

9 Sept 61

The Honorable Joseph Karth  
The House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

SEP 12 1961

Sir:

My wife and I have heard of the UFO inquiry you are heading and are very pleased that Congress is looking into the matter. We trust that reputable persons who disagree with Air Force findings will be given adequate opportunity to present their case. We feel that, in particular, Major Donald E. Keyhoe and his colleagues on the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena deserve your attention.

I am writing to suggest that you take up the Ellsworth Air Force Base sighting of 12 Aug 53. It was first heard of by the public in 1956 when the late Edward J. Ruppelt, former Project Blue Book head, described it in Chapter 17 of his book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," as "the best UFO report in the Air Force files," and as "an unknown---the best."

According to letters I have received from the Air Force in the last few years, the case is still unsolved. It involves simultaneous and prolonged ground-air-radar observation of a UFO manoeuvring over a SAC base and two separate jet pursuits of the UFO. When the first jet broke off pursuit the UFO reversed course and followed the jet back to base. After the second jet turned back the UFO continued on its course and was reported later still adhering to that course. Ruppelt investigated the case personally and collected voluminous testimony.

In a letter to me dated 17 Sept 1958 (available to you should you desire to see it) Major Tacker of the Air Force stated that "the particulars of the Ellsworth Air Force Base case agree substantially with the account given by Mr. Ruppelt." According to another letter from Major Tacker dated 22 April 1960, the incident (referred to here as occurring on 5 Aug 53) was still unexplained.

I hope you will go into this case. In my opinion, it, and others equally impressive, disprove the contention that all UFO sightings can be explained or could be explained with sufficient information. The Air Force has had ample opportunity to explain the Ellsworth AFB UFO but they cannot do so. And may I point out

that you and I would not know of this case(except as an insignificant statistic) were it not for Ruppelt's book, written as a private citizen.

Should your committee decide that UFO's exist you will be faced with the question of whether the government ought to withhold the news to avert panic, etc. May I take the liberty of listing three dangers involved in a policy of UFO secrecy and four advantages which might be gained by affirming that UFO's exist.

1: The world would lose confidence in the good faith or competence of the U.S. government should circumstances suddenly cause the existence of UFO's to become a certainty, either through some incontrovertible sighting, an announcement of another government, or some change of policy on the part of those directing the UFO's.

2: By keeping the subject under wraps, we risk accidental war due to some misidentification of a UFO as an enemy missile.

3: Russia can score a propaganda and strategic victory over us by making a false claim that the UFO's are Russian devices.

4: The truth should be made known, not only as a matter of principle, but also to further scientific progress and to permit a free people the dignity of shaping its own destiny.

5: Bringing the existence of UFO's to the attention of the world would lessen the danger of a world war. Knowledge of a potential threat from space would tend to unify the world psychologically, reduce the importance of contended issues, and cause world powers to hesitate to go to war lest the world weaken itself and fall easy prey to some unknown enemy.

6: It would be shown that Russia is not first in space and that, compared to the achievements of the beings who control the UFO's, the slight gap which separates the U.S. and Russia is inconsequential.

7: The climate of world opinion would change for the better. As discovery of the New World sparked the Renaissance in Europe, discovery of intelligent life in space could spark an intellectual and scientific renaissance in our time. (I sincerely believe that there would be no panic. Scientific discoveries and science fiction have been preparing us for such news for years. People who have been facing atomic annihilation for years could face this news calmly---might even welcome it as a possibly hopeful element in the world picture.)

In a recent NICAP bulletin I read a quotation from a letter of yours which mentioned the difficulty of getting final answers on UFO's from Air Force officers. I'm very glad that you are now in a position to get such answers.

Sincerely yours,

*Zan Overall.*

12114 Maxwellton Road  
Studio City, California

UFO'S

September 14, 1961

Mr. Zan Overall  
12114 Maxwellton Road  
Studio City, California

Dear Mr. Overall:

Thank you for your letter of September 9,  
concerning the UFO's.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in  
calling to my attention your interest in this  
serious subject.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Karth

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Karth  
9/14/61  
Zan Overall

232 Marshall Ave.  
Apt. #30  
St. Paul 2, Minn.  
August 29 1961

*ack*

Dear Sir:

I wish to make the following requests in view of my interest in the UFO (flying saucer) controversy.

