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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

1. JACK MARTIN
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

5 AUG 1957

Dear General Goodpaster:

Your referral to the Secretary of Defense, relative to Mr. Richard Ogden's letter to The President under date of 25 March 1957, concerning unidentified flying objects, was referred to the Air Force for reply.

The Air Technical Intelligence Center has corresponded with Mr. Ogden on several occasions and furnished him with a summary of Project Bluebook Special Report No. 14 which outlines the Air Force position on the subject of unidentified flying objects. Considerable research would be required on the part of the Air Technical Intelligence Center to either confirm or refute Mr. Ogden's claims.

Senator ^{Henry} Jackson's office indicated they did not intend to reply to Mr. Ogden. No useful purpose can be accomplished by responding to Mr. Ogden, and a reply would in all probability generate additional inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

Joe W. Kelly
JOE W. KELLY *
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison

Inclosure

Brigadier General A. J. Goodpaster
Staff Secretary
The White House

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Air Force recommends that no further replies be made to Mr. Ogden. They have talked with Senator Jackson's office and were told that Senator Jackson is not expecting ~~xxx~~ to do anything on the case. The Air Force will send over a memo recommending filing. Barbara Nelson knows this.

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Date July 12, 1957

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

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By direction of the President:

A. J. GOODPASTER
Staff Secretary

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By direction of the President:

A. J. GOODPASTER
Staff Secretary

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July 11, 1957

I. JACK MARTIN
CARDED

Dear Senator Jackson:

For the President, I am pleased to acknowledge your July 10th letter and enclosure from Mr. Richard Ogden. Our records show that Mr. Ogden's letter of March 25, 1957, was referred to the Department of Defense for appropriate reply, since the subject matter comes under the jurisdiction of that Department.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Ogden has not yet had a reply. The Defense Department is being asked again to send an answer to him promptly.

With kind regard,

Sincerely,

I. Jack Martin
Administrative Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Henry M. ^XJackson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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July 10, 1957

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CARDEN

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter which is addressed to you and which has been forwarded to me by the writer, Mr. Richard Ogden, 1233 Ninth Avenue West, Seattle 99, Washington.

Mr. Ogden has advised me that the original of this letter was sent to the White House in March of this year. His letter was never acknowledged so he believes it went astray. I am sure he would appreciate it very much, therefore, if an acknowledgement of this copy could be sent on to him.

Sincerely yours,


Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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1233 Ninth Avenue West
Seattle 99, Washington
March 25, 1957

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am an aerial phenomena investigator, and I would appreciate very much your cooperation in my investigation.

For almost three years I have been particularly interested in a case concerning a Professor George Adamski of Mount Palomar, California. Adamski, author of two best sellers, claims that he has been taken for a ride in an interplanetary space ship; and he has taken photographs to substantiate his claims. I asked the famous Mars expert, Dr. Robert S. Richardson, for his opinion of Adamski's experiences. He told me that he felt that Adamski was suffering from a delusion; however, he pointed out that Adamski believes in everything he says and that he was not deliberately trying to fool people. I later pointed out to him that since he felt Adamski was not deliberately trying to deceive people, this seems to mean that it is his opinion that Adamski is a honest man. Then if he is honest, that means he did not fake the photographs which he presents as evidence to substantiate his claims. Hence, the question of how a man can take photographs of a delusion has not been explained. Dr. Richardson could not answer the question, for he told me that he could not answer all of Adamski's claims.

If this information strikes you as being interesting, then take a look at the following excerpts from Adamski's book, "Inside The Space Ships," and you will understand why I consider the case important enough to call to your attention:

