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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD'S GREATEST HOUR:

Filer File #17, 1998
George A Filer
MUFON Eastern Director
April 30, 1998

On March 25, 1966, House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford R- Michigan proposed that Congress investigate the rash of reported sightings of identified objects in Southern Michigan and other parts of the country. Ford said he believed, "A congressional inquiry would be worth while because the American people are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories."

I had always liked President Ford, because I believe he had the public interest at heart. He was one of the few congressmen, who was concerned about the Unidentified Flying Objects in our skies. I ask is there any congressman with the courage of former President Ford who will again ask for an UFO inquiry? There are very few if any congressmen willing to put his career, prestige, and reputation on the line.

If we do get an opportunity, there are astronauts, military personnel, and scientists standing ready to testify. I feel we have enough data to convince congress in a fair hearing. Leaders in the UFO community have often felt, if they could just have enough influence they could get the right answers. We know that President Ford, Carter and Clinton have all attempted to obtain the answer from government sources regarding UFOs.

I recently asked President Ford about the existence of UFOs. He wrote me a friendly letter telling of his 25 and half years in the House -- never in the Senate. His letter stated in part, "During my public career in Congress, as Vice President and President, I made various requests for any information on UFOs. The official authorities always denied the UFO allegations. As a result I have no information that may be helpful to you."

If Congress, like the president uses its normal sources of intelligence such as CIA, DIA, NSA, NASA they will likely get the same answer as our presidents claim they were given. Essentially, our government intelligence agencies are not aware or responsive to UFO reports and a possible alien threat. We have a choice to assume they are incompetent, unaware or lying. I hope some where in government there is someone correlating the data. One logical reason to ignore the thousands of UFO reports is that they think they know what is flying. The CIA recently claimed that most UFOs were misidentified U-2s. The long wing span of the U-2 makes this a poor candidate to be mistaken for a disc aircraft. However, the disc shaped Silverbug project recently released could easily be identified as a classic UFO. The Air Force asked a number of key scientists for the explanation of UFOs. The scientists always told them it was a case of simple misidentification. These UFOs in our skies either belong to our government or to someone else. They are a safety hazard and a possible threat.

I was part of the group of military witnesses during Dr. Greer's attempts to get

Congressional Hearings last year. I spoke immediately after Edgar's Mitchell's introduction to the media and various staff members of Congress. Edgar later indicated, "In our briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Group, it became very clear to us that they were naive. They did not really know any more about this effort than we do, if as much."

In my own personal efforts to reach Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili, he and his aid both indicated the same lack of knowledge about UFOs. I wrote and asked that he debate me on national television. He kindly refused before leaving office. Now certainly all these fine people could be stone walling us, but it seems more likely they are unaware and do not take UFOs seriously, because there are Black budget programs that fit the descriptions of UFOs. This could be a clever way of ignoring our inquires, but it could be that most of the important people in government now are just not aware of real UFOs.

Somewhere there must be knowledgeable people in government. If they do not exist in government any more, I suggest they hire some of the old retired guys to show them where we hid the secrets. The secret has been denied, obscured and joked about for so long it's become a taboo subject. This means we have a major public relations problem. We need help in convincing leaders of government there is a possible threat and that it should be examined.

The late Representative Steven Schiff asked for an explanation for the Roswell crash. There was a governor of Georgia, named Carter who said, "I saw a UFO, and if you elect me president I'll find out what they are!" Well, we elected him president and he never told us. Governor Reagan saw a UFO and said we might have to fight aliens. In 1966, Representative Gerald Ford made national headlines and later became President by asking about UFOs. Let us hope there is one person in congress with the courage of former President Gerald Ford. Perhaps he might even become president!

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Frank Edwards's 1966 book, *Flying Saucers - Serious Business*, was the subject of a detailed three-page FBI memorandum.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/19/66

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-2927)

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
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Re Bureau Bulletins No. 57 dated 10/1/47, and No. 38 dated 3/25/49, entitled "FLYING DISCS."

