

Jimmy Carter had a close encounter

JIMMY Carter, President of America, believes UFOs exist. And he has said so . . . publicly.

His close encounter, he said, came while serving as Governor of Georgia and while conducting his campaign for the Presidency in 1973.

Filing an official report, he said: "It looked like a large luminous object that changed shape and colour."

He denied categorically that it was an aeroplane, weather balloon or optical illusion.

President Carter is not a layman on the subject of science. He trained in nuclear physics at university.

He would, as a man of science, be expected to



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treat these matters logically.

What he saw, however, confounded logic.

He declared that he would open an investigation into the flying saucer phenomenon as soon as he became President.

President Carter was true to his word.

NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Agency, was ordered to conduct a full-scale inquiry into whether extra terrest-

rial life forms were probing our planet.

He also set out to implement a \$5 million programme to search for other life forms in or beyond our galaxy.

The seriousness with which President Carter approached UFOs is remarkable.

He did not assume that it was a matter for one of the national security agencies allied to the Defence Department.

He insisted that it was a matter for the space agency — continuing his belief that what he saw was not from this planet.

NASA did not take too kindly to the idea of official investigations into the UFO phenomenon.

They protested that there was not enough evidence to warrant the inquiry.

NASA, responsible for putting the first man on the Moon, were also disturbed that a President was on record as admitting the existence of UFOs.

In the past, these matters had formed part of a secret dossier compiled by the intelligence agency of the United States Air Force and known as Project Blue Book.

This project's existence was denied for many years.



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In 1977, the United Nations were asked to debate the flying saucer phenomenon.

The man who proposed it was Grenada's Premier, Eric Gairy.

Although considered by many of his colleagues to be on the eccentric side, he too went on record as stating that he had seen a UFO in 1975. He said:

"I was driving home in the early hours. I looked up and saw this very bright object, unlike any other aerial object I have ever seen."

It was like a glaring light moving at a tremendous speed.

His idea for an International UFO Year was turned down.

But both President Carter and Gairy stuck to their guns over what they saw.