..... I (Adamski) said, "About these people from other planets who are living amongst us . . . has that been going on for long?" It was Kalna (a Venusian woman) who answered, "Since time immemorial! Or at least," she corrected herself, "for the past two thousand years. After the crucifixion of Jesus, who was sent (from Venus) to be incarnated on your world to help your people, as had others before him, we decided to carry on our mission in a way less perilous to those concerned than actual birth on your planet. This was made possible by the great advance in our space traveling ships. We were able to bring volunteers in their physical bodies. These men are carefully trained for their mission and receive instructions in regard to their personal safety. Their identity is never revealed except, rarely, to one or another individual for a definite purpose, as with you. They mingle with their Earthly brothers to learn their languages and their ways. Then they return to their home planets where they pass on to us what knowledge they have gathered of your world. We have a history of Earth and the happenings thereon dating back seventy-eight million years. Similar histories which were made by men on Earth have been lost with the civili-

zations that destroyed themselves--the same pattern of destruction that threatens you today. The thing you call 'war' has not existed anywhere else in our system for millions of years. Of course, all planets and their people must pass through the orderly stages of evolvement from lower to higher. But yours has not been an orderly or natural progress; rather, an endless repetition of growth and destruction, growth and destruction...." (Pages 104-106)

One of the Martian ladies said, "You Earth people do not desire to show such cruelty towards one another. This, as you have been told before, is merely the result of your self-ignorance, which in turn blinds you to the laws of the Universe of which we are all a part. Within your families, you speak much of the love you feel for one another. Yet this very love you profess to hold often expresses itself as a possessive power of bondage over another. Nothing could be more contrary to love in its free state. Genuine love must embrace respect, mutual confidence and understanding. As known and expressed on other worlds, love contains nothing of the false possessiveness which perverts it upon the Earth. We understand love as a radiation from the heart of Deity through all creation, and especially through man towards all other forms, without division of any kind. In reality, it is not possible to find virtue in one form, and none in another. Yet, notice the distortion existing on Earth, solely because man there understands neither himself nor his Divine Father. Because of this ignorance, men go forth in what you call 'war' to slaughter ruthlessly those of another nation, another color, another religion, without understanding what they do. It is difficult for us of other worlds to grasp why men of Earth cannot see that not only is the mutual destruction of themselves by themselves no answer to any problem, but a cause for further woe on Earth. So it has always been and so it will always be. Now that your scientific knowledge has so far outstripped your social and human progress, the gap between must be filled with urgent haste. Men of your Earth know the terrible power sealed within the bombs they are piling up for use against one another. Yet they blunder on ever nearer to the brink of an unthinkable world-wide slaughter. This, to us, is strangely illogical." (Pages 136-138)

"Yes," one of the men agreed, "your behavior does often seem illogical to us. Let me give you an example. You have physical fathers on Earth, do you not?" "Yes," I (Adamski) replied. "If you had two sons, born of your own flesh and blood, as you say, and if for one reason or another one of your sons knelt before you and asked your blessing on his determination to slay his brother, who is also your son, would you grant his re-

quest because he professed himself right and his brother wrong?" My (Adamski) reply was naturally, "Of course not!" "Yet," he pointed out, "that is exactly what you Earthlings have been doing throughout the centuries. You all acknowledge a Supreme Being according to your understanding, and you speak of the brotherhood of mankind. Yet you ask the Eternal Father of all things to do that which you yourself would not do. For when you people are warring against one another, you fall to your knees in unholy prayer. You ask your Divine Father to bless your efforts to gain a victory over your own life-brother, even to the extent of destroying him. We, as your brothers living on other worlds than your own, view impartially the divided groups of people upon your planet. We, who have learned more regarding our Father's laws, operative throughout the Universe, cannot make the distinctions that keep you in such constant turmoil and we are saddened to see what is taking place on your Earth. We, as brothers of all mankind, are willing to help all those whom we can reach and who desire our help. But at no time may we force our way of life upon the people of your world. In reality, there are no inherently bad people on Earth, nor anywhere in the Universe. If, as many of you express it, your lives seem to consist of a 'hell on Earth,' you yourselves are to blame. Your planet, even as all others, was created by our One Divine Creator and is in itself a holy place, as are all His creations. Were all mankind suddenly to be swept from the face of Earth, and with them the strife and woe and grief they have brought upon it by not learning how to live together, Earth would be beautiful. But never so beautiful as a world on which men live as brothers with all in the Universe. Because one man is a stranger to another does not give him the right to ignore, insult, or to kill a fellow being. You have set aside a day each year for the observance of the Brotherhood of Man, and you speak of the Fatherhood of the Creator. Yet, in complete oblivion of the actions which such declarations should bring forth, you lavish money and effort toward swifter and more widespread ways of maiming and destroying your fellow men on Earth. Does it not seem curious to pray to the Divine Father to bless your efforts in this ruthless destruction? We hear these prayers coming from your temples, from your government leaders, from your homes and from the battlefields. Can you not see how far astray you have gone? For you are actually asking your Divine Father to do that which you yourself would not do for your own children. Can you not see how hypocritical you have become? And this is but one illustration of the many things which you do against your Divine Father. So long as you live this way, divided one against the other, your sorrows will be

