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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

15 August 1965

Mr. Ralph Rankow
1145 Broadway
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Rankow:

Thank you for your letter of May 26 regarding your questions concerning unidentified flying objects.

I have not received a copy of the book, "The UFO Evidence," and so cannot give you any opinion on it.

If it were desirable to hold congressional hearings on the question of unidentified flying objects, I would certainly agree that they should be open to the public.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Robert F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Rankow,

Thank you for sending me a copy of "The UFO Evidence" published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

This book has a detailed collection of reports on ~~[redacted]~~ this visual phenomenon, the book ~~[redacted]~~ appears to be quite thorough.

Based on information available to me from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Air Force, I do not believe that [redacted]

hearings on this subject would serve no useful purpose at this time.

You may, however, wish to write to the Senator Clinton B. Anderson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, to inform him of your ~~desire~~ interest in hearings on this subject.

Sincerely

RFK

MICHIGAN OFFICE:
425 CHERRY STREET SE.
GRAND RAPIDS

Congress of the United States
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

September 2, 1966

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
1815 E. Nembarry Blvd., Apt. E
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter enclosing the interview with Major Donald E. Keyhoe, regarding UFO's.

As you know I have expressed a good deal of concern about this problem and about my opinion that the American people are entitled to all the facts on flying saucers.

It is for this reason that I urged, and continue to urge a Congressional investigation. As you probably know I wrote to the chairman of the two committees concerned and did all that I could to see that such a hearing was held.

However, as you also know, we Republicans are outnumbered in the Congress by more than 2-to-1 therefore I cannot be as effective as I would like to be because we simply don't have the numbers. Your support for Republican candidates at the polls would be appreciated because we are going to need backing if we are going to be successful in getting the UFO story told.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely.

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:jb

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December 1, 1965

Mr. James M. Reed, Jr.
77 Fayette Avenue
Kenmore, New York 14223

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for writing to me about your interest in UFO's.

I have received several letters from other members of your group and I am keeping myself abreast of information developed on this subject.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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February 23, 1965

Mr. Ralph Rankow
Photographic Illustrations
1145 Broadway
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Rankow:

Thank you for sending me your views on unidentified flying objects. I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to there unknown aspects of UFOs.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Information on UFOs

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Feb. 12, 1965

Senator Robert Kennedy
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

First, I would like to offer my belated congratulations to you for your election to the Senate. I am very pleased to have you represent me. I intentionally waited to write you since I didn't want the important topic of this letter to be lost in the shuffle of your getting settled in a new office.

For many years now, I have been aware of the phenomena called UFOs. You no doubt have some knowledge of the subject and of the stigma of ridicule which is subjected upon those who have reported seeing one. At first, I too was inclined to reject this "wild" idea. However, upon closer examination I discovered that hundreds of our most reliable and respected citizens have reported seeing these objects, and many more who haven't seen them believe them to be of extraterrestial origin. I eventually became aware of a private, non-profit organization called NICAP.(National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) This group has been investigating these sightings, gathering the facts with documented evidence, and through their bi-monthly publication, making them known to the public.

After a seven year study all the evidence thus gathered has been published in a facinating report (184 pages) and then distributed to all members of Congress and the Senate. I don't know if you have seen a copy. If you haven't, I would like to have one sent to you. It would be well worth your time to read it. If by chance you have read it, I would like to know your reaction to it.

I am well aware of the Air Force policy debunking and explaining away sightings. This secrecy policy is a grave mistake. The facts must be made Known, and to this end I urge open Congrestional hearings. My feelings are well stated by Dr. Charles P. Olivier (President of the American Meteor Society). "In serving as a NICAP Board Member, my only purpose is to help in forcing further scientific investigation. UFOs have not been fully studied scientifically due to suppression of pertinent data and subjecting reports of trained and reputable people to ridicule. It is possible UFOs might eventually have serious effects upon our planet and its inhabitants, either for good or ill. I have no personal theory to advance or refute. In view of the importance of the subject, no matter what the outcome, I would be glad to see a very full inquiry

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and the old secrecy fully removed. What I want is the whole truth brought out. I do not know what it is."

I am enclosing a list of published statements on UFOs so that you can see what some well known people have to say about them. The list, of course, is only partial, but very revealing when compared to the Air Force's statements on the subject.

I would be grateful for a reply, and your statement of how you feel on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph Rankow

Ralph Rankow

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
A Non-Profit Organization

1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D.C.

Published Statements On Unidentified Flying Objects

Sen. Barry Goldwater, a jet-flying AF Reserve Colonel: "Flying saucers -- unidentified flying objects -- or whatever you call them, are real."

William Lear, winner of Collier Aviation Trophy, President Lear, Inc. (Aircraft and electronics equipment) who has sighted a UFO: "I believe the flying saucers come from outer space, piloted by beings of superior intelligence."

Rear Adm. D.S. Fahrney, Ret., former Navy missile chief: "Reliable reports indicate there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. The way they change position would indicate their motion is directed."

Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy, who with many others sighted a UFO at Rome: "I did see an object; I don't know what it was."

Capt. W.B.Nash, Pan American Airways, who with his co-pilot saw eight huge discs maneuver below their airliner: "I believe they were controlled machines from outer space."

Maj. L.F. Baker, USAF, who with other AF witnesses saw six UFO's: "They were circular, shiny like spun aluminum. They changed course instantaneously."

Capt. Jas. Howard, British trans-Atlantic pilot, who with crew and 12 passengers saw a huge UFO and six small ones: "It must have been a space ship."

Hermann Oberth, noted rocket and space-travel authority: "I believe the flying saucers come from other worlds."

Capt. Robert Adickes, TWA pilot, who with crew and seven passengers saw a glowing UFO pace their airliner: "Before then, I wasn't convinced. Now I know they (flying saucers) do exist."

Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, chief of the armed services search for natural satellites, who has sighted UFO's: "These things, which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed. . .Other stars in our galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these worlds may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars."

Flight Lt. J.R.Salandin, RAF, whose jet almost collided with a disc-shaped, turreted object: "It looked metallic. It was travelling at tremendous speed."

Dr. J.C.Bartlett, Jr., noted Baltimore astronomer who has sighted both disc-shaped and rocket-shaped UFO's: "It is not impossible they come from another planet."

Cdr. R.W.Percy, USNR,Ret., electronics engineer for the FCC: "I personally believe UFO's are spaceships from other, more advanced planets."

Dr. Carl G. Jung, famed psychologist, in writing NICAP Director Donald E. Keyhoe: "I am a NICAP subscriber. I am grateful for all the courageous things you have done in elucidating the thorny problem of UFO reality. I do not possess sufficient evidence which would enable me to draw definite

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conclusions. The evidence available, however, is convincing enough to arouse a continuous and fervent interest. If it is true the AAF (American Air Force) withholds telltaling facts then one can only say this is the most unpsychological and stupid policy one could invent... The public ought to be told the truth."

Col. Frank Milani, Director, Baltimore Civil Defense, who has sighted UFO's: "It is a calculated risk to assume the so-called saucers do not constitute a threat to the welfare and security of our citizens. We are given to believe they are not hostile but information on UFO's is classified.

Capt. Richard Case, American Airlines, who with other pilots and thousands of citizens saw a large UFO over Indianapolis: "It was a controlled craft going three times faster than we were."

Albert M. Chop, former AF official handling UFO information:"One thing is absolutely certain. We're being watched by beings from outer space."

Rep. William H. Ayres, Ohio: "Congressional investigations are being held on the problem of UFO's. Most of the material is classified; hearings are never printed."

Statement by NICAP Board Members Vice Adm. R.H.Hillenkoetter, Ret., former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Maj. Dewey Fournet, USAF Reserve, former Pentagon monitor of the UFO project; Rev. Albert Baller, Greenfield, Mass.; Frank Edwards, noted newscaster; Dr. Marcus Bach, Univ. of Iowa; Rear Adm. H.B. Knowles, ret,; Col. R.B.Emerson, US Army Reserve; and Prof. Charles A. Maney, Defiance University: "From evidence in NICAP's possession, it is clear the Air Force is still withholding information, including sighting reports, on UFO's."

Published Statements On The Question Of Other Worlds

Dr. Harlow Shapley, former Director, Harvard Observatory: "We must now accept it as inevitable -- there are other worlds with thinking beings."

Dr. Harold C. Urey, member, Mars Committee, former commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission: "It is exceedingly probable there is other life in the universe more intelligent than ours."

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena collects, evaluates and presents reliable UFO evidence to Congress, and to NICAP members in all 50 states and most non-Communist countries. Membership, at $5, includes the bi-monthly UFO INVESTIGATOR and special bulletins with latest sightings and important developments. Address: NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D.C.

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23 March 1965

P.F.C. Gary E. Stemm
RA 12 673 349
USACDCTA
Fort Eustis, Virginia

Dear Mr. Stemm:

Enclosed is a copy of the reply which I received from the Department of the Air Force in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

You will note the Department of the Air Force makes available to all interested parties, as well as to news representatives and scientific researchers, results of various investigations regarding UFOs.

I hope that this information answers any questions you may have on this matter. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MAR 16 1965

Dear Senator Kennedy:

This is in response to your inquiry in behalf of Private First Class Gary E. Stemm concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO).

The investigation of UFOs reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force. The name of this unclassified project is Blue Book. A vital part of the program is the release of information to the public.

There is no truth to the allegation that the Air Force withholds or censors any information on UFOs. The results of all Air Force investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public.

In 16 years of investigating over 9,000 reports of UFOs, the evidence has proved beyond reasonable doubt that all reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States. The evaluations and conclusions reached by the Air Force will be released to the public.

The former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Carl Vinson, as recent as September of 1964, indicated his

satisfaction with the conduct of the UFO program by the Air Force and stated that there is no need for Congressional hearings on this subject.

Your interest in Air Force matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,

F. H. Fahringer

FREDERICK H. FAHRINGER
Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

Attachment

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

United States Senate

(B) Defense Dept. - Air Force

January 25, 1965

Hon. Robert F. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

JAN 28 1965

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Although I am currently serving in the U.S. Army, I am a resident of Freeport, New York and a former schoolteacher at Glen Cove, L.I. High School.

I would like to respectfully urge that you support the complete investigation of the classified Air Force documents concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. There is an increasing need for this information to be brought to the attention of the Congress and, if its disclosure would not jeopardize the national security, that this information be released to the general public.

Respectfully yours,

Pfc GARY E. STEMM
USACDCTA
Ft Eustis, Virginia

February 25, 1965

P.F.C. Gary E. Stemm
RA 12 673 349
USACDCTA
Fort Eustis, Virginia

Dear Mr. Stemm:

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 1965, asking for an investigation into classified Air Force documents concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

I am looking into the matter and as soon as I have an answer, I will be back in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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July 14, 1965

Mr. John Laval
7 Idlewild Lane
Matawan, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Laval:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enought is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science rprovides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

MAH

7 Idlewild Lane
Matawan, New Jersey
15 January 1965

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy;

As a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), I would be very interested in learning your opinion of NICAP's "The UFO Evidence" Report, of which you were supplied a copy.

In light of the documented evidence presented in this Report, proving UFO reality and United States Air Force secrecy and censorship on same, do you believe that a Congressional investigation or inquiry into the manifold problems of Unidentified Flying Objects to be in order?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Laval

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15 April 1965

Mr. Ralph Rankow
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1145 Broadway
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Rankow:

Thank you for sending me your additional views on UFO's.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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March 12, 1965

Senator Robert Kennedy
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your reply to my letter regarding UFOs. You stated that, "from the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extra-terrestrial origin." With your permission, this should read "from the evidence avaiable to date,--to my knowledge". When you speak of evidence, you can't ignore the 7 year study published in book form called, "The UFO Evidence".

Regarding this book, Senator Harrison Williams Jr. of N.J. said, "The UFO Evidence Report is indeed an impressive document and should be given the most careful consideration." The Chicago Daily News service said, "The report is a rather remarkable document." And, Senator Paul H. Douglas of Ill. said, "I am encouraged to see the concentrated efforts of NICAP to have all of the facts about UFOs brought out to the public. I will certainly offer my contribution of time and effort to get to the bottom of these reports."

I will not waste this space to mention any more of the many, many endorsements of this extremely well documented book. Suffice to say that it is so highly regarded and deemed so important by reputable people as to be worthy of your attention. The evidence available to date is in this book---and documented. As an attorney, it is the documented evidence which should interest you. The vast majority of UFO discussions heard over the air are participated in by the so-called "lunatic fringe". These people who claim (without proof) of taking rides in space ships, or visiting other planets. NICAP is a scientifically oriented organization and completely refutes the wild claims of these people.

Your statement that "Scientists agree that not enough is known-------- to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena", is not quite accurate. Many scientists who have acquainted themselves with the facts presented in "The UFO Evidence" have stated their beliefs in the extraterrestrial theory, and all scientists agree that the facts should be made public and not suppressed by the Air Force.

