparently have never made it into the Blue Book files, wherever those files be stored. Here are two of them:

-- A daylight sighting of a hovering discoid on Oct. 11, 1952, by a Ground Observer Corps (GOC) spotter in Newport News, Va., who relayed the observation to the Richmond, Va., GOC Filter Center, which in turn notified Langley Air Force Base, which dispatched jet interceptors to the scene for what turned out to be an unsuccessful interception. The spotter subsequently was interviewed by a LAFB-based sergeant and told not to discuss the encounter with unauthorized persons, that this was one of the most substantiated flying-saucer sightings on record.

-- The night-time encounter with a bizarre object on Sept. 19, 1976, by two Iranian Air Force jets dispatched to intercept and identify the object, which subsequently caused a momentary instrument failure aboard the jets, and which was seen to discharge a spin-off object into an apparent landing trajectory. Knowledge of this classified report was leaked to one or more private UFO-research organizations.

Assuming there are numerous other such hard-core UFO cases as these languishing behind the closed doors of some specially commissioned agency, committee, or project, what use is there in referring this letter to the Department of the Air Force for reply -- unless that Department be in charge of that function? Instead, why not examine for yourself the roles of the U.

On behalf of President Carter, this is in reply to your recent letter concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

You should be aware that with the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigation and analyzing UFO's was rescinded. Project Blue Book documents have been selected for inclusion in the National Archives in Washington, D. C., and are readily available to any interested parties.

In this regard, the Air Force has no information which is being withheld from the public nor is any additional information available. Since the termination of Project Blue Book, no evidence has been presented to indicate that further investigation of UFO's by the Air Force is warranted. Further, in view of the present constraints on available resources, there is little likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this matter.

Hopefully, the foregoing information will clarify the Air Force position on this matter.

Sincerely,

L. E. SEMINARE, JR.
Colonel, USAF

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More UFO Letters to Jimmy Car

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: This installment No. 3 (Feb. 12, 2001) of "Jimmy Carter Answers His UFO Mail" presents the following letters from two citizens, in the book's Part One ("The Critics Challenge: An Excursion into UFOrensics").]

1-1. [As later published in New York City's Village Voice for Oct. 3, 1977, the following telegram received no reply. Hence, its sender decided to dispatch the accompanying follow-up mailgram, which did receive the standard Air Force "kiss off" reply on Aug. 16. As if to protest too much, Col. Seminare made a point of addressing one item with a custom-made disclaimer: "Further, the United States military has no record of any military aircraft ever engaging in combat with a so-called UFO."]

Dear President Carter:

My name is Larry McCann, and I'm the producer of a new television show in New York called "UFO Update." My audience would like to know more about your campaign promise to divulge everything you know.

For most people who don't know what they are dealing with, any one of the above answers from an Air Force officer is good enough for them. I think, and I'm sure many other Americans feel this way also, if there is any substantial evidence that any of the sightings can be attributed to objects either intra- or interplanetary, the Air Force should reveal it to us. It is man's nature to be curious about that which goes on about him. It is also man's nature to fear the unknown. In a way, the Air Force is just like the parents who tell their children that storks bring babies, to protect their innocent little minds; but deep down inside they know they can only tell them this for so long, and eventually they are going to have to tell the youngsters the truth. It is high time for the Government agencies concerned to cease suppressing any hard evidence relating to such phenomena and discontinue its policy of attempting to discredit the testimony of reliable witnesses.

Your predecessor, ex-President Gerald R. Ford, while he has a congressman, openly protested the swamp-gas answers the Air Force was giving the public, and stated that the American people are entitled to better explanations. Many people don't know that Capital newsman [AF-deleted], after a lengthy investigation, asserted that the Air Force was withholding facts from the public while at the same time it was publishing incorrect explanations.

I'm quite aware that things have changed somewhat with the special documentary programs that have been on television lately: "UFO's -- Do you Believe?" and one more I can't recall the title of. These attempts are merely breaking the ice somewhat, but they are still not the official word that people want to hear from the Air Force.

From:

divulge everything you know about UFO's and your own personal sightings, and we are anxiously awaiting your reply.

1-2. July 26, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

I've yet to receive any reply to my telegram sent to you regarding your campaign pledge of full disclosure in the area of UFO's and their military connection. I have a vast audience on my television program, "UFO Update," shown in New York over WTVG/TV (Channel 68), and they have the right to know if our military forces have ever engaged in combat with a UFO. Air Force General Benjamin Chiclaw has revealed in the new book published by Doubleday, "Situation Red," that the Air Force has lost many men and aircraft pursuing UFO's. I would appreciate a speedy reply to this telegram since the volume of mail from my viewers regarding this matter has been overwhelming and they would like to have an answer.

1-3. Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your appointment to office. I'm kind of proud because I voted for you. I know it's going to take time to do all the things you said you were going to do, but I have a request to make of you. For the last five years I have been reading a lot of articles about UFO sightings in different parts of the United States, and how, when respected citizens report sightings to the Government or Air Force, they are made to feel so silly that they hate they ever made the report in the first place. As taxpaying, United States citizens these people deserve a better shake than they are getting; most of them come forward because they feel it is their duty as good citizens to do so. Another point I would like to make is this: if these objects are

To recall one last incident, our own astronauts have sighted objects, even though they know a lot more than they are able to tell the police. I believe they saw a lot more than craters on the moon, too. A few more prominent people who have seen or believe in the existence of these objects are people like U.S. Senator [Barry Goldwater], who stated: "I can't believe that in this never-ending universe our planet is the only one with intelligent life. I'm not convinced, after having been around 65 years, that human beings are the smartest creatures in the universe." Being a top-notch pilot with 44 years' experience, he rejects claims that UFO's are imaginary or natural phenomena. "I've doubted stories from many witnesses, but when qualified pilots and other experts tell me they've seen strange, unexplained flying objects, I have to put faith in their reports."