multiplied. For when you seek your brother's life, someone seeks yours. This is the meaning of the words once spoken by Jesus of Nazareth. Remember that he said: 'Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they who take the sword shall perish with the sword.' The truth of these words has been proven throughout the history of man on Earth." (Pages 137-140)

Orthon (a Venusian male) replied, . . . "Our ships perform feats in your skies which no Earthly planes of any nation can do. Your scientists know this. Your governments know this. The pilots of your planes everywhere in your world have seen us and marveled. Thousands of your people have looked up and been amazed. Thousands more everywhere are now watching and hoping for a glimpse of us. All this has been foretold by men of old. They have said in your written prophecies that the whole world will be disturbed, and that the signs will be these: Sons of God will be coming from Heaven to Earth to deliver the peoples. The conditions in your world today have placed you, as you put it, under the shadow of death. Your entire world is disturbed. And since the name you have for outer space is 'Heaven,' and since we too are sons and daughters of God, could it not be that even now the ancient prophecy is being fulfilled? It has also been foretold that, when time cometh, the dark races of the world will rise up and demand the right to equal respect and the lot of free men so long denied them by you of lighter skins. Is not this prophecy, too, being fulfilled in these very days on Earth? You see, we know the history of your world well. The conception of 'We are our brother's keeper' applies to all mankind everywhere. It is in this role that we come to you and say, 'Let the Supreme Being of the Universe be the guiding word for your world that your troubles may vanish as darkness before light.' What would man be without the breath of life? And who giveth unto him? Is it not to be found everywhere for the benefit of all? Then let Earthly man know that his God is not in some far distant place, but ever near in all manifestations, and within Man himself." (Pages 240-242)

I have quoted this much material in hope of impressing you with the fact that the Adamski story is not a story to be casted aside without time being taken to give serious consideration to the validity of his story. However, I should like you to know that I am not a confirmed believer in the interplanetary answer to the so-called "flying saucer mystery" nor am I a confirmed non-believer. I believe in examining evidence both in favor and against Professor Adamski before drawing any conclusion, so far there has been insufficient evidence to warrant a conclusion.

I have found evidence against Professor Adamski's claims and I have found evidence in favor of his claims. The important piece of evidence in favor of Adamski comes from Air Technical Intelligence.

In the book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed," Adamski reports that on Thursday, 20 November 1952, that he saw a gigantic cigar-shaped silvery ship. On page 192 he said, "Silently, but quickly, it crossed above the crest of the mountains and was lost to my sight, but not before a number of our planes roared overhead in an apparent effort to circle this gigantic stranger." The location of this sighting took place at 10.2 miles from Desert Center, California. Mr. Desmond Leslie, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed," wrote in Adamski's other best seller, "Inside The Space Ships," on page 24 the following: "All six witnesses to Adamski's contact--Dr. and Mrs. George Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bailey, Mrs. Lucy McGinnis and Mrs. Alice Wells--affirm that low-flying Air Force planes were circling and swooping during the whole episode; this has never been confirmed or denied by the Air Force." After the Air Force planes went away, all six witnesses saw Adamski make contact with a human being from the planet Venus. The Venusian had come from a small scout ship (flying saucer) which in turn had come from the gigantic cigar-shaped mother ship that had been sighted by Air Force planes.