Many people, particularly pilots, have stopped reporting these sightings, for fear of the public ridicule which the Air Force has subjected these individuals to in the past. Certainly

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this is a very unscientific attitude, and not a policy designed to find out the most about these objects. In an open society such as we have, unnecessary censorship of facts is repugnant, and alien to our way of life.

I urge you to use your office to help gain open Hearings on this subject. It is only through such open hearings that the censorship lid will be removed. In the meantime, I would request that you acquaint yourself with the facts in "The UFO Evidence." A copy was sent to each Congressman and Senator. If you do not have your copy, please let me know. I will see that one is delivered to you.

I would appreciate you reply regarding "The UFO Evidence" and Open Congressional Hearings.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph Rankow

Science & Space UFO's

July 14, 1965

Mr. John Prytz
21 McCouns Lane
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

MAH

Dear Mr. Prytz:

Thank you for your letter asking for my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

21 McCouns Lane
Oyster Bay, New York 11771
January 5, 1965

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

JAN 8 1965

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in asking your endorsement and support of public Congressional hearings concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, UFO'S, more commonly known as Flying Saucers. It is my hope that you will join with myself and many others working in the field in ending the policy of confusion and deception that the United States Air Force has followed over the past 18 years. Join with for example Cong. John W. McCormack when he said, "I feel the Air Force has not been giving out all the information it has on the Unidentified Flying Objects. You can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources." Or Senator Thomas J. Dodd who said, "UFO's have never been accurately explained. We don't have all the facts and certainly the Senate committee should have all the facts." Please support these and many other similar statements made by your own fellow workers. Thank you.

Yours truly,

John Prytz

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July 14, 1965

Mr. John T. Turkon
217 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Tonawanda, New York

Dear Mr. Turkon:

MAH

Thank you for your letter expressing your views on Unidentified Flying Objects.

I have noted from time to time oublic discussions about UFO's and the bases for such pheno - mena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterristrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provided us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Armed Services

John D. Durkon
2174 Nia. Falls Blvd.
Tonawanda, New York
March 26, 1965

Gentlemen,

I am writing to you in protest of the U.S. Air Force wall of secrecy on Unidentified flying objects in our skies which have been sighted by thousands of responsible citizens.

I firmly believe that as a free and democratic nation we the people should have a firm right to know what the facts are on flying saucers. It is a fact that alien crafts are entering our atmosphere at maneuvability and high speeds uncomparable to anything from this earth. I also believe that our constitutional rights are being very seriously violated by this secrecy.

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The public has to find out the details as to what is going on in our skies and the time to tell them is right now before it is too late.

Eventually the barrier of U.S. Air Force Cencorship of U.F.O. sightings will crumble and fall and the truth will be made known. No matter which way you look at it the public will find out eventually.

From the time our country was born up to the present our governments never failed to hold off any information to the people which might affect thier lives in the future. So lets not start now!

Sincerely yours,

John D. Durkon.

P.S. SECURITY RISKS OR TOP SECRET IS NOT A LOGICLE ANSWER TO THIS LETTER.

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July 15, 1965

Mrs. Esther Verriale
406 Seneca Park Avenue
Rochester, New York 14617

Dear Mrs. Verriale:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or iunidentified flying objects.

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Ihave noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

Please feel free to write to me on other issues as the time passes. With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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July 15, 1965

Mr. Robert E. Barrow
4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects. I regret that my reply is not as prompt as I would prefer it to be.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Syracuse, New York 13215

June 14, 1965

Miss Mary-Anne Hehir, staff asst.
UNITED STATES SENATE

Dear Miss Hehir,

Thank you for your letter of June 9.

I wrote Senator Kennedy a serious letter about unidentified flying objects and Air Force censorship of UFO reports.

I am planning to write Senator Kennedy quite frequently on the subject, as there are more unusual events occurring every month.

I am a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which is the best known civilian investigative organization.

We recently submitted a 186 page, 200,000 word; illustrated report to Congress. It is full of documented evidence of unwarranted AF suppresion of UFO reports (The latest occurence appears to be intimidation of witnesses to UFO sightings).

If you wish, you may obtain this report for Senator Kennedy by writing NICAP at: 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. This repprt is entitled the "UFO EVIDENCE" and I know it will interest him.

I hope you can locate my letter. When you do, please pass it on to Senator Kennedy, Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Barrow
member, NICAP

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Robert E. Barrow
4167 Cleveland Rd.
Syracuse, New York 13215

April 19, 1965

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

This letter is a serious one, based on documented fact. I realize that the subject which I am writing about is one that has long had controversy and also complete ridicule surrounding it. But because of the facts which have been realized by many in only the last few years, this subject is developing a degree of respect.

The subject to which I am referring is unidentified flying objects ---UFO'S---or better known as "flying saucers."

I am trying to represent, in the best way I can, a serious investigating organization which has its main offices in Washington, D.C. It is the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) which has been operating since 1956, with around 5000 members in all fifty states and thirty foreign countries. NICAP has recently completed a six year study of UFO'S and has published its results in a 186 page, 200,000 word, illustrated document entitled "THE UFO EVIDENCE REPORT." This document contains proof that our own Air Force has been keeping important UFO sightings from the American people. NICAP has been promised support by many Congressmen and Senators. If you have not obtained a copy of this document, you may write to NICAP at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or stop at our office, which is open to the public.

In order to give you more information about NICAP, I will list a few main points:

1. NICAP is a serious research organization dealing in facts Our Board of Governors and consultants include veteran military men and technical experts on aviation, space, astronomy, Intelligence analysis, eic.
2. We have many hundreds of verified UFO reports from military and airline pilots, airport tower operators, radar experts, other competant, reliable observers, including over 275 AF reports released to our director, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, before he became our director. Believe it or not, this documented evidence proves sufficiently that UFO maneuvers, formations, and speeds surpass any machines made on Earth.
3. NICAP has documented proof of UFO censorship, including the cover-up of fatal Air Force UFO chases and near-collisions with airliners in which passengers were injured .
4. All of these documented facts are now available in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," also the NICAP Board conclusion that the facts have been kept from Congress and the public. Dangers from the secrecy are growing, INCLUDING TH RISK OF ACCIDENTAL WAR FROM MISTAKING UFO'S FOR A SECRET SOVIET ATTACK.
5. The NICAP report has brought increased Congressional

support for UFO secrecy hearings.

Air Force has recently reached a point where it is threatening U.S.A. citizens, who have made reports, to keep quiet.

If you get a chance, I suggest that you read Air Force Regulation 200-2. This is a fairly innocent document but the words "between the lines" so to speak, are the ones which point the way to the facts.

Obviously I cannot include in this letter the incidents which have enraged myself and other NICAP members. You will find a few of these incidents in the January, 1965 edition of TRUE magazine. Our Director, Major Keyhoe (USMC, ret.) has written an excellent article which is not intended to fool anyone.

Of course, this is a subject which was formerly associated with crackpots. I agree that there are the few in this field who are capitalizing on this subject---and many of them are leaving NICAP open for ridicule by using it as a springboard, unfortunatly. I would not be involved with this organization or field if I wasn't absolutely positive that something is going on under the noses of every person in the U.S.A.

If you wish, you may ask the Air Force questions about this subject. NICAP members can disprove any fallacy that they might give you. I can show you a case where the Air Force gave false information to one inquiring Senator---Mr. Harry F. Byrd, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. This occurred in April, 1961. Recent UFO sightings have put the AF on the spot and they have contradicted them selves again and again. Please notify of the answers to your questions if you talk to an AF spokesman.

I would appreciate knowing your opinion on this subject and also if you will give NICAP your support in striving for public hearings on this subject.

I will be happy to show you our "UFO EVIDENCE REPORT" if you haven't sent for one and also other material on UFO Censorship, Air Force contradictions, silencing of reputable witnesses etc. at any time that you are in the Syracuse area. I am sure that this letter has heightened your interest somewhat.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you as to your opinion and possibility of support.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Barrow

Robert E. Barrow
Associate member, NICAP

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UFO's

August 11, 1965

Mr. Terry M. Wilmot
1808 West Fourth Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Wilmot:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science can provide us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

In addition, NASA has sponsored a number of studies dealing with the possibilities of extraterrestrial life including the sociological impact of such life on our society.

Thank you for letting me know of your concern about this phenomena.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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1808 West Fourth Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
7th August 1965

The Honorable Robert Kennedy
The United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 36, D. C.). Aside from other duties and responsibilities, this organization has published a report--THE UFO EVIDENCE--which I am told has been provided to members of Congress. Because I am deeply disturbed by the material contained therein, particularly with the sections dealing with unnecessary United States Air Force secrecy and censorship, I am writing to you for information and to request that you push for Congressional hearings on the subject. In the following pages I shall try to reveal some of the more important reasons why Congressional attention must be brought to bear on the facts as well as why this veil of secrecy imposed by the United States Air Force must be remedied immediately.

In World War 11, by official records, UFOs paced, circled and outmaneuvered our fastest aircraft--and the enemy's. Observers included hundreds of pilots, bomber crewmen, air-base and carrier personnel, radar-operators, and other members of our armed forces. Signed, verified reports in NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) files show UFO speeds of 3,000 m.p.h. or more. Nothing used by the warring nations even remotely approached such fantastic speeds and maneuvers. It stands to reason that if any of the warring nations had had such tremendously advanced devices in 1942-45, whoever possessed them could have ended the war summarily--and controlled the world! If the United States or the U.S.S.R. had had such revolutionary craft after World War 11, the possessor long ago would have been operating in space--not with tiny "capsules" but with huge UFO-type spacecraft. Neither we nor the Russians would have kept on spending

billions on outmoded aircraft and rockets. The very idea is ridiculous. Furthermore, no such gigantic development could have possibly been kept secret all these years.

In 1948, at White Sands Proving Ground, Navy scientists and technicians saw and tracked a UFO at 18,000 m.p.h. In 1952, Air Force pilots, navigators and crewmen aboard a B-29 bomber saw and tracked formations of UFOs flying at 5,240 m.p.h., and also tracked a gigantic craft--apparently a carrier ship--at over 9,000 m.p.h. (Official Air Force Intelligence report.)

Today, these same UFO operations continue, in our atmosphere, at such terrific speeds that any conventional aircraft or rocket would burn up from air friction. Massive verified evidence proves that some revolutionary force is involved in UFO propulsion and control--something we have not to date been able to duplicate. Occasionally, an Echo satellite, a rocket launching or a re-entry has caused mistaken UFO reports. So, occasionally, have balloons or meteors. This does not, however, alter the basic facts. NO earthmade device can possibly explain the UFOs' speeds in our atmosphere. This was true in World War 11--and it is still true today. Where does this leave us then?

There are basically two explanations for the consistent, world-wide reporting of UFOs every year:

1. Widespread and presently unaccountable delusion on a scale so vast that it should be, in itself, a matter of urgent scientific study;
2. People ARE seeing maneuvering, apparently controlled objects in the atmosphere.

Of the two hypotheses, the second appears to be more reasonable and it is solidly grounded in empirical observations. It is also borne out, in enough cases to warrant far more scientific investigation, by instruments. However, the basic problem is to determine as conclusively as possible which hypothesis is correct. For obvious reasons, verification of the second hypothesis could be one of the most important discoveries of all time!

Given the evidence contained in the NICAP report, THE UFO

EVIDENCE, it is certainly a reasonable assumption that the unexplained UFOs are:

1. Real, physical objects rather than the result or imagination, hallucination, illusion or delusion;
2. Artificial, rather than purely natural, such as meteorological and astronomical phenomena;
3. Under the control (piloted or remote) of living beings.

To date, serious scientific attention to UFOs has been severely limited by several factors, including:

1. The Air Force practice of implying, through its public relations program, that all available information has been disseminated and there is no need for further investigations;
2. The Air Force practice of artificially reducing the significance of the data through the use of counter-to-fact explanations of sightings and issuance of misleading statistics;
3. The lack of governmental recognition, through the Congress and the Executive Branch, that a scientific problem exists which ought to be probed.

The basic problem and the key to the solution (at least as I see it) is to bring to the attention of responsible people something which, if true, could be of very great significance to the whole human race.

The basic <u>danger</u> associated with UFOs is a danger to the very fabric of society if UFOs are in fact real unexplained objects maneuvering in our atmosphere. There is a danger of a reverse delusion --fooling ourselves into believing nothing of any significance is being seen. There is a danger of an unprepared public, and the possibility of widespread panic <u>if</u> an external danger or threat to our way of life is suddenly imposed upon us without some prior knowledge of what has been learned about UFOs. Without psychological preparedness, a sudden confrontation with extraterrestrial beings (for example) could have disastrous results. If there is deliberate secrecy being practiced by authorities (rather than a semi-conscious failure to face up to facts), this would appear to be inexcusable!