Enclosed are copies of an article entitled "Armed Forces - Focus on UFO", which was published in the *This World* supplement of the San Francisco *Examiner & Chronicle*, Sunday, October 16, 1966.

This article deals with the current controversy over the existence or nonexistence of flying saucers or Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), and quotes Michigan's Congressional Representative GERALD FORD as suggesting that Congress look into UFOs; also it announces that the Air Force, which is charged with investigating UFOs, has commissioned the University of Colorado and Physics Professor EDWARD U. CONDON to conduct an in-depth study of flying saucers for the next 18 months, at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

The article also points out that since last summer pressure has been mounting for the establishment of an independent, civilian controlled investigative agency to look into the UFO problem.

Also, for the Bureau's information, there was recently published (first printing June 1966) a book entitled "Flying Saucers - Serious Business", Lyle Stuart, Inc., publishers, authored by Frank Edwards. This book is now in its third edition and is available in paperback, published by Bantam Books, and it is probably a contributing factor to the current controversy.

In this book author Edwards points out that flying saucers were observed in the spring of 1946, in Scandinavia and Russia (which he points out is about a year from the date of the testing of the Alamogordo atomic bomb), and the book

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documents many reports throughout the world of UFOs since that date, and claims that 1965 was the year of the greatest number of UFO sightings and that these were observed by multiple witnesses. It is author Edwards' contention that UFOs are space vehicles sent to observe activities on earth and the Air Force, which is charged with the responsibility of investigating UFOs, has deliberately withheld information and given misleading explanations because it fears a mass panic by the public if the public were told the truth.

The book describes UFOs as polished metal objects, radiating heat and light (sufficient to have burned witnesses who were too near), and emitting some force field that interferes with electromagnetic instruments and power sources. Colors range from brilliant white to dull reds and brilliant orange. Some objects have carried blinking lights. There are three basic shapes: 1) zeppelin-shaped ships up to 300 feet long; 2) disk-shaped objects ranging from a few feet in diameter to 100 feet, with many reported at about 30 feet diameter; and 3) egg-shaped objects, which according to the author are the ones most recently sighted.

According to the book, the objects move silently and attain fantastic speeds, yet can hover motionless in mid-air; they have been reported to land and to take off with great speed, usually with a burst of light from the underside, which in some cases has left the ground beneath them scorched.

Many of the persons named in the book who have reported them are reliable individuals, including law enforcement officers, military personnel on official duty, military pilots, commercial airline pilots, civilian defense officials, etc. A number of photographs of the objects have been reproduced in the book, some reportedly taken by reputable persons. Many reported sightings are from atomic and missile research areas.

Wreckage of crashed saucers has been reportedly recovered on at least three occasions, in one case described as a magnesium alloy, in another as pure magnesium, and in a third case, attributed to an official of the Canadian government, the material was described as an exceptionally hard unknown metal, actually a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate which contained thousands of 15-micron metal spheres throughout, and showing evidence of micro-meteorites on its surface.

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Dear Mr. Cameron:

Thank you for your inquiry requesting information about Gerald R. Ford Library holdings on UFOs.

The Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers contain 22 pages on UFOs. These materials primarily concern the March 1966 sighting of UFOs near Hillsdale, Michigan, and Congressman Ford's call for a congressional investigation.

Attached is a PRESNET search report, as well as a cover sheet, listing the Ford Library's other collections and folder titles containing materials on UFOs, including the papers of Michigan Congressman Edward Hutchinson, which contain information on the 1966 congressional investigation into the sightings near Hillsdale, Michigan.

Please note that the materials in the Robert Hartmann Papers duplicate the materials in the Ford Congressional Papers described above. The remaining collections listed on the PRESNET search report contain materials about Terry Mitchell, a lecturer on UFOs, and several letters sent to President Ford during his administration.