I wrote a letter to Air Technical Intelligence Center and asked for the truth about this episode. I wanted to know if they had received a UFO report from this area on 20 November 1952. Wallace W. Elwood, 1st Lt., USAF Assistant Adjutant, said, "In response to your letter of 18 July 1956 we are inclosing a summary of Project Bluebook Special Report #14, which was released in October 1955. The full report statistically covers all reports up to that date, including a report by an Air Force pilot on 20 November 1952 from the general vicinity of Desert Center, California." I later wrote another letter to AFIC and asked the following questions concerning the sighting:

1. There was supposed to be several Air Force planes in the area at the time of the sighting. Did the other pilots also see the UFO--a cigar-shaped silvery object?
2. According to the six witnesses on the ground, the object was flying at a low altitude. At what altitude did the Air Force pilot think that the UFO was flying?
3. Did radar confirm the sighting?
4. You told me that Project Bluebook Special Report #14 statistically covers this UFO report. What is Air Technical Intelligence explanation of this UFO sighting or is it just listed as UNKNOWN in Report #14?

I received a letter from T. J. Connair, Jr., Major, USAF, Adjutant; and he said, "This is in reply to your letter dated 15 August 1956, in which you request specific information concerning the reported UFO sighting near Desert Center,

California, on 20 November 1952. It is Air Force policy not to release details of its UFO investigations. This policy is based partly on the volume of inquiries, partly on a desire to protect the privacy of our sources and the information they submit. Your letter indicates an intelligent interest in aerial phenomena and was especially appreciated for this reason."

My questions were of such a general nature that I fail to see that they would be an infringement on the privacy of any source of information, since I asked for no names or information of such a technical nature that would reveal a military secret. On the other hand, I can see why ATIC wouldn't want to take time to supply details of a UFO investigation to every person who made an inquiry, because it would take too much time to answer letters. I wouldn't have asked ATIC to supply details to a particular UFO investigation nor would I be taking your valuable time in order to get information on a particular UFO investigation if the information I wished to have was only for my own knowledge. The information I requested was not only for my own knowledge but for the American people. When I complete my investigation of Professor Adamski, I had planned to report my findings to the Press. I am of the firm opinion that the American people should know the truth about the Adamski story for the following reasons:

1. Adamski is not suffering from a delusion; his experiences are not a result of a dream. This is proven by the fact that he submits photographs, a piece of metal from the flying saucer, a plaster of Paris copy of the footprints of a Venusian, a copy of Venusian writing, and affidavits signed by the witnesses to his contact with a Venusian, in order to prove his claims. In view of this, Adamski is either telling the truth or he has deliberately tried to deceive the public in order to make money.
2. I have included in this letter excerpts from his book, "Inside The Space Ships," in order to show you how he has used religion to create an atmosphere of authenticity. If his story is a hoax, it certainly is not a harmless joke but a malicious attempt to deceive people for a pecuniary reward. If this be the case, is there not something the Government can do about it in order to protect the public?
3. On the other hand, if Professor Adamski has really met the sons and daughters of God and received divine guidance, I feel that the U.S. Government should give his claims official recognition so that the peoples of the world will know what to believe. I hope you agree that it wouldn't be wise or just to keep the truth from the people.

I hope you see merit in my investigation and will consider it worth your time to secure for me the answers to the following questions concerning an ATIC investigation of a UFO report from an Air Force pilot from the general vicinity of Desert Center, California, on 20 November 1952:

1. ACCORDING TO BERENZI'S BOOK THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SEVERAL AIR FORCE PLANES IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. DID THE OTHER PILOTS ALSO SEE THE UFO-- A CIGAR-SHAPED SILVERY OBJECT?

2. ACCORDING TO THE SIX WITNESSES ON THE GROUND, THE OBJECT WAS FLYING AT A LOW ALTITUDE. AT WHAT ALTITUDE DID THE AIR FORCE PILOT THINK THAT THE UFO WAS FLYING?
3. DID RADAR CONFIRM THE SIGHTING?
4. SINCE PROJECT BLUEBOOK SPECIAL REPORT #14 STATISTICALLY COVERS THIS UFO REPORT, WHAT IS AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF THIS UFO SIGHTING OR IS IT JUST LISTED AS UNKNOWN IN REPORT #14?

