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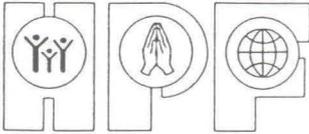
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Dear Jack:

Following our April 1993 meeting I sent you some books and a brief annotated bibliography of literature on a subject about which at that time you had little familiarity.

One of the the books cited was Whitley Strieber's *Communion: A True Story*. † Published in February 1987, this was a pioneering work that had a large impact on the UFO research community and the thousands of readers who bought and read the book. Its cover of the staring face of a Gray has become a modern classic in the field. Whitley wrote the book in an attempt to deal with personal experiences he described as shattering assaults from the unknown. In a frontispiece of the book he wrote, "This book is about forming a new relationship with the unknown. Instead of shunning the darkness, we can face straight into it with an open mind. When we do that, the unknown changes. Fearful things become understandable and a truth is suggested: the enigmatic presence of the human mind winks back from the dark."

A year later, his second book on the subject, *Transformation: The Breakthrough*, was published. In the frontispiece of this book he wrote, "The visitors are sweeping up from where we buried them under layers of denial and false assurance to deliver what is truly a message from the beyond: There is something more to us and our universe, and it is rich with the potential of the unknown. They have caused me to slough off my old view of the world like the dismal skin that it was and seek a completely new vision of this magnificent, mysterious, and fiercely alive universe."

Whitley and I met during this time and became friends. He told me that there was third book, companion to the first two, that he had to write.

As others have, Whitley then became, and to some degree still is, a target by unknown character assassins. This took a heavy psychological and financial toll. The "third" book that he had described to me did not come out. Instead he wrote a short novel, *Majestic*, about the subject. Whitley and I have communicated over the years and it was clear last year when I visited him at his home that he was working on the "third" book. Last week he called and said that he was sending me a copy of the manuscript. The title was going to be *Proof*, but apparently he has changed his mind as the manuscript carries the title *Breakthrough*.

After I read the manuscript I asked permission to send you a copy. There are several reasons for doing this. The first is that Whitley is a highly introspective and articulate individual. Additionally, he apparently is fully conscious about most of the interactions he is having with the visiting others. As you will read, he is brutally frank about his personal fears, and honest about his struggle to understand what the source and motivation of the phenomena may be. However, I know of no one else in the private sector writing about the phenomena who is as bold in speculations about what may be going on and what it means.

That addresses the second reason for sending you the manuscript. I hope that when you read it, you find that some of its speculations are mirrored in official studies and assessments that you have discovered in the government. While I hope that this is true, I would not really be surprised if you tell me some day when it is appropriate for us to have a full discussion on the subject, that government research failed to address the metaphysical nut of the problem.

Consciousness is the core issue. If the government hasn't realized this, it has kept itself out of the loop of possible understanding of the phenomena and what responses to make.

Whitley does understand this, and the opportunities that the phenomena offers us is the strident message of his new book which will soon be published. I have no idea how it will sell, but he is attempting to go to the grass roots in a powerful way.

He has held back information about government activity in this area. I assume that he did so for several reasons. These probably include not wanting to provoke the type of response he got from publishing earlier material. And certainly he is looking forward to establishing a relationship with the new majority in Congress similar to the one he had with senior staffers in the old congress. That former relationship is covered in the manuscript.

Remember the game that the editor of the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists" played with the clock's hands on the cover of the magazine? I wonder how many minutes before midnight we are on this issue?

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Jones".

C.B. Scott Jones

Attachment: With the author's permission, a copy of the manuscript *Breakthrough*.

cc: Laurance S. Rockefeller