There are no materials in the Richard Cheney Files on UFOs. Finding aids describing the collections listed on the PRESNET search report are available for viewing and downloading on the Ford Library website at:

<http://www.ford.utexas.edu/library/list1.htm>

If you would like to order photocopies of the materials in the Ford Congressional Papers and those listed in the PRESNET search report, the rate is \$0.50 per page, with a \$10.00 minimum charge. We have estimated the number of pages, so we ask that you do not pay in advance. The procedures for ordering photocopies are explained on the Ford Library website at:

<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/ford/library/photocop.htm>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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>>> Grant Cameron <squishy@altavista.com> 08/16 4:18 PM >>>

I am planning a visit to the National Archives in Washington DC, and will be passing near the Ford Library. I am writing a manuscript I have an appendix which looks at US Presidents and the subject of UFOs.

I don't think there is much in the Ford Library but would like to know if an archivist could do a quick search to see what might be available. I am looking for questions asked in news conferences, letters on the subject, files that might have been set up on the subject. Mr. Ford was involved in the subject prior to becoming President so I would like to know if these files are open for research.

In addition George Bush is on record as stating UFOs will be the first thing on Dick Cheney's plate when he becomes President, so I would be interested in any UFO stuff in Cheney's files.

I would be at the library if there is something to view for one day, maybe two.

Thanks.

Grant Cameron

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WHCF Subject File - OS: Outer Space

According to the White House Central Files manual, this category was for "material pertaining to plans, programs, research, exploration and development of outer space. Includes programs of air, space and unidentified flying objects."

The file manual specifically excepted: communications satellites (see UT); and meteorological rockets and satellites (see SC).

OS: Outer Space

Executive 275 pp. / General 35 pp.

Material on the U.S. space program, including NASA funding concerns, planned programs and annual reports; and related matters, including recognition for Dr. Werner von Braun.

OS 1: Accidents

No materials were filed in this category.

OS 2: Launching Sites - Tracking Stations

No materials were filed in this category.

OS 3: Space Flight

Executive 550 pp. / General 25 pp.

Material on the US space program, especially on the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project and associated public relations matters; but also on Earth Resources Technology Satellite system, the space shuttle, the Viking I Mars mission, de-orbit of the Skylab booster rocket, launching invitations, Landsat satellites, overseas transfer of technology, the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched Into Outer Space, and the proposed 1976 Earth Resources Information Satellite System Act.

OS 3-1: Astronauts

Executive 110 pp. / General 12 pp.

Material, primarily cross-references, on astronauts including awards, travel, public appearances, and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, especially the President's meetings with the US astronauts and the Soviet cosmonauts.

OS 4: Space Research

Executive 4 pp. / General none

Cross-references on Viking I, the International Astronautical and Space Research Exhibit, and a Presidential meeting with NASA Administrator James Fletcher and others.

OS 5: Unidentified Flying Objects

Executive 8 pp. / General 13 pp.

Items reflecting public interest in UFO's.

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Send e-mail to the Gerald R. Ford Library at library@fordlib.nara.gov

PRESNET Search Report

What is in the PRESNET collection description database?

The database contains over 63,000 folder titles and other descriptive information for 90% (October 1998) of the historical material available to research at the Ford Library. Most open materials from the Ford Presidency are described in the database; and a significant portion of the undescribed material belongs to the Ford Congressional Papers.

How is it searched?

Archivists do the searching for you, and their search strategy is displayed at the top of the report. Most strategies employ subject indexing terms (SUBJ=EDUCATION) and keyword searches on folder titles (TTL=ROCKEFELLER). More complex Boolean search strategies are possible, for example limiting the search with a beginning date (BEGDAT) and/or ending date (ENDDAT). Sometimes, the archivist will search for keywords in the descriptive text that accompanies a folder title (DESC).

How do you participate in the search?