I am sorry I had to take so much of your valuable time, Mr. President, to have you read this very long letter but I know of no other way of impressing you with the importance of Professor Adamski's claims. Your cooperation in my investigation will, indeed, be much appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Richard Ogden

Richard Ogden

August 16, 1955

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President Dwight Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

According to our papers it appears that we have or are about to finance some kind of experiments with satellites with our tax dollars.

This is about the most stupid bit of news out of Washington within my memory and I hope you can advise me this is not true so I can stop the worry.

If private capital wanted to do something like this, it's O.K. - but for the government to stick their hands in my pocket for tax dollars to finance a hair brained scheme like this, makes me think our own government has sunk to the level of the Egyptian Government when they built the Pyramids.

I hope you can advise me I am misinformed.

Respectfully,



Alva G. Blanchard
3618 Fairfield
Shreveport, Louisiana

cc to:
Congressman Overton Brooks
Washington, D. C.

Senator Allen J. Ellender
Washington, D. C.

Senator Russell Long
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 7, 1957

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Dear Mr. Davidson:

General Goodpaster at the White House has referred to this office your letter to him of January 20 with your renewed request for additional information in the field of "unconventional aircraft." He has forwarded it with copy of his note to you of February 1. This gives me the pleasure and opportunity of replying to you once again to assure you that since our last exchange, under date of January 17, there has been no addition to the public record in the field in which you have such a sustained interest.

Sincerely yours,

C. Herschel Schooley
Director
Office of Public Information

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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Date February 1, 1957

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Ltr to Gen Goodpaster from Leon Davidson, 64 Prospect Street, White Plains, New York dated 1/20/57, asking whether U. S. possesses any objects which might be called "flying saucers". Cy of reply from AJG to Mr. ~~AKM~~ Davidson

By direction of the President:
A. J. GOODPASTER
Staff Secretary



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February 1, 1957

Dear Mr. Davidson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 20th. I regret to inform you that I am unable to add to information previously made available on the matters in which you indicate you are interested.

I have, however, forwarded your letter to the Department of Defense as a matter falling within the scope of their responsibility, in the event they should be able to add to the information previously provided.

Sincerely,

A. J. Goodpaster
Brigadier General, USA
Staff Secretary

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



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The White House has referred to this Department your letter of December 19 in which you enclose a copy of your publication "Flying Saucers: An Analysis of the Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14".

We are very grateful to you for the opportunity of examining this publication, and thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to us.

I am familiar with your exchange of correspondence with the Moss Committee on Government Operations inquiry into public information problems, as referred to by Chairman Moss at one of his recent committee hearing sessions, and with some of your exchanges with the Air Force. You are most assiduous in your research, and in your interest in the subject, and your publication will, I am sure, be a helpful reference volume on the subject.

The Department of Defense record of its long study of the subject, as published by the Air Force as the executive agent for the inquiry of several years duration is up to date, and there has been no addition of substance thereto since publication of your volume.

What the President had in mind, in the 1954 press conference reference you cite, beyond the quotation given, is of course not known to us. I note that Mr. Morgan did not respond to you on that point, and we, of course, would not presume to offer comment on that reference.

Sincerely yours,

X
C. Herschel Schooley
Director
Office of Public Information

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

cc: Mr. Gerald D. Morgan, Special Counsel to The President
The White House

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January 2, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable Charles E. Wilson
The Secretary of Defense

Attached for your attention is a December nineteenth letter addressed to me by Leon Davidson of White Plains, New York. Also attached is my acknowledgment, and the booklet enclosed # with Mr. Davidson's letter.

It would be appreciated if you could make whatever reply you deem appropriate to the inquiry in the last paragraph of Mr. Davidson's letter. Could you let me have a copy of whatever reply is sent?

Gerald D. Morgan
Special Counsel to the President

Enclosures

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January 2, 1957

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Thank you for your December nineteenth letter enclosing your report on flying saucers.

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We have asked the Department of Defense to write to you regarding your inquiry as to whether the United States possesses any devices which the public might call flying saucers.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Morgan
Special Counsel to the President

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

Copy to:
Secretary of Defense

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SEE: G.F. 116 C
 LAWLER, J. Edward, Member of RICHMOND City Council, 5011 Riverside Dr.,
 Richmond 25, Va. Ltr to the President 11/8/57 encl copy of RESO-
 LUTION he proposes to put before City Council suggesting CRIME
 Prevention Week. By Route Slip 11/9/57 to AG.