Secrecy breeds fear and paves the way for panic, by introducing false fears and causing people to substitute imagination for reality. The danger of continuing such a policy was pointed out by NICAP Advisor Morton Gerla, a professional engineer, when he said: "This short-sighted policy results in delaying the solution of the UFO mystery, leaving both the military and civilian populations unprepared for whatever steps may eventually have to be taken, whether peaceful or hostile. In the event of action being forced upon our government or people by UFO initiative, public confidence in a government following a policy of secrecy prior to being forced into action would be shattered, perhaps with catastrophic results to morale."

Why are UFOs important? Because if they are real (not explainable as a variety of conventional objects or natural phenomena), it is generally conceded by experts that they are most likely space ships. Their presence in our skies would naturally be a matter of utmost concern to all nations of the world.

I personally feel, as does the NICAP Board of Governors, that the following steps should be taken to rectify a very unsatisfactory situation:

1. The evidence in Air Force files (after deletion of legitimate security information such as data concerning the capabilities of radar) should be made freely available to any interested citizens.

2. There should be a Congressional inquiry into the Air Force's Project Blue Book to establish,

   a) the amount and kind of UFO information in the files, and whether all significant non-security data has been made public;

   b) the scientific adequacy of the investigation (whether there has been a consistently objective, scientific study of the evidence, or whether it has been erratic and influenced negatively by high-level policy decisions, lack of funds, or other factors).

I have here presented but a few of the reasons why I am concerned about this problem. Included in the 184 pages of the NICAP report are

enough verified facts to shatter the doubts of the most dubious skeptic and I ask that you please take notice. What I ask of you, Sir, is recognition of the problem, a sincere effort on your part to see that Congressional hearings are held and that a long overdue scientific investigation is carried out, once and for all. I am taking time to write you because of the tremendous amount of respect I have for you and your late brother and because I know you pay attention to the voices of little people who are without a platform from which to speak.

I will anxiously await your remakrs and decision.

Very truly yours,

Terry M. Wilmot

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15 August 1965

Mr. Ralph Rankow
1145 Broadway
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Rankow:

Thank you for your letter of May 26 regarding your questions concerning unidentified flying objects.

I have not received a copy of the book, "The UFO Evidence," and so cannot give you any opinion on it.

If it were desirable to hold congressional hearings on the question of unidentified flying objects, I would certainly agree that they should be open to the public.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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May 26, 1965

Senator Robert Kennedy
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I have been trying for two letters now, to get your answer to two simple questions. For some reason you seem to be pointedly ignoring them.

Would you be good enough to tell me if you have read, "The UFO Evidence" which was sent to you? If so, what was your opinion of it.

Also, as my Senate representative, would you support open hearings on the UFO question?

These are simple enough questions, and I feel that I am not out of order in expecting an answer to them.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Rankow

Ralph Rankow

SUBJECT FILE

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30 August 1965

Mr. Ralph Rankow
1145 Broadway
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Rankow:

Thank you for sending me a copy of "The UFO Evidence" published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

As a detailed collection of reports on this visual phenomena, the book appears to be quite thorough.

Based on information available to me from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Air Force, I do not believe that Congressional hearings on this subject would serve a useful purpose at this time.

You may, however, wish to write to Senator Clinton B. Anderson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, to inform him of your interest in hearings on this subject.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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September 1, 1965 UFO's

Mr. Charles J. Quagliana
141 Davison Road
Lockport, New York

Dear Mr. Quagliana:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 17 in which you express your dissatisfaction with the manner in which Department of Defense officials deal with reports of "unidentified flying objects".

I have brought your complaint to the attention of the appropriate officials at the Defense Department, and I will be in touch with you again as soon as I receive a complete report.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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September 9, 1965

Mr. Robert Hornbeck, Jr.
George Fuhrmann, Jr.
20 Fuller Lane
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Robert and George:

Thanks for your letter of August 28 in which you ask for certain information regarding some unidentified flying objects.

Enclosed you will find the response I received from the Department of the Air Force. I hope that you find the material helpful.

Next time you sight any of these objects, you probably will want to write directly to the Air Force, as they are the official branch of the service that deals with this phenomenon.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

JH

90 Fuller Lane
Hyde Park, New York
August 3rd, 1965

Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

My friend and I have recently spotted three U.F.O's. We would like to know if you have any information on them. If so could you please send us some information on them. Thank-you.

Sincerely,
Robert Hambeck Jr.
George Fuhrmann Jr.

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September 23, 1965

Mr. Robert Barrow
4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for offering to obtain a copy of the "UFO Evidence Report" for me.

I have, however, seen this publication and do not need an additional copy.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Robert Barrow
4167 Cleveland Rd.
Syracuse, New York 13215

August 26, 1965

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,
I am very much interested in obtaining a "UFO EVIDENCE REPORT" for you (published and submitted to Congress by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena in late 1964). I know that the report will help to show you the importance of the unidentified flying object phenomena and the dangers of unwarranted Air Force censorship.

However, in order to obtain a report for you, it is necessary that I have a letter from you requesting one. The report contains 186 pages, over 200,000 words, and is illustrated.

I would appreciate hearing from you on your desire to obtain this documented report. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Barrow
Member,
National Investigations
Committee on Aerial
Phenomena (NICAP)

Dear Mr. Barrow,

Thank you so much for
sending a copy of the UFO
Evidence file to me.

I have known, like
all this publication,
but do not have the additional
copy. This

I appreciate your
sending it to me.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 1965

Mr. Robert E. Barrow
4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York 13215

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter concerning the censorship of unidentified flying object information by the Air Force.

I have looked into this matter in detail and I do not believe that the Air Force is censoring any information of interest to the public on so-called "Unidentified Flying Objects."

However, I will look forward to reading any other information you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Robert E. Barrow
4167 Cleveland Rd.
Syracuse, New York 13215

July 19, 1965

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,
I have received your July 15 letter concerning the unidentified flying object phenomena, for which I thank you.

You stated that,from the evidence available to date, you do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

The truth is, that there is not enough evidence made public by the U.S. Air Force. The Air Force is censoring all important UFO information. I know that is an old story, but the organization of which I am a member, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), has collected a great deal of evidence proving Air Force censorship. Late in 1964, NICAP compiled a 186-page, 200,000 word, illustrated report, which was submitted to Congress("UFO EVIDENCE"). I am happy to report that the document, which contains many authenticated sightings, has brought response from many Congressmen and Senators. The overall response is one of surprise, and most of the Congressmen have promised their support in UFO hearings.

Allow me to site a very recent example of Air Force cover-ups. Vice President Humphrey wrote to the Air Force on behalf of a U.S. citizen, and requested to know how many UFO sightings remain unidentified in AF files. He promptly received a letter with the answer. He (Mr. Humphrey) immediately passed the letter on to the citizen, qutie unaware that the answer was untrue! The letter Mr. Humphrey received from the AF Congressional Inquiry Division was that all sightings had been identified. But, at this very same time, the Air Force had released its annual Project Bluebook report, which stated that 663 sightings are still unidentified! To mislead the Vice President seems unwise.

I have a copy of an Air Force document which has recently been classified. This document, Air Force Regulation 200-2, is the official order for reporting UFO sightings. Why is this document classified? Because NICAP, in a recent issue of its "UFO Investigator" sited the contradictions between AFR 200-2 and official Air Force censorship denials! I have checked my copy of AFR 200-2 and have found that it does indeed contain these con-

tradictions.

NICAP has over 5000 members in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries. It has operated since 1956, carrying on an honest investigations into the UFO phenomena---and Air Force censorship.

NICAP's clear record has gained the trust of military men and scientists all over the world. UFO reports are investigated by trained persons with open minds. NICAP discards almost half of the reports it receives, due to flaws which make the report sketchy in information, or because the reports are obviously

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October 26, 1965

Mr. Charles J. Quagliana
141 Davison Road
Lockport, New York 14094

Dear Mr. Quagliana:

Thank you for letting me know of your concern about sightings of "unidentified flying objects".

I have enclosed a copy of a report on this matter that I received from the Department of the Air Force.

I might add that I have investigated this matter in the past and concluded that the Air Force is not surpressing information on this subject. I also, on the basis of information available to date, do not believe that so-called "unidentified flying objects" are from other planets or solar systems.

I hope you will write again on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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141 Davison Road
Lockport, New York 14094
August 17, 1965

Senator Robert Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the southwestern United States in the past weeks bring to mind a topic that has been on my mind for the last two or three years: namely, the cencorship and hush-hush attitude of the Department of Defense and the United States Air Force in regard to their method of explaining away all sightings by claiming "illusions" and that "they were looking at stars" and other shoddy and meaningless explanations. Also, the Air Force might explain why pilots chasing these "nonexistant" UFO's have more often than not never reported in or returned to their bases with something besides "crashed in wild country and body not recovered."

In short sir, myself and thousands of other citizens not only in the State of New York, but throughout the country would convey the spirit of this letter to the Department of Sefense: that the public is tired of the obtuse "official" explanations of UFO's and would like the truth. Please do as much as you can for us, sir. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Magliana

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

SECRETARY

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Dear Senator Kennedy:

In your recent referral to the Department of Defense you requested a report in behalf of Mr. Charles J. Quagliana relative to unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

The Air Force does not withhold or censor any information on UFO's. The investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

In 18 years of investigating over 9,000 reports of UFO's, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

The Air Force has lost one aircraft and pilot in connection with a UFO incident. Captain Mantell was asked to identify a UFO while on an aircraft ferrying mission in 1952 over Godman Field in Kentucky. Because his aircraft was not outfitted with the necessary oxygen equipment for a high altitude flight, Captain Mantell died of oxygen starvation while attempting to identify the object, and his aircraft consequently crashed. A copy of the Air Force evaluation of this case is also attached for your further information.

Another incident which is often mistakenly identified as a UFO case involved an F-89 aircraft which was scrambled to intercept an unidentified aircraft which was successfully accomplished and identified as a Dakota (Canadian C-47). It is presumed by the Air Force that the pilot suffered vertigo while returning to his base and crashed into Lake Michigan. This case is carried in Air Force aircraft accident records (see attached resume).

We are pleased to be of service in providing you this report.

Sincerely,

L. CONQUEST
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Congressional Inquiry
Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

4 Attachments

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

United States Senate

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October 26, 1965

Mr. Don Berliner, NICAP Staff Assistant
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Berliner:

Thank you for your letter concerning the sighting of several unidentified flying objects.

I appreciate having an opportunity to see this information.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

October 19, 1965

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Senator Kennedy:

The enclosed summary of the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in your State is forwarded to you as part of our program to disseminate useful information on this subject.

We hope this information will be helpful to you, and will be glad to make our complete file on this case available to you or a member of your staff. Your comments will be appreciated.

Several hundred NICAP personnel, in investigative units throughout the country, interview witnesses first-hand and investigate all aspects of a UFO sighting. Qualified specialists in photography, aviation, physics, astronomy and other technical fields assist us with analyses and evaluations.

It is our position that the accumulated evidence overwhelmingly establishes the reality of UFO's. In order to facilitate a scientific investigation of this evidence, NICAP has a four-phase program: Investigation of reports; establishment of conventional explanations where possible and analysis of the evidence where conventional explanations fail; dissemination of information to Congress and to the general public; and continuing evaluation of the accumulated solid evidence.

When a UFO sighting has a conventional explanation, our investigators determine this. If any widely-publicized report in your State proves to have such an explanation, we will inform you, in case you receive inquiries from your constituents. If you have any questions about UFO reports in your State, we shall be glad to attempt to answer them.

Sincerely yours,

Don Berliner

Don Berliner, NICAP Staff Assistant

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...o 9:00 p.m.

...s: Harold A. Butcher, Robert A. Butcher, Patulen... Brougham, William Butcher, Jr., and Mrs.

SOURCE: NICAP Investigators: Jeffrey J. ..., 5 Lockwood Lane, Orchard Park, New York; Henry C. Yanecki, P.O. Box 151, Fleetwood, Pa.; Dr. Fred ... Fair, M.D. R.D. 2, Dewittville, New York; and ... Mutz Trooper C. J. Haas.

SUMMARY

On August 19, 1965, several witnesses in ... area reported sighting a disc-shaped object in the air and on the ground. Witnesses reported that, at different times, they heard a "beeping" noise, saw the object emit a red vapor, heard a loud blast comparable to a sonic boom, and watched a cloud turn a luminous green. One object seemed to be behind it.

About 8:20p.m., Harold Butcher, 16, his brother Robert, 12, and Patulen Brougham, 12, were doing chores and listening to the radio. Harold later said in his report that the tractor running the milking equipment had stopped, and he heard his tethered bull bellow and scratch. He ran to the barn window, and saw a disc-shaped, metallic-looking object hovering just above tree level, an estimated 450 feet from the barn.