Check the search strategy on your report and discuss with an archivist your ideas for expanding or narrowing it. You may know organizational or personal names that should be searched, for example. In particular, you should know that a search strategy using broad index terms (SUBJ=EUROPE) can often exclude material indexed only under narrower terms (SUBJ=GERMANY). You may see a copy of the thesaurus of index terms, if you like.

Which open collections are not described in detail in PRESNET?

The database contains collection and series-level descriptions for all open collections. In addition, virtually all collections are indexed at the folder-level. The collections listed below are not described at the folder-level.

Please consult the Library's Guide and collection finding aids (available online at <http://www.ford.utexas.edu/library/holdings.htm>) to locate possible additional materials on your topic.

- Casselman, William
- Ford, Gerald - Congressional (partial)
- Hoopes, David
- Hutchinson, Edward (partial)
- Powell, Pamela
- Robson, John E.
- U.S.-China Business Council
- U.S. President's Commission on Olympic Sports
- White House Gift Unit
- White House Social Office Central Files (partial)

What else should you know?

PRESNET is not an item-level index--it only directs you to folders containing materials on your topic. Only a portion of the estimated page count for each folder may be relevant (especially in the White House Central Files).

Search reports often identify material that might not be found through manual searches of traditional finding aids, but usually do not include all useful information in the Library. The Library's free Guide to Historical Materials and traditional collection finding aids should be examined closely--even for collections described in PRESNET.

The Guide and collection inventories also can help evaluate the nature

and quality of material found through PRESNET. In addition, researchers should find consultations with archivists useful in identifying and evaluating materials.

Collection titles are capitalized and preceded by a string of asterisks.
Titles beneath a collection title represent folders from that collection.

With the exception of folders containing only a few pages, page counts are merely estimates.

Good materials may be listed anywhere. Collections appear in the order of data entry into the database.

Gerald R. Ford Library 08:49:04 08-17-00 Page 1 SEEK Strategy: SUBJ = UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HIT NOTES..... BOX.. TITLE..... PAGE COUNT 1 ***** PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN RECORDS ***** ***** MSG: Box numbers in this collection consist of both a letter and a number. The letter indicates the PFC office that created the records. A = Chairman's Office B = Office of Administration C = Political Office D = General Counsel's Office E = Campaign '76 Media Communications (Media/Advertising) F = People for Ford Office G = Press Office H = Research Office J = Delegate Office K = Vice Presidential Nominee Office 2 H34 Carter Quotes - UFOs 2 3 ***** WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES SUBJECT FILE ***** ***** MSG: Please write on request slips both the box number(s) and the Central Files code - the letters and numbers appearing before the colon in the folder title (e.g., FG 23-8-2). 4 2 OS 5: Unidentified Flying Objects 8 5 ***** EDWARD HUTCHINSON PAPERS (U.S. ***** Representative from Michigan) ***** MSG: Folders listed below may date from any time during Hutchinson's service in Congress, 1963-76. See the finding aid for information on series not yet described in PRESNET. 6 107 1965-66: (16) HR866 - Unidentified Flying 300 Objects (1)-(2) 7 ***** ROBERT T. HARTMANN PAPERS (Reporter; Aide ***** to Congressman Gerald R. Ford; Chief of ***** Staff to the Vice President; Counsellor to the President) 8 52 Ford - Broadcasts, 1966-68 45 9 60 Ford - Statements and Press Releases, 125 1966 (1)-(2)

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August 13, 2000

National Archives & Records Administration
Mary Ronan, FOIA Officer
Seventh St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents be provided to me:

I would like all correspondence between comedian Jackie Gleason and former President Gerald Ford

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$ 20.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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Ford.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS -- Thirty-three years ago on March 25, 1966, House Minority Leader Gerald Ford proposed to Congress that they investigate the rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in Michigan and other parts of the country. Ford said, "I believe a congressional inquiry would be worthwhile because the American people are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories." His leadership helped make his name a household word and later he became Vice President and President. The UFOs are still flying and we are not much closer to a solution.

