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Mr. Grant Cameron
649 Silverstone Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
CANADA R3T 2V8

Reference: F-2000-01114

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is in response to your letter dated 6 November 2000 in which you appealed the 2 August 2000 determination of this Agency in response to your 9 May 2000 Freedom of Information Act request. Your request was **for copies of documents referenced in the footnotes # 52-62 of "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90" by Gerald K. Haines**. Specifically, you appealed the adequacy of our search. Further, you stated that documents specified in footnotes # 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 were not provided to you.

Your appeal has been presented to the appropriate members of the Agency Release Panel, the Information Review Officers for the Directorate of Operations and the Director of Central Intelligence area. Pursuant to the authority delegated under paragraph 1900.43 of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), they have reviewed the records, the determinations made with respect to these records and the propriety of the application of the Freedom of Information Act exemptions asserted with respect to the records. As a result, seven documents were located and sanitized for release; one sanitized previously released document, a cable with date stamp of 31 July 1958, is also being provided to you; and one document, responsive to footnote # 53, must be denied in its entirety. Denials have been made on the basis of Freedom of Information Act Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). These eight documents are in addition to the four documents already provided to you. Further, in regard to your appeal and in accordance with CIA regulations appearing at 32 C.F.R. paragraph 1900.41(c)(2), the Agency Release Panel has affirmed this determination.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court.

Mr. Grant Cameron

Copies of the documents as approved for release are enclosed. We appreciate your patience while your appeal was being considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Cohen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edmund Cohen
Chairman
Agency Release Panel

Enclosures

Chief, Contact Division
for Scientific (Mountain)

CHI- [redacted]
11 March 1955

Chief, Chicago Office

Case [redacted] -- Radio Code Recording

Ref.: Your Memo Dated 4 Mar 55, Same Subject

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Radio code

1. Transmitted herewith for retention is the tape recording requested in referenced memo.

2. In our ~~mutual~~ phone [redacted], we learned that the Misses Mildred and Marie Maier, both worked so that any appointment would have to take place after working hours. "Make it 5:30", they said, "so we'll have plenty of time to talk." This should have alerted us, but it didn't.

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3. We honestly thought we had accidentally stumbled on to a stage setting for "Arsenic and Old Lace" when we walked in their quarters on the 3rd floor of 3812 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago. The only thing lacking was the elderberry wine. Instead, we were asked if we would like coffee. We hastily replied, "no" (remembering the effect of the wine in the play) and went on with the interview.

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4. The sisters were thrilled that the government has made the call and was finally showing some interest "after all this time." But before we got around to the wire recording, we had to look at their scrap book (the girls were once on the stage), dozens of photographs and their most precious jewel -- the recent photography of the flying saucers. By this time we were old friends, and we tried to get the conversation around to the tape recording. But we still refused the coffee.

5. It seems that the sisters' photography of the flying saucers in June and August 1954 (and reported in the Journal of the Space Flight) attracted the attention of the villain in our story, the No. 1 Flying Saucer Man in Chicago, John Otto. He was very interested in the photos (as were all of the newspapers, radio and TV stations). The attention made the girls happy indeed. On the night of 28 Nov 54, Otto asked the sisters to be sure to wire-record the WGN Jim Mills program since it was possible that they might pick up a response from flying saucers. They recorded what you now have on the tape. (The tape was copied from the wire from which they will not part.) They gave the wire (or a copy of it) to Otto after he promised not to use it commercially. But Otto, the scoundrel, proceeded to violate this trust and has

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used it on radio and TV and even charged a small group \$1.50 a head to hear it. This annoyed the sisters more than somewhat. At the present time they are waiting for their lawyer to return from Miami so they can bring suit against Otto. Again, we refused the coffee.

6. Among the various followers of saucer aviation, the sisters have recently heard from a group of five local ham radio operators who have also been able to record these wired coded messages from outer space. They have promised to send the sisters Maier copies of it. They would be delighted to furnish the government with copies of the copy to which we agreed and thanked them.

