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Nov. 18, 1961

Rep. Joseph E. Karth
426 House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Karth:

I understand from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena that you are involved in a forthcoming Congressional investigation of unidentified flying objects (flying saucers).

We would very much like to learn more of these hearings, when they will take place and whether or not they will be public hearings.

We would certainly appreciate hearing some details from you.

Enclosed is some literature about our organization, which devotes some of its time to the UFO field. I plan to send you under separate cover a book entitled "The White Sands Incident" by Daniel W. Fry. It tells of a UFO encountered in 1950 by a technician at White Sands Proving Ground, N.M.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cleveland E. Twitchell

Cleveland E. Twitchell
Member, Understanding, Inc.
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'AGE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS' HAS PASSED ITS FIRST DECADE

On Monday, June 24, 1957, the greatest enigma in recorded history was just one decade old. It was on that date in 1947 when businessman-pilot Kenneth Arnold, of Boise, Idaho, spotted nine circular and shining objects rapidly traverse the Cascade Mountain Range of Western Washington. Later asked to describe the craft, Arnold said the objects resembled "saucers skipping over water", and thus adding the words "flying saucer" to dictionaries and our everyday vocabulary.

Over these years, intensive research has disclosed that reports of these phenomena date back to Sanskrit and pre-Christian times. UFO's have been reported from every country of the Free World, as well as from beyond the Iron Curtain. It is ridiculous to conjecture that any earthly power would dare to exhibit such a top-secret weapon to alien eyes. Moreover, no country would continue to expend countless millions of dollars on conforming aircraft today if it had the UFO's with their recorded velocities of better than 20,000 miles per hour.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION BULLETIN

FLYING SAUCERS ARE FACT AND FRIENDLY



Founded by
DANIEL W. FRY

ARE YOU AWARE — that there is now a tremendous body of information pointing towards the reality of 'Flying Saucers', more correctly UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS? Lord Dowding (England) former Air Marshal and Commander-in-Chief in the Royal Air Force Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, has stated — "The mass of evidence is so overwhelming that I have long accepted their reality."

ARE YOU AWARE — that the Flying Saucers, (UFO's) seem to have achieved WEIGHTLESSNESS, something so Para-Normal in our knowledge of aerodynamics and physics, that it could be said to brand them as of 'Extra-Terrestrial' origin—from beyond this Earth?

ARE YOU AWARE — that they have frequently been seen to 'disappear instantly' — while you are looking at them? A second feature which points to the 'Extra-Terrestrial' hypotheses.

ARE YOU AWARE — that this apparent 'weightlessness' enables them to move from zero miles per hour to speeds of 5000 MPH and more WITHOUT TIME LAG for acceleration?

ARE YOU AWARE — that they have been visually sighted, Radar and Theodolite tracked MAKING RIGHT ANGLE TURNS at speeds of 5000 or more Miles Per Hour?

ARE YOU AWARE — that the larger Unidentified Aerial-Craft have been observed discharging and receiving the smaller craft — Saucers — or Scouts? In one incident, with 61 witnesses, aboard a B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser over Newfoundland.

ARE YOU AWARE — that the United States Army Air Technical Intelligence Centre (A.T.I.C.) has been reported to have received as many as SEVEN HUNDRED UFO SIGHTINGS IN A MONTH?

ARE YOU AWARE — that AFR No. 200-2 (Air Force Regulations Order), and JANAP #146 (Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Procedure Order) provide heavy penalties for any Service Man giving out information of his own personal experiences or sightings of UFO's? All such reports are labelled "Classified" and kept in secret files, thus officially withholding from the public the facts of what is going on in our skies. Yet the public is told that "UFO's do not exist."

ARE YOU AWARE — that there are many accounts of landings of these crafts on our Earth—and personal contacts with the people who fly them? AND of our people being taken for rides in them? Some accounts say that "several hundreds" have been given rides for specific purposes.

ARE YOU AWARE — that there is a large and ever-growing body of Scientists, Aviators, Radar Operators, Trained Observers, Technicians, Educators, etc., who are firmly convinced of the REALITY of UFO's, and deplore the "Hush, hush" attitude of officialdom?

ARE YOU AWARE — that our own Bible, and many Ancient Sacred Scriptures give vivid descriptions of Space Visitations on numerous occasions in the past, always prior to great happenings?

ARE YOU AWARE — that WILBERT B. SMITH, Department of Transport Engineer of Ottawa, Canada, former chief of "Project Magnet," the only official Saucer investigating agency so far authorized by the government of Canada, has stated that, "There is a 95% probability that the Flying Saucers are REAL, a 60% probability that they are 'Alien Vehicles' (of Extra-Terrestrial origin) a 10% probability, that they come from a dimension incomprehensible to man." He is today a member of the Board of Directors of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), of Washington, D. C.

IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF THE FOREGOING — you can

1. Procure books on the subject from the public library, or purchase them from UNDERSTANDING Headquarters, 313 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, Calif.
2. Contact UNDERSTANDING Headquarters for further information.
3. Get your name on our mailing list, to be notified of coming lectures.
4. Attend public lectures and regular meetings of your local unit.
5. Join our organization and help spread these important facts.
6. Send to NICAP (1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.) for its sheet of published statements on U.F.O.'s by more than 50 prominent Americans, including Sen. Barry Goldwater, William Lear, Rear Adm. D. S. Fahrney, U.S.N. Ret., Clare Booth Luce, Drs. Carl G. Jung, Harlow Shapley, Clyde W. Tombaugh, Rep. Wm. H. Ayres of Ohio, Harold C. Urey, Comdr. R. W. Percey, U.S.N.R., Ret.
7. Look Up! Keep Your Eyes on the Skies. The "Saucers" come from above your head, not beneath your feet.
8. Purchase any of the following books from our headquarters. Others may be ordered.

TITLE	AUTHOR	PRICE plus tax
Flying Saucers Have Landed	Leslie & Adamski	\$3.50
Secret of the Saucers	Angelucci	3.00
Man Who Tapped Secrets of Universe	Clark	.75
Atoms, Galaxies and Understanding	Fry	3.00 & 2.00
White Sands Incident & To Men Of Earth	Fry	2.00
Night Has a Thousand Saucers	Girvan	3.00 & 2.00
Over the Threshold	Howard	3.00
My Contact With Flying Saucers	Kraspedon	3.75
Why We Are Here	Lee	3.75
Aquarian Gospel	Levi	4.00
From Outer Space to You	Menger	4.50
Flying Saucers & the Straight Line Mystery	Michel	4.50
We of the New Dimension	Miller	2.00
Secrets of Higher Contact	Michael X	2.00
My Trip to Mars	Nelson	1.00
Saucer Diary	Norkin	3.00
Truth About Mars	Norman	1.50
Voice of Venus	Norman	3.50
Voice of Eros	Norman	3.95
Voice of Hermes	Norman	3.95
A Call At Dawn	Rowe	3.50 & 2.50
Temple of God	Skarin	3.50
Ye Are Gods	Skarin	3.50
To God the Glory	Skarin	2.95
Coming Golden Age	Sumner	3.50
Wisdom of the Universe	Troxell	3.25

Our members are convinced that the Flying Saucer Saga will have a vital effect in the future on the lives of all of us—the assistance of those who can envision this possibility is needed to help make it known.

NOV 17 1961

37 Valley Road
Nahant, Mass.
November 14, 1961

Dear Sirs:

We are three seventh grade pupils of the Nahant Junior High School. Our science teacher, Mr. Hamm, has assigned us to do a project on Unidentified Flying Objects. We would be very grateful for any free information for this report as you are the chairmen of the House Subcommittee on Space Problems and Life Sciences.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Kathy Forzy

Connie Cormier

George Cusack

November 20, 1961
37 Valley Road
Nahant, Mass.
November 14, 1961

Dear Miss:

Miss Kathy Zorzy
37 Valley Road
Nahant, Massachusetts

are the three seventh grade pupils of the Nahant Junior High School. Our science teacher, Mr. [unclear], has assigned us to do a project on Unidentified Flying Objects.

Dear Kathy:

Thank you for your letter of November 14th signed by you, Connie Cormier, and George Cusack.

Inasmuch as my subcommittee has not yet taken up the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, there is no available material on the subject.

If there is any other way I can assist you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thank you very much.

Joseph E. Karth

*Sincerely yours,
Kathy Zorzy*

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Connie Cormier

George Cusack

NOV 15 1961

Dear Sir -

Thank you for your
sincere efforts on behalf
of V F O Research —
and we hope to rely on
you to bring Public
hearings before Congress.

Truth cannot be "smothered"
out very much longer!
What does Congress "fear"?
(The public does not "panic"
at the truth!) or what is
there to lose! It
will not be "wasting its time"
as Orerton Brooks said, nor
will "the press make fun"

VIA AIR MAIL



of the truth for very long.

Lets Face It!

The public is ready, even
if some congressmen are
not!

Thank you Again -
V. J. Kennedy

Mr + Mrs Allan Taylor

Mrs H. P. Lunders

House of Representatives

V. J. Kennedy
606 Osage St.
Tulsa Okla.

Rep. Frank Hart
Washington, D.C.



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House of Representatives

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UFO'S

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November 15, 1961

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Mr. V. I. Kennedy
606 Osage Drive
Tulsa 6, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Truth cannot be "emothered" out very much. What does not pass at the time does not pass there to lose!
This is to acknowledge receipt of the letter signed by you, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Taylor and Mrs. H. P. Lunders, in regard to open hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects.

I appreciate having the benefit of your viewpoint and thank you for writing to me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

It will not be "wasting its time" as Orerton Brooks said, nor will "the press make for"
Joseph E. Karth

JEK-sd

VIA AIR MAIL





P.O. #1 - Box 63
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. looking north from the top
 of the new 16 story Mayflower Apartments.

CARY, N.C.

Dear Congressman:

May I thank you for
 your serious support
 the question of public
 hearings regarding the
 U.F.O.s. I won't forget
 your statesmanship on
 this subject and will
 gladly support your
 re-election in any way
 possible. Bernard Haughey



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Address

November 15, 1961
Congressman Joseph E. Karth
426 House office Bldg.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bernard Haugen
Route 1, Box 63
Cary, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Haugen:

Thank you for your postcard in regard
to public hearings on Unidentified Flying
Objects.