SEE: G.F. 162-A A
 STRANGES, Rev. Frank E., AMERICAN Evangelistic Assn., 220 Mt. Royal
 Terrace, Baltimore 17, Md. 11/5/57 Ltr to the President req'g
 an article on Advancement of Christian Liberty in America for
 publication in "VISION".

SEE: G.F. 163-A P
 FENN, Miss Marianne c/o PRINCETON High School, Princeton, N.J. 11/7/57
 Ltr to the President req'g statement on value of study of LATIN.
 -----11/8/57 Mr. Fox.ack'd.

SEE: G.F. 117 T
 SHAPIRO, Mr. David A., Exec. Secy, TEXAS Drive In Theatre Owners' Assn.,
 1710 Jackson St., Dallas 1, Texas. 11/4/57 Ltr to the President
 req'g message for new publication started by the above after
 CONFERENCE on Technical and Distribution Research for the Benefit
 of Small Business.-----11/9/57 Mr. Fox ack'd.

SEE: G.F. 118
 EGNER, Dr. Russell Forrest, President, The RELIGIOUS Generations
 Roundation, 5008 Oliver Ave., South, Minneapolis 19, Minn.
 Ltr to Gov. Adams 11/10/57 encl ltr same date to the President
 re his research and unpublished work on scientific religion.
 Says we are spending much on war and and sputnicks, how much on
 SCIENTIFIC religion to cure atheism? Req's interview.----Note
 undated to Mr. Fox for draft.-----11/14/57 Mr Fox suggestion
 to Mary Burns. -----11/15/57 Gov. Adams ack'd.

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 CAMMACK, Mrs. C. W. (Lola J. CAMMACK) 1703 E. Morningside, Victoria,
 Texas. 10/28/57 Ltr to the President suggests 15 minutes daily for
 prayer throughout country. Feels Billy GRAHAM is "prophet" of our
 time and might be of help to President.-----11/7/57 Mr. Gray ack'd.

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October 1958

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Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

PETITION

William B. ...
The Assistant to the President

Dear Mr. Eisenhower:

The New Jersey State Legislature has ordered
that the 1958 Christmas Season witness NO USE
of Christmas or Christian Hymns nor reference
to Christ, in Public School seasonal observances!

We, the undersigned, strongly protest against
the UnChrist-like spirit and attitude exercised
by the New Jersey State Legislature and their
attempt to crush the Christian Spirit that has
accompanied the Christmas Season for these
many years.

We would therefore, desire to see that this act
be repealed before it spreads throughout other
States and then becomes a National Folly.

Yours truly,

Rev. Frank E. Stranges
Enc.

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Name: WEST, James I., Jr., Date: 12/31/57

Organization:

Address: 15 Baker Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Regarding: Ltr to the Presidentg re his inventions of space ships; encl same.----
 1/2/58 Memo for Col. Draper frm Mr. Bouck, Secret Service re above.----1/6/58 Col.
 Draper ack'd; upon receipt of a report frm Air Force will write further.----1/6/58 Memo
 for Col. ~~REYNOLDS~~ Reynolds frm Col. Draper req memo on any opinion or suggestion the
 Air Force may have.----1/16/58 Mr. West to the President; encl another rocket.----1/21/58
 Memo for the Air Force Aide to the President frm Air Force with info re above.----1/21/58
 Col. Thomas ack'd.----1/22/58 Memo for Col. Draper frm Mr. Bouck, S.S. stating, in the
 event the above has no value to the A.F., it might be in order to notify the mail room
 to refuse delivery on any subsequent packages frm Mr. West.

3/11/58 Memo frm Secret Service attached/

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SEE: G.F. 163-A, H

FUJIKAWA, Don T., Managing Editor, HAWAII, Hochi, Ltd., 917 Kokea St., Honolulu, Hawaii, 8/19/59 Ltr to Mr. Hagerty states his paper is planning to issue a special edition commemorating the achievement of Statehood for Hawaii; would like the President to contribute a msg for same.---Several notes att'd between Betty Allen and Mildred Zayac re same.---8/27/59 Mr. Fox ack'd; ltr not rec'd in time for sufficient action to be taken re req.; encl proclamation on the Admission of the State of Hawaii into the Union, and the President's remarks upon signing that document.