Mr. President, I know you are an honest man, and you don't want the people of our country to continue to be treated like little children who have to be protected by being ridiculed and made to feel guilty when they try to know the truth. I really think we are old enough to handle it in a responsible manner.

Thank You and Good Luck, Mr. President.

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controlled craft, and they are surveying our planet, I think we are playing right into their hands by making the public reluctant to report their movements around our cities and towns.

Excuse me right here for second-guessing your reply, but I think you might say that people who sight these objects should report them to NICAP or some similar organization; but many people aren't into reading about UFO's or the organizations that report and follow their movements. When they see something unusual in the sky near their property the first place they call is their local police department, where they usually get (kindly) laughed at and brushed off on the Air Force, who has readymade answers for all UFO sightings; they are either conventional aircraft, a flock of birds reflecting some light, swamp gas (HA' HA'), or the planet Venus.

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The Enduring Legacy of Jimmy Carter's UFO Mail

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: Poet-novelist Erica Jong once noted: "The common theme that runs through all of my work is the quest for self-knowledge." She added, "My work seems to be about using life as the learning process." As I re-read the 20-year-old manuscript for this serialized e-book, I realize that Jong's observation resonates with both me and the book's co-contributors (the letter writers themselves). So this Installment No. 5 (2/28/01) continues the book's primary theme (how to cope with the official coverup of the UFO experience) and introduces its secondary theme: the quest for self-discovery, open communication, and mutual understanding between those who know (and share) the Ultimate Secret and those who do not.]

1-9. March 14, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

I was among the millions of Americans who had a question for you during your recent correspondence with the American people by telephone.

My question is not related to economic problems that face our country, but one I think needs a sincere scientific surveillance. As you may

Private funding is simply inadequate in accomplishing these goals.

I appreciate the opportunity of corresponding with you and I look forward to your reply.

1-10. Dear Mr. President:

In the past decade there has been a rash of UFO sightings The past administrations have disclaimed or ignored these sightings. I would like to know just what stand your administration will take. I personally feel that there are just too many unanswered questions in these sightings to totally ignore the question of their validity. Also, there is the fact that the Air Force refuses to answer several important questions about sightings and the reported presence of UFO on their bases. What is your opinion?

1-11. Evening Tribune; P. O. Box 191, San Diego, CA 92112 (23 March 1977); Dear Mr. President:

During your campaign for election you promised to release information the government has on Unidentified Flying Objects.

recall, in 1968 the Armed Services Committee of the Senate accepted the Condon Committee Report on unidentified flying objects and closed Project Blue Book. The Condon Committee's findings are not widely accepted by the scientifie community. Project Blue Book was the Air Force's investigative committee which dealt with the UFO phenomenon for over 25 years. Many scientists today are convinced there is a need for a further scientific investigation into the subject. It is my understanding that you, Mr. President, sighted a UFO personally. Was this sighting reported to an authority who explained your report in a satisfactory manner and in a scientific way?

I teach astronomy and am Director of a Planetarium and an Observatory and consider myself a scientist. I do realize that UFO's have tremendous popular appeal and, unfortunately, "sell well." I am not interested in this aspect of it at all. At present, these phenomena exist only as reports which are frequently observed by very responsible people throughout the world. It is my objective to see that someday, somehow, we might find answers to these reports in the same way we have solved many previous scientific mysteries over the decades.

May I please call your attention to a very active organization engaged in scientific research in an attempt to solve these phenomena; the Center for UFO Studies, P. O. Box 11, Northfield, Illinois, under the directorship of [J. Allen Hynek], Astrophysicist, at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek was the Air Force's chief consultant for Project Blue Book for 25 years. A member of Stanford University's Department of Physics and Astronomy recently polled members of the American Astronomical Society, and the consensus is that there is a need for a solution to the UFO problem.

France is presently leading the world in UFO investigation. Their group, sponsored by the French

Could you please advise me of the status of the report.

Thank you.

1-12. March 6, 1977; Dear President Carter:

According to an article entitled "EXCLUSIVE -- Jimmy Carter: The Night I Saw a UFO," in the June 8, 1976, issue of the National Enquirer, you witnessed a UFO in Thomaston, Ga., in 1973. According to the article, you and about 20 people watched it for ten minutes. I have been interested in the mystery of UFO's for a number of years. I have not seen one and do not necessarily believe that they represent extraterrestrial spacecraft. I do believe that there is serious work being done by scientists and reputable civilian UFO study groups in the U.S. and the world.

My question is, Mr. President, do you believe that the government should fund future UFO investigation projects somewhat like the Condon Committee, which studied the problem at the University of Colorado for the Air Force in 1968--69? My feeling is that the Condon Report, released by the Air Force in early 1969, did not satisfactorily get to the bottom of the UFO mystery. The article in the Enquirer stated that you are "convinced that UFO's exist because I have seen one." I would take that to mean that you believe UFO's exist as a rightful phenomenon unexplainable in terms of contemporary physics and does not fall within the scope of misidentification of natural objects.