He presented his findings on the matter at the Detroit Press Club on Friday, March 25th, to a packed house.

Dr. Hynek brushed off the sightings in and around Hillsdale College as the work of pranksters playing with flares. (How they got the flares to fly in formation and to change places in formation was not revealed.)

Referring to a photograph made by a police officer at Milan, Michigan (see picture section), Dr. Hynek dismissed that as "nothing more than a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet Venus." (How these objects traveled so far across the sky in twenty seconds was not explained.)

Then he got down to the meat in the coconut—to the Dexter case.

Said Dr. Hynek: "The majority of observers in both cases have reported only lights—red, yellow and green; silent lights glowing near the ground." (Four of the police officers and the Mannors family also reported sounds as the object took off.—F.E.)

Continuing, Dr. Hynek noted that the only two witnesses who had been close enough to the scene to describe an object were admittedly five hundred yards—a quarter of a mile—distant. Too far, he noted, for anyone to determine the details.

In both the case of the Mannors family and that of the police officers who observed the glowing red object on the ground, Dr. Hynek said that the witnesses had seen the object or the light in a swamp, and he added:

"A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for visitors from outer space! It is not the place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a soundless secret device would be likely to be tested."

To say that a swamp is a most unlikely place for a space ship to land is to overlook the fact that our own space pro-

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gram has for years included just such a provision. If one of our spacecraft reaches a planet that is inhabited—and if that craft needs examination or adjustment—it will endeavor to land in a desert or swamp, where it would presumably have the best chance for freedom from interference by the inhabitants of that planet. Dr. Hynek's contention that such a landing on our own planet is unlikely is at variance with logic.

Then Dr. Hynek dropped the other shoe.

He told his news audience that a likely explanation of the phenomena which had been witnessed by all those people in Dexter and Hillsdale was nothing more than "swamp gas," sometimes called "fox fire" or "will o' the wisp." And he explained that swamp gas is due to rotting vegetation which produces a gas that ignites on contact with the oxygen in the air.

"Swamp gas" was such a preposterous explanation that it promptly became standard joke material. Cartoonists had a field day with it. Editorial writers seized upon it to flay the Air Force again for its apparent policy of deception and concealment. Dr. Hynek, having issued the statement, became the butt of the jokes, and he didn't like it.

Writing in the *Saturday Evening Post* for December 17, 1966, Dr. Hynek says that in the midst of his efforts to investigate the sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale he was notified by the Air Force that he would hold a press conference and he would issue a statement of "explanation"—although he says that he had no idea what had caused the sightings.

Dr. Hynek says that when he handed out the statement which discussed swamp gas, he was horrified to see a newsman underline the word and rush for a telephone. The "possible" answer was seized upon as Dr. Hynek's solution

and the fat was in the fire, both for him and for the Air Force.

In connection with this incident I should like to report that Dr. Hynek did not want to offer the "swamp gas" explanation but that he was virtually forced into it. As an employee of the Air Force—since 1948 he has been their top scientific advisor on UFOs—Dr. Hynek has to do what he is told to do by the Air Force—and this case in Michigan seems to have been such an example. I am told by a fellow newsman who was there that Dr. Hynek and the Air Force representatives had a heated argument about the advisability of issuing the swamp gas statement and that Hynek apparently was finally *ordered* to do it—with results which have certainly vindicated his reported opposition to it.

With the "swamp gas" explanation following on the heels of its fiasco of August 3, 1965, the Air Force hit bottom. As a credible source of explanations for UFOs, Project Blue Book was at its lowest ebb.

The accuracy of this observation was emphasized by the experience of a major aircraft industry official who contacted the Air Force in late 1966 to request that some Air Force official talk to his club about Unidentified Flying Objects. After a bit of hemming and hawing, the Air Force official spokesman said: "Well, to be quite honest with you, since our 'swamp gas' explanation in Michigan last spring we don't send our men out on these speechmaking trips any more. It gets too embarrassing for them when that matter is brought up!"