While outside the barn, he watched what looked like a "huge silver platter, 50 feet long and 20 feet wide" sporting a "red vapor" and emitting a "beep-beep" noise, descend behind a large maple tree. Soon, the object rose rapidly, the red vapor spurting from the edge(as it had done on its descent), the "beep-beep" noise became shrill, until he heard a noise similar to a sonic boom. The object disappeared behind a cloud, which then turned a luminous green. The same object, apparently, was seen twice later by other members of the family and Miss Brougham. Again, it emitted reddish vapor and caused clouds to glow green.

A bluish liquid substance was found where the object was first seen. Samples of it were obtained by the U.S. Air Force and NICAP. Analysis by the Yanecki Chemical Company, on behalf of NICAP, showed the major constituents (more than 1% each) to be calcium, magnesium, potassium, silicon,and sodium. The analyst suggested the pungent odor of phosphine may have been caused by phosphorus found in weed samples from the site. Nothing in the analysis was considered unusual. Two samples indicated slight radioactivity, above normal background count, but analyst declared ... was significant.

... [illegible] ... behavior ... [illegible] ... physical markings and other ... evidence indicate the basic truth of their story. ... [illegible] ... the area reported ... sightings ... a few days of this ... known to the public.



77 Fayette Ave.
Kenmore, New York-14223
November 3,1965

Senator Robert F.Kennedy
Hotel Carlyle
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Senator;

I am a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. This is a privately supported, fact-finding body, serving the national public interest. Our director is Retired Marine Major Donald E..Keyhoe.. NICAP headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

Our job is to keep the public informed of matters pertaining to unidentified flying objects (UFO's), and to seek support and information.

We are now in the process of trying to get congressional hearings on the UFO matter.

We would appreciate your support and help in this matter, in any way possible. I know that you are very busy and your time is valuable, but this is a very important and serious subject and requires the help and support of men like yourself.

Sooner or later this subject will require the time and advice of a number of important people. I will look forward to hearing from you.. Thank you so very much for your time. God Bless You..

Sincerely yours,

James M. Reed, Jr.

James M. Reed, Jr..
Member - NICAP

Sec - Space & aeronautics UFO

September 10, 1966

Dear Mrs. Epple:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists also believe that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe. To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon, in addition to those you mentioned, connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets. A careful analysis of sighting to date has not given us any indication that "UFO's" are manned.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter and look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Mrs. Anne Epple
14 Lexington Road
New City, New York

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UFO letter

14 Lexington Road
New City, New York
August 4, 1966

Senator Robert Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

For seventeen years my husband and I have been following UFO reports in magazines and newspapers. We are neither alarmed, shocked or fearful because of such reports nor are we crackpots because we believe there is more to the numerous qualified sightings than the Air Force would have us believe.

Just recently we became members of NICAP, because we felt Major Keyhoe's organization could give us reliable information regarding UFOs. He has indeed in THE UFO EVIDENCE.

It is pathetic in this age of space achievements that educated people are being treated like complete idiots by their government. How much longer will swamp gases, inversion layers and high altitude balloons placate these persons? When will our scientists, engineers and other qualified personnel join forces without fear of ridicule in searching for the truth?

Only a well-informed America, a united America can face the future and what it holds for us. True, our national security comes first, but we the American people first should know what we are being made secure from.

We believe the entire UFO subject ought to be investigated by Congress and the results made public.

Sincerely,

Anne Epple

(Mrs.) Anne Epple

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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September 13, 1966

Dear Mr. Konley:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree with your statement that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe.

To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets. A careful analysis of sightings to date has not given us any indication that "UFO's" are manned.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and I hope you will write again on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

August 5, 1966

Mr. Raymond G.Konley
1815 E. Newbarry Blvd. Apt. E.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Ray:

Thanks for letting me know of your continuing concern over the need to come to grips with the problem of unidentified flying objects.

As you well realize this continues to be a very controversial area. While proofs that there are such things as UFO's are accumulating many renowned scientists still hold the belief that the existence of UFO's cannot be proven.

In any event, I certainly hope to be able to read Incident at Exeter in the near future. I'm sure that it sheds some important light on the problem.

Perhaps one of the reasons Congress has been so reluctant to debate the question of whether or not UFO's exist is the split within the scientific community itself.

Sincerely,

Bill Proxmire

William Proxmire, U.S.S.

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ONE: 342-3000



July 22, 1966

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
1815 E. Newbarry Blvd. Apt. E
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley:

Thank you for your interesting letter of June 29 concerning UFO's. We intend to look into Mr. Fuller's book, "Incident at Exeter", which we understand covers UFO activity in the state of New Hampshire. We too would like some honest answers to the subject of UFO's. I agree with you that the university test does sound like it will be mere duplication of the Air Force investigation and perhaps the time will come Mr. Konley, when Congress will debate the UFO matter.

Again, thank you very much for writing. We appreciate hearing from our viewers, especially when they sign their name.

Cordially,

Jon Esther
WISN-TV
News Director

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN
☐ NEW YORK CITY
☐ SYRACUSE

September 14, 1966

Dear Miss Lincoln:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree with your statement that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapely, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe. To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets. A careful analysis of sightings to date has not given us any indication that "UFO's" are manned.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and hope you will write again on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Miss Irmgard Lincoln
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New York N.Y.
Aug. 12.1966.

Phone 269-1854

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Honorable
Senator Edward M. Kennedy

United States Senate Room 432
Washington DC.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

would you kindly help me? To-day I wrote a letter to your brother Senator Rob. Kennedy, but I am afraid, that he perhaps will not receive this letter, because there are so many people around him.

This letter is so important and I ask you kindly for your help, that he will hear this call to him. Your life also will be changed in a good way, when he will go his way of destiny.

You members of the Kennedy-Family works together and I hope, that you will work and help, that your brother goes his way of destiny.

I myself ask you kindly: Have you the possibility to help me, that I am able to give lectures concerning the history and tecnnic of Flying Saucers in schools or gatherings in your state? Many young people are interested in these things and the men of the other stars are preparing masslandings on earth to help us. You as a leader of young people will have much success, when you will become interested in those things.

There is a prophecie of Nostradamus, who lived 1500 in France: in the year 1999 and seven months will come out of the skies a very powerful King, an alarmingly powerful King, to raise against the beast on earth.
We now have this time, because our calendar is going after death of Christ and he took the time after birth of Christ.
Therefore so many sightings in the last time. But they cannot land, because our fear.
I would like to meet you, are you perhaps sometimes in New York?
I remain sincerely

yours

I. Lincoln

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Irmgard Lincoln
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P e r s o n a l.

Honorable
Senator Rob. K e n n e d y

Washington DC.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I wish, that you become the next President of the United States and therefore I write this letter to you. I know, you have the catholic religion and the contens of this letter perhaps sounds strange to you. Please remember, that in old times Kings like David and Salomon received advices and messages in name of our father in heaven through mediums, and this shall happen to y o u.

I am a medium and was told to write you:
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Robert Kennedy, this is your destiny, to become successor of this President. There will be great difficulties and you have to conquer your heritage. The help of heaven will be with you.
He will become sick, heartrouble
This man will not alive the whole term of 4 yeare. It seems impossible for you now, under those conditions, that you receive the power to become successor. This is the will of the Providence, you are selected and you will have position.

It was against the laws of eternity, that you was not allowed to run for Vicepresident. Do you remember, how the people you loved in Atlantic City during the convent? All was prepared of the men on the other side of life, that you receive this power. You have many spiritual helpers around you.

The help of heaven for the earth is bound with your person. Your brother John is besides you.
If you would have decided to fight on the convent for becoming Vicepresident, your would have had success. You would be at this time the President and this war in Vietnam would be finished.
By Providence is given to you a second chance.
But you have to begin n o w to prepare your way. Do not loose any time.
Do not longer waste your time in doing Senator. When you are President, you will have the power to rule in accordance to the laws of eternity.
Washington will become the new Jerusalem.
America will become the leader-country on earth.
There will rule overt this country the man, who now in this life has the name Robert Kennedy. He will rule until his life is finished."

I do not know, why you are choosen, I only know, y o u are.
In old times you have been a great man and perhaps therefore all this is coming to you now.
Remember: Joshua had to fight 16 years to conquer the promised land. Youhave to struggle and within 2 years you will have the victory.

I was told, wich ways you have to go to become successfull, because this is my destiny to be the"channel"besides you, to come in understanding with your guiedes, with your brother. They will help you on this difficult way.

There are people living on other Stars. They watch the earth with their ships, hovering in space. These ships have 3 to 4 miles in diameter and they are able to take 20.000 persons.
I know, how they travel, what is the material of their snips.
In old times men of earth travveld to other stars. These men of other Stars will come to earth and help the choosen man(you). You will receive the knowledge of their travvellings and this will be one way to build up your power. You have to work, to become a powerfull man and they will help you.

You have the task to break the wall of fear, which is between them and us and you will receive the information by using my talent how to do this.
I, for myself, give already lectures in a studio of Carnegie Hall concerning history and technic of Flying Saucers.
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Now this is the time of fullfillment of all prophecies. You are selected and nobody else on the earth to stay at the beginning of this coming age of peace.
Because I am the instrument for your helpers on the other side of life, the instrument to come besides you, I receive messages, no other person receives.
I also knew 4 weeks before the assassination, that this will happen. March 164 I got the information, that Robert and Ethel Kennedy will have a child very soon. And this Child was born the next december. I have witnesses, that I received this message at this time.

Also other messages concerning you were given to me.

Last Wednesday I saw you in the room for Senators. For a few moments I saw your brother J o h n besides you, looking around with sad eyes. Sad, because he is not able to do the task, he has to do. You are not at the right place. He is very powerfull and waiting for your decision to fight, that you both receive the place, where you belong. If you are not doing this right now, then the point of your time is gone and you never will have this power. Other man will become President and y our way will be o u t.
There is a great dignity waiting for you and I hope, you will have tha understanding, what it means to receive such message. Nobody else on earth will get this.
Please give me an appointment to meet you.
The time of Robert Kennedy is since May 64. And all this time is wasted. This is the time, given by Providence to you.
I remain sincerely yours

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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November 21, 1966

Mr. Raymond G. Konley
1815 East Newbarry Boulevard
Apartment E
Milwaukee, Eisconsin 53211

Dear Mr. Konley:

This is in further reference to your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from the Department of the Air Force as well as a copy of their October 7, 1966 press release for your information.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20330

SECRETARY

NOV 17 1966

Dear Senator Kennedy:

This is in reply to your inquiry in behalf of Mr. Raymond G. Konley regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Literature about UFOs written by Captain Ruppelt, Major Keyhoe and Mr. Edwards is not reviewed, indorsed, sponsored, or sanctioned in any way by the Air Force.

Air Force Regulation 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), (which has been superseded by Air Force Regulation 80-17, Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)) did not order the "shooting down of a UFO." It reads, in part, as follows: "The UFO Program provides for the prompt reporting and rapid identification needed for successful 'identification,' which is the second of the four phases of air defense -- detection, identification, interception, and destruction." Apparently the sentence has been misconstrued and the word "destruction" has been translated to "shoot down" UFOs. However, we point out that the UFO program provides only for the "identification" aspect of air defense.

Inclosed is a copy of the news release of October 7, 1966 regarding the selection of the University of Colorado to conduct independent investigations of UFO reports. The investigating team will be permitted to release and publish its findings.

Contrary to Mr. Konley's belief, the Air Force has never attempted to cover up UFO information. The possible existence of extraterrestrial life within the universe

has never been denied; however, the Air Force has no tangible proof that there is extraterrestrial life nor do we have any proof that UFOs are interplanetary space vehicles.

A letter similar to this one is being sent to the Honorable William Proxmire, United States Senate, in response to his inquiry.

It is a pleasure to be of service in clarifying the Air Force position regarding UFOs.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. LINGO, Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

2 Attachments

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

United States Senate

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UNITED STATES SENATE
ASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 1, 1966

Dr. Frank E. Stranges
Director
National Investigations Committee
5907 West Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90035

Dear Dr. Stranges:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 18, and for your views on the subject of UFO's.

As you may know, the University of Colorado has been selected to conduct an independent study of unifentified flying objects, and the National Academy of Sciences has agreed to review the University's findings when the study is completed sometime in 1968. You may wish to contact Professor Edward U. Condon at the University who is head of the study.

I am sure that their findings will prove quite useful in settling the questions raised on both sides of this issue.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Unidentified Flying Objects

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1st November 1966

Hon. Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy

Warmest Greetings.

I have just concluded a brief tour with our new Color Documentary motion picture dealing with Unidentified Flying Objects. The performance this evening will conclude our tour of this part of the United States. The results, public interest, etc, have been very encouraging ..to say the least.