Your kind comments are very much
appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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from

C. W. FITCH

6526 Carnegie Ave.
Cleveland 3, Ohio
Oct. 30, 1961

NOV 1 1961

Hon. Joseph E. Karth
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Karth:

Here are two items relating to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects that I thought you might be interested in seeing. It is not necessary to return them.

The photostat relates to the most recent good sighting that I have heard of. The cartoon, as I see it, is a bit of light satire using for its theme the fallacy of the Air Force's contention that UFOs are non-existent.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Fitch

DEC 11 1961

December 11, 1961

1524 Kirkwood Road
Baltimore, 7, Maryland
December 7, 1961

Mr. James H. Wales
1524 Kirkwood Road
Baltimore 7, Maryland

Dear Rep. Karth

I understand that after reading the newspapers, that there has been, and still is, considerable interest in Congress concerning public hearings on "Unidentified Flying Objects". This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of December 7th concerning hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects.

I would like to add my voice to those showing interest in having the facts presented to the public through congressional action. I appreciate having the benefit of your viewpoint. I am not afraid of the implications that might come about, if these UFO's are proven to be interplanetary.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely Yours,
Joseph E. Karth
James H. Wales
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Sincerely Yours,

James H. Wales
James H. Wales

2101 Sherwood Road
Minneapolis 21, Minnesota
December 6, 1961

DEC 11 1961

Representative Joseph E. Karth
426 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Karth:

Firstly, I wish to thank you for your very excellent lecture on "World Politics and Space Exploration", which was very enlightening.

I am a member of a group of engineers interested in the UFO problem. Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain information sufficiently free of prejudice to permit us to draw reasonable conclusions regarding the nature of these "objects". However, from a purely scientific viewpoint, we have not been able to rule out the possibility of extraterrestrial visitors.

This letter is in response to your suggestion that I write you for copies of the Donald E. Keyhoe correspondence relating to his desires regarding proposed UFO hearings by your subcommittee.

Thanking you for your interest,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Werner

William Werner

UFO

December 15, 1961

2101 Sherwood Road
Minneapolis 21, Minnesota
December 6, 1961

DEC 11 1961

William Werner
2101 Sherwood Road
Minneapolis 21, Minnesota
426 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Werner:

Dear Mr. Werner:

Your kind comments on my remarks on
Firstly "World Politics and Space Exploration" are
"World Politics and Space Exploration", which was very enlightening.

In line with your request, I am
pleased to enclose copies of my correspon-
dence with Major Keyhoe.

I appreciate your interest in this
subject and look forward to seeing the
conclusions your group reaches on UFO.

With best wishes, I am

Thanking you for your interest, Sincerely yours,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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2104 Roth Place
White Bear Lake, Minn.

Rep. Joseph Karth
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

MAY 5, 1961

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Dear Sir :

I read with concern the article in
The American Weekly, April 16, 1961 by
Major Donald E. Keyhoe, subject: UFO's!

I write you, Sir, not only because
you are my representative, but because you
are quoted by Major Keyhoe in this article
as saying, "high Air Force officers refuse
to discuss UFO's even in closed sessions."

I cannot believe it is the prerogative
of the Air Force, CIA, or any branch of our
government to decide what should be discussed
our withheld from members of Congress. If
the "facts" presented by Major Keyhoe can be
refuted they should be, publicly. If they
are even in part accurate they should be
completely investigated by a proper Congressional
Committee and the findings made public!

Our citizens, who are periodically entrusted with the responsibility of deciding by whom and how they are governed, should be considered sufficiently mature to weigh the consequences of UFO's, even if they should be visitors from outer space.

I heartily concur with Major Keyhoe's statement, "History has proven that in our democracy it doesn't pay to hide the truth from our citizens, especially when that truth is of vital concern to all of us."

May I urge you, Sir, to use the power and influence of your office and Committee membership to give this matter a full and just airing.

Very Truly Yours,
W. H. Petersen

Prof. Joseph S. Korth (D. Minn.)

M.S.A. papers

Washington DC

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SCIENCE COMMITTEE

May 11, 1961

Mr. W. H. Petersen
2104 Roth Place
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to Unidentified Flying Objects.

This matter has been investigated several times by committees of Congress and to date we have found no substantiation of these allegations. However, please rest assured that we will continue to watch this matter carefully.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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

BOSTON OFFICE:
JAMES V. HARTREY
SECRETARY

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
MARTIN SWEIG
SECRETARY

July 31, 1961

Honorable Joseph E. Karth
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

I enclose a letter received from Congressman Horace R. Kornegay, in which he enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter sent to him by Mr. Wade Wellman, which correspondence I am respectfully forwarding to you for your information and for your files.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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

July 27, 1961

The Honorable John W. McCormack
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I am enclosing herewith to you copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Wade Wellman, a resident of my District, relative to Unidentified Flying Objects. In prior correspondence Mr. Wellman has expressed an interest in and offered to come to Washington to testify before the Science and Astronautics Committee with regard to this matter.

Any invitation or consideration which you will give him in this regard will be appreciated by me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Horace R. Kornegay

HRK:ids
Enclosure

Box 744
Chapel Hill, N.
July 20, 1961

The Hon. H.R. Kornegay
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kornegay:

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has weathered a serious storm. Our financial situation has always been precarious, but last month it got so bad that the committee faced the prospect of having to fold. It really looked as if the roof would fall in completely. Practical jokers sent flowers to our Washington, D.C., headquarters.

Earlier this month, an emergency bulletin, urgently requesting financial help, and warning of quick collapse if the request went unheeded, was sent to every NICAP member in the United States. The response was excellent, far exceeding the most optimistic predictions. Thousands of dollars has been received and yesterday the secretary, Mr. Hall, told me that it was still coming in. Not only has the danger of collapse been averted, but the general situation is immensely improved and we have prospects of more and better support in the next few months. Mr. Hall, speaking of the response, remarked, "I can still hardly believe it."

I felt that you should be informed of this, since Washington is probably still buzzing with rumors that we will have to fold. This danger came very near reality, but now, as you see, it is disposed of.

However, NICAP still has not won the fight for public hearings on UFO's; there is still a movement to keep the hearings closed. This would, of course, contribute nothing to our twofold aim: public enlightenment and the ending of official secrecy. The Majority Leader favors open hearings, but Mr. Brooks is cool toward the idea. There is some fear that these disclosures might cause great public alarm.

I believe that Congress should make the Air Force open up and tell us the truth, no matter what it is. In open hearings, NICAP would present evidence that the UFO's are intelligently controlled machines (not specifically arguing that they are interplanetary), and would bring in some highly prestigious witnesses. If we can present our evidence in public hearings, ending the secrecy, we will then be in a position to launch our ultimate goal: worldwide efforts at communication with the space race.

I earnestly hope that you will urge the Brooks committee to hold open and public hearings, freely inviting the press and the public. The time is overripe for the Air Force to tell the American people the truth. As you realize, many Congressmen favor such hearings---indeed, several Representatives are members of NICAP, although I am not in possession of the names, these being classified. (Possibly Mr. Karth could give you the names, or again Mr. McCormack, should you desire this information.)

At the moment, UFO reports are coming in rapidly from the midwest (particularly Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota) and from many points along the southeast coastline. A "minor flap" has developed, and we will not be surprised if it swells to a major one. At this time, the Brooks committee should make plans for public hearings, and Mr. Brooks' colleagues should urge this action upon him. I am confident that you will at least consider doing so.

Let me conclude by thanking you for your last letter (relevant to Captain Ruppelt's book) and by once again congratulating you on your help and co-operation, which has already been invaluable.

Most respectfully yours,

Wade Wellman

Wade Wellman

August 3, 1961

Honorable John W. McCormack
Majority Leader
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John:

Thank you very much for forwarding to my office correspondence from our colleague, Horace R. Kornegay, and that which he has received on Unidentified Flying Objects from a Mr. Wade Wellman of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

As I discussed it with you briefly last week, with the adjournment of Congress approaching more rapidly each day, I think it is best if we publicly state that we will have hearings on this whole matter of UFO's beginning with the next session of Congress.

It seems to me I also discussed with you the disagreement I had with the Chairman relating to procedure on this matter. The Chairman has continually suggested executive hearings, and I am of the opinion that if we have a hearing at all it must be executive only in those areas where the national security may be involved; but to conduct an investigation of this matter and keep the entire investigation behind closed doors would, in my opinion, promulgate great criticism from those suggesting an investigation. I am sure we could have some open hearings being careful to only invite those who have a reasonably good reputation and who cannot be considered among those that have gone off the deep end on this subject. I realize that there are many people in this country who are fanatics on this subject, and, quite frankly, more accurately fit in the

'crackpot' class. I would be more than careful to see that hearings do not get out of hand by accepting testimony from such people.

My immediate inclination would be to call in such people as Admiral R. H. Hallenkoetter (Ret.), and former CIA head; Bulkley Griffin, columnist; and Major Donald Kehoe, (Ret. Marine Corps).

If you agree with my proposed suggestions, I would appreciate it if you would advise immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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cc: Hon. Horace R. Kornegay

Shirley
Begin file on UFO's

August 8, 1961

Mr. Wade Wellman
Box 744
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wellman:

Thank you for writing to me expressing your interest in the subject of unidentified aerial phenomena.

While it is true that some newspapers have reported that a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics would hold hearings on this matter, the plans and activation of this subcommittee have not yet materialized.

Our full committee has been meeting almost daily to hear testimony covering the many aspects of our accelerated space program. As a result, it appears very unlikely that any subcommittee hearings will be held during this session of Congress on unidentified flying objects.

However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings if I have any influence in this matter.

If and when hearings are held you may be sure that you will be so advised.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Keith

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File

Box 744
Chapel Hill, N.C.
July 3, 1961

The Honorable Joseph E. Karth
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

JUL 5 1961

Dear Mr. Karth:

Several days ago, on the basis of a statement in the syndicated column of Robert S. Allen (June 26), I wrote to you making suggestions about the UFO investigation and offering my own services. Today I learned from Mr. Hall, NICAP Secretary, that the announcement in this column was a news leak and that the committee has not yet worked out the procedures. Consequently my letter was premature, and perhaps also presumptuous. In the latter case, I apologize for seeming obtrusive.