SEE: G.F. 163-A, I

HEWES, Hayden, 2726 N.W. 31st St., Oklahema City, Okla., 8/17/59 Ltr to the President; writer Assoc. Dir., INTERPLANETARY Intelligence of UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects which is planning to publish re subject of Flying Saucers; would like the President to write an article for this publication.-----8/25/59 Mr. Fox ack'd; encl statement prepared by the President's Science Advosory Committee entitled "INTRODUCTION to Outer Space."; free to quote from the President's statement re this.

SEE: G.F. 166

SAFSTROM, Gust A., 10243 So. Mich. Ave., Chicago 28, Ill., 7/21/59 Ltr to the President encl cy of ltr he sent to Secy. of Agric., Benson re the requirements for building a FISH pond; farm policy.---8/24/59 Gen. Persons ack'd.

SEE: G.F. 166-A-2

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Hagerty from Dr. Paarlberg, dtd 7/20/59
re a question asked him re LAMB grading, he said he would look it up. Dr. Paarlberg feels this doesn't "merit the President's attention," but if interested attaches a summary of current situation relating to discontinuance of Federal meat grading re a resolution req. that the Dept. of Agric., immediately discontinue same passed by the NATIONAL Wool Growers Association.

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SEE: G. F. 156-G

WHITTIER, Sumner G., Administrator, Veterans Administration, Wash. 25, D. C., 8/16/60
 Ltr to Mr. Merriam re their plans to invite, General Lemuel C. SHEPHERD, Jr., to
 be their principal speaker at the National Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington
 Cemetery on 11/11/60; asks Mr. Merriam if this invite is in order.---8/22/60
 Penned note to Gen. Goodpaster frm Mr. Merriam req advice.---Pencil notation to
 Mr. Merriam frm Gen. Goodpaster stating it looks good to him.---8/26/60 Memo for
 Mr. Whittier frm Mr. Merriam stating he is sure Gen. Shepherd will make an
 excellent speaker.

SEE: G.F. 163-A, D

MORRIN, L., Vice President, DOUGLAS Antelope Valley Management Club, P.O. Box 698,
 Edwards, Calif., 8/4 /60 ltr to the President re the plans of the above to organize
 a Civil Defense SEMINAR this fall.---8/26/60 Memo for Gen. Goodpaster frm Mr. Hoegh
 OCDM encl draft.----8/30/60 Gen. Persons ack'd; encl brochure containing quotations
 frm statements the President has made on this subject.

SEE: G.F. 163-A, I

MANEY, James, Dpty Dir., INTERPLANETARY Intelligence of UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects,
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8/7/60 ltr to the President asking for his personal opinion
 re unidentified flying objects.----Unack'd.

SEE: G.F. 163-A, O

HENRY, Thomas E., SEABOARD Finance Company, 818 So Clinton St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana,
 8/19/60 ltr to the President; statds they have been ~~HXX~~ selected to feature Fort
 Wayne and the State of Indiana in their Company publication, "The OFFICIAL Grape-
 vine" for the mo of Oct.; req the President's photo and a ltr for publication
 pointing out Indiana's importance on a national level.----8/23/60 Mr. Fox ack'd.

SEE: G.F. 164-D

NELSON, A. Lars, Master, Washington State Grange, Seattle, Washington re aid to farmers
 whose farms, range and forest lands were damaged by recent disastrous fires in
 Southwest SPOKANE County.---8/17/60 Ref'd by rte slip to Secy of Agriculture req
 draft.---8/18/60 Agric. to Gen. Goodpaster encl draft.---8/22/60 Gen. Persons ack'd.