The purpose of this letter is to attempt to determin what your personal feelings are relative to the UFO subject. I have followed your entire political career with great interest. I believe that you are one of the few men in American Politics who has maintained a most respected and honored position, even under great pressure.

In times past, I have written, unsuccessfully, to the White House requesting UFOs only to have them referred to the CIA who seem to delight in sending out form letters in place of direct replies.

Because of your position in Government, in times past as well as at the present, I would be interested in learning whether or not your believe that a private organization, such as ours, would be of any assistance to our Government in attempting to reach a satisfactory conclusion to the UFO mystery. The careless evaluations of many UFO sightings has caused many serious Americans to (take lightly) the opinions expressed by Air Force spokesmen.

Knowing full well that your schedule would not permit a lengthy reply, I would, nevertheless appreciate hearing from you in this matter.

Meanwhile, Our Prayers and Best Wishes are with you, Always.

Remaining, Respectfully,

Dr. Frank E. Stranges

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December 1, 1966

Miss Holly P. Green
Shalimar
Florida

Dear Miss Green:

Thank you for your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

As you will see from the enclosed release from the Department of the Air Force, an independent study of UFO reports is now being conducted at the University of Colorado.

I am sure that the findings from this study will prove quite useful in determining the validity of the reported sightings.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Columbus, Ga
Nov. 13, 1966

Sen. Robert Kennedy, NY
Washington, D.C.

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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December 1, 1966

Mr. Joseph Hodor
2660 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hodor:

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With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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December 12, 1966

Mr. Stuart Cohen
3206 Rilman Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

As you will see from the enclosed press release from the Department of the Air Force, an independent study of UFO reports is now being conducted at the University of Colorado. You may wish to contact Dr. Edward Condon for more information.

I am sure that the findings from this study will prove quite useful in determining the validity of the reported sightings.

I appreciated hearing from you about this matter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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Dear Kennedy,

I would like your opinion on U.F.C.'s. Could you also tell me what to write to for information about U.F.C.'s. You see I'm very interested in U.F.C.'s.

Could you write me back personally.

Your friend,
Stuart Cokel
3200 Kilman Rd. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30305

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UFOs

January 20, 1966

Mr. John E. Moore
RFD #2
Trumansburg, New York

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on so-called "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree with your statement that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe.

To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets.

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

U.F.O's

John E. Moore III
R.F.D. #2
Trumansburg, New York
January 5, 1965

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy,

In all sincerity I believe the United States Government to be treating the People of the U.S. like children of rather simple intellect on their ownership and suppression of U.F.O. sightings.

Did you know that many military men do not report sightings on the justified and proven belief that they will be disgraced and dishonored on psychological examinations and Congress inquiries and lose for flight fatigue from leaves on that order.

After all, just consider, we (the U.S.) spend billions every year on rocketry (this is a good thing) however if we made efforts to contact U.F.O.'s when the opportunities arose, we could very well meet superior intelligences who could possibly aid us

to be far better propulsion unit than the liquid fuel rockets

Time will decide the question — but meanwhile we do believe that our solid fuel rockets stand a close second on the count of scientific merit and on which our next grain award should be made.

I/ We appreciate very much the opportunity you have given us for consideration.

Respectfully yours,

The Ensign Co.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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February 7, 1966

Mr. John A. Keel
330 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Keel:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on so-called "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapely, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life on the universe.

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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UFO boilerplate

John A. Keel

330 EAST 33RD STREET
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MURRAY HILL 4-3956

January 19, 1966

Senator Robert Kennedy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

There is a danger that this letter may find its' way into your "crank" file but I am hoping that you or one of your assistants will read it carefully and give it some consideration. I would hate to think of myself as being a "crank" or a "crackpot". This concerns the perplexing stance taken by the U.S. Air Force on the subject of "Flying Saucers".

I am a professional writer, author of a number of books and countless magazine pieces on a wide variety of subjects. Although I have extensive background as a globetrotting reporter and once served as Science Editor for the Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, I have been toiling in more recent years in the wasteland of television. Like most writers, I have a wide range of interests, a skeptical turn of mind, and an insatiable curiosity. I have been collecting information about UFOs since the appearance of the mysterious "Foo fighters" in World War II. But I did not fully believe in their existance until 1954 when I actually saw a "Flying Saucer" manuevering over the Aswan Dam in Egypt. It was hovering at a low altitude and was obviously a solid metal object, circular with a dome on top. After a few minutes the outer rim started to revolve rapidly and it moved off at very high speed. Similar objects...or the same one...were later reported over other areas of the Middle East. (For the record: I was employed as Chief of Continuity and Production for the American Forces Network in Europe, 1953-54.)

This sighting, however, has no bearing on the purpose of this letter. It was an isolated incident and I have never written about it. In fact, I have never written anything about UFOs but have left them up to the cultists and pseudo-scientists.

As you undoubtedly know, there was a considerable amount of UFO activity in 1965. They appeared in great numbers all over the world and reportedly landed briefly in France, South America, and even in Minnesota. The U.S. Air Force, as usual, came up with a series of absurd explanations for them. By now, hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world have observed these things. A number of governments have issued statements to the effect: "they exist...we don't know what they are...but apparently they are harmless." Our own government has been silent...even strangely secretive...on the entire subject.

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Recently I visited my hometown for the holidays...the town of Perry, N.Y. which is about fifty miles from Buffalo and Niagara Falls...and I learned that the area had been inundated with UFOs during Oct.-Nov. '65. Everyone had a choice story to tell me and a number of people had managed to take photographs. I even saw a strip of 8mm movie film which clearly showed a solid metalic disk hovering in the sky. Since Perry is a small town (pop. 5,000), the arrival of the saucers was a major event. Whenever one was sighted, everyone would jump into their cars and drive out to gawk at it. One hovered over the Perry-Warsaw airport for about two hours one night, apparently causing the airport beacon to go out. These objects were hedge-hopping and many people got a close look at them. I was told (I didn't check it out) that groups of these things gathered nightly above Attica, N.Y. for about a week. The descriptions were too graphic to be the product of some kind of mass hysteria.

It was during this period that we suffered the great power blackout. I found that everyone I talked to was convinced that the blackout was somehow caused by the UFOs...particularly since there were a number of incidents in which automobiles stalled when the objects passed over, radios ceased to function, etc. ---standard phenomena with sightings all over the world.

Naturally, I didn't spend my whole visit discussing flying saucers. I hadn't been home for the holidays in 19 years. And since all of the reports were basically the same, there wasn't too much sense in pursuing the matter. Oddly enough, of all the witnesses I talked to, only ONE person had bothered to call the Air Force in Buffalo to report a sighting. Most people were afraid to report what they had seen...for fear of ridicule. And many people expressed outright contempt for the U.S. Air Force's attitude towards UFOs.

A week agox a UFO was sighted over New Jersey. It appeared at night and projected a powerful beam of light towards the ground. A number of people saw it and they were all astonished and chagrined when the Air Force told them that they had seen a helicopter. (There have been quite a few "searchlight" sightings over the past few years.)

So, at last, we arrive at the point of this letter. Hundreds of communities all over the United States have been the site of intensive UFO activity. Many thousands of people have seen these objects in one form or another (formations of moving lights, low-flying "fireballs", solid objects of various shapes) and they are all sneering at the U.S. Air Force for trying to tell them that they have seen a distant planet, a weather balloon, or an ordinary aircraft.

The Air Force started out by trying to ridicule the notion that strange objects were manuevering over our country...and now this approach has backfired. It is the Air Force that is looking ridiculous. In fact, our Air Force is beginning to look downright incompetent. The time has come for the Air Force to reassess their public attitude towards UFOs. Their present approach of "explanation and denial" is no longer acceptable to the American Public. And this approach has caused them to lose the support of the public.

wading through tons of literature on UFOs, and all available proclamations on the subject, I am forced to conclude that we lled to investigate this mystery properly. It seems as if the rce knows no more about UFOs now than it did 19 years ago. Alien ts are traversing our skies, manuevering at will above our towns cities and military installations, and we are totally helpless to anything about it. Judging from the stepped-up UFO activity last ar, we can expect more incidents in the future and perhaps even reater numbers of these objects will appear. Public concern will certainly increase and more demands for an adequate explanation will be heard.

Over the past few years there have been many well-publicized pronouncements by distinguished astronomers and scientists to the effect that there is a strong possibility of intelligent life forms existing in other star systems throughout the universe. The average American today believes that life <u>can</u> exist beyond our planet. And a poll taken a couple of years ago revealed that 75% of the population does believe in the existance of "flying saucers". Yet the Air Force continues to try to maintain its unbelievably naive attitude...or is it just trying to cover up its own inadequacy?

We know that UFOs have been around a long time. Historical records of sightings go back many centuries. And yet there is no concrete evidence that they have ever made a serious attempt to contact us. We can therefore assume that they will be around for a long time to come and that they will remain aloof. Where they come from and what their mysterious missions are is open to all kinds of conjecture. I do not expect the U.S. Air Force to come up with any spectacular conclusions or out-of-this-world explanations. But I do expect it to stop playing the fool and stop calling baffled witnesses to this phenomena liars and idiots. The average American knows the difference between a round metal disc that flies in total silence and a noisy helicopter. The average American knows that comets do not fly horizontally in "V" formations.

It's time for the Air Force to give the public whatever concrete information it has been able to gather. It's time for officials to tell the thousands of UFO witnesses that they <u>did</u> see something and put to rest all of the rumors that are sweeping our country. This is not a serious situation---yet. But a few more seasons like the one we had last year will really put the Air Force out on a limb.

Already, average sightings of UFOs no longer make the press. Newspaper are bored with reporting that Joe Doakes saw something in the sky. Perhaps if they returned to Perry, N.Y. tomorrow they would cause less stir. And in the years to come, our skies could be filled with Trojan Horses.

So I urge you to press Air Force officials for an improvement and expansion in their methods of investigating this situation. And I ask that a full and sensible appraisal be offered to the public.

Sincerely:

Sec - Space Aeronautics

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February 7, 1966

Cpl. William D. Donovan
4 Cleveland Drive
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Cpl. Donovan:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on so-called "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shpley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe.

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Reply: Cpl.William D. Donovan
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Home address

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
State of New York
Albany , New York

Dear Senator:

Sir, the last time I saw you was when I visited your office in Washington D.C. when you were Attorney General. Approximately ten of us from the W.G. Law Association had an audience, so to speak, with you. What impressed me most was the fact that a man, so famous, and so extremely burdened with our nation's problems, could take the time to touch the lives of a small fortunate group of law students.

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Since that time, Senator Kennedy, much water has passed over the dam and I feel I now have a situation in which you could play an integral part and assist me greatly with. I hope that this letter is being read by you and answered by you personnally.

I am presently an active member of NICAP (The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Wash. D.C.) I am now in the process of forming a New York Affiliate or subcommittee comprised of NICAP members from my section of the State (MID HUDSON AREA) and wish to have a letter sent on your honest opinion of our organization and possibly become a supporter of the cause as have many other senators and scientists. Your membership would be handled immediately in Washington by our staff and you could remain unpublicized if you wish, however most senators and government men have not. It has undoubtedly increased the votes for many politicians to their betterment, due to the fact that the American people are deeply interested in this Phenomena of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. It is far from being any type of phony or detrimental organization as you can most certainly ascertain by the literature enclosed.

We pride ourselves on the fact that we have abolished or helped to abolish hoax and cultist groups which charge money to see fictious movies on ridiculous situations. We our trying desperately to get congressional support and have finally begun to succeed in our forthright endeavors.

You could assist my sub-committee and NICAP greatly by reading our material and could be placed on our mailing list, for in this respect you would be kept posted on official sightings and reports. Kindly reply to my New York Address. I want to assure you of my appreciation concerning this matter.

Cpl. William D. Donovan

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
(NICAP)
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.) -- Director
Mr. Richard H. Hall -- Assistant Director

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your inquiry about NICAP. Because of the large number of other inquiries, sighting reports and membership mail, we are unable to answer you personally. If you have observed an unidentified flying object (UFO), we would appreciate having an account of it for our records. We hope the following information about our work will be of interest and will encourage you to join us in our efforts to clear up the mystery of UFOs.

WHAT IS NICAP? NICAP is a non-profit, fact-finding organization incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1956. Policies are set by the Board of Governors--prominent scientists, educators and other leading citizens--and are carried out by the executive staff. Our purpose is to investigate all aspects of UFOs, to weed out worthless information, and to publicize reliable data. Our major goal is scientific investigation of UFOs to determine their full significance. Because of official secrecy, we will continue to seek open Congressional hearings to make all the facts public.

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UFO's

March 2, 1966

Mr. Ted Owens
1114 Spruce Street #33
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Owens:

Thank you for sending me your additional comments on "UFO's".

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending this material to me.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

whp; jm

CC:
☐ NEW YORK CITY
☐ WASHINGTON
☐ SYRACUSE

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

February 11, 1966

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I refer to your letter of February 7, 1966. Thank you very much for the courtesy of your reply. I appreciate it.

