

Mr. Francis X. Schork

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena has corresponded with the Bureau since 1957, forwarding various material concerning flying saucers. No investigation of the organization has been conducted by the Bureau and, to date, no complaints have been received against the organization alleging violation of law over which this Bureau has jurisdiction.

The following items of literature have been forwarded to correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth"
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "The Communists Are After Our Minds"
5. "Breaking the Communist Spell"

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Devils Lake N. Dak.  
April 17, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs,

I recieved this letter in the mail some time ago and was at a loss what to do with it. As there are so many subversive organizations around I do not want to give any information that may have a bad affect on our government. I am not a Communist by any means and have no desire to give information to them. I would like to know if this is a legal organization or what. Also the unidentified flying objects we saw I will be glad to give the information to your office if you want it but I dont think it could have any value now.

Yours truly

/s/ T. C. Sabie  
Devils Lake N. Dak.

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1702 K Street  
La Porte, Indiana  
March 24, 1961

Mr. T. C. Sabie  
Devils Lake  
North Dakota

Mr. Sabie

Permit me to introduce myself. I am Orvil R. Hartle, chairman of Indiana Unit #2, NICAP. NICAP is the abbreviation for National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena. This is a scientific investigative organization which has been established for several years. The purpose of this organization is to obtain factual information to be used in the cracking of censorship on the matter of UFO's (un-identified flying objects).

On March 20, 1961, I interviewed your brother Norman. Norman is a personal friend of one of the members of our organization, Mr. George Linnell, who assisted in the interview.

During the course of the interview, Norman volunteered information concerning a sighting (of a UFO) that you and he made in early November, 1928. At that time you were driving cattle near Milton, North Dakota.

Needless to say, Mr. Sabie, any additional information you might add to the report and testimony that Norman has already given would be greatly appreciated. The information that you give may be the link in solving the great UFO mystery.

Enclosed you will find an official NICAP report form; which we of Indiana Unit #2 would appreciate having you fill out for the national headquarters of NICAP. If you decide to fill out the form (and we sincerely hope that you do) will you please return it to me by return mail. I believe that the questions are self-explanatory. If you need aid in filling out the form, feel free to consult a near friend.

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I took the liberty of asking Norm for your name and address. Also I asked him if he thought that you could add to the details of the aforementioned UFO sighting. He said that he was certain that you would be glad to comply with our request if you possibly could.

If at all possible, please fill out the enclosed form, and return it to me as soon as possible. At the present we are evaluating Norman's report, and we cannot conclude before hearing from you.

I might also add that your sighting of this UFO may prove a point which could affect not only our present generation, but also the generations to come. Please, sir, be as factual as possible in filling out this report. Any detail you may consider unimportant and inconsequential may be the very link which our national group is looking for. However, I realize that thirty-three years is a very long time to remember.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours

*Orvil R. Hartle*

Orvil R. Hartle  
Chairman: Indiana Unit #2  
NICAP

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We should like to see much to your name  
in connection with this report. Your brother  
Norman has complied with our request.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

O. Paul R. Hartle

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Training \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military Service \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_ Time Zone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Locality of Observation \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did you see the object? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
8. Were there more than one object? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) — \_\_\_\_\_ (Please elaborate, if you can give details)
  - a. Appear to stand still at any time?
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Leave any visible trail?
  - f. Drop anything?
  - g. Change brightness?
  - h. Change shape?
  - i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible
14. Was there any wind? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screen etc? \_\_\_\_\_ What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind? \_\_\_\_\_ How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
  - b. Like a bright star.
  - c. Sharply outlined.

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18. Was the object --

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- |            |                  |               |
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| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel        | g. Orange     |
| b. Pea     | e. Half dollar   | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime    | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger     |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. ( )

Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report:

Signature:

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April 25, 1961

Mr. T. C. Sable  
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Sable:

Your letter of April 17, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service in regard to your inquiry, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have the specific data you requested.