7. In all seriousness, we don't think the sisters themselves are trying to fake anything. We are giving you the background in case it fits in somewhere. They asked us to be certain to advise them if the government can solve the mystery. Will you advise us, should there be an answer?

GEORGE O. FORREST

DEWalker:sg

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Radio code

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THE DCI X DCI HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LEON DAVIDSON X
LEON DAVIDSON WHITE PLAINS NEW YORK REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE
RECORDING YOU RECEIVED FROM MILDRED MAIER X MILDRED MAIER (SEE CASE
[redacted] DAVIDSON REFERS TO SOME CORRESPONDENCE HE HAD WITH
YOU AND THEN GOES ON TO ASK FOR AGENCY COOPERATION IN LEARNING WHAT
THE CODE MESSAGE REVEALED. HE INDICATES THAT HE HAS RECENTLY TEST-
IFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVT INFORMATION AND SAYS THAT
HIS TESTIMONY WILL DISPLAY HIS INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT.

WE ARE GETTING COPIES OF THIS TESTIMONY. MEANWHILE CAN YOU ADVISE
US AS TO HOW YOU GOT IN CORRESPONDENCE AND HOW HE LEARNED THAT THE
DCI WAS THE PROPER PERSON TO ADDRESS HIS REQUEST TO. ANY BACKGROUND
INFO YOU HAVE ON HIM WILL BE WELCOME.

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SUPPORT (CONNELL) FROM SKAKICH

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2. TO THIS DAVIDSON MADE A VERY NASTY REMARK. HE ASKED ME IF WE HAVE STARTED USING THE SAME METHODS AS JIMY HOFFA X JIMY HOFFA OF TEAMSTERS UNION, REFERRING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF SOME RECENT MIAMI CONVENTION RECORDS.
3. DAVIDSON REQUESTED I GIVE HIM THIS IN WRITING, WHICH I REFUSED CATEGORICALLY, SINCE THIS CASE IS CLOSED. HE THEN MENTIONED THAT HE WILL WRITE A LETTER TO ME AT ATIC REQUESTING CLARIFICATION, OR AT LEAST A WRITTEN STATEMENT. PLEASE NOTIFY COLONEL BAIRD X BAIRD AND ADVISE THAT I HAVE TOLD DAVIDSON THAT HIS LETTER WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE X NEVER BE ANSWERED. MY IMPRESSION NOW AS BEFORE IS THAT DAVIDSON IS NOT X NOT GOING TO DROP THIS QUESTION.

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TO ATAC WPAFB OHIO

INFO CSAF (MAJ. ORVAL NICKELSON) WASHDC FOR AFCIN-IA1

FROM CIA WASHDC

TO WATSON FOR VITUNAC FROM ASHCRAFT BY [redacted]

ATTENTION: COL BAIRD

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CITE [redacted]

Case [redacted]

Davidson

FOLLOWING IS QUOTE FROM SKAKICH IN CONNECTION WITH HIS "TERMINATION" (?) INTERVIEW WITH DAVIDSON, THE FLYING SAUCER CRACKPOT.

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APPARENTLY THE END IS NOT YET.

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9 January 1958

FOR : Chief, Contact Division
Support Branch
Chief, Chicago Office

CHI [redacted]

Case [redacted] (Closed) and Dr. Leon Davidson

REF : [redacted] and Connell, Lohmann, LaMountain Telecom of 8 Jan 58

*Davidson
Relis
call*

1. We have contacted Dr. Davidson by telephone advising him that we cannot resolve his problem concerning the space message and its transmitter because records on the matter have been destroyed by the evaluating agency. Davidson accepted this statement with the comment that he had been told this before, that he now had a second article for publication concerning Air Force handling of space sightings in the hands of the Pentagon security review people (which he thought was mild enough to pass them), and he hinted that he might wish to take up again at a later date the matter of this particular message.