The enclosed material should give you a start. The UFO's are certainly real, as you can see from the photostats of the newspaper write-ups re the Wanague UFO, seen there recently, in New Jersey.
The fact that I do, and have been, communicate with these UFO's, is a solid fact. I have the proof, as I have said...and need to see you and talk with you about it.

You are correct, in that not all UFO's are manned vehicles...some are, some are not, sir. The Wanaque UFO was a guided, unmanned UFO...still containing intelligence, and weaponry.

Now, sir, let us get down to serious business. First let me give you my references in this most unusual matter.
(1) Mrs. (Dr.) Louisa Rhine, wife of the famous J. B. Rhine, parapsychologists at Duke University. Address: P.O. Box 46, Rt. 3, Hillsboro, North Carolina. (While at Duke Dr. and Mrs. Rhine, and other scientists tested me for ESP phenomena...and I was successful, while surrounded by them, in knocking a pair of scissors clear off a table some 10-15 feet away, with my mind. You certainly are welcome to check on this.)
(2) Mr. George Clark, Central Intelligence Agency, Wash. 25, D.C.
(3) Mr. Eastwood, Inventions, N.A.S.A., Wash., D.C.
The above three parties have been receiving proof for some time that I can accomplish things not otherwise humanly possible. If you cannot get access to CIA and NASA files, you probably could get pertinent information from Mrs. Rhine, My two children, ages 15 and 16, Rick and Lornie Owens, who live at 1021 S. Myrtle #11, Inglewood, California, c/o Shannon (my ex-wife) can also give you a valuable insight into my work, for they were with me through a great part of it until just recently.

As fantastic as it sounds, the situation is this: The UFO intelligences (I call them Si's) wish to help the U.S. in its present pitiful plight; then the rest of the world. With their particular powers, which are not known on earth, this can be done. To try and bring this about they have been causing catastrophes for the U.S. Government, and notifying me first so that I could write to the above parties <u>beforehand</u> and call the shot...which I have been doing, accurately. If I could show you my complete files, you would understand more readily what I am trying to say in a few paragraphs.

The Si's advised me to contact you...and ask your help in the matter. In return, they will give you anything you wish in this life. The Presidency, if you want it.

This is not a frivolous statement on my part...many things the Si's have told me to pass on to the U.S. Government, I have doubted...but they have happened, almost without exception. For instance, they told me to tell George Clark that they would change the electro-magnetic condition at the Norfolk/Suffolk, England, area...a bargain for $10,000—a bargain [illegible] would be in the newspapers when it happened. I thought this was ridiculous, and resisted mailing it to George...but finally did. Months later articles appeared in the newspaper that a UFO appeared over the South Pole, in full sight of scientific groups, bases, there...and hovered while pictures were taken. The scientists reported that while the UFO hovered, it affected all of their elecgro-magnetic equipment. (I can show you my letter to George..and the newsclip, several months later.)

Here, on the Jack McKinny "Night Talk Show" (Radio Station WCAU) I appeared for four hours, on this subject. During the show I told the radio audience that I had asked the Si's to appear over Philadelphia and hover, to prove that they were real...and that what I was saying was true. I also wrote George Clark (letter is enclosed.) Well, five months later the UFO did appear, not here, but nearby New Jersey...did hover, as I requested...nearly all night...thousands of people saw it...and to complete the positive proof so that there could be no argument about 'reflections' and the like, the UFO, while people watched, shot a ray down onto the ice of Wanaque Reservoir and burned a hole in the ice. (Newsclips enclosed.) Notice that in my letter to George, before this happened, mentioned the ray.

One other thing the Si's want me to tell you...the Kennedy family has a black shadow of ill-luck and mishap hanging over it. They will promise to give the entire Kennedy family...each and every one, all relatives...complete protection from this evil force which at some time must have been directed at the Kennedy's.

What is needed now, Senator Kennedy...is for you to come to Philadelphia and take a room at a hotel...give me a call at PO 3-4000, Ext. 224, during week days, or wire me at home at night...Ted Owens, 1114 Spruce St., #33, Philadelphia. I can come over, bring my proof, and files, and tell you much more clearly than in a letter...what this is all about, and how it affects the United States. Please, before you jump to the conclusion that I might be a crank or crackpot...check with Mrs. Rhine (but she will not want the Duke Parapsych Lab involved with UFO phenomena) and my children; and with CIA, if they will cooperate. They (CIA) wrote me that they were reading and filing my material with great interest, and not to stop (this when I wrote and asked them...

Sincerely, Ted Owens (P K Man)

These storms were called in advance. Ted Owens

The Evening Bulletin
PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 3, 1965

Rainmaker Offers To Buy a Real Storm For Only $10,000

By HENRY R. DARLING
Of The Bulletin Staff

A rainmaker has come to Philadelphia.

He says he'll break the drought for $10,000—a bargain rate.

"I'd want $50,000 to do it in New York," he said.

He's been here since the first of July. He said he whomped up the big storm that hit the city the weekend of July 11—remember? — the first and only soaking rain we've had since December.

"It wasn't easy," he noted. "I had to work on it for more than a week."

Working on it, he said, requires a combination of parapsychology and "some things my grandfather told me about the way the Apache Indians used to make rain."

The rainmaker is a slightly balding, well-fed man in his middle 40s with a pleasant smile and an engaging personality.

Knife-Thrower in Circus

His name is Ted Owens and he was once a professional knife-thrower with the circus.

"I'm probably the best knife-thrower in the country," he said, modestly.

He wrote a letter to The Bulletin as soon as he arrived in the city and said he was working on a big rainstorm. He wrote another letter after the storm hit, pointed out that he had made everybody happy, and explained why:

"I live here now and I do not like hot, dry weather. Therefore Philadelphia will be wetter and cooler than the rest of the U. S. this summer. The people here are lucky . . ."

He also said he was working on another storm for Philadelphia for the next weekend.

The rain came, a bit north of the city, but enough to produce a good downpour here and .8 of an inch in Montgomery County.



Letter Arrives

The letter came the next day—Monday, July 19.

"Well, I told you," wrote the rainmaker.

"You just enjoyed my storm which I referred to in my letter. I was right there in Rittenhouse Square yesterday, calling down the storm and especially the lightning, which is my trademark."

He signed his name THE RAINMAKER, c-o Owens. He was finally located in a Spruce st. hotel.

He said he was born in Indiana, has had 20 different "professions" besides knife-throwing and studied extrasensorory perception at Duke University.

Says Combination Works

He was living in Phoenix, Ariz. in 1963, he said, when he decided to try combining ESP with the Apache Indian rainmaking act.

"The Indians had a good thing going but they didn't really know what they were doing," he said. "They thought they had to dance and take drugs and that sort of thing."

To his surprise, the combination worked and he got "eight violent storms in five days," he said.

He opened one of three well-stuffed briefcases and pulled out a folder containing newspaper clippings of each of the eight storms. The clippings were neatly pasted up, numbered and dated.

"This proves it," he said. "The storms nearly wrecked that part of Arizona."

One House Hit

One bolt of lightning hit his own house. He said he wasn't scared, "just amused."

He moved to Los Angeles and said he produced some rainstorms which culminated in the big landslides of November, 1934.

The rainmaker said he doesn't really want to hurt anyone. Pictures of storm damage—houses with the roofs blown off, automobiles wrecked by falling trees—bothered him at first. But he said he got used to them.

He went to Washington, D. C to try to explain his talent for

Ted Owens

producing storms to the government.

Turned Down by Government

He took all three briefcases along to prove his point. But, he said, he couldn't make the right contacts.

Since the government didn't want his information for free, he decided to try at least to make a living out of it.

He said he came to Philadelphia because it is in the center of the present drought area and he wanted to interest some big cities in buying his services.

He was reluctant to explain just how he went about producing a storm—not that there was any big secret to it, he said, but because it is a complicated business.

Visual Imagery

"It's partly a matter of contacting the intelligence behind nature," he said. "It also involves imagery."

To explain visual imagery, he took a piece of paper and wrote numbers from one to 20 down the left side.

He handed the paper to an observer and told him to write down an object after each number, calling out the number and the object as he did so.

1. Umbrella. 2. Pretzels. 3. Camera. 4. Hotdogs.

Without looking at the paper, he read off the numbers and the objects, first going from one to 20; then from 20 back to one.

He had the observer pick out numbers at random, and he called off the corresponding object. Then he had the observer call the objects and he gave their numbers.

Maybe the rainmaker has just been lucky with storms.

But there's certainly nothing wrong with his visual imagery.

Note: I threw knives around Steve Allen on his TV Show. Not a circus performer - but was in night clubs. Offered to break the East Coast & brought tree to President Johnson.

1, 1966

George Clark
Central Intelligence Agency

FEB 1, 3 3 PM '66

Dear George:

Now you have the third proof that the UFO intelligences are in communication with me: me with them: and that they react to my requests (also independently of my requests)

The proof is my letter, which is in your file, dated August 6, 1965 In about the eighth paragraph, I told you:

'Now, for your amusement, and because you've been so good to listen to me for so long, I will let you in on something As calling fleets of UFO's here to Philadelphia from everywhere Trouble is I do not know what they can do to prove to these people here that I'm for real but I will think of something Believe they are here already, because I sent for them this afternoon With all that power, whatever kind it is that they have and it seems to be miraculous, judging from what they've accomplished this past year, they should do something startling As trying to convey the idea to them of coming right down over the city and hovering They give me the idea back that we might have some kind of rays like they have, or whatever it is they have and hurt them or something ..so that they are reticent to do this So I am trying to tell them we haven't any such thing, and it's safe I want to bring one down right over Market Street and have it hover there for 20 minutes What else they'll do on their own is anybody's guess

Attached is photostat of actual letter, which you have in your file

They did exactly as I asked them to do they came down and hovered for hours, instead of half an hour to prove they are real But they came down over Wanaque, New Jersey (I sent you newsclips of this just a few weeks ago) because evidently they did not trust the Phila area Not only did they come down and prove their reality, absolutely but they demonstrated the ray I mentioned in my letter to you The [redacted] Civil Defense Director of Wanaque, the police, and others, saw the ray, and the police investigated the actual hole the ray burned in the ice.

So now, without any doubt whatsoever you and the U.S Government absolutely know that what I have been telling you is true, real, solid... I am definitely communicating with the Si's and they with me - and they tell me in advance what is going to happen

The first and second proofs of my being the Si's contact and voice for the people on earth was the South Pole Ufo incident (see correspondence): and their making an appearance in a big way, and hitting everywhere in lightning after I first wrote you and told you they said they would

P K Man (Owens)

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ugust 6, [illegible] 1965.

Mr. [illegible], CIA

Dear [illegible]:

I [illegible] important "intelli[illegible] to give you soon, which could [illegible] with the CIA.

[illegible] please get [illegible] ation, and note that I called the [illegible] prediction (?) [illegible] "Martian Spirals" would be seen over a [illegible] signal to you [illegible] tell?

[illegible] Borneo, I told [illegible] that they would undertake attacks of [illegible] for the same reason... [illegible] that I am for real...their conduct [illegible] me.

[illegible] the sightings, [illegible].
[illegible] Finding, I think [illegible] that they give you was the lightning [illegible] ...August 4, I think [illegible]...on the Moon Pocket and at Cape [illegible].

[illegible] your signal.

[illegible] you to know that I [illegible] attended at NASA Operations [illegible], both of course, [illegible] in the letter that I was [illegible] year, aiming [illegible] lightning all freak accidents [illegible]. Only to [illegible] for lightning to chew up the [illegible]. Let bad, eh!

[illegible]...I wrote previ[illegible] August 2, 1965 (this week) and [illegible] (the Pole) will [illegible] nice now for Philadelphia, [illegible] to...a [illegible] rain in an effort to get [illegible] of rain here for [illegible] appreciation..."

[illegible] day, George, the [illegible] inches of rain all in a puddle.
[illegible] bit of good.

[illegible] government, and [illegible] been so good to listen to me for [illegible] will let you in on [illegible] falling fleets of UFO's here, [illegible]...Iron curtains [illegible] I do not know what they can [illegible] these people have [illegible]...but I will think of [illegible] they are here [illegible] after I sent for them this [illegible] with all that water, [illegible] it is that they have...and [illegible] precipitation, but [illegible] they've accomplished this feat [illegible] do something [illegible] - trying to convey the idea to [illegible] that down over [illegible] hearing. Imagine the kick [illegible] will have some [illegible] they have, or whatever it is [illegible] them on to [illegible] that they are patient to do this. [illegible] tell them [illegible] such thing, as it's cute. I will [illegible] fight or [illegible] have it hover there for 30 [illegible] also they'll [illegible] anybody's number. — 3 DAYS LATER GOT MY BIG STORM!!

