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Dear Mr.Bray:

Mr.William H.Metcalf, Managing Editor of The Ottawa Journal, has passed your letter about my "Tell Me Why" column on UFO's to me.

I appreciate your interest in writing and your desire to get accurate information on this subject printed. I share this interest and desire, and therefore resent your statement that I am "feeding trash to the public."

My column is written for young people, and therefore must obviously present information in simple terms. Since a prize of the New Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia is given for each question I answer, I tend to use this as a source of reference, as well as other sources when needed. In this case, I used Volume 6 of the New Book of Knowledge, the article on "Flying Saucers", starting on page 285.

You say: "The first report of a UFO was not received in 1947." I quote from the article: "The first report on flying saucers was received in 1947." You question the statement: "The largest number of reports were received in the late 1950's etc etc". I quote: "The largest number(of reports) were received in the late 1950's, after the first satellites were launched."

You say: "The U.S.Air Force did not prove that the UFOs were not space-ships from other worlds." I quote: The Air Force... investigated the reports and it proved that the UFO's were many things - but not spaceships from other worlds." You question the statement that saucers cannot be spaceships because there is not pattern." I quote: "If saucers were really spaceships, there would be a certain pattern in the reports. But there is no such pattern."

You question, or say: "It is incorrect to say 'there is no evidence that we are being watched, visited or invaded by intelligent beings from other worlds.'" I quote: "There is no evidence that we are being visited, watched, or invaded by intelligent beings from other worlds."

Since all my quotes are from the New Book of Knowledge, I suggest you get in touch with them and indicate your differences on this subject to them.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr.William Metcalfe