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TO:

Mr. J. Gibbons.

FROM:

Mr. L.S. Rockefeller.

DATE:

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MESSAGE:

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Thanks!

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Dear President Clinton,

Re: Lifting Secrecy on Information About  
Extraterrestrial Intelligence as Part  
of the Current Classification Review

For some time in connection with my concern for human values, I have been interested in the enhancement of spirituality and holistic healing as well as the development of a new paradigm of consciousness. As a result of extensive conversations with researchers in these areas, as well as my own informal study, I have come to believe that the question of life elsewhere in the cosmos is of paramount importance.

Your initiative in bringing greater openness to government through the current review of the classification of government documents to eliminate unnecessary secrecy, offers an extraordinary opportunity to advance our knowledge of this question.

This letter is to request that, as part of this reassessment, you personally and specifically direct a review of current government information policy concerning Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI), including Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). It is widely believed that various agencies of the federal government have substantial information concerning the existence or non-existence of UFOs, and that it has been unnecessarily withheld from the public as classified. If this information were released, it would be received as evidence of a new spirit of partnership between government and its citizens.

The current classification review is a good step. However, Mr. President, from past experience there is every reason to believe that without your personal initiative available information of ETI and UFOs will not be released in a meaningful way. This is to urge you to expand and accelerate the important movement towards openness you have initiated. We would like to suggest the following steps:

1. Direct that information about ETI and UFOs be given priority in the current classification review.

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2. Appoint a coordinator for government information about ETI and UFOs to bring together information from all federal agencies involved, such as the Department of Defense, the Air Force, NASA and the CIA. Your Science Advisor, Jack Gibbons, might be the right person for this role.

3. Make it known through federal agencies, such as those named above, that anyone having information about ETI or UFOs will be granted amnesty from relevant oaths or other government constraints.

These steps, I respectfully suggest, would further not only the cause of scientific inquiry and knowledge, but also that of public confidence in government and international good will. The timing is particularly propitious because, as our first post-Cold War President, you have an opportunity to take this important step without many of the national security constraints that have limited government candor with the American people in the past.

As an interested and concerned citizen, I stand ready to assist in whatever I can do that you might find useful.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable William J. Clinton  
 The President  
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May 20, 1993

My dear Laurance,

How wonderful to hear from you.

Thanks for your letter of May 7, and your phone calls to my secretary previous to that when I was out of town.

Naturally, I was most interested to hear of your desire to get the classification of documents changed so that they will be available to researchers and those with an interest in so-called UFOs, etc. I think you are exactly right, that since they are reviewing the whole classification process, many documents will probably become available that have not previously.

I also appreciate your invitation to me to be a part of those signing such a letter of request to the President. However, over the years I have made it a policy not to co-sign such letters, but to keep my contacts with presidents on a purely personal, one-on-one, private basis. In this way I have had opportunity to discuss many issues and subjects over the years with nobody knowing about it, no publicity, and they have the assurance that I will not discuss what we talked about. Therefore, I always turn down requests for me to pressure a president on this or that, or to be a part of various joint ventures. I have always been fearful that opportunities for personal discussion, especially on spiritual matters, will be curtailed if I am seen to be constantly asking for something from the White House.

I hope you will understand.

With warmest Christian greetings to you and Mary. I hope you had a good overseas trip, and are getting over the jet lag.

Cordially yours,



*Bill told to him I  
the opposite this!*

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May 7, 1993

Dear Billy,

Mary has just returned from the Gordon Conwell Board meetings invigorated and very much challenged by the thought of a new capital campaign for I think she said \$37 Million -- it might be \$47!

I have tried to reach you several times in your absence by phone in hopes of exploring with you and seeking your judgement and guidance in regard to the possibility of writing President Clinton requesting that he review the present secret classification of Government information pertaining to UFOs and related phenomena. This seems to fit in nicely with the spirit of his partnership between Government and the people on major areas of interest and concern.

Your magnificently successful book on angels, supplemented by your recent interview with David Frost on Inauguration Day, in which you express your belief in life beyond this earth, heartens me to hope that you might consider co-signing such a letter to the President.

To find an objective basis for clarifying and validating the vision of life beyond the earth would seem to have significance from various points of view well beyond the revelations of Galileo. The present evidence and public information on this point is largely anecdotal.

At present we are working closely with Mel Laird, former Secretary of Defense, and a great good friend of the present Secretary, Les Aspin. We have also met with Jack Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. We are seeking their advice as to when and how best we might write a letter to the President as I have indicated above. Your joining us as a co-signer would be enormously supportive to the President in consideration of this matter. We are also thinking of Maurice Strong, possibly Perez de Cuellar, former Secretary General of the UN, from his perspective of world concern. We believe there is also a possibility that former President Jimmy Carter might be interested. Several senators are also potentially available, such as Claiborne Pell and Ted Stevens. Any suggestions you have as to other co-signers would be warmly appreciated.

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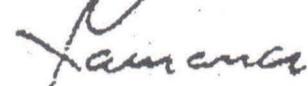
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I am enclosing a copy of our latest draft letter to the President. We feel it important that the President be involved only on the issue of reclassifying security and not involved in any statement relating to the importance of the matter under review. As you may have seen, the President just this week ordered a general review of the classification process. Thus our approach is consistent with an ongoing initiative and would not involve him in a new controversial undertaking.

Mary and I are going abroad tomorrow for two weeks, but any time thereafter I would be very eager and available to explore your interest and possible support of this matter.

With renewed admiration and gratitude for your role as our world spiritual leader.

Ever sincerely,



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