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Subject: Request for information concerning the Roswell Incident of 1947

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Dear Dr. Gibbons:

At the request of Congressman Steven H. Schiff, the General Accounting Office has been asked to determine what U.S. government records exist documenting the crash of an airborne object near Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947.

Shortly after the crash, newspapers reported that personnel from the 509th Bomb Group, Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) had recovered a "flying disc." These reports were based on a press release issued by the RAAF public information office. The day after the RAAF press release, the commanding general of the U.S. Eighth Air Force informed the public that what had been recovered was not a flying disc, but a radar tracking (weather) balloon.

Since the crash, there has been speculation by some members of the public as to what actually crashed at Roswell. Until recently however, there had been no public statement by the U.S. government since 1947 concerning the crash. Then, as you know, in July 1994, the Air Force released the results of a 5-month investigation of the Roswell incident. The Air Force report concluded that the debris recovered in 1947 was most likely pieces of a balloon device that was part of a then-sensitive, classified program known as Project MOGUL--a project to determine the state of Soviet nuclear weapons research.