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Mr. Frank Edwards
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Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have been listening to your program on Mutual for a long time. I have always been particularly impressed with your fearless commentary on the news behind the news of our time. My sincere congratulations to you on the very fine job you are doing!

For many years, I have been more than commonly interested in reports of sightings of unidentified aerial objects or aeroforms. Having been a devotee of Charles Fort from way back, the current interest in "flying saucers" is only a chapter along the way...the history of these sightings goes back into antiquity. Your own frequent references to the subject are quite encouraging. Your latest referenfe to the "30-page booklet" available on the subject from "C.E.-225 Lafayette Street, NY-12" for 15¢ impelled me to send for it. At this writing I have heard nothing. However, I got to thinking about another book on the subject which crossed my desk just the other day and which I have read from cover to cover. But, first, a bit of background:

Sitting here at what I call the cross-roads of the business-industrial press, it is my job to be particularly interested in any development in science which may have a direct or an indirect impact on our vast industrial technology. As a part of my code of personal responsibility to my job, I believe it to be vitally important to keep my ears "to the ground" for anything and everything that might be a clue to a news-story...for any of our more than 35 magazines. That helps explain why I am a member of a rather unusual organization headquartered in San Diego: The Borderland Sciences Research Associates, headed by Meade Layne. At first blush, one might be tempted to say "A bunch of quacks?" My unreserved, unqualified answer is NO...a bunch of top-flight, intelligent scientists who are not afraid to explore the unknown. BSRA has long been interested in the phenomenon of aeroforms. They have issued reports, booklets and a continual stream of news bulletins about them which I think are excellent. It is about one of their most recent booklets that I wish to call to you attention for possible mention to the Mutual audience.

"THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS" has a brief introduction to its some 60-pages which I think should be reproduced in part: "...the whole of our modern civilization is confronted with certain disquieting and inexplicable happenings involving both a great danger and a great hope. There is nothing in our contemporary culture, in science or religion or philosophy, which enables us to think about these facts intelligently, or even accept them as objective and as of crucial importance." Speaking of "flying saucers", it goes on: "There is no need to detail the ignorance, the puerility, the pseudo-scientific flubdub, the cackling silliness of the press and radio, and the bigotry and incompetence of authorities. Out of 160 million people in the US, less than a million accept

the existence of the "saucers" and other aeroforms as factual and objective. Not a tenth of these are mentally prepared for the events which are probably impending!

I suppose that I have spent much of my spare time during the past ten years studying the aeroforms and related phenomena; only a handful of people throughout the world, in my humble judgment, have correct basic information on the subject; some hold positions of high authority in our civil government; in the armed services; in the world of science. This booklet: The Coming of the Guardians- is one which I think is highly important for an intelligent understanding of the aeroforms phenomena. I honestly believe it deserves your attention and, because of your courageous reporting, possible mention on one of your programs.

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Without going into detail regarding this booklet, I am taking the liberty of sending a carbon copy of this letter to Meade Layne by Air-Mail, suggesting that he send you a review copy of The Coming of the Guardians by return first-class, air-mail. I don't believe he would mind. In fact, I would guess that he might appreciate my having brought this matter to your attention.

When you have had a chance to go over the booklet, drop me a line- I'd like to see what your reaction to the booklet might be. Incidentally, you might get your "outlying scouts" to work on this "confidential" story which I got the other day via a Pan-American pilot: on the Puerto Rico-New York run, 3 PA planes were scattered, as follows: one was 2-hours out of PR, another 3 hours out of PR and a 3rd some 4 hours out of PR. Each, in turn reported 8 to 10 flying discs, in various formations. Plane 1 saw them on the radarscope, reported thus to other 2 planes; the formation did various maneuvers, turned edgewise (vertically), disappeared at tremendous high-speed at high altitude; minutes later (1-2), they were in vicinity of 2nd plane, where they were plotted on radar of 1st and 3rd planes; after a spell at plane 2, they disappeared toward plane 3 and arrived some seconds later where they maneuvered and were plotted on radar of planes 1 and 2. Then they disappeared. Pan American, according to my informant, reported the story to Government center, and was advised not to report it to the press. The story has been glued tight.

Our Aviation Week has been trying to get news out of Edwards Air Force base, Muroc California regarding the report of 5 aeroforms having landed there in April, and that they were investigated by high-level Government authorities, including Eisenhower on "vacatiob" at Palm Springs. Report has it that materialization and dematerialization of the craft instantaneously has everyone baffled and concerned. We have contact with 2nd man in command at Edwards AFB...but so far (4 weeks) nothing but utter silence to our wires. (KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL).

Well, this is all for now. Certainly enjoy your program. Keep it going. Best of luck and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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