I am sending a copy of your letter and enclosures to the Director of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, Building Tempo E, 4th Street and Adams Drive, Southwest, Washington, D. C. The material which you forwarded with your communication is being returned, and enclosed is some information on the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- Correspondent's enclosures (2)
- 4-61 LEB Intro.
- Communist Target--Youth
- 4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

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Mr. T. C. Sabie

NOTE: Neither the correspondent nor Orvil R. Hartle are identifiable in Bufiles. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena is listed in the Washington, D. C., telephone directory. Bufiles contain no information concerning it; however, in February, 1959, we had an inquiry concerning the National Investigations Committee for Unidentified Flying Objects. No action was taken in regard to this inquiry as the individual requesting the information had previously suffered from mental illness. (62-0-58633)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/10/61

FROM : *HKM* SAC, NEW ORLEANS (62-0)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Clerical employee [redacted] of the New Orleans Division advised that he is interested in aerial phenomena and wants to become a member of captioned organization. This organization is directed by Major DONALD E. KEYHOE, U. S. Marine Corps (Retired), and is headquartered at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. MC CALL stated that, to his knowledge, the objectives of this organization, are to keep records of all sightings of unidentified flying objects and to make the information concerning them available to the public, as the organization feels that the U. S. Government is making an effort to suppress this type of information.

Indices of the New Orleans Division are negative concerning captioned organization. The files of this Office reflect that in early 1950 an article concerning a flying disc appeared in True Magazine, written by one DONALD KEHOE, who is possibly identical with Major KEYHOE.

The Bureau is requested to advise this Office of any information in its files concerning captioned organization and whether or not there would be any objection to a clerical employee of the Bureau becoming an active member of same.

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SAC, New Orleans (62-0)

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Director, FBI (62-103581) //

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
MISCELLANEOUS--INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurlet dated July 10, 1961, and captioned as above, requesting background data concerning the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and inquiring whether there would be any objection if a Bureau employee became active in the NICAP.

The NICAP has not been investigated by the Bureau; however a number of inquiries have been received concerning this organization during recent years. Information available to the Bureau reflects that the NICAP was formed in 1956. A form letter which the NICAP distributed in 1957 to solicit "associate memberships" described the NICAP as a "privately-supported fact-finding body serving the national public interest." This form letter charged that "the Air Force has kept thousands of authentic UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports from the public."

The NICAP reportedly has also referred critically to the Air Force in its official publication, "U. F. O. Investigator." The NICAP has been intensely interested in all matters relating to "flying saucers," interplanetary travel, and the like; and it has exhibited strong sensitivity to alleged attempts to suppress information concerning such matters.

Donald E. Keyhoe, Director of the NICAP, has been known to the Bureau since the 1930' s. He has been a free-lance writer for national magazines, and a flamboyant style has characterized his articles. In the past, when he has written concerning topics of direct interest to the Bureau, we have found much of his material to be irresponsible.

A number of former United States military officers have been affiliated with the NICAP; and Keyhoe has openly attempted to capitalize upon their names and military titles. The Bureau has been most cautious in

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NOTE: The New Orleans Office has requested information concerning captioned organization because [redacted], a clerk in that office, is interested in joining the NICAP. b7c

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handling correspondence from the NICAP to avoid any inference that we hold views, either favorable or unfavorable, to this organization.

As the above information regarding Donald Keyhoe and the NICAP reflects, the NICAP is not the type of organization with which the Bureau's name should become connected--either through membership of FBI employees in the NICAP or by any other means.



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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-3-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: RICHARD HALL  
 SECRETARY  
 NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
 ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
 1536 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
 WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Captioned individual wrote April 27th enclosing information concerning Dr. Frank E. Stranges who has implied he was associated with the FBI. Hall stated that in addition to the information he was providing, they would be glad to make other material in their files available to the FBI. A review of the enclosed material indicates that the allegations against Dr. Stranges pertain to a period in August and October, 1960. In October, 1960, the Seattle Office conducted an investigation concerning Dr. Stranges after information was received that he was implying that he was at that time or previously connected with the FBI. During the investigation no one was located who had actually heard Dr. Stranges make any such allegation although it was generally conceded that he had left a number of people with such an impression. Dr. Stranges is an evangelist. Based on his background, numerous addresses and organizations which he has had and the fact he claims to have talked to an individual from the planet Venus, it appears he may be also something of a confidence man.

The allegation submitted by Mr. Hall is of the same type developed by the Seattle Office, and there appears to be no actual violation of the Impersonation Statute.

We have had other correspondence with Richard Hall and Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. This organization was formed in 1956 as a privately-supported, fact-finding body to investigate unidentified flying objects. The organization claims that the Air Force has kept thousands of authentic reports on this topic from the public. Keyhoe has been known to the Bureau since the 1930's. He has been a free lance writer and a flamboyant style has characterized his articles. Some of the material written of direct interest to the Bureau has been found to be irresponsible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That attached in-absence reply be sent to Mr. Hall.

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Enclosures (2)

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: Richard Hall

2. That attached airtel be sent to San Francisco requesting that they locate Dr. Stranges and admonish him against implying that he is or has been connected with the FBI.