Brigadier General Y: Army National Guard
Reserves

"But what happened was that Eisenhower got sold out. Without him knowing it, he lost control of what was going on with the entire UFO situation. In his last address to the nation, I think he was telling us that the Military Industrial Complex would stick you in the back if you were not totally vigilant. And, I think that he felt like he had not been vigilant. I think he felt like he trusted too many people. And, Eisenhower was a trusting man. He was a good man. And I think that he realized that all of a sudden this matter is going into the control of corporations that could very well act to the detriment of this country.

"This frustration, from what I can remember, went on for months. He realized that he was losing control of the UFO subject. He realized that the phenomenon or whatever it was that we were faced with was not going to be in the best hands. As far as I can remember, that was the expression that was used, 'It is not going to be in the best hands.' That was a real concern. And so it has turned out to be...

"It had been discussed with me on numerous occasions what could happen to me militarily if I discussed this. I would say that the government has done as good a job enforcing secrecy through the installation of abject fear as they have done with anything within the memory of modern man. I really believe they have done a job.

"One older officer discussed with me what possibly could happen if there was a revelation. He was talking about being erased and I said, 'Man, what do you mean erased?' And, he said, 'Yes, you will be erased—disappear.' And I said, 'How do you know all this?' And he said, 'I know. Those threats have been made and carried out. Those

threats started way back in 1947. The Army Air Force was given absolute control over how to handle this. This being the biggest security situation that this country has ever dealt with and there have been some erasures...'

"I don't care what kind of a person you are. I don't care how strong or courageous you are. It would be a very fearful situation because from what Matt [this older officer] said, 'They will go after not only you. They will go after your family.' Those were his words. And, so I can only say that the reason that they have managed to keep it under wraps for so long is through fear. They are very selective about how they pull someone out to make an example of. And I know that has been done."

7 Idlewild Lane
Matawan, New Jersey
January 24, 1964

Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Dear General:

I am a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), headquarters Washington, D.C., and would greatly appreciate your answering the following questions:

1- Do you believe the unidentified flying objects currently being seen in our skies to be unknown superior machines under intelligent control?

2- If your answer to question #1 is in the positive, do you believe the UFOs to be extraterrestrial vehicles?

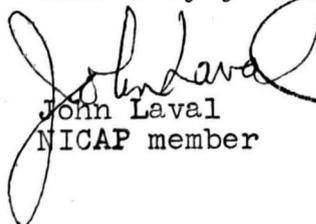
3- Do you believe the United States Air Force is conducting a policy of secrecy and censorship in regard to UFOs?

4- Do you support NICAP in its fight to persuade Congress to conduct an impartial open investigation into the UFO problem?

5- If your answer to question #3 is in the positive, do you consider such a policy to be justified?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



John Laval
NICAP member

Post Box
Principal file
Box 43.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
January 28, 1964

RLS/dkt

Dear Mr. Laval:

General Eisenhower has asked me to reply to your letter of January 24th.

While he would like to respond personally to your queries, the great demands on his time and his present writing chores make it impossible for him to do so. In addition, as a policy of long standing, General Eisenhower does not complete questionnaires.

With appreciation for your understanding of the circumstances surrounding this negative reply,

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. SCHULZ
Brig. Gen., U. S. A. (Ret.)
Executive Assistant

Mr. John Laval
7 Idlewild Lane
Matawan, New Jersey

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PERSONAL TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT
IKE EISENHOWER - NOVEMBER 3, 1952
DURING PEAK "STRUCER SUMMER"

DEAR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS I HAVE SPENT
MUCH OF MY TIME, MONEY, AND ENERGY INVESTIGATING THE FLYING
SAUCERS AND RELATED PHENOMENA. I SINCERELY FEEL THAT THE
SITUATION REGARDING THE SAUCERS HAS BEEN BADLY HANDLED, AND THAT
THE TRUTH CONCERNING THESE OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA SHOULD
BE MADE PUBLIC, THE MOVIES, THE LANDINGS, THE PHOTOGRAPHS THE
CONTACTS, ECT., FACTS SHOW A DEFINATE PATTERN. SUPERIOR SCIENCE,
DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE AND VISITORS FROM SPACE.

A PRIVATE CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A. GEORGE D. FANCETT,

PHYSICAL DIRECTOR CONSOLIDATED CENTRAL YMCA SPRAY, N.C.