2. We appreciate that there have been many cooks in the kitchen on this dish and that, as a result, the extraordinarily noncommittal and evasive answer we were instructed to give Davidson was perhaps the only one possible if we were to avoid crossing up previous statements of our own, and other involved agencies, to this man. But the answer was hardly fair to Davidson, and one not likely to be fully accepted by him.

3. Referenced telephone conversation disclosed that there is nothing in the record to show that Davidson knew he was dealing with the Agency in his contacts with [redacted] that in fact, an effort had been made to conceal [redacted] from him. We are reasonably sure that when Davidson talked to us in the Court of Appeals Building conference room, he knew very well with whom he was dealing, and in the Davidson-LaMountain telephone conversation, Davidson specifically mentioned "your agency" by which he presumably meant CIA.

4. We are sure more will be heard from Davidson.

R.P.B. LOHMANN

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Davidson

CASE [redacted]

Leon

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THANKS FOR THE MEMO AND COPY OF DAVIDSON'S X DAVIDSON'S ARTICLE. DAVIDSON DID SEND A COPY TO THE PENTAGON ASKING FOR COMMENTS. THEY FORWARDED TO US WITHOUT COMMENT AND WE SENT IT ON TO [redacted] SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DCI X DCI FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH A COMMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE TO AMELIORATE THE SITUATION BY RECONTACTING HIM. THIS WAS AGREED UPON BY ALL. LAMOUNTAIN (CHICAGO) ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ARTICLE FROM DAVIDSON.

AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT X NOT FELT WORTHWHILE TO BRIEF THE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICER ON THIS BUSINESS BUT WE HAVE THE MATERIAL AVAILABLE IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY.

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SUPPORT [Redacted] FROM [Redacted]

RE DR. LEON DAVIDSON X DR. LEON DAVIDSON. WE ARE SENDING YOU BY
BUCKSLIP A COPY OF DAVIDSON'S LATEST PUBLICATION ON SPACE SAUCERS
ENTITLED: "THE AIR FORCE AND THE SAUCERS, PART THREE: THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BECOMES INVOLVED WITH SAUCERS." PLEASE NOTE
PAGE 13 X 13 "VISIT TO THE CIA X CIA OFFICE IN CHICAGO." IN THIS
SECTION DAVIDSON DID NOT WITHHOLD [Redacted] NAME BECAUSE [Redacted]
ASKED HIM TO, BUT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T REMEMBER IT WELL ENOUGH TO RISK
MISPELLING. SEE THE ADDRESS CLIPPED FROM THE OUTER ENVELOPE.

THE "SOUND-PROOFED CONFERENCE ROOM" WAS A CONVENIENT CONFERENCE ROOM
ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURT HOUSE USED BY ANY COURT PEOPLE WHO
WISH TO GO IN THERE. [Redacted] DID, IN FACT, PROMISE TO GET THE
CODE TRANSLATION AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TRANSMITTER FOR
DAVIDSON IF POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY EVENT TO GIVE HIM SOME RESPONSE
WITHIN A WEEK OR SO. [Redacted] DID NOT X NOT ASK DAVIDSON TO KEEP
SECRET THE CHICAGO CIA X CIA LOCATION, BUT ADVISED DAVIDSON NOT TO
USE CIA X CIA LETTERHEAD IN HIS FORTHCOMING ARTICLE (BEING FORWARDED
UNDER BUCKSLIP) WITHOUT FIRST CLEARING WITH CIA X CIA AUTHORITIES
IN WASHINGTON. THE MATTER OF CIA'S CHICAGO LOCATION NEVER CAME UP
AND THIS IS SHEER DRAMA AIMED AT MAGAZINE STORY APPEAL. IN OUR
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON 8 JANUARY 1998 X 8 JANUARY 1998 DAVIDSON

~~ADVISED THAT HIS NEXT ARTICLE (PRESUMABLY THE ONE WE ARE FORWARDING
YOU) WAS IN THE HANDS OF PENTAGON SECURITY REVIEW PEOPLE. IT
POSSIBLY, THEN, THIS ARTICLE IS NOT YET ON THE PRESS. IN ANY EVENT,
AGAIN WE URGE THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT DAVIDSON~~

[Redacted] HAS BEEN DEALING WITH CIA X CIA, HE BE PUT IN TOUCH
WITH [Redacted] FOR FURTHER (INTERMINABLE) BUSINESS, AND
WE BE RELIEVED OF THIS CHORE.