There is still much discussion and activity among interested persons in the UFO field. There is also a steadily increasing number of people becoming interested. This is being especially well accomplished thru the efforts of "UNDERSTANDING", a Space Age Organization founded by Daniel W. Fry, and which is interested in the spiritual meaning as well as the physical phenomena of intelligent life on other planets and universes.

1. Regardless of your personal beliefs will you urge and support Open Hearings on the UFO topic by the Armed Services or Space Committee's of the Senate or the House in order to end public confusion?
2. Urge the Secretary of Defense to inform all defense personnel as to the UFO characteristics in contrast to the known aircraft characteristics. (refer to A.F. 200-2 forbidding A.F. personnel to discuss U.F.O. sightings).
3. Openly confirm the existence of UFO to avoid accidental warfare.
4. IMPORTANT: Is the Air Force withholding UFO information from the public????

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially,

Miss Kay Perham, member of  
Unit #41, Twin Cities unit  
of UNDERSTANDING.

September 19, 1961

Miss Kay Perham  
232 Marshall Avenue, Apt. 30  
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Dear Miss Perham:

Thank you for your letter of August 29th  
in regard to Unidentified Flying Objects.

I appreciate your writing to me informing  
me of your interest in this important matter, and  
assure you your requests will be given every  
consideration.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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Sept. 20, 61

SEP 25 1961

Sir,

May I urge you to do  
all in your power to demand  
open hearings regards sub-  
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of unidentified flying  
object information.

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forgotten who is paying  
their wages. It's his tax  
payers and we don't  
much go for their secrecy.

Thanks for your coop-  
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Sincerely,

Robert Kraeger  
Port Jervis  
New York

September 2

Mr. Robert Kraeger  
Port Leyden

*Robert Kraeger  
Port Leyden, N.Y.*

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

PORT LEYDEN  
SEP 23  
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*Congressman Joseph E. Keith  
Phone Office Building  
Washington D.C.*



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SEP 25 1961  
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SCIENCE COMMITTEE UFO'S

September 25, 1961

Mr. Robert Kraeger  
Port Leyden  
New York

Dear Mr. Kraeger:

Thank you for your postcard of September  
20th in which you urge my support for open  
hearings when the subcommittee investigates  
information pertaining to Unidentified Flying  
Objects.

I appreciate having the benefit of your  
viewpoint and assure you the matter will be  
given my most careful consideration.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph EJ Karth

JEK-sd

The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee

P. O. Box 5242 - Akron 13, Ohio

September 15, 1961

The Honorable Joseph Karth  
House Office Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

SEP 18 1961

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Dear Congressman Karth:

Accompanying this letter is a tape consisting of interviews with persons in the Akron area, who have observed unidentified aerial objects ( ufo's ). We certainly hope that you will find the time in your busy schedule to listen to it.

We feel that since you have been delegated to probe into this matter that our data will be of some help. This tape by no means covers our complete file. Should you desire to have the remaining taped interviews, we shall be most happy to oblige.

We have in addition to the tapes many reports on file which are quite significant and fall in the category of unknowns.

Your reply will be most welcome and enlightening.

Sincerely yours,

*George Popowitch*

George Popowitch  
Director

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The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee

P. O. Box 5242 Akron, Ohio **SCIENCE COMMITTEE UFO'S**

September 15, 1961

September 19, 1961

The Honorable Joseph Karth  
House Office Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

SEP 18 1961  
George Popowitch, Director  
The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee  
P. O. Box 5242  
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Popowitch:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 15th and accompanying tape recording. Accompanying this letter is a tape consisting of interviews with persons in the field of aerial objects. **please be advised that hearings will not be held until the next session of Congress convenes.** If you desire that this tape become the property of the Committee, or, if you want it returned to you, **please let me know.** This tape by no means covers our complete file. Should you desire to have the remaining tapes **With best wishes, I am most happy to oblige.**

We have in addition to the above mentioned tapes on file which are quite significant and fall in the category of unknowns.