If you could find time, I would appreciate it if you could tell me if the government has any plans which could be directed in the future to solving this problem once and for all. I might remind you that UFO reports are made nearly every day to various newspapers in the country, to police authorities in local communities, and to various civilian UFO study groups -- for example, the Center for UFO Studies headed by Dr. J.

group, sponsored by the French government, is engaged in full research in the UFO field. As an example, Dr. [AF-deleted], Chief of Research for the French National Center for Scientific Research, and his colleagues are experimenting with magneto-hydrodynamic aerodyne systems which may someday help explain the motions of crafts within the confines of an atmosphere without sounds or sonic booms.

As a scientist, I am sure that you agree there is a need for us to find out more about the natural world in which we live and the space beyond. Will you consider recommending to Congress that they at least look into the problem again in a sincere way and consider the possibility of reopening Project Blue Book or preferably something even more progressive that would again put the United States as a leader in another active field of scientific research.

Allen Hynek, former civilian consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book (which studied UFO's from 1947--1969). The UFO problem is a persistent and continuously intriguing one for the citizens of the United States and those handfuls of scientists who are taking their own time and money to look into the phenomenon.

Thanks for your time.

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The Theme of Jimmy Carter's U Mail

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: "In a free society, the government's trust in the people has less importance than the people's trust in government." -- Larry W. Bryant (2/23/01). Already reflected in the first three installments of this e-book, that sentiment happens to run through the entire contents.]

1-4. Dear President Carter:

Some time ago I read in the National Enquirer that if you became president you would release all information to the public. I do know that the National Enquirer is not always dependable, but I sincerely hope that this time it is.

I have read several books on UFO's, and I am convinced beyond any doubt that they are not mere figments of the imagination, but actually alien spacecraft from other worlds. My own sightings convinced me even more. I have read (in that same article) that you have seen a UFO yourself. When I first became interested in UFO's I

P.S. Congrats on 1-month in the White House!

1-6. March 24, 1977; Dear Sir:

Because I am convinced of your sincerity, I am asking you if UFO's are "visitors from outer space"?

I think most of us Americans are capable of dealing with the facts. It is the not knowing that bothers most of us, I think.

1-7. April 15, 1977 (Reno, Nevada); Dear Mr. President:

I doubt if you'll ever read this letter because it will be "one" in a thousand. But I will address this letter to you anyway.

I am writing you on a matter I consider very important. And that is UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) and the government's secrecy surrounding them so far. I remember your campaign promise concerning UFO's and hope it will be one you will keep.

I do believe the time has come to lift the lid off and release all the information the government has. Does the government in fact have an intact alien spacecraft hidden at Wright-Patterson A.F.B. along with its frozen occupants? As it stands now there is enough eyewitness testimony to say that something is or was hidden at the base.

was very much a skeptic. But now I am completely the opposite.

In these books I have read about government cover-ups, especially Air Force. I have read and I am convinced that both the government and the Air Force do in fact know that most UFO's are alien spacecraft. Of course, I am aware there have been many hoaxes. I have read that the Air Force has even threatened people who have had sightings with good evidence not to talk to the press or anybody about their sightings. This should stop immediately! Why should good, decent citizens be intimidated when they have the right to know the truth?! I am sure that by now you know the truth about UFO's. Of course, I have heard theories that there would be widespread panic, but I believe this is terribly underestimating the common sense of the American people. I believe if the government released, for publication, all UFO information over the course of the next few years it would not come as such a shock. After all, in a recent nationwide poll, 15 million Americans say they have seen a UFO. |

I realize UFO's are not a major national concern, so I can't expect you to do anything about it right away. I strongly believe that releasing all information on UFO's is something you can't put off. I have seen that in just your first month in office you are a man of action, and not afraid to do things differently. For this reason I believe if you don't do it, nobody will for a long, long time.

An admirer

P.S. I think it would be a wise move for the government to help fund the work of independent UFO investigative organizations such as NICAP, MUFON, etc.

1-5. February 15, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

I realize this information would have to be released slowly because of the effect it would have on some people. But it would be a great step in bringing back an open government -- not one shrouded in secrecy. Reply wanted, please.

Thank you.

1-8. Dear Mr. President:

I am very glad that you are bringing the government closer to the public.

I have some questions that I hope you will be able to answer.

Since 1973 the subject of "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's)" or "Flying Saucers" has been getting more and more into the minds of the American people.

The 1973 Gallup Poll showed thst 51% of the population of the United States believe in UFO's.

Since the U.S.A.F. closed "Project Bluebook" back in 1969, questions have been asked whether "Project Bluebook" was really organized.

The famous "Condon Report," costing the American taxpayer $300,000.00, ended saying that UFO's don't exist.

The report has been rejected by the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics (AIAA) and The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Many scientists said that the report was poorly done.

It is believed by a lot of people and scientists that the U.S. government is hiding a lot more than what they are telling to the American public.

Now that you are making the government to be closer to the American people, I would like to know if:

1) Are you going to release all or most of classified government reports on UFO's?

2) Will there be a new government investigation into the UFO mystery? Only this time it should be under a civilian operated plan rather than a military plan (military plan is U.S.A.F. Project Bluebook).

