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US ACCUSED OF COVER-UP OVER UFOs*

Washington - The United States has been accused of a cover-up about UFOs to avoid causing panic.*

A researcher into UFOs - unidentified flying objects - Dale Goudie released government documents yesterday on the eve of a three-day conference on UFOs at an American university.*

UFOs have been swooping over US military bases causing concern in the Defence Department, according to the documents.*

One US Air Force document, dated 1980, describes the sighting of UFOs by security guards at a New Mexico air base.*

Mr Goudie said there were many other similar reports at other military bases and he said the government was covering up what it knew about UFOs.*

Another document, also dated 1980, said film taken of UFOs travelling at high speed appeared to be authentic and referred to a top secret ``Project Aquarius'' that investigated UFOs.*

Mr Goudie released a letter dated January this year referring to Project Aquarius sent to Senator John Glenn by the National Security Agency, a military electronic intelligence unit. The letter responded to a question about the project posed by Sen Glenn on behalf of a constituent.*

``Apparently there is or was an Air Force project by that name which dealt with UFOs. Coincidentally, there is also an NSA project by that name that does not deal with UFOs,'' the letter said.*

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