Your reply will be most welcome and enlightening.

Joseph E. Karth

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Sincerely yours,

George Popowitch  
Director

The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee

P. O. Box 5242 - Akron 13, Ohio

September 25, 1961

The Honorable Joseph Karth  
House Office Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

SEP 26 1961

Dear Congressman Karth:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1961 for which our sincere thanks is extended to you.

The tape that was sent to you may be kept by the Committee as their property. We are most happy to oblige with additional tapes and data from our files. Please advise if wanted.

In your letter it was stated, "Please be advised that hearings will not be held until the next session of Congress convenes." Will I be correct in assuming that hearings will definitely be held relative to unidentified flying objects? Your confirmation of this assumption will tend to clarify the statement for me.

Your efforts to acheive the goal of hearings on this most important matter of UFOs will go down in history as one of the most eventful era of mankind. And you will be recognized as a true American who was instrumental in bringing this about.

Your reply is welcome and I remain

Cordially yours,

*George Popowitch*

George Popowitch, Dir.

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question in a positive manner  
as of this date -

SCIENCE COMMITTEE\_\_UFO's

October 3, 1961

George Popowitch, Director  
The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee  
P. O. Box 5242  
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Popowitch:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Chairman Brooks with whom I had the agreement to conduct hearings, as you know, has passed away. What the new Chairman will decide, I do not yet know.

Sorry I cannot answer your question, as to whether or not hearings relative to unidentified flying objects will definitely be held, in a positive manner at this time.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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*Same as other*  
*letters, (add)*  
*was to be 3 members, the sub-Committee*  
*one although the only other*  
*officially mentioned was Com. Perkins*  
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*to do with the investigation not*  
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*they never even contacted*  
*me one way or the other.*

6526 Carnegie Ave.  
Cleveland 3, Ohio  
Sept. 29, 1961

Hon. Joseph E. Karth  
5406 Belfast Drive  
St. Paul 22, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Karth:

In the July 3rd issue of NEWSWEEK mention was made that a special three-man House group would soon start a probe of unidentified flying objects, its first job being to study Air Force UFO reports which have always ridiculed the theory that they came from outer space.

There was also an item in the LONG ISLAND DAILY PRESS under date of Mon., June 26, which stated that the UFOs were going to be investigated by the House Space Committee and that Rep. Overton Brooks, the chairman, had designated you to make the investigation.

In addition to these two items on this topic, I saw a third reference to it in the August 6th issue of the Waterbury, Conn. SUNDAY REPUBLICAN in an article headed "FLYING OBJECT PROBE OUT THIS SESSION". You may have read this particular article but on the chance that you didn't I will quote from it the portion that relates to part of my reason for writing to you.

"No House investigation of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) will be held this session. The Air Force is understood to have succeeded in blocking it."

U.S. Rept. Joseph E. Karth, D.Minn., chairman of the subcommittee that was picked to probe the UFO situation, predicted that hearings will be held in the next session of Congress, which starts next January. Karth may get the backing of House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, D.Mass., in this plan."

Private investigation of the reports of various individuals who claim to have seen these objects has been a matter which I have pursued as a side-interest in my spare time for several years, particularly during vacations. As a result of such effort I have collected considerable information and data on this subject.

A few months ago I selected several of the best cases with which I had come in contact, typed copies and arranged them in brochure form and sent this material to Hon. John W. McCormack. He replied, thanking me for having sent him this material.

My purpose in writing this letter to you is threefold:

First, I wished to bring the collection of material that I sent to Rept. McCormack to your personal attention, in the event he had not already or did not do so, since I felt some of it might prove of value to you in your investigation of the UFO mystery,-for such it most certainly is.

Secondly, I am interested in learning whether there is truth behind the newspaper statement that the Air Force brought pressure to bear to delay the investigation of the UFO matter by your committee.