I hope that you will be able to answer my questions.

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What are your ideas about resumption of Air Force investigations into UFO reports? Project Bluebook, ended in 1969, approached the entire study with a generally negative attitude. I'd like to see a positive Air Force and university investigative organization that would approach reports with a more openminded attitude.

I feel that if even the possibility of contact with a more technologically advanced civilization exists, we are in debt to facilitate that contact for all mankind.

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Carter's Little UFOletters (Con'

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note (for Installment No. 6 -- 3/4/01): Our 39th president -- physicist, statesman, humanitarian, and avowed UFO witness -- recently has added another milestone to his success: a best-seller memoir titled "An Hour Before Daylight: Memories of My Rural Boyhood" (Simon & Shuster). Perhaps the book's popularity will induce him to write a sequel. If so, I doubt you'll find much there about his sighting or its aftermath. Word has it that on a few public occasions he has declined to discuss his UFO legacy. The Jimmy Carter UFO persona: suburban legend, or political liability? Let these letters help you decide.]

1-13. Dear Mr. President:

During your campaign you made a commitment on several occasions to release much of the government's information on Unidentified Flying Objects. With this in mind I am asking two questions: first, do you intend to fulfill this commitment and, if so, when? Second, do you or defense department officials feel it is in the best interests of this country from a national security standpoint to

" The director of a leading UFO investigative group, Jack Acuff of the NICAP, Washington, D.C., told the Enquirer: "Material on UFO's is locked up in the National Archives that has never been made public." If a President were to have it released, it would be exciting news to the scientific community and of inestimable benefit to the public; and our organization feels the same way.

Therefore, Mr. President, we are appealing to your sense of fair play and honesty, of which you portrayed throughout your campaign for the President of the United States, in asking that you release all information the Government now has to our organization concerning UFO's.

I-I5. February I, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

You once stated in an interview, and I quote, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists."

I have researched the UFO enigma for several years, and head a small research group conducting statistical studies, investigations, and serious research into this problem. Unfortunately, there are some individuals "studying" UFO's who couldn't tell Venus from the sun: the field attracts kooks like a magnet.

I certainly hope that your statement was not another "political promise." Apparently the government has deceived the American public regarding UFO's in the past (which is thoroughly documented). Now that you have been elected, I hope that this practice will end.

national security standpoint to keep such information from public scrutiny as has been standard procedure in the past?

Having an avid interest in this area and having completed extensive research on aerial phenomena while in college, I can assure you that such occurences can no longer be confined to the realm of backroom mysticism but rather demand increased scientific study and research. In recent surveys the existence of UFO's is considered a matter of fact by the majority of Americans, and I am confident these people, as well as their critics, are intellectually and spiritually strong enough to be told the full story by their own government. Many people, both lay and scientific leaders, feel that UFO's have enjoyed the longest running cover-up of any happening in America's history. In this age of skyrocketing technological advancement it only follows that this government has a responsibility to let the full facts be known. We cannot any longer be led as sheep and be told nothing exists when the majority of us know there is every real possibility to the contrary.

I am hoping I came across as one intelligent human being to another, and it is my expressed desire that you act responsibly and with due speed in this matter. In the annals of "ufology" you are perhaps the only bright ray of hope we have had.

1-14. February 1, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

I want to congratulate you on behalf of the North American UFO Organization, Inc., on your historical defeat of President Gerald Ford. It was indeed an historical event . . . one that won't soon be forgotten.

In the event that you need any further information on the UFO phenomenon in general, please contact me.

1-16. February 4, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

It was reported in the National Enquirer that you stated, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings aviilable to the public and the scientists."

In your recent televised talk to the American public, you stated that you were going to honor all of your campaign promises. Mr. President, do you intend to honor the above promise?

Having researched the problem of Government documentation regarding UFO's, I am aware of quite a bit of such documentation currently being held by various Government agencies and departments. I would be more than willing to submit specific details of the existence of this documentation to you for any action you deem appropriate.

1-17. Dear Mr. President:

Previously you told news reporters about your observations of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) you had seen over Thomaston, GA in 1973. The details were sketchy, however, offering little availability to determine what the object may have been.

If your sighting was to remain unidentified after close scrutiny, as it has been found that 20% of all investigated sightings do, then your sighting could be classified as an exceptional one from a source whose integrity could not be questioned (though this would not hold true with all ex-presidents, but I'll leave the names to your speculation!).

For this reason I have enclosed a sighting report form with this letter that I would like very much for you to complete if time is available during your hectic schedule. Many thanks.

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I would like to take this opportunity to extend our full support, as a civic minded organization, toward conquering any and all of the crises now facing the nation; such as, energy, unemployment, economic
conditions, taxes, trade, etc., as I know they require a great amount of courage and strength to face, even with a nation behind you.

While I know these problems require first and immediate attention, I feel our problem concerning UFO's should warrant your utmost consideration. The National Enquirer quotes you as saying: "and if I become President, I will release to the public all UFO data in the possession of the Government.