[illegible] them to [illegible] for 2-3 weeks, which [illegible] condition [illegible] they will.

[illegible], I [illegible] Incidentally, some days ago [illegible] at the U. [illegible] wonder that it was the

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At N.J. Reservoir

WANAQUE, N. J. (AP) — An unidentified flying object, described as a brilliant disc of light, hovered over the Wanaque Reservoir for more than one hour Tuesday night, and then disappeared from view, police said.

"It was real. I saw it and so did the mayor and the civil defense director and hundreds of other people," said George Dykman, 38, a patrolman on the Wanaque Reservoir Police Department.

The officer said the weird light was first spotted earlier in Oakland, then in Pompton Lakes and then over the Raymond Dam at the reservoir—about 200 yards from the police station.

"It was very bright, like a star," said Dykman. "From where we stood, it looked like it was about two feet in diameter and it was in the shape of a disc.

"It moved in over the dam in a circular motion and then stopped and hovered over the reservoir.

"It was too low to be an airplane.

"As it dipped down over the reservoir, we saw a round light reflected in the water about nine feet in diameter."

Dykman said he spotted the strange object about 7:30 p.m. after receiving a telephone call from the Passaic County Police radio network. About one hour later, he said, it moved away from the dam and paused briefly over Lakeland High School.

"Now it's gone," he said late Tuesday night. "We have men searching, but whatever it was, thank God it's gone."

In addition to Dykman, several other police officers saw the strange object. So did Wanaque Mayor Harry T. Wolfe and Civil Defense Director Bentley Spencer.

Howard Ball, night suburban editor for the Evening News of Paterson, spotted the object in Wayne on Hamburg Turnpike while driving to work.

He said he saw the light when he reached the crest of a hill and thought it was the planet Venus. "Then it took a lateral movement toward the West. I knew it wasn't Venus. I thought it might have been an airplane, but the light was too brilliant for that."

Police departments throughout the Bergen-Passaic County area reported being flooded with telephone calls from alarmed residents.

Officials at McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown said they were as mystified as everyone else over the strange object.

What Did They See Hovering Over Jersey?

By JACK MAHON
Journal-American Staff Writer

What was the strange flying object that hovered over the Wanaque Reservoir in Northern New Jersey all through the night, baffling police and terrorizing thousands of residents in neighboring townships?

The UFO—which is all anyone could call it — was still unidentified at dawn today.

The police of Wanaque, Wyckoff, Pompton Lakes, Riverdale, Ringwood and Paterson all witnessed the strange, bright light, which resembled a disc, as it dipped and rose over the 15-mile-long reservoir from 7:30 p.m. yesterday until early this morning.

HEARD OF IT

They didn't know what to call it.

Officials at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, N. Y., and McGuire Air Base, Wrightstown, N. J., said they'd heard of the UFO—but acted as if they wished they hadn't.

Both bases clamped a tight lid of silence on the subject and denied they had sent planes to investigate the phenomena. A spokesman at the Air Phenomena Branch, Wright Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, which processes all UFO sightings, said early today the Wanaque UFO had not been reported to his office.

FIRST SIGHTING

Ptl. George Dykman, of the Wanaque Reservoir police, first spotted the weird disc about 200 yards from the police station.

"It was very bright," Ptl. Dykman said, "about two feet in diameter and, as it dipped over the dam, a round light about nine feet in diameter was reflected in the water . . ."

GOES, RETURNS

Ptl. Charles Theodora said the disc disappeared at 8:30 p.m., but returned about 2:20 a.m. It was motionless for about an hour then moved back and forth several times.

"It raced about six miles up and down the dam at supersonic speed," said the officer. "At one point it flashed a ray offlight o n the ice. Ptl.Al Campana and I drove up to investigate. We found a hole in the ice about 40 to 50 feet in diameter—there is no explaining it. The rest of the dam is covered solid."

Jack Burchill, an aerospace student at N.Y. Institute of Technology, Westbury, L.I., and Richard Scott, Paterson, a student at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, gave this analysis:

"It doesn't twinkle so it is not a star. It's too bright to be a planet or a celestial body. It gives off its own light. It can't be a helicopter, for it is soundless and appears to move at better than 1000 miles per hour."

'DON'T KNOW'

Wanaque Mayor Harry T. Wolfe, Civil Defense Director Bentley Spencer, and Howard Ball, suburban editor of the Paterson Evening News, also spotted the UFO. Mr. Ball said:

"I was driving up a hill. I thought it was the planent Venus. Then it looked like an airplane—but it was too low. I don't know what it is — or was."

Neither does anyone else...

COPY

January 18, 1966

Mr. George Clark
Central Intelligance Agency

Dear George:

All right. I have tried. The Si's have tried. Still the U.S. Government is not convinced.

So, George, the SI's will demonstrate catastrophe-wise, in a tremendous way, against the U.S. in the next few days, next few weeks.

I will ask them, also, to appear and be seen, as they were in New Jersey, as a sort of signature to their catastrophe-demonstration.

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ge Clark
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Dear George:

Here is the story on the Blizzard of '66. Note that I called a disastrous storm...but picked the wrong half of the country. Ha ha.

I knew definitely that the Si's were up to something on their own...because they were over-riding our "bubble" PK we'd slapped on this area. Up to storm-time, they'd blocked precipitation perfectly.

Note one other thing: A mysterious fire-ball landed in Pennsylvania...before the tremendous New York City power blackout. A UfO put on a regular exhibition all night, for thousands of people, in the Wanaque, New Jersey, area...just before the Blizzard of '66 struck.
You have to notice these things, George.

Anyway, as you can see here, on January 18 I told you the Si's would demonstrate, catastrophe-wise, in a tremendous way, against the U.S., in the next few days, next few weeks.

Even Mr. Dunn could not ask for anything more specific than that. And you got the killer Blizzard of '66.

P K Man

Spacefaring cities

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
☐ NEW YORK CITY
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UFO's

February 7, 1966

Mr. P. K. Owens
1114 Spruce Street, #33
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Owens:

Thank you for your letter on so-called 'unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe.

To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets. A careful analysis of sighting to date has not given us any indication that "UFO's" are manned.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and hope you will write again on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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are considering that I am a crackpot.

UFO Boilerplate

uary 31, 1966

enator Robert F. Kennedy

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Let me speak quickly, and straight. My name is Owens; the U.S. Government (CIA, NASA, President) know me as "P K Man." I am not a crackpot. But what I have to say sounds like it.

I am probably the only man in the U.S. who can prove absolutely that the UfO's are real, and can tell what they are up to. When I say proof, I mean it. I have it.

Not only that, but the U.S. is in great danger...and I can prove that, too. Not from Russia or China, etc.

The U.S. Govt. has known this for a year. I submitted my proof to them, but only a great silence has developed.

This is fact. I made five storms here in Philadelphia last year, calling each storm a week or two in advance...XXX to the newspapers...so it would be on record. It was so accurate, that the Bulletin, which is a staid, conservative newspaper...gave me a big write-up as "The Rain Maker." But then, when I went on the Jack McKinney "Night Talk" show here, and explained that the UFO's made the storms when I signalled them....a great wall of silence clanged around me, as far as the newspapers were concerned.

Just over a week ago, January 18, I warned George Clark of CIA, that the UFO's were getting ready to give a "demonstration catastrophe" to the U.S. Well, it just had it....a deep-freeze over all the U.S., with cold records broken in dozens of cities. But this isn't the first time I have warned the Government before an event actually happened; it's happened over a hundred times now.

Please try and see me, if at all humanly possible. The U.S. Government is, for some stupid, silly purpose, trying to cover up that the UFO's are real and are here for an intelligent purpose. I can give you the details.

P K Man (Owens)
1114 Spruce St., #33
Philadelphia, Pa.

P/S. I was a Duke University man, have a high I.Q., and am well balanced. Please bear that in mind, if you are considering that I am a crackpot.

SCI space fans.

UFO's

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
☐ NEW YORK CITY
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April 23, 1966

Mr. Paul R. Weast
5[illegible] Grider Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Weast:

Thank you for sending me the petition signed by several New York State citizens, calling for a complete investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

As you may know, the House Armed Services Committee had an open hearing on UFO's on April 5. Also, the Air Force is in the process of appointing a panel of nationally-known scientists to investigate the matter. Therefore, I think you can see that the subject is not being overlooked.

I appreciate your writing to me on this. I hope you will continue to do so on matters of concern to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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CC:
☐ NEW YORK CITY
☐ WASHINGTON
☐ SYRACUSE

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

51 Grider Street
Buffalo, N.Y. 14215
April 16, 1966

The Hon. Robet Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned citizens of New York State urge you to support The Honorable Gerald R. Ford of Michigan in his request for Congressional investigation of the Unidentified Flying Objects mystery.

Many of the signers have personally sighted these objects and are completey dissatisfied with the official Air Force explanations.

The mounting evidence of the reality of these, so-called "flying saucers" makes it more apparent that they are not all conventional objects, hallucinations and hoaxes. It is time the 'iron curtain' between the government of this country and the public be raised . In the eyes of a superior intelligence from elsewhere in our vast universe we must surely present a pitiful sight.

Please urge your fellow Congressmen to bring this most important question before the people so all may know the truth.

Very truly yours,
Paul R. Weast

Mr. Leon Griffith
Mrs Carrie Martindale
Mrs. Ruth Hall
Miss Elizabeth C. Rappley
Mrs. Marie A. Hale
Gerald E. Hall
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OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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April 23, 1966

Mrs. Carol Murzin:
Route 104
Ontario, New York 14519

Dear Mrs. Murzin:

Thank you for writing to me about the much-publicized subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and for sending me the article by Roscoe Drummond. I hope I have not delayed unduly in replying.

I believe that I can assure you that steps are being taken at the present time to investigate this matter and to bring all available information to bear on the subject. The House Armed Services Committee had an open hearing on UFO"s on April 5. Also, the Air Force is in the process of appointing a panel of nationally-known scientists to investigate the matter. Therefore, I think you can see that the subject is not being overlooked.

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Route 104
Ontario, New York 14519
March 30, 1966

Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I am enclosing a copy of a column that was published in the Rochester Times-Union earlier this week.

I am in full agreement with the recommendation that Roscoe Drummond makes suggesting that a Warren Commission-type panel seems to be in order.

I feel the public is not informed in this matter of UFO's, and I think that we should be.

May I have your comments on this. Just what do you personally plan to do about it?

Very truly yours,

Carol Murzin

Mrs. Carol Murzin

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As Columnists See It



Need Deep Look At UFO Reports

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND

You can't dismiss the possibility that some of the Unidentified Flying Objects — those "flying saucers" which so many people have sighted in so many different places — are real, not imaginary.

There are, of course, UFO buffs who seem to want to believe everything and discount all kinds of logical explanations. But Air Force officials assigned to check up on these sightings seem so bored and totally skeptical that many here in Washington have the impression that they think the public would go panicky if all the facts were brought into the open.

This isn't good enough. Let's not leave the search for more knowledge either to those who tend to accept everything uncritically or to those who tend to dismiss every UFO as just to ridiculous.

The time has come for either the President or Congress to name an objective and respected plan to investigate, appraise, and report on all evidence about what is going on.

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THE PHENOMENA have been coming at such a rate that they can't be wholly explained away by the expert unbelievers. For example:



"Did you really spot a UFO or are you on LSD?"

Last week more than 100 persons (some of them trained observers) reported seeing "flying saucers" in seven states, from Maine to Texas to Colorado.

Last year Project Blue Book, the small Air Force unit created to keep tabs on these things, had 886 reports of UFO sightings.

During the last two years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a private group headed by a retired Naval Academy Marine Corps pilot, received 3,000 such reports.

During the past 10 years NICAP lists some 8,000 reports and says that 1,500 of them "seem pretty substantial and unexplained." The Air Force totals 10,147 UFO reports and states that 646 of them remain unexplained by provable natural phenomena.

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MAYBE ALL of these reported sightings are whimsical, imaginary, or unreal. But we need a more credible and detached appraisal of the evidence than we are now getting.

Maybe there is no intelligent life on the other planets.

There is no evidence that the American people are timidly holding their breath in fear of some kind of aggressive invasion for extra terrestrials. And even if they were, no good can come from pooh-poohing the perplexing evidence which already exists.

We need to get all the data drawn together in one place and examined far more objectively than anyone has done so far.

A stable public opinion will come from a trustworthy look at the evidence, not from belittling it. This is why a Warren Commission-type panel seems to me to be in order.

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June 1, 1966

Mr. H. J. Carl
693 Ellicott Creek Road
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Dear Mr. Carl:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on so-called "unidentified flying objects".

Many reputable scientists agree with your statement that there must be other beings in the universe. Dr. Harlow Shapley, for one, has stated that there is a high probability that there is other life in the universe.