And third, Since learning the sad news that Rep. Overton Brooks passed away, I have been concerned as to what affect it might have on the investigation of this subject, since he was the Chairman. Is your committee still going ahead with its investigation and, if so, when is the investigation actually scheduled to commence? Will they be open hearings, as I understand you wanted, or closed to the public? While speaking of the committee, do you mind informing me who the other members of it are?

I wish to take this opportunity to express the opinion, if I may, that I feel all hearings on this subject should be open to the public and the press, since secrecy in government, particularly in matters such as this, are, it seems to me, undemocratic. I believe that the voters,-the tax-paying public, on whose shoulders rests the expenses of government, should have a right to know what is taking place in and over their own country and in government affairs. I sincerely hope that you concur with me in this opinion and will courageously carry the fight and champion the cause of holding open hearings and conducting a complete and thorough investigation of the whole UFO matter. It is high time that such an investigation was made!

The last matter I wish to mention to you is that there are three civilian UFO research groups in this country, who, in my opinion, are the leaders in the field, insofar as their actual investigations and research into it are concerned. You are probably acquainted with the ones I have reference to but on the chance that you aren't I will mention them at this point:

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION  
4145 E. Desert Place  
Tucson, Arizona

U.F.O. RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 5242  
Akron 13, Ohio

Each of these organizations has amassed a wealth of information on the many-sided UFO matter, including records of individual sightings and experiences with UFOs and material which substantiates the often repeated claim that the Air Force are withholding information on this subject from the general public.

I am confident that any of them would welcome an opportunity to offer their services in any way that would assist your committee in its investigation if the request was made of them to do so.

If there is any way in which I can be of assistance to your committee, please feel free to call on me.

I would appreciate hearing from you in reference to the matters discussed in this letter.

Yours very truly,

*C. W. Fitch*



6526 Carnegie Ave.  
Cleveland 3, Ohio  
SCIENCE COMMITTEE UFO'S

October 3, 1961

Hon. Joseph E. Karth  
5406 Belfast Drive  
St. Paul 22, Minnesota

C. W. Fitch  
6526 Carnegie Avenue  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Fitch:

Thank you for your letter of September 29th concerning a House investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Chairman Brooks, with whom I had the agreement to conduct hearings, as you know, has passed away. What the new Chairman will decide, I do not yet know. Therefore, I am unable to say at this time whether or not hearings will definitely be held.

Even though the subcommittee was to have three members, the only other one officially mentioned was Congressman Perkins Bass.

In regard to your question if the Air Force was instrumental in delaying the investigation, the Air Force had nothing to do with the investigation not taking place this year. In fact, they never even contacted me one way or the other.

I appreciate your offer of assistance.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely yours,  
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JOSEPH T. WILSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

MONTANA

PHONE 2331

October 12, 1961.

Honorable Joseph E. Karth  
House Office Building  
Washington  
D. C.

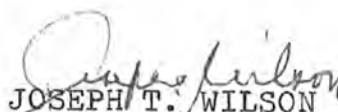
Dear Congressman:

Can you give me any reliable information as to reasons why hearings on the subject of UFO phenomena ( flying saucers ) are not public?

I know that Major Don Keyhoe and NICAP, the organization which he heads, of which I am a member, have been trying for years to get Congress to screw up its courage to the point of bringing out the facts of this subject and getting them before the public; and I also know, as does every investigator who does not rely entirely upon the press and radio for the news, that there is something maladorous about the secrecy, falsehood and deception which have been used for years to keep UFO under blankets.

Who is afraid of what? What is the source of the power which for years has been able to kick this subject around and keep the public in ignorance or confusion concerning matters which are certainly legitimate subjects of general inquiry? The old excuse, to wit: national security, is worn through. All attempts to maintain face by ridicule, falsehood and suppression have been so badly discredited that Col Tacker, the staunch veteran debunker for the Air Force, is no longer useful. The people now look to Congress for official corroboration of what many of us already know. And a few of us hope, but without great expectations, that Congress will unmask the unidentified power which has successfully dictated, for many years, official policies of falsehood and deceit.