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The Carter Administration's UI Evidence

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: This 8th installment (April 6, 2001) of the first-ever e-book serialized upon the website of http://www.im-ur.com serves as an intellectual time machine. It allows us to fast-forward to the near future when, finally, our government yields to the people's demand for immediate, full disclosure of UFO/E.T. reality. For a symbolic tracking of that disclosure process -- expected to intensify during the next several months -- visit the websites of http://www.paradigmclock.com and http://www.x-ppac.org]

1-22. [LWB Note: So far as can be determined, no AF reply was made to the following followup letter sent by a persistent correspondent to Col. Seminare.] 31 March 77; Dear Col. Seminare:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 28th responding to my letter to President Carter concerning UFO's. Your letter raises some questions in my mind which I would hope, in view of the President's call for more openness between government and its citizens, you will answer fully.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

1-23. Dear Mr. President:

As a writer with some ten years' experience with magazines and newspapers, I am now working on a book involving unidentified flying objects. I am primarily interested in sightings involving indisputable sources such as yourself but with the focus on what is being done by individuals and organizations to locate and identify UFO's. I am a member of the National Press Woman's Association and have just been awarded the Margaret McDonald Journalism award by the Louisiana Press Woman's Association.

I am interested in the statement you made to the press during your campaign to release all UFO material to the public. Shortly following this statement the Blue Book material was opened to the public. Were you unaware at the time that the material was to be released or has all pertinent material been released so far as you know? I would also like to talk with you about any plans you might have or of which you might be aware for further investigation by a government-sponsored agency into UFO activity. And of course I would like a brief first-hand account of your own UFO sighting.

1. In view of candidate Carter's campaign promise to "make every piece of information" about UFO's available to the public, has the USAF made a formal briefing to President Carter on the subject of UFO's? If so, when? Was this at his request or at the initiative of the USAF? If President Carter has not been briefed, has the USAF briefed any of his staff? Is so, when? If such a briefing was carried out, may I have a copy of the briefing materials? If not, why not? If there has not been a briefing, is one planned? If not, why not? And, who is the person in the White House charged with intercepting UFO letters such as mine and bucking them over to the USAF?

2. Although the USAF has officially been out of the "UFO business" since late 1969, has any ad hoc study been made of the UFO sighting reported in 1973 by then Governor Carter? If so, what conclusion was reached as to the cause of this sighting, and when was this conclusion transmitted to Mr. Carter? If such a study has not been made, are there any plans now to make one?

3. What evidence would the USAF feel would have to be presented "to indicate that further investigation of UFO's by the Air Force is warranted"? Is the USAF aware of or interested in the recent survey of professional astronomers recently released by Professor Peter A. Sturrock? Please note that 62 of the respondents said they had seen OR "had made instrument recordings . . . which . . . might be related to the UFO phenomenon." Would such "instrument recordings" be the sort of evidence the USAF would consider in deciding if further study of the UFO phenomenon was warranted? If so, to whom should such recordings be sent?

4. Recently there were UFO reports from Southern California; witnesses included 7 airmen from March AF Base, 2 L.A. sheriff's helicopter crewmen, and 2 California state highway patrolmen. A description of the objects seen by the USAF personnel was provided by Major Brian Daly, March AFB PIO. What action is being taken by the USAF in this case to determine if these reports do or do not constitute the evidence the USAF and/or

Would it be possible to set a time and date for a telephone interview? I am well aware of your intense schedule and will keep questions as brief as possible if such an interview is possible.

I have already received the co-operation of such notables in the UFO field as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Center for UFO Studies, and Dennis Hauck of the International UFO Center.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

1-24. 24 September 1977; Honorable Sir:

I am writing concerning an area of science that has been given cavalier treatment most of the time, but one with much potential value to the country and the future. It concerns Unidentified Flying Objects.

As a matter of introduction I am an aerospace project manager, dealing with state-of-the-art problems on a regular basis. I work quite closely with others in the same field, many that are quite well known, that share my concern about UFO's. We realize the magnitude of the emotions surrounding this subject, ranging from cults of true believers to cults of debunkers. However, in casting those polarized positions aside we find there is a core of interesting unexplained events that could provide an impetus to our technological future. This possibility, based on an accumulation of facts, is too great to ignore.

It appears that we have much to gain and little to lose if we approach the problem in the same way we do with other aerospace problems. That is, to work it like any other technological evolution -- airplane design, spacecraft design, missile technology, etc. The past methods of using the military to take the abuse, or a university group to take a casual look, have all failed. On the other hand the projects that have been used by engineers, technicians, scientists, and others as a team have had great success.

My recommendation is to do a technology assessment and from that define specific projects, each with a positive goal of accomplishment, to strive for and expect success.

I am offering my service as an individual or through my employer, should he become

constitute the evidence the USAF and/or DOD might require to reopen full-scale UFO investigations?

5. In view of the fact that the USAF is still charged with the air defense of the United States and in view of the further fact that responsible and often highly trained persons in and out of the military are still observing UFO's in the skies, over this country (and elsewhere), is not the USAF abdicating a portion of its responsibility by ignoring citizen reports of UFO's? And what action is taken on UFO reports made by military personnel to their superiors? Surely there must be some sort of an investigation made of reports such as those last week from March AFB, or of reports made by pilots, radar operators, etc.

involved, to this area of science.

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Carter Hears More from the UF Populi

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: The Carter UFO-disclosure promise reverberated across the seas, drawing favorable response from all walks of life and across all cultural boundaries. As you can see from the first letter of this Installment No. 9 (April 12, 2001), some of that response originated from unexpected quarters. Today, we know that Puerto Rico has become a hot spot for UFO activity -- and that its legislators have a renewed opportunity to take the lead in demanding greater access to the U. S. government's Pandora's Box of hard-core UFO data.]