In telling me of this interesting talk, the official of the company added: "They won't be able to tell me these things aren't real! A couple of months ago several of the Vice Presidents of the company were on a flight to Wichita in a company plane. In broad daylight the pilot told us to

look out the left windows quickly. We looked. And out there a few hundred feet off our wingtip was a UFO sailing serenely along. It flew out there for several minutes and it changed a lot of minds, including my own!"

Just for the record, he was one of the Vice Presidents of Boeing Aircraft, world's largest maker of commercial planes.

From: Majorstar@aol.com
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To: gcameron@Ms.UManitoba.CA

Happy to trade copy of letter for copies of pertinent info in the Ford Library. When I was there and asked for data, they acted like they had none. They gave me his address to write to him.

For the record I also wrote Reagan and Carter. Didn't get a reply. Tom Sheets a former Chief of Police who helped prevent a kidnapping of Carter's daughter also tried, but Carter never answered. He seems embarrassed by UFOs.

Regards,

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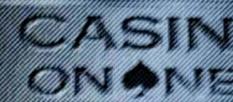
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Thanks for your long letter. I have been to several of the libraries such as the Ford, Eisenhower, and Truman. Most seem to have very little on UFOs. I would ask to see any General Roger Ramey to Truman letters. Also Truman sent out award letters to Wright Patterson Base Commander.

I did notice that Eisenhower doodled alot, making notes and pictures. He made what I feel look like UFOs. I don't know if they will let you look at the daily notes of the Presidents?

Walter Sheets attempted to contact Carter. His address is tangosix@webtv.net and he can tell you his story about the daughter and promise to help. I know he sent a whole package to Carter and asked for data. He got no response.

I sent a letter to Reagan quoting his statements about aliens. No response.

I have been told by communications people in White House Basement that numerous messages come into the White House concerning UFOs. Some of these come from police departments and military.

The National Security Council seems to be in charge of handling the UFOs. I interviewed General Goodpaster about his work with Eisenhower and UFOs. He claimed no knowledge but knew Lt. Col. Corso

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Disney's C.E.O. Spokesperson for the New World Order/Eisner admits that "contact" has already been made!!

Disney's C.E.O. Michael Eisner, Spokesman for the New World Order/Disney Pulls An End-Around!

On the weekend of March 18-19, 1995, with no prior announcement, the Walt Disney Company conducted a sneak telecast of a UFO documentary in five states: Connecticut, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and California. This amazing documentary, featuring Disney's C.E.O. Michael Eisner, put the Disney reputation behind many startling statements such as these:

"Mankind is in the midst of the most profound event in history: Actual contact with intelligent life from other planets.

Intelligent life from distant galaxies is now attempting to make open contact with the human race, and tonight we'll show you the evidence.

From beyond the boundaries of our perceptions, intelligent beings are beckoning mankind to join the galactic community. It's an invitation which is both wondrous and terrifying.

Alien ships seems to arrive in waves and, if the last few years are any indication, planet Earth is experiencing a tsunami of sightings.

As early as 1947, the large alien ships began to arrive, navigated by living creatures. Their advanced physics allowed them to transverse the galaxy and pierce Earth's atmosphere with amazing speed.

More than one alien craft crashed and was recovered for secret U.S. military research. This is the actual site where the Roswell saucer was discovered along with the bodies of three extraterrestrial missionaries who didn't survive the collision. The debris and the dead were impounded and taken away for top-secret study, while a classified investigative committee, called the Majestic 12, was organized by President Truman and a government cover-up was initiated with a calculated disinformation campaign.

For governments determined to maintain their authority, extraterrestrial contact is pure dynamite.

