

Mr Michael Deaver,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
The White House,
Washington D.C.,
United States of America.

188 HAT HILL ROAD
BLACKHEATH 2785
N.S.W.
Australia,
December 20th 1981.

Dear Mr Deaver,

055537

May I congratulate you and your colleagues on the recent prominence given to you and your work by the weekly news magazine " Time " ? Without this publicity I feel sure many millions would have remained in ignorance.

I hope it does not intrude on your important work if I take some of your time with a slightly worrying query.

As long ago as February I wrote to the President with regard to a couple of relatively minor issues I thought he might be interested in.

Firstly, I queried him with regard to his possible experience of or attitude towards the phenomenon of UFOs. Not a great world topic but nonetheless significant in this day and age to a vast number of people. Following this letter I wrote once again to ask if a reference to him in the magazine " Science " was true when it claimed he believed in astrology.

I fully realise these issues are hardly central to the continuing world situation. However, I wrote to Mr Reagan for his own personal response because I still believe that in the age of the " super-powers " the individual has an important role to play.

I have received neither acknowledgement nor reply and I am disappointed. Is there, in fact, a White House policy with regard to approaches from individuals such as myself ? I recently wrote to your Ambassador, Mr Nesen, here in Canberra, to ascertain whether the President has enough staff to handle such correspondence. He has so far remained silent, so I must assume he has insufficient resources. But surely, the President and his aides could find time for some kind of reply ? Which is why I write to you. ↙

Yours sincerely,

E. J. (" Eddie ")
Addwood.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 11, 1982

055537

Dear Mr. Attwood:

Thank you for your recent message. I appreciate your kind words and interest in writing.

Unfortunately, a check of our files shows that your previous correspondence to President Reagan was not received by the White House. I can assure you, however, that should you care to write again to the President, your message will receive careful attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. E. J. Attwood
188 Hat Hill Road
Blackheath 2785
N.S.W.
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Name of Correspondent: E.J. Attwood

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Complains about not receiving a reply to his previous ltr to the President re UFOs

ROUTE TO:

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DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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<u>David Anderson</u>	Referral Note: <u>A</u>	<u>82 01 05</u> ^{TR}		<u>C</u>	<u>82 01 11</u>
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14TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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MARK A. DENERO
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

December 14, 1981

Max L. Friedersdorf
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Max:

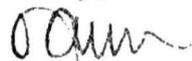
I am writing to request your assistance concerning a rather unusual request I have received from Mr. Marvin Taylor, my constituent. At the outset, I would like to state that I recognize the extraordinary nature of both the request itself and the subject involved, and to assure you that I would not pursue the matter to this degree if I were not convinced of its authenticity.

Mr. Taylor is a dedicated Republican who strongly supports the President, and he is also an intelligent and respected individual. Marvin Taylor is a successful businessman and an articulate, community-minded person who enjoys a fine reputation among those who know him. In addition to his profession and his commitments to his personal life, Mr. Taylor has a life-long avocation: the study and tracing of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). While the subject of UFOs may cause some eyebrows to raise in certain circles, I can assure you that they are a serious and scientific matter for Mr. Taylor. Within the past year, I had the opportunity to attend a symposium on UFOs which Marvin Taylor and his colleagues organized, and I can attest to the professionalism of the gathering, as well as to the sincerity and dedication of Mr. Taylor.

Marvin Taylor is particularly concerned that there is currently no systematic method of reporting UFO sightings, and that the Air Force is no longer required to share UFO information with interested groups such as his own. He would very much like to travel to Washington accompanied by a small delegation of scientific experts to discuss this situation with President Reagan. While I realize that the President's schedule is a busy one, I know that Mr. Taylor would be pleased with even 15 minutes of Mr. Reagan's time, and I can assure you that the time will not have been wasted.

I will look forward to your earliest, hopefully favorable, response to this admittedly unusual request, and I reiterate my belief in Mr. Taylor's motives. With best regards,

Sincerely,


NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Member of Congress

NDS:tes

Max - This is for real!
wds



Dear Mr. Shumway:

Max Friedersdorf ~~xxxxxxx~~ forwarded to me, together with a copy of his acknowledgement, your letter of December 14, written on behalf of Mr. Marvin Taylor who would like to meet with the President in order to discuss the subject of unidentified flying objects.

Although Mr. Taylor's willingness to come in and talk with the President is most appreciated, a time is not foreseen when this might be arranged in view of the heavy schedule with which he now is confronted.

Thank you, nevertheless, for your interest and thoughtfulness in contacting us on behalf of Mr. Taylor and please know you have our best wishes.

GJN: mhr

inf copy to Ken Duberstein



December 18, 1981

Dear Norm:

Thank you for your December 14 letter on behalf of Mr. Marvin Taylor, who would like to meet with the President in order to discuss the subject of unidentified flying objects.

Your personal interest in this matter is appreciated, and please be assured that I have forwarded this request to the President's Scheduling Office. I am sure you will be notified just as soon as some determination can be made.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Norman D. Shumway
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Greg Newell - for further action

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE 12/28
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DATE: 12-18

FOR: GREG NEWELL
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

COMMENTS:



February 7, 1957

Dear Mr. Shuway:

Max Friedersdorf forwarded to me, together with a copy of his acknowledgment, your letter of December 14, written on behalf of Mr. Marvin Taylor who would like to meet with the President in order to discuss the subject of unidentified flying objects.