*Bo* *PM* *DB* *V.*

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 27, 1962

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
1538 CONNECTICUT AVE., N. W.

TELEPHONE, NORTH 7-9434  
CABLE ADDRESS:  
SKYLIGHT

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE  
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

Mr. J.E. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th, N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has come to our attention through various references in personal correspondence that the FBI has, to some extent, investigated one Dr. Frank E. Stranges.

Enclosed is a report prepared by this Committee on Dr. Stranges which may be of interest. The letters cited in our report, including two in which the writers state Dr. Stranges implied he was associated with the FBI (underlined in red), are available for inspection here.

We also have a thick file of letters from Dr. Stranges, or about him, which are not cited in the enclosed report. We would be glad to make this material available to the FBI and to furnish copies of any pertinent documents.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard Hall*

Richard Hall  
Secretary of NICAP

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To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI

RICHARD HALL  
 SECRETARY  
 NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
 ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
 1510 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 RE: MARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
 NUMBER 5-17-62

Certain individual sent to me a letter and material relating to Dr. Frank E. Stranges. Copies of his correspondence and enclosures are being forwarded your office. This material indicates recent addresses for Dr. Frank E. Stranges at 8181 MacCall Way, Palo Alto, California, and Box 282, Venice, California.

You will note this material indicates Dr. Stranges has given the impression he is a former member or special investigator of the FBI.

Based on similar information received in October, 1960, the Seattle Office was requested to conduct an impersonation investigation concerning Dr. Stranges who had appeared in Seattle, Washington. Several persons were interviewed and had gained the impression that Dr. Stranges was a former investigator for the FBI. However, after being questioned, each stated that Dr. Stranges made no actual statement that he had worked for the FBI but had said he was a former special investigator and continuously referred to the FBI in his talks. Since Dr. Stranges had made no actual allegation, the matter was not carried further at that time.

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Dr. Frank Stranges (9)  
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In view of the information received from Mr. Hall, it is felt desirable to locate Dr. Stranges, advise him that the Bureau has received information on a number of occasions that he has been giving the impression that he is or has been an employee of the FBI. He should be admonished to cease making any such statements or in any way implying that he is associated with the Bureau.

Bufiles indicate that in 1956, Dr. Stranges listed himself as President, International Evangelical Crusades, Inc., with headquarters at 8141 Rockwell Way, Palo Alto, California.

San Francisco is instructed to attempt to locate Dr. Stranges and admonish as indicated above or set forth appropriate leads for another office to do so.

Results should be returned to reach the Bureau no later than 5-17-62.

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo dated 5-3-62 captioned as above.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach ✓

DATE: 10-31-62

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: RICHARD HALL  
 SECRETARY  
 NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
 ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
 1536 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
 WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Richard Hall, in a letter dated October 26th, furnished to the Bureau information that a former member of his organization has been accused by Mrs. Jean Coven, 170 Parkville Avenue, Brooklyn 30, New York, of swindling her out of thousands of dollars and stealing her car. Hall said Mrs. Coven informed his Committee that the matter has been turned over to the FBI. He said the purpose of his letter is to offer cooperation to the Bureau and to publicize Blair in their membership publication to assist in locating him.

Bufiles fail to reflect any identifiable information concerning the alleged swindler, Lloyd Blair, formerly of 18 West 25th Street, New York 10, New York, or with Mrs. Jean Coven. Files reflect Hall has furnished information to the Bureau in the past, the last in April, 1962, to the effect that a Dr. Frank E. Stranges implied he was associated with the FBI. The complaint had previously been received by the Seattle Office in October, 1960, and an inquiry had been made resulting in the failure to substantiate the allegation. Dr. Stranges was an Evangelist who claimed he talked to an individual from the Planet Venus. Mr. Hall was furnished an In-Absence reply on this occasion. The Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, has been known to the Bureau since the 1930's. He has been a free-lance writer and some of the material he furnished of interest to the Bureau has been found to be irresponsible. This matter was discussed with a supervisor in the General Investigative Division.

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1. That the attached airtel be sent to New York requesting that they verify whether or not this information has been furnished to that office.

2. That the attached In-Absence letter be approved and forwarded to Mr. Hall.

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 (sent direct)

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Edgar J. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation Building  
Washington, D.C.

Keith Fitzgerald  
601 Silverside Road  
Wilmington 3, Delaware

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a student at Mount Pleasant High School in Wilmington. I am concerned about Communism, especially in our schools. I have read many articles on Communism and Communist propaganda, and have become very interested in it. I would appreciate any literature on Communism in American schools, and how to detect it.