To believe that there is other life in the universe is not, however, to believe that "UFO's" are manned vehicles. One explanation of this phenomenon connects the lights that are seen with the gaseous tails of comets. A careful analysis of sightings to date has not given us any indication that "UFO's" are manned.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and hope you will write again on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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☐ WASHINGTON
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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

April 30, 1966

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Writing this letter asking your aid and influence in helping bring about an investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. In my opinion the Secret of Scientists refusing to Consider and Investigate this inadequate. And that other reputable people such as Airline Pilots and others who have had actual Experiences in the Sighting should be included in such an investigation. It would be greatly appreciated by many who have so long been interested in hearing about Such an investigation. Thanking you

Respectfully
H. J. Cecil
693 Elliott Ave. Rd.
Tonawanda, N.Y.

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June 20, 1966

Mr. Wayne I. Philipson
2005 Baker Avenue
Utica 3, New York

Dear Mr. Philipson:

This is in further reference to your letter regarding unidentified flying objects.

I am enclosing the copy of a letter I received from the Department of the Air Force as well as their most recent report on this subject for your information.

Thank you for contacting me about this matter, and I look forward to having your views on other matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE SECRETARY

JUN 15 1966

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We refer to your recent letter in behalf of Wayne I. Philipson, regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The investigation of UFOs reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force. Attached for your convenience is a current report on this project, which has been designated "Blue Book."

In 18 years of investigating over 10,000 reports of UFOs, the evidence has proved beyond reasonable doubt that all reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

There has never been any evidence that UFOs reported to the Air Force represented extraterrestrial vehicles. No such object reported to the Air Force has given any indication of a threat to the United States nor has any UFO exhibited characteristics beyond the scope of current technical or scientific knowledge.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States, and evaluations and conclusions reached will be released to the public.

We welcome the opportunity to again be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Hayden P. Mims

HAYDEN P. MIMS, Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

2 Attachments

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

United States Senate

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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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2005 Baker Avenue
Utica 3, New York
April 20, I966

Dear Senator Kennedy,

I would like to inquire about the unidentified flying objects that have been reported in various parts of the country recently. There have been governmental releases in the past years but I have yet to find one since there have been recent cases of UFO's reported. If there is any reason for the publication of such a thing please notify me about it. For it would be interesting for me to know why. If there isn't any reason please try to get me a recent report. Being kept up in the air about the whole thing is very annoying

I appreciate your time and co-operation.

Sincerely,

Wayne I. Philipson

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
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April 29, 1968

Mr. Wayne S. Aho
P. O. Box 349
Duvall, Washington
98019

Dear Mr. Aho:

Thank you for taking the time to forward your petition to me. I appreciated hearing from you and was pleased to have your views and those of the people who signed your petition.

Again, my thanks and my best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

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PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PERTINENT AGENCIES:

WHEREAS: Space is a Two Way Approach, we are impeding the flow of information without full recognition of these facts.

WHEREAS: Billions of dollars of expenditures are involved in our Space Effort, We may find great tax savings by a free flow of information.

WHEREAS: With proper recognition of the "TWO WAY" approach, we may get AN ASSIST from those already 'in Space'.

WE PETITION FOR:

1. Esta blish National Laws for going to and from Space and provide protection for all who are not inimical to the nation, it's interest and growth and the good of the civilization.
2. Establish a National Source for FREE FLOW of Information to the Public.
3. Establish a National Board of Inquiry for Collation of ALL SPACE MATERIAL.
4. Establish a NEW CABINET POST to deal with SPACE MATTERS and Space Visitation.
5. Gear the National Effort toward success in these matters by cooperation of Officialdom and the Public on all matters dealing with Space.
6. Establish Engineering Circles, College and Public Schools Cooperation, Student Councils and Study Groups to develop a nationwide two-way Space Effort. Knowledgable people are able to cope with reality!

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Wayne S. Aho

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Committee for True UFO Investigation
P.O. Box 349, Duvall, Washington 98019
April 15, 1968

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Senator from New York, Candidate for President

Dear Member of Congress,

For twenty and more years, and ever since the first Atomic bomb was exploded on earth, citizens of every country have seen Unidentified Flying Objects, often called 'Flying Saucers' in great numbers, all over the world. The United States Congress and the President has exempted itself from responsibility to bring the facts into the open by relegating answers and investigation to the United States Air Force. The United States Air Force has been impeded by tight security regulations and has given generally noncommittal answers in reply to millions of queries from the public.

Now the time has come when the Congress, the President can no longer step aside, the responsibility must be faced!

Russia, the nation most reluctant to admit UFO has now taken the world lead in calling for an international investigation. They say the UFO have been on their radar for twenty years. The Condon committee at the University of Colorado, which the Air Force recommended and which Congress has allowed $500,000 for the purpose of giving us some badly needed answers has developed a good neighbor policy with the Soviet Union and a close liaison with the Russian UFO commission. (Roscoe Drummond, Washington, D. C. Dec/67) A former Soviet Air Force General, a member of that commission, Ponfifi A. Stolyaroy, has been invited by the Condon committee to see our material and techniques used for UFO investigation as a guest of the Condon committee. The Condon group has announced delays and a hold-back of any reports or information to the American people, the Russian go-ahead has taken place and the Soviets have quickly taken the world lead in announcements, pronouncements and explanations of UFO. They have come within a breath of saying it represents interplanetary visitation and observation, a truth which countless American investigators believe we should have admitted long ago. The U. S. Air Force still has a Major in charge of UFO programs at Wright Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, helped by a small staff. We have never assigned our best and most qualified scientists nor made our best effort on UFO, nor have solid answers been given to the citizens.

Investigation will prove and history will record that Americans have been punished and have suffered deeply and severely from UFO denials and hold-back of information.

Citizens have been denied their freedom in a number of ways as a reward for their insistence of having seen UFO. This includes various kinds of confinement, or methods, for periods of time numbering from days to many years.

A number of persons, including policemen have lost jobs and employment for seeing, following and reporting UFO.

Air Force Officers in uniform have intimidated and frightened witnesses, UFO sighters, have confiscated pictures, film, slides, both still and motion pictures of UFO.

A number of other wrongs have occurred because of government unwillingness to recognize UFO reality, announce this fact and bring about proper and full research.

IT IS TIME TO END THIS INJUSTICE FOR ALL TIME! Surely Congress and the President can see the value of gaining sure and true space technology, and the great savings of expenditures that would be involved, what an exchange of culture and ideas would bring to earth in this time of great crisis and need. Let us take affirmative and positive steps toward this end, immediately.

Most sincerely,

Wayne S. Aho

Wayne S. Aho, former U.S. Army
Combat Intelligence Major, Lecturer

Mrs Lenara Croft

Enclosures:
Grass roots petition for new laws

COMMITTEE FOR TRUE UFO INVESTIGATION
P.O. Box 349, Duvall, Washington 98019
April 15, 1968

Release date to news media: April 20/68

POLL OF ALL CANDIDATES AND OTHER QUESTIONS ON UFO QUESTION

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Senator Pro. New York
Candidate for President from the Democratic Party

Identical questions are being mailed to candidates on the UFO and Space matters as indicated below. Please send a reply as soon as practical to the above address. It would be appreciated if each item could be answered on a yes or no basis, with explanations whenever necessary. News media, individuals and groups will be informed and notified regarding the outcome of the poll.

Item No. 1 Do you favor a free flow of information to the public on UFO matters, realizing that the people have a right to know what is going on in our skies, even to interplanetary visitation as an answer or interpretation?

Item No. 2 Do you favor release or removal of security clamps on UFO (unidentified flying objects) often called 'flying saucers' inasmuch as the Air Force has said in its Project Blue Book: "No unidentified flying object investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security"?

Item No. 3 Are you in favor of the program, governmental and civil, which are indicated on the 'grass roots' petition, enclosed? This would include the recommendation to establish a new Cabinet post to deal with space, Space Research and Space matters, including visitation from other areas of life, space and time.

Item No. 4 If elected to High Office in the United States, will you do all possible to correct errors of omission or action on the part of the Government or its agencies, including Defense and Security Agencies to take the burden of proof off of citizens of this country who have testified to having seen UFO or had some experience with them, which when related to agencies, individuals or news media has sometimes brought about loss of jobs and employment or personal anguish, even confinement in some cases?

Item No. 5 Will you do all possible to assign top experts or individuals who are un-qualifiedly open minded in Understanding and Resource of Learning to prepare the populace, Institutions of Learning, Employers, also guardians of mental health, so that persons with UFO experiences of one kind or another will be accorded the same respect and protection as are all other citizens?

Item No. 6 Will you do all possible to open the doors of laboratories, governmental and civil, institutions of learning, education, programs both governmental and civil to NEW RESEARCH so that progress may be made in areas now vital to earth, such as Smog and Air Pollution, Transportation and movement of foods, personnel and cargo, industry and science of a NEW NATURE AND TYPE that is expected to open up because of new concepts learned from Space Programs, UFO Visitation, etc. such as NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY ETC. APPLIED IN NEW WAYS... METHODS?

Item No.7 Will you do all possible to speed up human understanding through television, radio and news media and Institutions of Learning that will lead to earthman being able to solve his problems without strife, destruction and dissolution, with the realigation that this new knowledge may come from new and various sources, including Space and Space learning, interchange with advanced cultures so that our Social, Spiritual, Material and Economic Life and understanding may develop efficiently and effectively, pursuant to the needs of modern life?

Item No. 8 Will you activate and implement these programswith all possible speed if elected?

Yes and No answers will be appreciated on the above, also non-commital or no reply will be noted and announced. This is Sincerely submitted to all candidates to High Office with respect accorded to each candidate.

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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

The report of your Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, "Space Research in the Life Sciences" was kindly sent me, and I have been deeply interested in its content and in the conclusions.

The press has been quick to note your criticism of NASA for having organized a division of life sciences. In my own view, the administration may be liable to many criticisms, but this is one of the most constructive steps that NASA has undertaken. I say this both as a research scientist dealing with NASA on space science projects and from my experience as a member of the Space Science Board. This view also is shared by all of my scientific colleagues whom I have consulted. As I have greatly admired your support for science and for the space program in the United States Senate, I am especially anxious that you hear such a comment.

The organization of the Office of Life Sciences in NASA was particularly urgent to mobilize our scientific talent for the problem of exobiology, the nature of life on other planets. This is surely one of the most exciting challenges in our space problem and much more scientific support must be given this area to ensure the success of our intended missions. Without the advice of the new office, NASA could not have the expert knowledge to cope with these tremendous problems.

In fact, before now, some extraordinary nonsense has been promulgated in the name of space biology -- for a specific example, the breeding of "space monkeys." Such inanities have been widely publicized and have antagonized many informed people, especially biologists, to the point where the serious objectives of our national space program have become obscured in their minds. The Office of Life Sciences now gives NASA the means to screen new projects and ensure that only creditable ones are given the dignity of participation in the American program, for the same sober merit that attaches to our splendid accomplishments in space physics. Whether this office or any responsible authority will be able to moderate the publicity attracted by other silly projects in many scattered installations, particularly the military ones, is a problem that does deserve your serious consideration.

Another example of the need for expert knowledge in the NASA organization on problems of biology is in the unlikely field, for a rocket engineer, of disinfection. It has finally been recognized that we

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need to insure the complete decontamination of any vehicles that we may send to planetary targets to avoid the hazards of spreading earth-life forms elsewhere by inadvertence. Implementing this caution requires a well informed administrative authority.

It is not easy to see why the Department of Defense should wish to be involved in exobiology and indeed, I would strenuously oppose such involvement both in principle and for tactical reasons -- for example, hindrance to international cooperation for projects that have a close military connection.

Many inconsistencies and illogicalities must arise from the executive directive that there is no military mission in space. Since the Department of Defense will have to continue advanced programs in space technology and space science for patent defense needs as well as to avoid ugly surprises, such a directive can only provoke well-intentioned efforts at evasion. I hope that the next administration will give serious consideration to reinstating and clarifying the military interest in space programs -- one, for example, to returning the development of manned space flight to military supervision. It is difficult to find serious justification for a crash program in manned space flight for scientific purposes, but we should not overlook ultimate military applications. Many of my colleagues would deplore the frantic effort which the House Committee has urged NASA to make to send man to the moon. Thus, a continuing expert review of the capabilities and intended uses of man in space flight would be another indispensable purpose of an independent Office of Life Sciences in the Space Agency.

No one could quarrel with the insistence that government agencies must coordinate with one another to prevent waste. But for NASA to function effectively, it must have its own technical competence in biology, and biological problems must be represented in the formation of policy.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics
Executive Head, Department of Genetics

JL/jh
cc: Dr. E. Pollard, Democratic Advisory
Committee on Science and Technology

Mr. A. Cox, Harvard Law School,
Cambridge, Massachusetts

(per Sen. Kennedy Adv. Com.)