If, however, I can be of aid, or can serve the investigation's purposes through my testimony, I am willing and eager to do so. I have never seen a UFO, and could only testify as a student of the problem. For this, or for any service I am capable of, I am available.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Wellman

Wade Wellman

Box 744
Chapel Hill, N.C.
June 27, 1961

The Honorable Joseph E. Karth
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

JUN 28 1961

Dear Mr. Karth:

A column by Robert S. Allen, appearing yesterday morning, states that you are to direct the UFO investigation for the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. I wish to congratulate you, believing, in common with many others, that this issue is of the greatest importance. I earnestly hope that the investigation will take the form of open hearings.

I wonder if you will indulge me the privilege of a few suggestions. In the first place, I feel that Major Donald E. Keyhoe should be invited to testify before the committee. Major Keyhoe unquestionably knows as much about the UFO mystery as any American outside military circles. He could, and would, provide an impressive number of witnesses. Also, Major William Coleman should, in my opinion, be subpoenaed, as he is now the Air Force PIO for the UFO project. In recent letters to me, Major Coleman, in accord with the Air Force policy, has denied the existence of four official Air Force documents which were long ago revealed by the late Captain Edward J. Ruppelt in his Report on Unidentified Flying Objects. Ruppelt, who headed Project Blue Book for two years, is now deceased, but his book speaks for itself. When I asked Major Coleman why the book discloses these documents, if they do not exist, he replied that he did not know, and suggested that I write to the surviving Mrs. Ruppelt. Actually, Ruppelt examined at least three of the documents first-hand. Two of them---an ATIC conclusion in 1948 and an AF Intelligence report in 1952---concluded that the UFO's were interplanetary.

Captain Ruppelt's book is an invaluable document.

In conclusion, I offer my services as a witness for the committee. Although I have never (to my knowledge) seen a UFO, I have studied the problem for several years and recently have joined the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. I can give testimony as a student of the mystery, and can provide certain letters and documents to support the theory that UFO's are interplanetary vehicles.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Wellman

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Box 744
Chapel Hill, N.C.
August 12, 1961

The Honorable Joseph E. Karth
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

AUG 12 1961

Dear Mr. Karth:

Thank you very much for your courteous and informative letter. I am pleased and impressed to learn that you favor open rather than executive sessions on UFO's. I understand that Mr. Brooks is not at present favorable to this movement; however, I hope that he can be persuaded. My Congressman, Mr. Kornegay of the Sixth N.C. District, also favors a public investigation.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Major Donald E. Keyhoe, who is now preparing new evidence for the subcommittee, in co-operation with Admiral Hillenkoetter and others now spearheading the fight against official secrecy. Major Keyhoe will unquestionably be fully prepared to give any evidence that is requested.

Let me once again congratulate you for your participation in the effort to gain open hearings. Please do not think it necessary to answer this letter, which is merely an acknowledgement of your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Wade Wellman

Wade Wellman

August 23, 1961

Committee
I favor public as well as Executive hearings

AUG 25 1961

Representative Overton Brooks
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Brooks:

I have read the proposal submitted by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena to your Committee on Science and Astronautics, regarding the investigation by Congress of UFOs. It seems to me that this plan is a fair one, and I hope that it will be accepted.

This is a very difficult decision to make, I realize, but the world situation today makes imperative some definite action to clear up the inconsistencies in any news of UFOs. It is my opinion that the best interests of our country would be served if your Committee hearings could be made public, even though you would risk becoming the object of a campaign similar to that being waged against the House Un-American Activities Committee. (If this should happen, it would only bear out the contention of Maj. Keyhoe and associates that the Soviets could claim UFOs as secret Russian weapons.)

I would appreciate having your views.

Sincerely yours,

Beulah Whitford

(Miss) Beulah Whitford
405 South Locust
Nowata, Oklahoma

cc: Congressman Joseph E. Karth ←
(Subcommittee Chairman)

Congressman Page Belcher

Mr. Karth, I would appreciate having your views on this subject, also.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE

August 29, 1961

Miss Beulah Whitford
405 South Locust
Nowata, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Whitford:

Thank you for your letter requesting my views on the possible investigation by Congress of UFO's.

I would be inclined to favor public as well as Executive hearings by our committee on this subject.

I appreciate receiving your views on this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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The Hon. Joseph E. Karth
Chairman, UFO SUBCOMMITTEE
House of Representatives
UNITED STATES CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D.C.



August 31 in the 174th Year
of our Constitution (1961)

Hon. Sir:

As an OFFICIAL CITIZEN of the United States I am responsible for the accuracy of the PUBLIC RECORD and the proper functioning of the Government.

Because of this, I am forced to ask you for the PUBLIC RECORD, to please confirm the arrival of the following letters and material which deal with the question of UFO and the U.S. Air Force :

(1) LETTER to UFO SUBCOMMITTEE (2 pages) dated July 14, 1961, REGISTERED NO. 48419. (The "return receipt" for this letter never came back to me)

Enclosed with this letter was the following evidence material in regard to AIR FORCE UFO information policies etc.

- EXHIBIT A-1: letter by Major William T. Coleman, Office of Information, 11 April '61
- EXHIBIT A-2: letter by Lt. Col. L.J. Tacker, Chief, Magazine & Book Branch, 12 May '61
- EXHIBIT A-3: letter by Major James P. Sunderman, Chief USAF Book Program, May 25 '61
- EXHIBIT B-1: My letter to Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, dated April 8, 1961.
- EXHIBIT B-2: My letter to Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, dated April 13, 1961.
- EXHIBIT B-3: My letter to Mr. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, date May 16, '61
- EXHIBIT C-1: MERINT chart, OPNAV 94-P-3B, Authorized by Secretary of the Navy.
- EXHIBIT C-2: MERINT chart OPNAV 94-P-3A, Authorized by Secretary of the Navy.
- EXHIBIT C-3: CODE OF ETHICS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

(2) LETTER to UFO SUBCOMMITTEE (follow-up to first letter) dated August 2, 1961, REGISTERED NO. 60406. (The "return receipt" came back to me marked "DEFENSE REGISTERED - PENTAGON" August 9, 1961. Does all the mail addressed to the U.S. CONGRESS go to CONGRESS via the PENTAGON? The "return receipt" was signed W.B. GENTY)

It would be greatly appreciated if you would confirm the SAFE ARRIVAL of the above described material.

As a follow-up of the above described material please find the following enclosed copies of further correspondence in regards to these matters :

- EXHIBIT A-4: letter by G. WISE "for" Major William T. Coleman, UFO Project Officer dated July 19, 1961 (rank or position not identified)
- EXHIBIT B-4: My letter to Mr. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, date July 13'61
- EXHIBIT B-5: My letter to Office of Major William T. Coleman, UFO Project Officer, dated July 26, 1961. (Reply to Mr. G. WISE'S letter)
- EXHIBIT A-5: letter by Major William T. Coleman, UFO Project Officer, dated & August 22, 1961.

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So Far the Air Force has definitely avoided the question of "review for factual accuracy" regarding the "OFFICIAL Air Force Story" entitled, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" by former UFO Project Officer Lt. Col. Lawrence Tacker.

Also, each time when I attempt to get this information to the Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Eugene Zuckert, the SAME PEOPLE who are involved, answer my letters. The letters never seem to get through to the Hon. Secretary. What are they trying to hide?

Their latest letter of August 22 (see Exhibit A-5) is very strange indeed. In the second paragraph of this letter Major Coleman referred me to a NON-EXISTENT sub-section of AFM-190-4, namely Chapter 4, Section B. 2. "g". (g being nonexistent).

The third paragraph in that same letter apparently refers to question No. 3 in my letter to Mr. Zuckert (* see Exhibit B-4). It may be appropriate at this point to explain that approximate^{ly} HALF of the 114 word question consisted of the Air Force's OWN WORDS (56 words to be exact). This of course was used ~~as~~ as an excuse to evade the true answer.

Also Major Coleman claims "it is not possible for him to obtain a copy of AFR 124-8". It may interest you to know that AFR 124-8 deals with "Reporting Suspected Violations" .

Regarding Exhibit A-4 in which one "G. Wise" signed for Major Coleman : It might prove interesting exactly WHO this person is since neither his rank or position are identified.

I can only hope that this letter will go directly to you without any week-long stop-overs at the Pentagon.

Enclosed for your convenience please find a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thanking you in advance for your confirmation of this, and previously mailed material, I remain in the Defense of the United States

sincerely



Kurt V. Zeissig, OFFICIAL U.S. CITIZEN

P.O. Box 7339, Rincon Annex

San Francisco, California

SCIENCE COMMITTEE - UFO

September 7, 1961

Mr. Kurt V. Zeissig
P. O. Box 7339, Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Zeissig:

I have received your documents
entitled Exhibit A-4, A-5, B-4, and B-5.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

19 July 1961

Dear Mr. Zeissig:

Reference your letter of July 13th to Mr. Zuckert, the following answers are provided and your check for \$1. is returned.

1. Lt Colonel Tacker's book was not published by the U. S. Government because it was undertaken as a private project in Colonel Tacker's off-duty hours. The Air Force and the Department of Defense "cleared" the copy in advance of publication. This means that the contents were screened to make sure that security requirements were not violated. This is normal procedure for all manuscripts submitted by private individuals.

2. Although the dust jacket does indicate the book contains "the Official Air Force Story," it will be noted that the book clearly states that information contained therein was based on official Air Force and Department of Defense fact sheets, releases and files. It does not state that this book is the official Air Force statement.

3. Untrue.

4. Since the questions contained in your paragraphs 4 and 5 are the same essentially as in your paragraph 2, the answer is also the same. See paragraph 2 above.

A copy of AFR 30-30 is attached hereto.