When Jimmy Carter assumed the office of President of the United States, his staff attempted to explore the availability of official investigations into alien contact. As this internal government memo illustrates, there are some security secrets outside the jurisdiction of the White House.

In November of 1975, essentially every SAC [Strategic Air Command] base in the United States was visited by UFOs.

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Indications are that government, military, and scientific leaders will soon release nearly a half-century of official documentation of ongoing alien encounters on Earth.

Statistics indicate a greater probability that you'll experience extraterrestrial contact in the next five years than the chances that you will win a state lottery.

Most Americans will likely explore outer space aboard crafts of alien origin."

Some UFO researchers feel that Disney's "stealth" documentary broadcasts were tests of the public's ability to handle the revelation of UFO reality and the government cover-up.

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August 30, 2000

Grant Cameron
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

Thank you for your follow-up inquiry regarding UFO's and your additional request concerning correspondence between Jackie Gleason and President Ford. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has also forwarded your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding correspondence between Jackie Gleason and President Ford to the Ford Library for response. Since the Ford Presidential Papers are not subject to FOIA, I will handle your Jackie Gleason request as a regular reference inquiry, too.

Enclosed are *Request for Manuscript Reproductions* forms listing the Ford Library's material on UFOs, totaling 328 pages, and President Ford's correspondence with Jackie Gleason, totaling 58 pages. I did not include the UFO materials in the Robert Hartmann Papers, as they duplicate the materials in the Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers.

Photocopies of the materials listed on the *Request for Manuscript Reproductions* forms can be ordered at the NARA rate of \$0.50 per page, with a \$10.00 minimum charge. The procedures for ordering photocopies are explained in the enclosed handout.

Also enclosed is a *Transportation and Accommodations* handout, in case you want to visit the Ford Library. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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only person ever to serve as President

without being elected either as President or Vice-President

minority leader in the House filled in the

vacancy left by Spiro Agnew's resignation

became president when Nixon resigned

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Ford.

THE MICHIGAN FLAP

I had weathered a few controversial flaps in the past and I was just about to get involved in another. The weather around Dayton in March, 1966 had been unseasonably mild. The rest of the Midwest was getting weather just like ours. I normally braced myself at that time of the year because invariably something always happened. Jack Jones of the Dayton Journal Herald calls the spring, "The silly season", and I agree with him. I had expected something to happen, but I was totally unprepared for Frank Mannor's sighting at Dexter, Michigan on 17 March 1966. When I got to my office the following morning, the switchboard lines were already backing up. News of Frank Mannor's sighting reached the American people via the National Wire Services and the newspapers were calling for an instant evaluation. I had decided not to make any comments except that we were investigating. I got on the line with Selfridge AFB and told them that I was sending Dave Moody to assist them in checking out flight activities, radar, experimental work, and laboratory work at the university. I also decided to send Dr. Hynek to conduct an on the spot investigation of the area, the witnesses, and to make contact with the law enforcement officers in the area. I would stay at Wright-Patterson and guide the operation from my office and wait for the information to filter in. In the meantime, I would check with the National Centers for unusual activity. The next day, Moody called with a negative report. He had also checked out the radar antenna and we decided that couldn't have been the cause. Hynek called early in the morning and told me that reporters and TV cameramen were dogging him everywhere he went. I told him he'd just have to put up with it and do the best he could, but I could tell he was pouting. He claimed that he just couldn't do the job with so many people around. He asked me if he could have a news conference and I said no. This was setting a precedent and I didn't like it. The next day Hynek called again, and informed me that he had a possible solution to Frank Mannor's sighting and I asked him for the details. My secretary, Marilyn Beaumer Stancombe, was on the line taking all the information in short hand. He told me that the solution was "Swamp Gas". I told him to check this out with his colleagues at the university and let me know their reaction. In the meantime, I would check it out with the chemists and botanists on the base. He also wanted me to arrange for a press conference from the Information Office at Selfridge AFB. I was against this from the beginning, but he was insistent and I told him I'd check it out with the Pentagon. I talked to Major Davis and Sara Hunt of SAFOI about the press conference and neither one of them was enthusiastic about the idea, however, in this particular case it could have its merits. Since it was setting a precedent, the decision would have to be made at the top. That evening at 6:30 p.m. I got a call from the Pentagon. It was Major Davis, and General Garland had made an affirmative decision with regards to the press conference. This time it would be an exception; however, I was not to submit requests of this type in the future. Hynek called me at the house at around nine o'clock that night and I gave him the news. The first thing the next morning I called up Selfridge and told them to arrange the conference. Someone suggested the Detroit Press Club as the site of the conference and I couldn't see any objection to that. The reason for the change of sites was the convenience to reporters. The Detroit Press Club is much more accessible than the Selfridge Information office.