1-25. April 5, 1977; Dear Mr. President:

As a member of the Commonwealth (of Puerto Rico) House of Representatives, I wish to make you aware of a matter of some importance to the United States, to Puerto Rico, and to the rest of the world as well.

I refer to the controversial sightings of UFO's around the world. As a presidential candidate you told the National Enquirer (June 8, 1976), "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this

RESUELVESE POR LA CAMARA DE REPRESENTANTES DE PUERTO RICO:

Seccion 1.- Se crea una Comision Especial de siete (7) representantes, cuatro (4) de ellos pertenecientes al partido de mayorta y tres (3) de ellos partenecientes al partido de minoria, para que investigue las
alegadas apariciones de "OVNIS", objetos voladores no identificados sobre Puerto Rico y todo lo relacionado con este asunto.

Seccion 2.- La Comision debera rendir a este cuerpo un informe contentivo de sus conclusiones y recomendaciones a la mayor brevedad posible.

1-26. Dear Mr. President-Elect:

My name is [deleted]. My father is [deleted], who was one of your best campaign workers in New Hampshire. He convinced me that you were the candidate to vote for.

I am an engineer with [deleted], a division of [deleted]. I'm also a volunteer field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc.(APRO). I have never seen a UFO myself. However, I have interviewed many people who I feel have seen one.

It is my understanding that you have seen one and believe that they exist. Also, you have indicated that you would make any government knowledge about them public information. NASA has already taken some steps toward doing this by releasing some photos. Some of these photos have been interpreted

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Is there anyone who seems more California than Steven Spielberg? Maybe not, but he's apparently had enough of it. He and his wife, actress Kate Capshaw, have told friends they intend to relocate from Los Angeles to New York City in a year or so. The Spielbergs think Manhattan's economic and racial melting pot will be a better environment for their three children, ages six, four and two.

John Grisham is so successful that he can sell the film rights of his novels for millions of dollars on the basis of an outline. Recently someone purloined a copy of The Rainmaker, Grisham's manuscript in progress, and that may be bad news for his next big payday. Copies were secretly faxed to agents and studios, and one player has already rejected the book as a movie property.

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piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists" because "I am convinced that UFO's exist, because I have seen one."

"One thing is for sure," the Enquirer quoted you as saying, "I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky!"

Inspired by your views on this interesting matter, four young members of our House of Representatives, Hon. Antonio Fas Alaamora, Hon. Roberto Rodriguez, Hon. Freddy Valentin, and myself, introduced a resolution -- H.R. 151 -- whose sole purpose is to create a House special committee to gather statements from citizens who may have evidence on the existence of this type of scientific phenomena.

Our resolution has stirred controversy from several sectors in our community, as well as serious response. The former, probably because the whole UFO affair has been derided by those who make fun of any reports on UFO sightings.

Although there are other important problems to which we devote our time in search for permanent solutions, we feel H.R. 151 covers important ground. An opinion from you on the matter could help to enlighten those among our citizens who have declined to treat the subject with the seriousness it deserves.

With my best wishes for success in your highly important commitment to America's future, I remain,

Very truly yours,
LMA/dpl

Enclosure [photo-copy of the resolution, in Spanish, as depicted below]:

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photos. Some of these photos have been interpreted by NASA to be of unidentifiable objects.

APRO is a scientific, objective organization which has been investigating this phenomena for some twenty-four years. It is APRO's premise that the UFO phenomenon is important enough to warrant an objective, scientific investigation. Enclosed is an introductory letter which explains APRO.

I realize that at present there are more important problems requiring immediate attention. However, I do hope that eventually you have the opportunity to look into this. I feel that the American public should be made aware of any knowledge which would substantiate the fact that they exist.

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

[The above letter forwards the following introductory handout sheet]:

"TO WHOMEVER THIS CONCERNS: [deleted] are Field Investigators for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). APRO was founded in 1952 and is the oldest objective organization involved in investigating sightings of unidentified flying objects, known as 'UFO's' or 'flying saucers.'

"Most sightings are misidentifications of aircraft and celestial phenomena. However, many sightings have been reported by sincere and reliable individuals and have been classified as unknown. These individuals have included engineers, scientists, airline and military pilots, military personnel, priests, police officers, factory workers, and U.S. astronauts. Unidentifiable objects were seen and photographed on the Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab space flights.

"It is the Premise of APRO that the UFO Phenomenon is important enough to warrant an objective, scientific investigation. It is hoped that continued investigation will provide more of an insight into this phenomenon.

"APRO is a civilian investigative organization. It is not a part of any government or military intelligence organization. All interviews will be kept confidential if the witness so wishes.

"[deleted] and myself would be interested in talking to you or anyone you know who has seen something which he or she feels may be an unidentifiable aerial object. This pertains to both current and past sightings. We may be contacted at the telephone listings below. Feel free to circulate this letter. However, we ask that you do not post this letter in a public place. We wish to only interview serious individuals."

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Presentada por los Representantes
Fas Alzamora, Mudoz Arjona y
Valentin Acevedo

Referida a la Comisio'n de Asuntos
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RESOLUCION

Para crear una Comisio'n Especial
que investigue las alegadas
apariciones de "OVNIS," objetos
voladores no identificados sobre
Puerto Rico y todo lo relacionado con
este asunto.