I hope the above satisfactorily answers your questions. As we have stated, Air Force and Department of Defense review did not find Col Tacker's book violated security requirements. I suggest that if you are distressed with the contents of the book, you should correspond with Col Tacker personally through his publisher and on a personal level. Since this is not an Air Force document, a discussion of the relative merits of the book is not within our official purview.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Kurt V. Zeissig
P. O. Box 7339, Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California

UFO SUBCOMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

22 August 1961

Dear Mr. Zeissig:

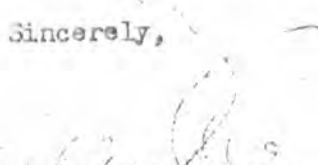
I have yours of July 26th and 30th in hand and pass my regrets for the delay brought about by my recent extended temporary duty at Cape Canaveral which was followed by a short period of leave.

I believe that your questions concerning Lt. Col. Tacker's book have been adequately answered in previous correspondence, particularly that which you received from Major James F. Sunderman, Chief of the Air Force Book Program. However, let me hasten to assure you that the provisions of AFM-190-4, Chapter 4, Sec. B.2.g. were complied with.

Mr. Zeissig, with all due respect, I decline to answer a question containing 114 words. Are you interested in my specific qualifications as a professional airman? Or perhaps as the spokesman for Project Blue Book? If you are referring to a chart depicting a so called "flying saucer" I can only say that I do not know what you are referring to. Such shapes, including others, are contained in the Blue Book Report of 1955. The other applicable administrative documents do not.

Enclosed herewith is your U.S. Treasury Check. It is not possible for me to obtain a copy of AFR 124-8. I would suggest you write the Government Printing Office.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Kurt V. Zeissig
P.O. Box 7339
Hinson Annex
San Francisco, California

Copy UFO SUBCOMMITTEE

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The Hon. E.M. Zuckert
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



July 13 in the 174th Year
of our Constitution (1961)

Hon. Sir.

In view of the fact that "AFR 30-30", which deals with "the limits of permissible business activities of present and former Government officers or employees", is "not available" at the Office of SAFS - 116, I would like to most kindly request that you send me a copy of said AFR 30-30.

Enclosed please find a U.S. TREASURY CHECK for \$1 to cover expenses. Also, please permit me to ask the following questions which I had asked in previous letters to the U.S. AIR FORCE, on June 5, 1961 and on July 1, 1961: Questions of June 5 which have NOT been answered up to this time:

(1) "Would the Office of Information please explain WHY "The OFFICIAL AIR Force Story" entitled, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" (written by Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF, who at the time was Chief of the Magazine and Book Branch, Office of Information) was not published by the U.S. Government even though the U.S. Air Force allegedly "cleared" the above named book as "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story"?"

(2) "Is it true that the U.S. Air Force "cleared the above named book as "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story" ? "

(3) ~~WHY~~ "WHY has the U.S. Air Force filled the position of "Air Force UFO Project Officer" with men, who according to their own statements are "not familiar" with a simple U.S. Government ISSUED chart which actually shows a sketch of a UFO, ~~and~~ and which gives the procedure on how to report such; and this despite the fact that "U.S. Air Force personnel practices strictly adhere to placing men in positions who are the most qualified for the job, are thoroughly trained in the subject areas with which they must deal, and are knowledgable in the related duties and areas as they pertain to other government functions"?"

QUESTIONS of July 1, 1961 which are left unanswered:

(4) "Did SAFOI "review" the "OFFICIAL Air Force Story" entitled "Flying ~~Sau~~ Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" for "factual accuracy" (especially in view of the fact that the bright red letters "OFFICIAL", were emphasized) ? "

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(5) "Did SAFOI "approve" "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story" entitled "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" which also shows a picture of Lt. Col. Tacker in AF Uniform, and which describes him as "Chief of the Magazine and Book Branch, Office of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington 25, D.C." * ? "

I am forced to put these questions before you for the PUBLIC RECORD, because, as an OFFICIAL U.S. CITIZEN it is my DUTY to protect the interests of the United States under the SUPREME LAW of the Land.

Previously, on May 16, 1961, I wrote a letter (REGISTERED NO. 51519) which was addressed to you (please see enclosed copy), and which was answered by Major James F. Sunderman, Chief, USAF Book Program, on May 25, 1961 (please see enclosed photo-copy).

The fifth ANSWER was very satisfactory, but unfortunately the other four ANSWERS were rather vague and puzzling.

It would be in the interest of the United States if the questions in this letter were answered clearly and specifically, in a similar manner as question No. 5 in my letter of May 16, 1961.

It would be greatly appreciated if these questions were answered as soon as possible. Enclosed for your convenience please find a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thanking you in advance for your answers,

I remain in the Defense of the United States

sincerely and respectfully



Kurt V. Zeissig, OFFICIAL U.S. CITIZEN
P.O. Box 7339, Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California

ENCLOSURES:

ONE U.S. TREASURY CHECK for \$1

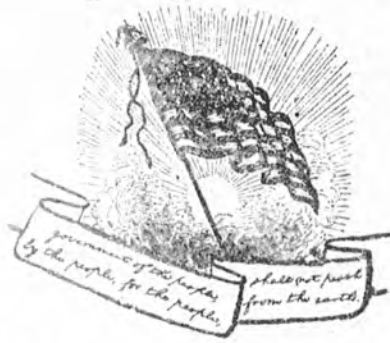
ONE letter from Major James F. Sunderman, dated May 25, 1961 (photo-copy)

ONE copy of my letter to you, dated May 16, 1961.

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EXHIBIT B-5

To the Office of
WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information, Office of the Secretary
Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.



July 26 in the 174th Year
of our Constitution (1961)

Dear Sirs:

Two days ago I received a letter from your Office, dated July 19, 1961, which was signed by one "G. WISE" (rank or position unidentified) "FOR" Major William T. Coleman Jr.

Since my letter (REGISTERED NO. 48324) of July 13, 1961 (which was addressed specifically to the Hon. Secretary of the AIR FORCE, Mr. E.M. Zuckert) was answered by your Office, I shall give you the first chance to set the record straight.

Of course I greatly appreciated the enclosed copy of AFR 30-30, and the attempt to answer the five questions in my letter of July 13, 1961.

However, there seems to be a slight misunderstanding regarding the "review for factual accuracy" of Col. Tacker's book, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force", the cover (dust jacket) of which "does indicate the book contains the OFFICIAL Air Force Story".

In your letter of July 19, 1961, you keep talking about "security requirements" which were not violated.

In connection with this, I want to make it very clear for the PUBLIC RECORD, that I never brought up the point of "violated security requirements" in the first place; rather, I brought up the point of " review for factual accuracy" in connection with the phrase "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story" which appears on the cover of said book, with the letters OFFICIAL emphasized.

Since Mr. WISE seems to think that there is a substantial difference between the designation "The OFFICIAL AF Story" and "the official AF Statement", please permit me to quote the following definition of the word "STORY" out of "The Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary" (45th printing, Dec. 1959), page 341:

"sto'ry, n. (1) A narrative; account; history. (2) A report; statement."

Unfortunately the question (see question No. 4 in my letter of July 13, 1961) which contained the point of "review for factual accuracy" in regard to "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story", was never answered at all in your letter of

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UFO SUBCOMMITTEE

July 19, 1961. For this reason I am forced to submit to you, for the PUBLIC RECORD, the following questions:

(1) Is it true that the BOOK, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force", the cover (or dust jacket) of which "does indicate th~~s~~e book contains the OFFICIAL Air Force Story", was "submitted to SAFOI to review for (factual) accuracy, propriety and conformance with policy"?

(The fourth question in my previous letter is hereby repeated):

(2) Did SAFOI "review" the "OFFICIAL Air Force Story" entitled, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" for "factual accuracy" (especially in view of the fact that the bright red letters "OFFICIAL" were emphasized)?

I would like to repeat in regard to the above questions; that they pertain to "review for factual accuracy", and not to any violations of "security requirements".

As to the third question in my letter of July 13, 1961, which you answered as being "Untrue", I think it would be entirely UNFAIR to both, the PUBLIC and Major Coleman, that Mr. (or Miss) WISE should answer that particular question "FOR Major Coleman" in view of the FACT that the said question involves the Hon. Major himself. It is my DUTY to draw your attention to this fact.

Also, would your Office please be so kind and send me a copy of AFR 124-2. Enclosed please find a U.S. Treasury check for \$1, to cover expenses.

Indeed I am distressed about the presentation of Col. Tacker's book, to the PUBLIC, as "The OFFICIAL Air Force Story". The "contents of the book" as such do not distress me a bit, on the contrary, I find them quite amusing at times. I already have corresponded with Col. Tacker himself, and I am still awaiting a reply to my last letter (3 pages long) of May 16, 1961.

It is absolutely essential, for the PUBLIC RECORD, that the two questions in this letter be answered clearly and directly.

Thanking you in advance for your answers, and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain in the Defense of the United States

sincerely and respectfully

Kurt V. Zeissig, OFFICIAL U.S. CITIZEN
P.O. Box 7339, Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California



THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE
DEFIANCE, OHIO

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
CHARLES A. MANEY

Sept. 11, 1961

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

Dear Sir: I am enclosing herewith some extra copies of the reprint of my article "The New UFO Policy of the U.S. Air Force" for distribution among the members of the UFO Subcommittee of which you are Chairman.

This article represents the result of my own investigation.

As you no doubt are aware, the organization NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) of which Major Donald E. Keyhoe is Director, has an impressive amount of specific documented proof to present to your committee. As a board member of NICAP I am informed of this evidence, which is compiled in the office of NICAP at 1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,
Charles A. Maney

August 8, 1961

Honorable John W. McCormack
Majority Leader
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John:

Thank you for sending to me
the telegram on UFO's. I had not
received copies and I assure you they
are valuable additions to my file.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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BOSTON OFFICE:
JAMES V. HARTREY
SECRETARY

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
MARTIN SWEIG
SECRETARY

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

August 5, 1961

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

Shirley
Thank you for sending to me
the telegrams you UFO's I had
not received copies and I assure
you they are valuable additions
to my file -

Dear Joe:

I do not know if Mr. George Popowitch, who sent me the within telegram, also sent one to you, but if not, I am forwarding the same simply for your information and your files.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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GEORGE POPOWITCH DIRECTOR OF THE U F O RESEARCH COMMITTEE
BOX 5242 AKRON 13 OHIO.
255AM.