Respectfully yours,

  
JOSEPH T. WILSON

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ATTORNEY AT LAW SCIENCE COMMITTEE UFO

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS  
MONTANA

PHONE 2231

October 19, 1961

October 12, 1961.

Honorable Joseph E. Karth  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Mr. Karth:  
Joseph T. Wilson  
Attorney at Law  
First National Bank Building  
White Sulphur Springs, Montana

Can Dear Mr. Wilson: reliable information as to release any  
hearings on the subject of UFO phenomena ( flying saucers )  
are not public?

This is to acknowledge your letter  
of October 12th in regard to hearings on the  
subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.  
I know you are trying to get Congress to screw up its courage to  
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*Joseph T. Wilson*  
JOSEPH T. WILSON

The Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee  
P. O. Box 5242 - Akron 13, Ohio



The Honorable Joseph E. Keith  
House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

~~Important~~  
~~Enclosure~~

Oct. 16, 1961.

Congressman Joseph E. Keith  
House Space Com.  
Wash, D.C.

OCT 19 1961

Dear Sir:-

I understand there is to be a Congressional meeting behind closed doors. Why closed? Many people — educated & intelligent have information to offer (Am not one)

The elect you have to represent us but ah, how things change when the pressure groups start working!

Respectfully,

Dr. W. Johnson

23 S. Hoback Helena Mont

SCIENCE\_UFO'S

October 19, 1961

OCT 19 1961

Dr. H. Johnson  
23 S. Hoback  
Helena, Montana

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to investigations by the House Science and Astronautics Committee of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Plans for holding such hearings are still not definite because the new committee chairman, Rep. George Miller, has indicated that he desires to reorganize the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

I appreciate your writing to me on this subject.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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B.C. Canada  
Oct. 4, 1961.

Cong. Joseph P. Keith  
U.S. Congress  
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir,

I understand that the House  
Space Committee is probing the A.F.O.  
reports. I have been reading  
these reports since 1948. Why  
do we not have open-hearings?

I'm sure the space-people  
are trying to give us helpful

SMITH UFO

information. Why are we not  
using it?

I sincerely hope that you  
will really make an effort  
to give the public a full re  
port on this matter.

Sincerely,

Miss E. Moore

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Keith

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ELLEN MOORE  
4912-B ANCHOR AVENUE, APT. 24  
MIAMI BEACH 24, FLORIDA

SCIENCE COMMITTEE\_\_UFO

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October 19, 1961  
Oct. 4, 1961

Cong. Joseph E. Karth  
U.S. Congress  
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HOTEL BEDFORD

17, RUE DE L'ARCADE  
MADELEINE - PARIS

NOV 1 1961

Oct 30 '61

Dear Congressman Rarick:

I see in my V.F.O. Investigator that you really mean to have a public hearing on the Flying Saucers, long overdue. Those who have an axe or axes to grind for purely selfish reasons, to keep the truth from our people, should be imprisoned for a few weeks. I learned about these men from other planets while I was in California and when I offered to write an article

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in the Boston Globe as I had  
sent it articles for months  
from France in world war I  
and been told they were  
better than any reports from  
Europe, but was now told  
the Globe was not interested  
I smelt a rat - and later  
found out the Press had been  
forbidden to say anything.  
And we call this a free  
country -

These advanced people from  
other planets are here to save  
us when the earth turns on her  
axis as the scientists tell us she

HOTEL BEDFORD  
17, RUE DE L'ARCADE  
MADELEINE - PARIS

would for before  
the ocean  
Thank please  
self  
D. D.

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17. RUE DE L'ARCADE  
MADELEINE - PARIS

will do before long. Then  
the oceans will change  
their places and millions will  
be drowned.

Do what you can now.

Very Sincerely

Olga Tudor de Pirosescu

a "damn Yankee" the wife of  
a wonderful frenchman  
killed in 1915.

Anne =  
Hancock - K. H.  
U. S. A.

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