EXPOSICION DE MOTIVOS

Durante los pasados aBos ha salido
a la luz publica una serie de
informaciones sobre supuestas
apariciones de "OVNIS", objetos
voladores no identificados sobre
Puerto Rico. Si bien es cierto que se
iniciaron
algunas investigaciones privadas
sobre este hecho, no es menos cierto
que al pueblo de Puerto Rico nunca
se le ha dado conocimiento final y
concreto de si las alegadas
apariciones de los "OVNIS" son
meros rumores
o realidad.

El pueblo de Puerto Rico tiene
derecho a conocer a fondo sobre
este particular. Tiene por lo tanto, la
C`mara de Representantes de
Puerto Rico la^ obligacion de
hacerse eco del clamor de la
diudadanta y de
investigar todo lo relacionado sobre
los "OVNIS" sobre Puerto Rico que
tanta inquietud ha causado en
nuestra "Isla del Encanto".

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More from the Carter UFOrum

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: Short-story writer and poet Grace Paley once observed: "As a writer one of your jobs is to bring news of the world to the world." Of course, that insight applies to all WRITERS of UFOletters to public officials. We write, not so much out of a drive for self-expression as out of a drive to communicate, to share concerns and solutions with a world often too preoccupied with other things. Hence, you have this 12th installment (May 16, 2001) by which to observe the Paley charge in action.]

1-29. February 7, 1977; Dear President Carter:

I fully realize that you have a great many problems of very high priority to deal with in your first months in office. Knowing this, I hesitate to write at this time. However, 1977 is the thirtieth year of a question, perhaps a problem, that goes unresolved -- unidentified flying objects. I understand that you have had a personal UFO sighting and have expressed interest in the subject. I have had no personal observation but have been involved in the investigation of UFO events for several years.

I am an associate of the Center for UFO Studies, which is under the direction of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and former scientific consultant to the United States Air Force on UFO's. I have worked closely with Dr. Hynek in the study of Electrical interference and animal reaction has also been reported. Soil and plant samples have been sent to several laboratories; the results of this testing is on file. There is a wealth of "hard" data available for study.

For the past year I have been exchanging 1anding reports with Dr. Felix Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute in the Soviet Union. I have on file several close encounter reports from the Soviet Union, some involving pilots and scientists. Dr. Zigel has offered to test soil and plant life from landing sites that we have gathered in the United States and Canada. I have received many reports from countries around the world; the foreign activity seems to be quite intense.

I would briefly call your attention to the fact that a former astronaut and newly elected senator from New Mexico, Dr. Harrison Scmitt, has expressed his interest in UFO's. I would quote from a statement by Dr. Scmitt: "It's a viable part of the space program to find out if there's life on other worlds. If the government has any information on UFO's, it should be released to the public -- barring anything that might affect national security. We ought to be involved in a search to find out if there's any good evidence that UFO's really are spacecraft that are being piloted by extraterrestrial beings."

That is my reason for this letter. There are many excellent reports in the files of investigators around the world. I would certainly hope that the United States would

UFO reports for the past ten years. During this time I have personally investigated over 450 UFO events.

It is a common belief that UFO reports involve only observations of distant lights in the night sky. This is far from the truth. Many of the reports involve very close encounters by several witnesses. Several thousand of these observations were made of objects on the ground.

For the past seven years I have conducted specialized research into cases in which the UFO not only lands, but also leaves a landing site, or traces. I have on file 1,018 physical-trace landing cases from 53 countries. On January 20, 1975, I presented a paper to the 13th Aerospace Sciences Convention (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) in Pasadena, California. The paper deals with high-quality trace landing reports that I have personally investigated. In July, 1975, the Center published a catalog of such cases that I compiled. I would be most happy to send the paper and catalog if you should be interested in seeing some of the "hard" data available on UFO's. The physical traces involve burnt, depressed, or dehydrated areas of soil or plant life. Imprints are found which appear to have been left by a landing gear. In some cases, footprints have been found. Many witnesses have also reported automobile engine failure while the UFO is on the ground or near it.

take the lead in a real objective study of UFO's.

I thank you very much for your time and trouble and wish you great success for the next four years and hopefully for the next eight years. You have my continued support and best wishes.

1-30. CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES (924 Chicago Avenue - Evanston, Illinois 60202); April 14, 1977; Dear President Carter:

Enclosed you will find past issues of a new publication, The International UFO Reporter. Knowing of your interest in the subject, I am taking the liberty of sending these on to you. Copies of these issues have also been sent to Dr. Frank Press, Director Designate, Office of Science and Technology Policy. I recently spoke with Dr. Press and am eagerly awaiting his comments on this publication. I would greatly appreciate any comments you may have. JAH/ecp; encl: IUR.

[LWB Note: The Air Force's reaction to Dr. Hynek's letter, as entered on a correspondence control form (3 June 1977) was that "This UFO expert is asking for the President's comments regarding his (the expert's) monthly publication on UFO's. The AF can neither provide the President's persona1 views nor tell this expert anything he does not already know."]

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From: **Majorstar@aol.com**
Date sent: **Thu, 12 Oct 2000 12:25:04 EDT**
Subject: **Re: Ford Correspondence**
To: **gcameron@Ms.UManitoba.CA**

Happy to trade copy of letter for copies of pertenant info in the Ford Library. When I was there and asked for data, they acted like they had none. They gave me his address to write to him.