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NOV 23 1961

I recently sent you a document entitled "An Open Letter to Saucer Researchers" dated October 8, 1961. Through an unfortunate slip, on page 2, fourteenth line from the top, the word "publication" appears. Please change this word in your copy to "publicizing". Thus the sentence should now read "The CIA...sponsored the publicizing of Adamski's books and others...". I regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

I would be interested in your comments on my letter, and on the "sequel" issued by Brinsley and Milten Le Poer Trench. In particular, I'd like to know the approximate date of your own first awareness of the subject of flying saucers. Was it before 1947?

64, Prospect St., White Plains, N.Y.

Leon Davidson

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Congressman Joseph E. Kerth
House Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

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64 Prospect St.
White Plains, N.Y.
October 8, 1961

An Open Letter to Saucer Researchers

from Dr. Leon Davidson

(not for publication)

[I would be glad to send copies of this letter to other interested persons.]

[1.] I would like to deviate from my usual writing style and cast this article in the form of an open letter, without rigorous documentation. I have been unable to keep up properly with the correspondence that followed my article "Why I Believe Adamski", hence this open letter of reply, addressed to all saucer researchers with whom I correspond. [Let me define a "saucer researcher" as anyone who has written serious articles on saucers or published a saucer magazine or book or newsletter.]

[2.] Because of the somewhat unpopular position which I have always taken on this subject, I would like to state my qualifications, to justify the somewhat pompous position which I may seem to affect. I challenge any other saucer researcher to present a better list of qualifications to pontificate in this field.

- (1) I have read the full text of the Secret version of the Project Grudge Report of August 1949.
- (2) I have worked for classified government projects, mostly in the atomic energy field, including a stint working for Uncle Sam in AEC headquarters in Washington, at a highly responsible level.
- (3) I have held high U.S. security clearances for over 15 years.
- (4) I have lived in several areas of the country where and when flying saucer activity was going on, including New Mexico during the "green fireball" period and Washington, D.C., during the 1952 "National Airport radar sighting" period.
- (5) I have extensive files of flying saucer magazines, books, newspaper clippings, NACA and other technical reports, and correspondence with military agencies, collected personally starting when I first became involved in this field in 1949.
- (6) My professional background can be found in "American Men of Science", 9th Edition, Vol. I.
- (7) I am a trained engineer, with a doctorate in Chemical Engineering, and am a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.
- (8) At Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, I worked with the semi-official project looking for the "green fireballs" in cooperation with the Laboratory security organization.
- (9) I was given a special private showing of the "Tremonton Films" by Major Dewey J.J. Fournet, in a Pentagon briefing room in November 1952, while the films were being kept secret from the public (and from Major Keyhoe).

[3.] If there were need to expand the above list further, I could list my correspondents files, including informative replies, from many scientists and officials, including members of the 1953 CIA panel, and many saucer researchers, including Adamski, Al Bender, Barker, Moseley, Dan Fry, Richard Ogden, Len Stringfield, Ruppelt, John Otto, LaFas, Menzel, Whipple, Munsick, Keyhoe, Dick Hall, etc., etc. (I would like to list them all, but space does not allow it.) I could also point to my appearances on the Long John radio show, my authorization (by Congressional action) to publish the official Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, etc.

[4.] Let me now say, in a nutshell, what I think is the true explanation of the flying saucer situation as it now stands, and as it has developed. In a nutshell, it is this:

The Central Intelligence Agency, formed in 1947, took over the public image of the "flying saucer" created by secret flights of U.S. aircraft and artificial meteor research, etc. during the 1947-48 period. By 1950 the CIA had set into motion a plan of encouraging public belief in interplanetary travel through a psychological technique of guiding the release of planted information, ordering "secret" tests of authentic military developments which gave misleading impressions to observers, etc. It delegated the Air Force to act as the official "investigator" to stave off public inquiry. It secretly sponsored the formation of saucer study groups and contact clubs, including FLEAP (under T. Townsend Brown, with whom, incidentally, I had voluminous correspondence.) The CIA set up many saucer publishers, sponsored the publication of Adamski's books and others, and sponsored the wave of saucer articles in 1952 in "Life" and "Look", etc. The CIA also conducted the hoaxes played upon Adamski and Fry, including Adamski's desert contacts, his "train disappearance", etc.

The motives of the CIA can best be described by Allen Dulles, who is just now about to retire from his position as leader of that Agency. He is quoted, in Stringfield's book, as saying "By use of the injunction, if necessary" he would prevent anyone from testifying in court concerning Adamski's book, "because maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFO's." The Anti-Atom-Bomb drive of 1957-58, which led to the U.S.-Russian-English ban on nuclear bomb testing (only recently broken) was the only worthwhile objective of the CIA-sponsored flying saucer movement which is yet publicly recognizable. The build-up for this is evident in the earliest saucer contact stories.

[5.] A more detailed historical development of the CIA's role in the saucer "story" follows.

In 1946, based on research done during World War II, and taking a lead from German rocket and satellite information, the U.S. Navy developed several interesting gadgets, including:

- (a) the Flying Flapjack, scheduled for test flight at Muroc in the summer of 1947, the very place and time of Cases 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the official Air Force saucer investigation (Project Grudge). This plane was designed by C.H. Zimmerman of the NACA, and Chance-Vought.
- (b) The "Flying Platform", also designed by Zimmerman, based on his patent 2,417,896, issued March 25, 1947 (applied for on Aug. 10, 1943). This was not publicized until 1955, when the Office of Naval Research made the cover of "Look" and/or "Colliers" with it.
- (c) Launching of artificial meteors from shaped charges carried aloft by V-2 rockets over New Mexico, starting in December 1946. (This led to the "green fireballs".)
- (d) The "Skyhook" balloon project, and other high-altitude research.

In 1947, the Air Force was embarrassed by sightings of "saucers" at Air Force bases, although Naval Air Bases were not bothered. The Air Force had "flying wings" YB-35, but they did not fly well, and the YB-49 jet version crashed at Muroc in June 1948. Muroc was renamed "Edwards AFB" in memory of the test pilot, Capt. Glen W. Edwards. The Navy "flying flapjack", the XF5U-1, did not have any publicly reported flights, yet it was not officially scrapped until March 12, 1948. The Navy had a large restricted area near Arco, Idaho, through the end of 1947, which is now the site of the AEC Reactor Testing Station. The area is near the center of activity of "saucers" during that period, and could have been "their" base of operations.

The CIA started operations (under Admiral Millenkoeter) on May 1, 1947. The earliest two dated cases in the official Air Force Project Grudge files are:

May 17 (or 21), 1947. Oklahoma City. "Round, disk-like, ten times longer than thick, high speed." (Case 82).

May 19, 1947. Manitou Springs, Colorado. "Reversal of direction of flight; manoeuvres." (Case 92).

In early 1949, just after "unification" of the Army, Navy, and Air Force started to take effect, an Air Force general ordered the Air Force to discontinue the investigation of "flying saucers" and to close Project Grudge by the end of 1949. This general's name and the full text of his letter is given in the secret Project Grudge report, No. 102 -AC 49/15-100, Project XS-304, Release Date August 1949, Classification: Secret, written by Lt. H.W. Smith and Mr. G.W. Towles of Air Materiel Command Headquarters at Wright Field.

In this letter, the general ordered the name of the project changed at once from Project SIGN to Project GRUDGE. The name Project SIGN had been given, under CIA auspices, to help spread the idea that saucers were inter-planetary bearers of messages of wisdom. This general, who was not in on the secret, but saw that the Navy was sending its "secret aircraft" to taunt the Air Force bases, used the name GRUDGE to connote the fierce inter-service rivalry which existed then.

The June, 1947, Maury Island (Tacoma, Wash.) sighting did not become widely known until after the Secret Grudge Report was released in 1949. (Released only to the military and AEC: it was not and is not yet available to the public.) The Maury Island incident was referred to by the RAND Corp. in its chapter of the Grudge Report. The Maury Island incident is fully described in the book by Arnold and Ray Palmer, and thus Ray Palmer is associated with the earliest stages of the flying saucer story.

During 1950 Allen Dulles became actively involved with the CIA work on saucers, and saw the psychological impact which they had. He started a plan to build them up as a psychological warfare weapon. Ruppelt's book clearly shows the steps the CIA took. Project Bluebook was warmed up in 1950-51, Ruppelt was selected by a screening process and groomed for the job of public relations cats-paw (without his knowledge), and a series of "incidents" were planned and carried out involving regular military units, which led to cases considered as authentic evidence of saucers. See my article in the March-April 1960 "Flying Saucer Review" of England. See also p.127 of Ruppelt's book (hard-cover first edition) on the Sept. 10, 1951, Ft. Monmouth radar sighting. By this time, there was no need to fly "real aircraft" any more; the "Flying Flapjack" and the skyhook balloons had done their job, the public had been inoculated, and since that time there has been no need to postulate the existence of "secret new aircraft" to explain the eyewitness reports.

The CIA scheduled a big upsurge of publicity for saucers in the Spring and Summer of 1952. The public kick-off was the Life article of April 1952, "Have We Visitors from Space?". This article had been under preparation for a year, with help from the government, according to Ruppelt. The "green lights" or artificial meteors used earlier in New Mexico were developed into a new technique, the "Blue Flash", and this was first tried over Seattle, Wash., in May 1952. (See front page of N.Y. Times for May 12, 1952.) It was then used for the outstanding "blue meteor" of Sept. 12, 1952, over Washington, D.C., and simultaneously over four adjacent states, including Maryland and West Virginia. This incident occurred simultaneously with the Flat Woods, W.Va., "monster" sighting, and in fact, the "meteor" was seen to land near the spot where the "monster" was discovered. This incident, described by Gray Barker in his book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", was investigated by Barker, personally, and publicized by him, and marks his early connection with the CIA's-sponsored program of hoodwinking the public.

By Fall of 1952, the CIA had laid out its plans for the "landing" and "contact" stories. The warmup for this had been the fabricated and planted stories about "little green men", such as the famous lecture at the University of Denver in March 1950, described in Scully's book "Behind the Flying Saucers", (page 5). This was a psychological test, and showed that about 50% of college-level people would believe a well-presented story. The Desvergers (Florida Scoutmaster) landing story in 1952, and the Mayor Linke landing story from Germany in the summer of 1952, were part of the same pattern. These were all planted by the CIA. No actual human contacts were yet reported.

