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AND THE PROPOSED EXEC. ORDER TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY
SECURITY PERTAINING TO UFOs, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT
TO THE ABDUCTION PHENOMENON.

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Dear Jack:

This is to follow up on our meeting of February 5th and to inquire as to progress on the suggestion at that meeting that, as a pilot project, you might seek information from federal agencies about the incident at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. We were very much impressed by this suggestion and hope it is going forward.

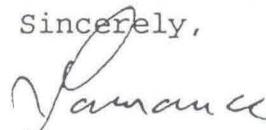
We understand the proposed Executive Order to reduce unnecessary secrecy classification in general is being circulated for comment among federal agencies. We hope that a truly effective Order will be presented to the President and signed by him. If such an order is issued, perhaps it will be sufficient to assist you in finding information on UFOs. If not, perhaps the President's personal initiative and interest will be necessary.

As I am sure you are aware, public interest in UFOs and the Roswell incident in particular continues high. Congressman Schiff of New Mexico has asked for a Government Accounting Office investigation of the incident and the publication of John Mack's book has brought renewed attention to the abduction phenomenon.

We continue our efforts to become informed on the subject. Earlier this month, we went to Cornell for a meeting with Carl Sagan. Dr. Sagan expressed considerable skepticism about the quality of the evidence of extraterrestrial life. I think it is fair to say, however, that he strongly supports the release of government information on the subject and believes that more research is warranted.

Jack, we continue to be grateful for your responsiveness on this issue, and hope you will advise us when it is useful to meet again.

Sincerely,



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