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Suit Seeks Information On Bodies Of 'ETs'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — By filing a "Writ of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial," a UFO group hopes to force the government to disclose information about more than a dozen "ETs" — extraterrestrials — that the group believes were found in crashed spaceships.

"We want the bodies," said Larry Bryant, who heads Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), a group based in the nation's capital.

The unusual court petition was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington last week. It contends the government is "maintaining secret custody over one or more occupants of crash-landed UFOs of apparent extraterrestrial origin."

"But we'll take whatever

information we can get, including whether the bodies are dead or alive," Bryant said Thursday.

The petition includes a photocopy of a recently declassified government memorandum dated March 22, 1950, that says: "An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico.

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots."

Bryant said UFO groups also believe bodies were recovered in 1947 in Roswell and Socorro, N.M., and might

have been found in other areas.

"I'd say in all we're talking about more than a dozen bodies," he said.

The memorandum is addressed to "Director, FBI," from "Guy Hottel, SAC," Washington." But an Air Force spokesman, Capt. Johnny Whitaker, says nobody seems to know who Hottel is.

Said Bryant, "We've been trying to determine that if that's SAC — the Strategic Air Command. If so, it's not in Washington. It may be an acronym for something else."

The Air Force, which officially closed the book on UFOs in 1969 when it discontinued Project Blue Book, and the Justice Department have been given 60 days to officially respond to CAUS' petition.

Bryant, 45, is a writer from Alexandria, Va. He says his group hopes the petition will help remove the veil of secrecy surrounding UFO incidents.

"What our petition aims to do, simply, is to perform a 'citizen's disarrest' — to make the government account, formally and fully, for their capture and detention of one or more UFO crewmen that have had the misfortune of falling into U.S. military hands," Bryant said.

The suit names as defendants the secretary of the Air Force and the attorney general. The Justice Department declined to comment on the petition until it has time to review it.