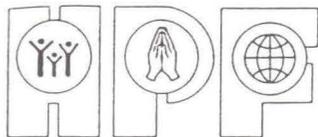


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Dear Jack:

Reference my letter of December 2, 1994. There is some shadowy evidence that the administration is in the process of modifying the government's policy concerning secrecy and denial about UFO phenomena. Not being an insider and knowing what the government knows, I cannot come to any logical position about how much the government should share, and what the sharing procedure should be.

Several years ago I decided that the best role for me was to try to work directly with government in urging them to change their policy toward openness. You have been the principal focus of this quiet effort, and I have also used the same approach in other areas. The point was not to try to get specific information for myself, but to try for what I think is the proper solution, for government to define responsibility in terms of openness instead of secrecy.

I suspect that anyone who is active in this field cannot avoid being used by assorted interests who have a particular passion for their view point. For example, in the last month I have been informed that the Lincoln Lab has been the site of most of the government research on this subject. From another source I was told that there are on average 400 monthly uncorrelated space events detected by the U.S. Space Command. These are events that originate from earth and go into space. This information came from sources who sought me out. While this information seems plausible based upon other information I know, I have made no attempt to confirm these statements and do not intend to pass them along even as rumor.

It appears after Laurance's last meeting with you that we are not going to get feedback from our attempts to get the White House to open the books on this subject. Neither Laurance nor I need any encouragement or credit for what we have been trying to accomplish. We have done what we thought was reasonable and needed. For my own part I am shifting my energy on this subject to a new, supportive strategy.

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You may recall in our first meeting that Laurance mentioned that he was also considering a public relations approach. Frankly, that was a surprise to me. We had not discussed that strategy. While he can afford a rather aggressive and expensive effort implementing that strategy, e.g., full page ads in major newspapers, anything I could manage would be at a much different level. It would be calculated to engage public interest at a non-judgmental level, suggesting that a rush to judgment on this issue is not only unwarranted, but undesirable.

For me, there are two areas of sadness on this subject. The first is the government's bodyguard of lies around it, and the second is the attempt by some (perhaps even some parts of government) to cloak it in evil. Nature is not evil. It frequently presents very difficult and dangerous situations, but these can be ameliorated with preparation based upon knowledge.

Jack, we have invited the president to participate in our conference, *When Cosmic Cultures Meet*. This will be at the Sheraton Washington hotel, May 27-29, 1995. A copy of the response to this invitation is attached. I give it a low probability that the president will finally accept, but we are hopeful that he will not only appear, but will take advantage of the opportunity to signal that government policy concerning secrecy is changing.

The final purpose of this letter is to invite you to be a principal speaker at the conference. Your contribution could be very important. What I hope you would include in your comments are statements that the subject is researchable, should be considered by competent researchers, and that the government will make data available to support this research. That would give hope in an area that could become unmanageable if the government doesn't get out in front.

The conference is shaping up to be a near all academic event. Most of the speakers are from academia, and have no prior record of involvement in the UFO field. A copy of the standard invitation letter is attached.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely,



C.B. Scott Jones

Attachments as stated (copies in date order)