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Spy network is keeping secret files on UFOs

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AMERICA'S most secret spy network — the National Security Agency — is keeping files on man's closest encounters with UFOs. And they are refusing to tell anyone what information they have gathered on visitors from outer space.

A former CIA analyst said: "If there are really UFOs visiting the earth from outer space the NSA must know about it. If anyone knows about it, they do."

Now a group of citizens is taking the agency to the U.S. Court of Appeals in a bid to force them to reveal what is in their files.

Earlier the NSA refused to show the files to District Court Judge Gerhard A. Gesell. In a private meeting they presented the judge with a 21-page affidavit explaining why they won't release the files.

After reading the affidavit in secret, the judge agreed that the files should not be released. He now refuses to discuss the case.

The case to have the 131 classified UFO documents revealed is being brought by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS).

While no one outside the spy agency knows for sure just what the documents contain, CAUS officials and researchers — including lawyers, military experts and scientists — have some strong indication from leaks and hints given by government workers.

Among documents that may be in NSA's UFO file are:

- A report that two Cuban MIG fighter planes were sent up to investigate a UFO over the island. It sped away at a fantastic rate but before leaving fired on and destroyed one of the MIG's.

- An in-depth scientific study on the possibility of earth being invaded by creatures from another planet, and just what countermeasures might be taken.

- Reports by Soviet fighter pilots of UFO sightings over remote Siberia, including one that may involve an actual UFO landing.

Ryan Rose, a retired CIA analyst who worked closely with NSA for many years, said: "There is a real security problem involved here.

"From headquarters at Fort Meade in Maryland, using satellites and giant radio antennas strategically located all over the world, NSA listens in or eavesdrops on just about everyone."

Rose adds: "My guess is that almost all of the UFO files held by NSA involve electronic intercepts. If they are made public the Soviets might suddenly learn just how well we can intercept their messages and might make it more difficult."