The Tremonton films, made in the summer of 1952, served to convince me that saucers were real, and I suspect they were shown privately to others besides myself, whom the CIA wanted to convince of the reality of saucers. These films are a clever job of faking. The major sightings of the 1952 "flap" are well known to all saucer researchers. The Nash-Fortenberry sighting over Norfolk, Va., and the Coast Guard photos over Salem, Mass. received much publicity, but the newspaper clippings of that period show hundreds of cases. The editorial pages and editorial cartoons (even the Book Reviews) of the major newspapers bustled with the subject of flying saucers.

In January 1953 the CIA convened a panel of five top-notch scientists to "study the situation". The result was "pre-conditioned" by the CIA, according to Ruppelt's book and according to detailed letters from Ruppelt in my files. The upshot of this panel's report was to lend credence to the validity and "respectability" of saucers in official government circles (outside the CIA) although the report was kept secret from the public. Major Keyhoe, during this period, was carefully fed reports (by his "friends" in the government) to bolster his case that the saucers are interplanetary. His books were best sellers. Likewise, George Adamski, who had been duped into cooperation and participation in late 1949 (to take pictures of saucers "near the moon"), was hoaxed into going to a desert "contact" with a "spaceman" on Nov. 20, 1952. He was then given strong backing by the CIA (he calls them "space brothers") in writing and publishing his book "Flying Saucers Have Landed". During the next year he was given the "space flight" hoax, as described in my article in "Flying Saucer Review" (England) Jan. Feb. 1960 issue.

Jim Moseley introduced himself to me in 1954 and we became good friends. He was typical of the young, single, unattached men of mysterious antecedents who became active as saucer publishers during this period. The saucer magazines and saucer clubs spread the stories of the contactees, and publicized their books. Surprisingly enough, even Moseley, who purported to espouse the "Earth-theory", gave most publicity to the contactee side of the picture.

Dan Fry's experience, although dated back in 1950, was not actually published until 1954. The sequence of the "contact story" buildup seems to have been planned by the CIA as follows:

- (1) "Little Green Men" stories--1949-1950. No witnesses. (To "soften-up" the public and start discussion of "space visitors.")
- (2) Contact by voice radio. Dan Fry, 1950. Also radio contact by Laimon Streater with Williamson's and McCoy's group in 1952.
- (3) Contact with a human being "from space". Adamski, desert, 1952.
- (4) Contact with English-speaking humans "from space", and flights into "space." Adamski, 1953, at Camp Irwin, California.
- (5) Visits to "other planets". Angelucci, Nelson. (1952, 1954).
- (6) Publicity for "midgets" contacting the general public, not restricting contacts to the "chosen few--contactees". 1955
- (7) Publicity for full-size "human space people" contacting earth-people. (Howard Menger, the Planetary Center, the California

contact clubs, etc. (1956-1957)

- (8) Anti-Atom-Bomb propaganda disseminated by saucer clubs, all over the world. (1957) [Led to cessation of bomb tests in 1958.]
- (9) Current status of contactee-cults. Most of the "saucer club" activity these days is oriented to the belief that "space people" are here on earth, that they are identical to human beings, that either the human race originally came from other planets or the other planets were originally colonized from Earth, etc., etc. You pay your money and you take your choice. But the fraction of "saucer research" activity that is concerned with technical subjects, such as propulsion, etc., is very small or almost nil, these days, and the whole subject "saucers" really now means "space people". (1958-1961).

The present situation is typified by the current "hysteria" in the saucer contact groups about the calamity to occur in February 1962. (Presumably the start of World War III.) One can imagine the CIA gradually building up a belief in the public of the imminence of such an occurrence. We see Michael X. calling for recruits to the saucer movement to "spread the word". Dr. Bernard has received funds to improve his publications on his "fallout-free" settlement in Brazil.

[6.] In some of the published stories, the "agents provocateurs" of the CIA seem to be clearly recognizable. These are contact cases in which one of the individuals who helps get things started, by establishing contact or supplying funds, fades away from the group and is not pinpointed in the glare of publicity by the time the "contactees" become well known. Among people who seem to be involved in roles of this type I have noted the following:

Walter Wiers, through whom Williamson was instructed of the details for setting up the Adamski desert contact. (p.4 of Saucer News, Aug.-Sept. 1957, published by Jim Moseley.)

Miss M., through whom Adamski's first contact with "Firkon" and "Ramu" was set up. (p.35, "Inside the Space Ships".)

Major Sander (p.77), M/S Elmer Taff (p.60), and the "man in black" (p. 34), in the Neary Island incident, as described by Ken Arnold in "The Coming of the Saucers" (to which these page numbers refer.)

The "angel" who keeps supplying modest funds to NICAP to keep it from going under, financially. Also, Mr. Nicolas de Rochefort, the U.S. Government psychological warfare expert who was one of the founders of NICAP in the T. Townsend Brown days.

Mr. "X", the electrical engineer from Califon, N.J., who helped Howard Menger set up his "demonstrations" in the early days of the Long John show in 1946, and whose real name, while not given over the air, is known to Richard Harpster, newsman of New Jersey.

"Mr. Redell", the engineer who first started Keyhoe believing in the Interplanetary nature of saucers. (pp. 107-115 of the Fawcett paperback first edition of "Flying Saucers are Real".) "Redell" also convinced Keyhoe of the "invisible saucer" case. (See my article "ECM + CIA = UFO" in the March-April 1960 issue of Flying Saucer Review (England).)

"Oskar Linke", the key figure in a June 1952 sighting from Germany

which tended to indicate that saucers were Russian secret devices. A man claiming to be "Oskar Linke" was tracked down in Berlin in 1959, and corresponded with me at length, giving some evidence that he knew the "Oskar Linke" story, but also giving evidence that he was not really a German. (This 1952 case, by the way, is better known as the "Hasselbach" sighting.)

And finally, on this list, for the moment, the key man in the "Visitor's Plan Promotion Committee" of 7333 Anboy Road, Garden City, Michigan.

[7] Although in 1952--1957, after seeing the Tremonton films in a private showing at the Pentagon (which I now realize was arranged by the CIA, acting through Col. W. A. Adams of Air Force Intelligence), I firmly believed that flying saucers were real objects, I no longer believe this. I had thought that these were "secret U.S. aircraft or missiles", and perhaps that is what the CIA was hoping that the intelligence agents of other powers would believe. But all during that period, my friends who worked in other Government agencies kept telling me that we really had no such devices. I nevertheless believed that we did, and that it was the best kept secret of all time.

Firm in that belief, I went through with the publication of thousands of copies of the Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, in order to make the "inanity" of the Air Force's denials of saucer reality, clear to all intelligent researchers. In the act of publishing the Bluebook Report, I was unknowingly acting as one of the chief agents of the CIA, helping to spread the belief that saucers were American secret devices (as explained in my editorial remarks in the Bluebook publication.)

The dawn came slowly during 1947, as I looked into the John Otto-Mildred Maier-Major Walker-CIA case, of the "code signals" recorded during a "saucer communication experiment". When Jules St. Germaine, a Long John show affiliate, had these decoded into a teletype cipher message, and when Major Voya Skaklich of the U.S. Air Force came to interrogate me about my interest in these, I began to see the light. My articles in various issues of Moseley's "Saucer News" during 1947 and 1948 showed the transition in my thinking, and the idea of psychological warfare, being played by the CIA (against whom?), seemed more and more to be the real explanation of the whole saucer riddle. It even became apparent that many saucer magazines were not being written to circulate to their (purported) ordinary "Saucer fan" readership, but were really being written and circulated mainly to convey the "saucer activity news" to those on the inside of the research, some of whom could be expected to be enemy agents who were supposed to be believing and extracting the "American secret device" hokum from the stories.

The man I feel sorriest for in all this is Major Keyhoe. He has been ill-used by the CIA, and is still being fed stories to relay to the public. In "Flying Saucers--Top Secret", pages 18-20, he thinks he is telling a story of actual interplanetary saucer sighting, when it is obvious that the case he describes is a "dress rehearsal" of a psychological warfare gimmick which "simulates" a flying saucer, (to "scare" crews of enemy planes(?)). The way in which (on p.19 and 20) the crewmen were interviewed and made to write reports on what they thought they saw, and also shown photographs to match what they had seen, sounds just like what the CIA would do in a "field test" of a new psych.war gimmick. It is quite similar to the test made in 1950 on college people, as described on pp. 5-6 of Scully's saucer book.

I would be glad to correspond with anyone who wants additional copies of this letter, or who wants detailed references (not discussion) on any points in this letter. To all who have formerly corresponded with me, I say "Hello", and apologise for inability to keep up as I'd like with personal letters. "Dr. D."/

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Space Committee
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ATTENTION: REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH E. KARTH

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that you have been designated to head up an investigation of the UFO situation.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, with nearly ten years experience in this field will be glad to place its facilities at your disposal.

I enclose a briefing which summarizes our findings to date. Additional copies are available upon request. Please feel free to call on us at any time.

Sincerely,

C. E. Lorenzen

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1 Enclosure:

Presidential briefing

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To: JOHN F. KENNEDY

President of the United States

From: The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aerial Objects.

The UFO problem, in its present phase at least, began rather obscurely with the appearance of the so-called "Foo Fighters" over Europe during World War Two. The subject sprang into national prominence in 1948 and remained so until 1952 when several factors (which will be dealt with later) combined to cause the UFO to be considered generally a subject worthy only of ridicule.

Contrary to the popular misconception, there exists at present a considerable body of empirical data which establishes beyond reasonable doubt the physical reality of the UFO and provides a basis for the hypothesis of extraterrestrial origin. The following are cases in point:

THE TRINDADE ISLAND INCIDENT [1]

The realness of the UFO has been established through photography. Admittedly a photograph by itself does not constitute proof, but derives its worth as such from its attribution. For this reason the photos taken at Trindade Island during an International Geophysical Year expedition provide an excellent example of the class of evidence constituting conclusive proof. Due to the manner in which they were acquired, their authenticity is unassailable.