I also have a question I would like answered. Do you think that the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (N.I.C.A.P.) is Communist inspired or influenced?

Thank you for your  
time and trouble, *KE*

Keith Fitzgerald

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November 29, 1962

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Mr. Keith Fitzgerald  
601 Silverside Road  
Wilmington 3, Delaware

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Your letter postmarked November 26, 1962, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

I am reassured when I read letters such as yours expressing an awareness of the problems menacing our country's future. Acknowledging the danger posed by the communist conspiracy is one great step toward protecting our national traditions.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in regard to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, files of the FBI must be maintained confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you in this instance and hope you do not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files pertaining to this organization.

Enclosed is some material on the general topic of communism. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books should be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Keith Fitzgerald

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Enclosures (5)

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Time of Testing  
An American's Challenge  
One Nation's Response to Communism



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Date: 3/29/63

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Airtel \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, SEATTLE  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-<sup>just</sup>NEW)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE  
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/28/63, BENAJMIN F. CLYMER, Service Librarian, Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia, telephonically contacted the Norfolk Division and advised a professor of the college had seen an unidentified flying object two weeks ago, and after making his observations known, he received a questionnaire form from the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Seattle, Washington, which inquired into the professor's background and information concerning his observation of the object.

SEATTLE

At Seattle, Washington. Advise Norfolk Division if such an organization exists.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Norfolk

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Director, FBI

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE  
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP)  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

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The captioned organization has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, information available to the Bureau indicates that the organization was formed in 1956 as "a privately-supported fact finding body serving the national public interest." The NICAP has been intensively interested in all matters pertaining to "flying saucers," interplanetary travel and the light and it has exhibited strong sensitivity to alleged attempts to suppress information concerning such matters. It has repeatedly criticized the Air Force in its official publication "U.F.O. Investigator," for keeping authentic UFO (unidentifiable flying objects) reports from the public. The director of NICAP is Donald Keyhoe, a free-lance writer for national magazines.

It is not desired that the above information be furnished anyone outside your office.

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NOTE:

The librarian at Old Dominion College, Norfolk, advised that a professor at the college had received a questionnaire from NICAP. Norfolk desired to be advised whether such an organization existed.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Casper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Callahan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conrad
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/18/63

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-26460)(RUC)

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP)  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Norfolk airtel to the Bureau, 3/29/63; Bureau letter to Norfolk, 4/8/63.

On April 9, 1963, no listing for the captioned organization was located in the current Seattle telephone and city directories, or in the 1962 Aero Space Yearbook maintained at the Seattle Public Library. However, the captioned organization is indexed in the indices of the Seattle Public Library.

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On April 9, 1963, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the forward to the book entitled, "Flying Saucers: Top Secret", by Major DONALD E. KEYHOE, U. S. Marine Corps, retired, who is the director of the captioned organization which is headquartered at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. This book, which has Dewey decimal system designation, R533.69/K521PL, at the Seattle Public Library, was published by G. P. Putnam's Son, New York, under a 1960 copyright. It has Library of Congress Catalogue Card number 60-5267. The forward reveals substantially the same information furnished in Bureau letter to Norfolk, dated April 8, 1963.

KEYHOE is also the author of the following books:

- "The Flying Saucers are Real";
- "Flying with Lindbergh";
- "M Day";
- "Flying Saucers from Outer Space"

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The latter book has Library of Congress Catalogue Card number 58-9588.

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7 Idlewild Lane  
Hatawan, New Jersey  
January 15, 1964

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Rm.  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), headquarters Washington, D.C., and would greatly appreciate your answering the following questions:

1- Has the United States Air Force compelled you in any way, thru official orders or otherwise, to withhold from the press media and the general public any information you might obtain on investigating an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting reported to the FBI?

2- If the answer to question #1 is in the negative what is the FBI policy regarding UFO sightings reported to you in releasing information to the press media and general public on said sightings?

3- Has the FBI investigated any recent UFO reports and, if so, what were the results of those investigations?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*John Laval*  
John Laval  
NICAP member

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January 21, 1964

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Mr. John Laval  
7 Idlewild Lane  
Matawan, New Jersey

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Dear Mr. Laval:

Your letter of January 15th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the question of unidentified flying objects does not fall within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. If someone should bring data concerning these objects to our attention, either the individual or the information is referred to the Department of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20330. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*John Edgar Hoover*  
*J. Edgar Hoover*

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