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AUG 02 2000

Mr. Grant Cameron
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Winnipeg, Manitoba
CANADA R3T 2V8

Reference: F-2000-01114

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is a final response to your 9 May 2000 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of documents referenced in the footnotes of "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90." Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our processing included a search for records as described in our acceptance letter that were in existence as of and through the date of that letter, 1 June 2000.

We have completed a thorough search for records responsive to your request and have located the enclosed material identified as MORI DocID# 15371, 15372, 15295 and 15249. These documents were located in our system of previously released records.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during the period required to process this request.

Sincerely,



Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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MAY 10 1957

Mr. Leon Davison
64 Prospect Street
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Davison:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, may I acknowledge and reply to your letter of April 21.

We have found that the tape you mentioned was analyzed by another agency of the Government and understand that you will hear directly from that agency in the near future as to the nature of the recording.

Sincerely,

Sgd J. Arnold Shaw

J. Arnold Shaw
Assistant to the Director

O/DCI/JAShaw/rc/9 May 57

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DEC 19 3 51 PM '57

[REDACTED] FROM SUPPORT [REDACTED]

CASE [REDACTED] (CLOSED) [REDACTED]

AS WE INFORMED YOUR OFFICE THERE IS NO TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
NOR IS THERE ANY RECORD AVAILABLE EXCEPT FOR WHAT YOU ^{know} DAVIDSON
X DAVIDSON HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY [REDACTED]
ATIC X ATIC AND THIS SAME MESSAGE WAS GIVEN HIM AGAIN. HE ASKED
FOR IT IN WRITING WHICH [REDACTED] REFUSED TO DO. DAVIDSON THEN SAID
HE WOULD WRITE TO ATIC X ATIC. WE ARE ALL RESIGNED TO MORE LETTERS
BUT WE DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD INJECT YOUR NAME INTO THE MATTER.
HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A COUPLE OF LETTERS FROM ATIC, TWO FROM
THE DCI'S X DCI'S OFFICE AND TWO VISITS FROM [REDACTED]

SUGGEST YOU SIMPLY IGNORE THE LETTER UNLESS IT WAS REGISTERED.
IF THIS WAS THE CASE PLEASE ADVISE. OTHERWISE DON'T DO ANYTHING MORE
ABOUT IT.

THIS COORDINATED WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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Chief, Chicago Office

4 March 1955

Chief, Contact Division [REDACTED]

New Case [REDACTED] - Radio Code Recording

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[SI is interested in obtaining the wire recording of the radio program in which the unidentified code was heard. If they will not relinquish it permanently, please arrange to get it on loan.]

2. We would appreciate return of [REDACTED] to this office.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (1)

[REDACTED]

Copy of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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D- (#89)

, CIA

17 March 1955

Chief, Contact Division, OO

Radio Code Recording - Case [REDACTED]

1. In compliance with your request of 25 February 1955 (no DAS number) we have obtained a tape copy of the wire recording which [REDACTED] of a message from outer space. They will [REDACTED] the original wire recording too highly to relinquish it, even to the government; however, they were overjoyed that we showed an interest.

2. They have recently [REDACTED] the Chicago [REDACTED] radio operators who also claim to have recorded such messages so if you find this one interesting, we will be glad to track down the others. Our Chicago representative would appreciate knowing what your conclusions are.

[REDACTED]

Inclosure: As stated above

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