On January 16, 1958 a Brazilian Naval vessel prepared to depart from Trindade Island, a Brazilian possession in the mid-Atlantic, to perform some oceanographic studies. On deck was Almiro Barauna, an underwater photography expert on board at the invitation of the Brazilian Navy. Barauna had a camera in hand for the purpose of photographing a life boat drill.

Several of the hundred people on deck called his attention to an airborne object which was rapidly approaching the island. Mr. Barauna managed to get four good exposures. The film was developed almost immediately in an improvised darkroom aboard the ship. Commander Bacellar, Commanding Officer of the Island Garrison awaited outside the door while Air Force Captain Jose Teobaldo accompanied the photographer inside, holding a flashlight during the development procedure. In ensuing tests, witnesses who had been on deck during the incident were able to consistently pick Barauna's pictures from a wide assortment of photos of airborne objects and identify them as pictures of the object they had seen at the time. After a show of considerable reluctance, on 23 February 1958 a spokesman for the Brazilian Navy told the press that the authenticity of the photos taken aboard the NE "Almirante Saldanha" was now confirmed beyond any doubt and that those who had rejected them as proof were entirely wrong.

Immediately after a conference with the President of Brazil on Feb. 24, 1958, Alves Camera, the Brazilian Navy Minister, told the press that he didn't believe in flying saucers before, but after Barauna's photographic evidence he was convinced. He also said, "The Brazilian Navy has a big secret which cannot be released, because it cannot be explained." He confirmed once more the authenticity of the pictures taken from the NE "Almirante Saldanha."

A Congressional investigation (Brazilian) into the incident brought out the additional testimony that the same or similar object had been seen several times by the Garrison at Trindade Island and on one occasion had been photographed. The photo compared favor-

ably with Barauna's. The object shown in both cases is a slightly elongated sphere or egg-shape with an encircling rim in the horizontal plane.

Interestingly, a research paper written by Professor Jun' Inchi Takanashi of Osaka, Japan, establishes the existence of a "Saturn-shaped" UFO, in complete independence of the Trindade Island case.

ORTHOTENY

This term, coined by French Scientist Aime Michel, expresses the fact that UFO sightings for discrete periods of time formed straight line (or great circle path) patterns. [2]

For a period of six weeks during the summer of 1954, UFOs were reported daily over France and other parts of Europe. Aime Michle found that the sightings for many 24 hour periods, when plotted on a map, produced straight line patterns. Any two points define a straight line but the odds against a third random point falling on that same line are astronomical. Therefore, when patterns appear containing alignments of three, four, five and six points, a condition exists which simply cannot be attributed to chance. When this peculiar phenomena recurs day after day it is even more remarkable.

In seeking an explanation, the common hoax or hallucination theories must be discarded immediately for there is no corollary to support the idea that liars or visionaries, or combinations of the two—speaking independently—tend to do so in geographical alignment with each other.

An object whose observation was restricted to a long straight line would have been flying too low to be astronomical in nature (i. e., meteors, fireballs). All eyewitness reports support the idea that the objects were low and therefore close to the observers. Were these reports then the result of the misconstruing of familiar objects (planes, balloons, birds)? Once again logic does not support the idea that only observers located on straight lines misconstrue conventional objects.

Michel sums the matter up in the following syllogism:

1. All "rational" explanations of saucers attribute them to psychological phenomena pure and simple (hallucinations, lies, or hoaxes) or to erroneous interpretations of ordinary events, in itself a psychological phenomenon.

2. Except by chance, psychological phenomena cannot occur in such a geometric pattern as a straight line.

3. But we have shown that the observed patterns are not attributable to mere chance.

4. Therefore, no "rational" explanation can account for the facts.

General L. M. Chassin, General Air Defense Coordinator, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe (NATO) goes a little further. Referring to orthoteny as "webs and networks that unmistakably suggest a systematic aerial exploration," he says, "orthoteny cannot be the result of chance. It indicates purposive and intelligent action." [2]

Orthoteny is not peculiar to France in 1954 alone. It reappeared in Brazil in May, 1960. Thirty-seven sightings of low-flying unidentified object over Northeastern Brazil between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. on the evening of May 3, 1960, were recorded. Study by A.P.R.O. Representative Dr. Olavo T. Fontes revealed that the sightings formed webs and networks similar to those of France in 1954. [3]

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

An incident was reported near Ubatuba Brazil wherein a flying disc was said to explode over the water's edge. Metallic fragments were produced as a purported result.

A.P.R.O.'s Brazilian Representative arranged for a series of tests to be performed at the Mineral Production Laboratory, a division of the National Department of Mineral Production—a Brazilian government laboratory. The results in all cases indicated magnesium with no detectable trace elements; a most remarkable result when considered in connection with the fact that present earth technology does not seem to be able to duplicate this state of purity. [4] [14].

ULTRASONICS AND RADIATION

Symptoms suggesting the use of ultrasonics appear in the vicinity of some UFOs. Examples:

A scoutmaster of West Palm Beach, Florida reported contact with a UFO in a palmetto thicket. The roots of the grass in the area were found to be charred. [5]

A UFO hovered over two sentries on a fortress rooftop in Brazil. They were burned only where their clothing touched their bodies, severely enough to require hospitalization. [6]

There are cases of apparent radiation effects:

Mrs. Leita Kuhn of Madison, Ohio suffered apparent radiation damage to her skin and eyes after an incident involving a glowing UFO. [7]

Rene Gilham was hospitalized for treatment of burns presumably caused by radiation after proximity to a UFO. [8]

Philip Small and Alvin Cohen of Baltimore, Maryland saw a UFO at Loch Raven bridge at 11:30 p. m. on 26 October 1958. Small, who was closest to the object, experienced facial burns when it accelerated upward. [9]

Incidents such as these could provide valuable data if properly pursued. Assumption that a given case is the result of a fabrication or subjective experience provides the investigator with the added burden of accounting for the damaged tissue. In the case of radiation damage, this becomes especially difficult since most sources of damaging radiation are inaccessible to the public. In most cases of this type obvious motivations for hoax are also lacking. Sodium Amytal and/or hypnotism applied by an expert could do much toward establishing or refuting the objective reality of such incidents. Hypnotism proved most useful in obtaining useful data in a UFO investigation in Sweden in 1959. [10]

COMPLICATING FACTORS

Objective research is handicapped and inhibited by the existence of elements which introduce bogus evidence and in general focus disrepute on the subject.

A group of cults has arisen characterized by the claim of "contact" with "space people." These cults feed on the fact that many individuals, in the face of modern technology, have become disillusioned with conventional religion.

Clues: The "contactee" invariably makes it clear that he possesses some special quality which induced the space beings to select him as their communicant. His spacemen are consistently tall and handsome (ideal from a human standpoint). He consistently overlooks the fact that the more reliable cases (those supported by the fact of orthoteny, for instance, usually indicate that the UFO occupant is small of stature.

Psychical projections are sometimes mistaken for and reported as real occurrences by the participants. It is pointed out by C. C. Jung, eminent Swiss psychologist, that such experiences are sometimes incurred by groups as well as individuals. [11]

Probably the most serious obstacle is the lack of basic data. An Air Force program in effect since 1953 further complicates the problem. Although a spokesman for the project has boasted to the press of spending as much as \$10,000 of taxpayers' money on a single case, the information gathered in this manner is not made available to the public. Instead, it is channeled into an apology program with the express purpose of "identifying or explaining" [12] the UFOs in a manner which will "strip away the aura of mystery they have so unfortunately acquired." [13] Though undoubtedly well-meaning in concept, the implementation of this program sometimes requires that important evidence be altered or ignored.

Resultantly, the well-intentioned citizen who furnishes this evidence in good faith is often made to appear as an utter fool or a charlatan. It is not surprising then to find a growing tendency among individuals to withhold UFO information.

It may seem, upon superficial consideration, that the UFO problem is merely one for military intelligence—one that would succumb readily to a "scientific" study. It is not. It is (1) above all, a violently emotional problem, (2) a red-hot political problem and (3) only incidentally a scientific problem.

Basically, the scientific problem is the easiest of the three. Science invariably gives an exact answer to a properly phrased question, but the other two aspects are not characterized by the same clear-cut simplicity, and, moreover, are powerful enough to encourage the scientific world to avoid the problem at present.

The violent emotional responses stem from the fact that the idea of vehicles from another planet or star system attacks one of the basic tenets of our world picture. It is not easy for the scientific man, who believes, very sincerely, that his life is entirely rational, to accept or appreciate that he remains a human scientist and that his reactions are emotional. Therefore in this special case he manages to overlook a very basic tenet—that observational data should never be discounted on the basis of authority and/or theory.

Within our present social-ideological structure the scientist and militarist are cast respectively in the "father-image" roles of "sage-adviser" and "warrior-protector." To expect either to endorse the fact of extraterrestrial visitation is in effect to expect him to attack his own potency, prestige and security—the very validity of his own existence.

The layman, however, interprets the matter differently. He is faced with the fact that official opinions often seem to contradict available evidence. He concludes that "a conspiracy of official silence exists" concerning the "true facts." The idea that "Father lies" is preferable to the idea that "Father just doesn't know." He consoles himself with the thought that this is "all for his own good."

We are in urgent need of the acquisition and objective analysis of basic data. The United States is at present putting all its eggs in one basket and has thus fallen victim to a program which inadvertently stifles vital information at its source and plays ostrich in the face of possible potential danger.

There are no definite indications of hostility on the part of our visitors, but, equally important, there is no indication of friendliness either. Possibly we are only the subject of a routine survey—an Interstellar Geophysical Year, so to speak. To fail to educate the public concerning the facts at hand, however, is to court danger of a particularly insidious nature.

An idea presented by C. G. Jung in 1954 [15] and reiterated by the Brookings Institute needs urgent reconsideration in view of the information presented above:

"Discovery of the existence of a race of superior beings in the Universe could cause the civilization of Earth to topple. Even on Earth societies have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society and others continued through changed."

The UFO problem embodies an urgency which defies expression. Procrastination is no solution. To leave matters as they are would seem to indicate that we are anxious to re-learn bitter lessons of history: Billy Mitchell — Maginot — Pearl Harbor.

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Respectfully Yours,

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Dear Mr. Lorenzen:

Thank you for writing to me expressing your interest in the subject of unidentified aerial phenomena and enclosing your summary of findings to date.