I did have specific instructions for Hynek. I wanted to see a copy of his news release before he distributed it to the reporters. I also wanted him to read his release to Sara Hunt at SAFOI, two hours before the conference, so that we could prepare copies for release to the National Media from the DoD press desk. Hynek read his release to Sara and copies were ready for distribution at the designated time. While Hynek was holding his news conference in Detroit, the Pentagon was releasing his finding to the Media in Washington, D.C.

The project took its lumps because many people had not heard of "Swamp Gas", Misama, Foxtails, Jack O'Lanterns, Will O'the Wisp, Foolish Fire, or Ignis Fatuces. The news media played this sighting to the hilt. The publicity that this sighting received was unbelievable. Hynek became an instant celebrity and the sightings started pouring in. We had a total of 1,112 sightings in 1966 and that total has never been equaled since.

The Michigan Flap also brought cries of indignity from some quarters. NICAP again started a drive to get Congress to listen to its pleas for a congressional hearing. NICAP acquired an ally which they hadn't up to now. Congressman Gerald Ford got on the UFO bandwagon. It just so happens that Dexter was in Congressman Ford's district. It was pure politics and he made the national news by demanding that either the Science and Astronautics Committee or the House Armed Services Committee schedule hearings on the subject of UFO's. He suggested that they invite testimony from both the executive branch of the government and some of the persons who claim to have seen UFO's. Congressman Ford cited two news media columnists to support his position. Roscoe Drummond wrote a column in which he stated that, "Maybe all of these reported sightings are whimsical, imaginary, or unreal, but we need a more credible and detached appraisal of the evidence than we are getting". He went on to say, "We need to get all the data drawn together in one place and examined far more objectively than anyone has done so far. A stable public opinion will come from a trustworthy look at the evidence, not from belittling it". And as a clincher he added, "The time has come for the President or Congress to name an objective and respected panel to investigate, appraise, and report on all present and future evidence of what is going on". Mr. Drummond has a perfect right to express his opinion, however, I don't know of one single responsible Air Force official who ever belittled UFO's or the UFO program. We called them as we saw them and there was no intent to belittle anyone or any event. Congressman Ford also used Bulkley Griffin's column to further support his position. Mr. Griffin wrote in one of his articles that, "A main conclusion can be briefly stated. It is that the Air Force is misleading the public by its continuing campaign to produce and maintain belief that all sightings can be explained away as misidentified familiar objects, such as balloons, stars, and aircraft." The record speaks for itself and neither the Air Force or myself have to defend ourselves against such irresponsible statements. Someone on Congressman Ford's staff didn't really complete his homework or he deliberately stacked the deck in such a way that all the evidence was in favor of an open hearing. When I heard about Congressman Ford's proposal I had to shake my head and laugh. An open hearing would be a circus and I didn't want any part of it. Congressman Ford did get his wish, a congressional hearing was imminent. Someone should ask Congressman Ford what it cost the American taxpayer to hold that hearing and then ask him if he would like to reimburse the taxpayer for the expense; because that hearing was totally unnecessary.