For the record I also wrote Reagan and Carter. Didn't get a reply. Tom Sheets a former Chief of Police who helped prevent a kidnapping of Carter's daugher also tried, but Carter never answered. He seems emabarrassed by UFOs.

Regards,

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Jimmy Carter's Naval UFO-intelligence

by Larry W. Bryant

[AUTHOR's Note: This posting of the 10th installment of Jimmy Carter's UFO correspondence (April 28, 2001) presages a paradigm-shifting press conference scheduled for the 9th of May, 2001, at the National Press Club Bldg. in Washington, D.C. -- subject: official evidence of UFO-E.T. reality, as disclosed by persons privy to that evidence.]

1-27. Dear Mr. President:

I am a 34-year-old NESEP (Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program) Lt. in the U.S. Navy serving in the restricted line, 1610, (Cryptologic Officer) and am writing only as a private citizen. I was formerly an EM 1 (SS) in the Nuclear Power program and have served as an Assistant Weapons Officer on an SSBN. I proudly hail from Valdosta, Ga.

For eight active years, plus six years of enthusiastic interest, I have followed the UFO phenomena as close as my duties have allowed. In that time, I have investigated a few minor cases; I have lectured in favor of more public awareness and understanding of the matter; I have listened to many different peoples' experiences with the phenomena and have actively corresponded with many of the

Such statements extending to the point of lifting debriefing restrictions on all Department of Defense personnel and other Government Officials who have any knowledge of any data or experiences involved with UFO's or similar anomalies. Further, that any one having such information be invited to bring it forward, and should doubt exist as to the information's possible National Security impact, that they forward that information
through their respective intelligence service, who would sanitize it for release to interested investigative bodies.

Such an official attitude would prevent ships' OOD's from saying "Let's not enter this mess in the deck log" and would help generate an acceptance of this phenomena such that much more than 10 percent of the experiences which occur would come forward for review and data base
formulation. Such declarations would hopefully bring reams of new reports, which would be a monumental task to sort through, but would be welcome information to aid in the solution of this problem.

In my past duties, and in particular in my present duties, I have become fully aware of this Government's capability of maintaining the classification of information of a National Security nature. In any
case I am aware that there may be valuable information concerning UFO's in official documents, logs, and messages that would probably not be released cursorily. Specifically, there are classified instructions within the

corresponded with many of the creditable personalities presently working on a solution to this mystery.

I am aware of the article which appeared in the June 8th, 1976, National Enquirer, and I understand that it was probably one of the many low-key interviews conducted during your campaign. The article indicated that you had experienced the UFO phenomena and that you would release any and all information on UFO's which our Government holds, should you be elected. However, the only information the Air Force has ever publicly admitted it had has been released, and no other Department has ever let itself become associated with the matter, at least in the public eye.

There are many who have for years believed, and some still do, that the Air Force's Project Blue Book was a cover-up for some other Air Force project, studies being conducted by the National Science Foundation, NASA, or some other Government-supported agency. There are others who are beginning to see that this was and is probably not the case. This is in itself somewhat disappointing in that not looking into this phenomena may be as foolhardy as attempting to explain all such experiences away as figments of the imagination.

I have heard of sightings which were experienced aboard Navy ships, on board Naval Stations, and by Navy personnel on their off duty time. I have heard of cases where Air Force Officers would speak quite freely of UFO's over cocktails but would at the same time state that to mention such officially would probably jeopordize or end their career. These things happen but the information seldom reaches the people studying UFO's.

In May of 1976, two young French scientists, in search of an explanation as to why some of the reported UFO's could accelerate through or apparently travel faster than sound without a sonic boom, conceived a workable theory allowing for this observed phenomena, a proof that the marriage of science and Departments of Defense and other Departments which require holding back such information which might be found in U.S. Navy ships' deck logs, CIC logs, and/or other records of all classifications.

Through their own efforts, The Center for UFO Studies, of Evanston, Illinois, has made some inroads for "work load permitting" cooperation from some Government agencies. An effort which could be and should be widely expanded through Government action, allowing quick breakthroughs to Department of Defense levels, who could be most helpful, considering their assets.

I propose, in addition to releasing information, that some Department or agency, closely allied to the intelligence services, assign at least one person, with some knowledge of the UFO phenomena, to screening information which may come through the various agencies and further be tasked with reviewing those channels of communications which may produce UFO-related information. In addition, this office could become the liaison between the Government and the public, saving some embarrassment, when, as I feel it must, the public brings this subject back to official door steps.

Over the nearly thirty years of UFO history, the phenomena has remained highly and emotionally argued in the scientific community. Only a few parallels in history can compare with the controversy thus far evoked by this enigma. To present, our self-indulged task has moved very slowly forward due to the pressure of ridicule, official disclaim, and unsubstantiated fear; and, thus, so our future looks without some form of understanding, cooperation, and encouragement. We of the UFO community but ask for that understanding, cooperation, and encouragement.

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UFO research can be viable and productive. With no support of such efforts in this country, we will find ourselves playing "catch-up" again in the future, as we did in the 60's with the space program.

I believe that our Government not only needs to make any and all UFO data available, but, further, that official statements should be brought forward declassifying all such data in all forms.

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