While it is true that some newspapers have reported that a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics would hold hearings on this matter, the plans and activation of this subcommittee have not yet materialized.

Our full committee has been meeting almost daily to hear testimony covering the many aspects of our accelerated space program. As a result, it appears very unlikely that any subcommittee hearings will be held during this session of Congress on unidentified flying objects.

However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings if I have any influence in this matter.

If and when hearings are held you may be sure that you will be so advised.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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have I seen any evidence of this being applied to the entire organization having adequate scientific backgrounds. And as for Keyhoe's works are mostly based on unverified confessions, personal observations at the uninitiated, and full of outrageous statements. He has built up a personal feud with the Air Force and has been, steadfastly though rightly, refused him direct access to the files. They have refused to give him any information

September 20, 1961

Congressman John W. McCormick
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Washington 25, D. C.

In my opinion, it is an indictment of Congress if they allow this
My dear Congressman McCormick: an amiable glib and a man with no competence in this field--to attack the Air Force in this fashion. If you must have an inquiry, I have learned that Congress has created a committee to study unidentified flying objects, sometimes called UFO's or Flying Saucers. The pressure for this investigation of the Air Force apparently stems from a pressure group operating under the name of NICAP, the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena. The chairman of this committee is Donald Keyhoe, author of several books on the subject of flying saucers, wherein he endeavors to establish that UFO's are, in reality, strange vehicles from outer space, that the Air Force recognizes this fact and has been conspiring to keep this information from the American public through overclassification of the files, and, further, that the Air Force has completely mishandled the question of flying saucers.

I am one of the few scientists who has devoted time and effort to the study of the phenomena involved. I do not deny that there have been instances of mishandling by the Air Force, especially during the early years of the study. But I can find no evidence whatever to support the NICAP thesis that flying saucers come from outer space or that they represent other than natural phenomena, well understood by the scientist. I have so stated my opinion in a book published by the Harvard University Press in 1953 and I am currently working on another book bringing the subject up to date.

In my current study, the Air Force has opened up its files to me and made available all information requested. The Air Force has repeatedly stated that there is no reason whatever for believing that flying saucers come from outer space, although in the early stages of the investigation, a few incompetent members of the group did come to the opposite conclusion.

I should think that Congress, before opening such an extensive investigation, would at least examine the credentials of the pressure group asking for the study, in this case NICAP. Although the organization counts among its members some former military officers and government officials who are well-meaning and honest, they are not qualified scientists. Nor

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have I seen any evidence of their being anyone in the entire organization having adequate scientific background. And as for Keyhoe himself, his works are masterpieces of contrived confusion, perhaps convincing to the uninitiated, but full of erroneous statements. He has built up a personal feud with the Air Force which has, steadfastly though rightly, refused him direct access to the files. They have offered to give him any information he requests but he is making an issue of this and taking his whole venom out through this organization of NICAP.

In my opinion, it is an indictment of Congress if they allow the bitterness of one man--a man with an axe to grind and a man with no competence in this field--to attack the Air Force in this fashion. If you must have an investigation, keep NICAP out of it!

Very truly yours,

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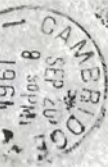
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The Air Force has made many mistakes in their handling of the flying saucer problem. But the mistakes were at least honest ones, made because the investigation had been entrusted to persons without competent scientific background. The charges that Keyhoe specifically makes are completely false and unjustified.

I realize that Keyhoe, with his books and his NICAP publicity has fanned a group of individuals to press for such an investigation. And perhaps such an investigation would not be a bad thing after all, for it would completely clear up all of the mystery of flying saucers and dispose once and for all the myth that the sightings are of vehicles from outer space.

But what I specifically object to is that NICAP should be given any official role whatever in the investigation. Indeed, if there is any investigation warranted, it is of the organization of NICAP itself. Their attack on the Air Force is completely unwarranted. And it is difficult for me to see why the Congress of the United States should give in to this pressure. If the investigation can lead to the eventual discrediting of NICAP,

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You probably know that I am one of the few scientists who have made a study of flying saucers from the start, that I wrote a book on the subject, and that I have continually tried to bring sense and science into a field largely dominated by crackpots. The Air Force has opened its full files at ATIC to me and I have made a study of a large number of cases. This will appear shortly in a book by Lyle G. Boyd and myself, bringing up to date the analysis of flying saucers and demonstrating the fallacy of arguments of Keyhoe and others.

I recognize that when an appeal contains the signature of one or two persons of high repute, such as Admiral Hillenkoetter, that you are faced with a difficult situation. But I submit that this is a scientific problem and that the Admiral is no more qualified to evaluate these reports than I am to perform an appendectomy. I have, moreover, talked with Admiral Hillenkoetter, who simply says that he hopes the matter will eventually be cleared up. And that is that. He professes ignorance, not knowledge, although he has apparently swallowed--as have many others--Keyhoe's fiction of an Air Force plot to keep the knowledge of flying saucers from outer space on a high level of classification because the U. S. public is not ready for such an announcement.

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August 3, 1961
129 South Scott Street
Lima, Ohio

Congressman Joseph E. Karth
House Space Committee
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am greatly encouraged by the news that you are conducting an active official investigation of the incidents of unidentified aerial phenomena. As a member of NICAP and APRO, I have spent a great deal of time studying information on this subject, and have been increasingly concerned about the misleading information given to the general public by the Air Force.

There is no doubt that even serious researchers are unaware of the great numbers of sightings which have occurred .. and the subsequent state of mind of an untold number of American citizens regarding the identity of the UFOs.

I reach this conclusion from the fact that one needs only to introduce the subject in a matter-of-fact way and ask for sincere opinions. Frequently the person to whom I'm talking .. after an initial hesitation to determine whether or not I'm "kidding" .. then describes to me something he has seen himself. The usual case is that the person has not given any real thought or study to the question; in many cases the person is too young to have been aware of the extensive saucer publicity, 1947-1955; nearly always he has not told anyone about the sighting except family and close friends; the object he describes is typical of a category of UFOs .. but he himself does not know this. Perhaps the most interesting part of my own small survey is the attitude these people have. To a man they are convinced that the Air Force is lying to the public .. but this does not arouse any feeling of protest. Rather frightening, isn't it?

Typically, these people are half-convinced that what they saw "could be from some other planet", though some could be just as easily convinced that the object was manufactured in Russia. None of them showed any feeling of fear after the event, though one couple was somewhat frightened at the time of the sighting .. they are not frightened by their own conjectures that these could be extraterrestrial vehicles.

I wonder what would happen if your committee were to ask the cooperation of the American people in gathering data? Presuming that the newswire services would carry such a request nationwide, I think we would all be astounded by the volume of information that would come in, if you would ask the public to submit to your committee descriptions of any strange objects they see.

I have great hope that your committee will be able to present the facts to the public, so that we will see an end to such situations as that which prevails here. We hear of sightings on our local radio station sometimes, but not a word appears in our leading newspaper .. this despite the fact that the editor told me he had believed for years that "flying saucers"

were real objects. Our paper has been very silent on this subject ever since April, 1958.

At that time there was an impressive sighting in Ottawa, Ohio near here. The witnesses included the Civil Defense director of Putnam County, GOC observers, and other Ottawa citizens. An object was observed hovering over the town, for a period of 15 to 25 minutes. It changed colors at times. When the Civil Defense man, a David Spencer and one of the G.O.C. members rushed to report the object ~~by the direct line~~ ^{by direct line} Columbus C.D., en route they saw a large silver cigar-shaped object flash across the sky at low altitude and tremendous speed. One paper said that the Civil Defense was on "alert" all that night, in constant communication with Columbus.

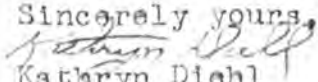
Our Lima Citizen interviewed the witnesses and ran a banner headline, detailed article about the sighting. Twelve days later I contacted the main witness, Mr. Spencer, to ask something about the sighting. Though he talked a t length to me, and was still greatly excited by the experience, he told me with regret that he could describe nothing relating to the sighting. He said the investigators told the witnesses not to discuss it with anyone. He said that the Citizen did not know how lucky they were to have gotten the story immediately, for ~~if~~ they had been a little later in getting there, "they would not have been allowed to print anything about it". He told me that a weekly newspaper which he named had the same story ready to run, and that they were not allowed to print it.

I told our editor about this conversation and he later told me he had talked to Mr. Spencer, who had confirmed these things to him.

I asked Mr. Spencer whether he would fill out a report for NICAP and tell them about this censorship. He said he could not do so, as the silencing order had been verbal .. there was nothing in writing, he said, so it would just be his word against the Anvestigators if they denied the order. He said the other witnesses would be afraid to say anything, he judged.

Our editor (his name is Robert Barton) said quite casually to me that it was likely Spemcer would lose his Civil Defense position if he bucked this situation. Mr. Barton apparently was much surprised to find that the secrecy was being enforced by such means. He told me it worried him and he intended to inquire further, and see what the Citizen could do. From that time on, almost nothing has appeared in the Citizen about local sightings, and what little information there may have been on the newswires has not been printed, either. A number of times incidents have occurred which were printed in the other paper, or given considerable attention on WIMA radio here; however these things do not appear in the Citizen. (In strange contrast, however, the Citizen went out of its way to publicize our UFO club and gave wonderful publicity to the public meeting given here by the Akron UFO Research Committee last year)

I hope that your committee will create an atmosphere in which our newspapers feel free to print information on this subject, and our citizens feel free to exercise their right to freedom of speech.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Diehl
(Mrs. Dean J. Diehl)

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August 8, 1961

Mrs. Dean J. Diehl:
129 South Scott Street
Lima, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Diehl:

Thank you for writing to me expressing your interest in the subject of unidentified aerial phenomena.

While it is true that some newspapers have reported that a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics would hold hearings on this matter, the plans and activation of this subcommittee have not yet materialized.

Our full committee has been meeting almost daily to hear testimony covering the many aspects of our accelerated space program. As a result, it appears very unlikely that any subcommittee hearings will be held during this session of Congress on unidentified flying objects.

However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings if I have any influence in this matter.

If and when hearings are held you may be sure that you will be so advised.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Karth

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