Although Mr. Taylor's willingness to come in and talk with the President is most appreciated, a time is not foreseen when this might be arranged in view of the heavy schedule with which he now is occupied.

Thank you, nevertheless, for your interest and tactfulness in contacting us on behalf of Mr. Taylor and please know you have our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Sewell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Norman D. Shuway
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Info copy to Ken Duberstein

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/12/15

Name of Correspondent: Norman D. Shumway

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Writes on behalf of Mr. Norman Taylor, who is interested in the study and recovery of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Mr. Taylor is concerned that there is no official method of reporting UFO sightings, and that the AF is no longer required to share UFO information with interested groups. Requests that the President meet with Mr. Taylor.

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Mr. Larry Craig - v. case see that the President gets this
Hon. President Ronald Reagan ^{Thank you!}
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dec 13, 1982

DEC 17 1982

Dear President Reagan.
I would like to build
a "flying saucer" at Moses
Lake, Washington, because
of their titanium plant.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Barr
Box 306
Lucile, Idaho, 83542
208-628-3440



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LARRY CRAIG
1ST DISTRICT, IDAHO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 20, 1982

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Mr. Kenneth Duberstein
House Congressional Liaison
West Wing - White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence recently received from Mr. Robert Barr.

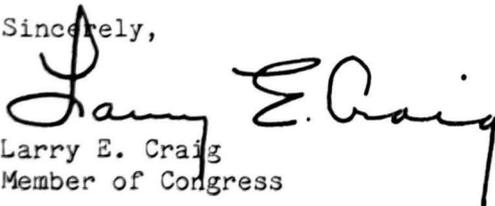
As you will note, Mr. Barr is concerned with getting the enclosed letter to President Reagan.

I would greatly appreciate your review of his correspondence and your response to his concerns.

Please reply to: Congressman Larry Craig
515 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Attention: Annie Whipple

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Larry E. Craig
Member of Congress

LEC/aw
Enclosure



December 22, 1982

Dear Larry:

Thank you for your December 20 letter in
behalf of Mr. Robert Barr of Lucile, Idaho.
You may assure your constituent that his
message was received at the White House.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Larry E. Craig
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

KMD:CMP:NAP



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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 82/12/21

Name of Correspondent: Larry E. Craig

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Enclosed a letter from Robert E. Larr regarding building a "flying saucer" at Mason Lake, Washington

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83107124

Name of Correspondent: Richard Sigismund

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: The 470 Phenomenon

ROUTE TO:

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Comments: Per Mr. Deaver's instructions, a reply is requested within 10 days.

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recd. 8/16/82

SIGISMUND, RICHARD

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21 AUG 1977

Mr. Richard Sigismund
1157 5th Street
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear Mr. Sigismund:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Michael Deaver requesting information about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) investigations policy.

In the course of a single week, the President and his staff receive many thousands of communications. As he and his immediate staff cannot possibly respond to each one, many are necessarily referred for answer to the cognizant Executive agency. There, an official designated as the White House Liaison officer gives correspondence such as yours the same careful consideration they would, were they able to do so themselves. This is my responsibility in the Air Force and the reason I am answering.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the United States Air Force ended its 21-year long UFO examination, Project Blue Book, in December 1969 because no evidence could be found that the sightings represented visits from outer space or were a threat to national security. In 1977, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was asked by the President to look into the possibility of resuming UFO investigations. After studying all the facts available, NASA decided that nothing would be gained by further investigation. The Air Force agrees with that decision.

At the conclusion of Project Blue Book, all documents related to the investigation were sent to the National Archives where they are available for public inspection.

Sincerely,

W. B. BRIGGS, JR.
Colonel, USAF

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SAF/PACC



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

AUGUST 1, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE /f

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: PER MR. DEEVER'S INSTRUCTIONS, A REPLY IS REQUESTED WITHIN
10 DAYS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 157693
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 21, 1983
TO: MICHAEL DEEVER
FROM: MR. RICHARD SIGISMUD
1557 9TH STREET
BOULDER CO 80302
SUBJECT: THE UFO PHENOMENON

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



1557 - 9th Street
Boulder, CO 80302
(303) 447-9170
July 21, 1983

157693

Mr. Michael Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: The UFO Phenomenon

Summary:

A social psychologist with broad background in education, media, and UFO research, writes to advise that the government policy of UFO secrecy is rapidly becoming counterproductive and untenable. An erosion of government credibility is noted with the public and the media giving evidence of increasing awareness of the reality of the UFO phenomenon and the existence of long-term coverup.

A meeting is requested to discuss the present need for a national educational program to gradually condition the American people to the nature of the UFO presence and its possible significance for the country. It is observed that the proposed educational program would fulfill what is perceived as a government obligation to respond to the growing need of the people for information, thereby reducing the present risk of mass anxiety and culture shock in the event of any escalation in the present level of UFO activity.

It is further observed that the proposed program would deflect rising criticism of the Defense Department and the National Security Agency for the present and long-maintained state of secrecy. The writer asserts that the educational initiative suggested is capable of being designed to function with due consideration for the military nuance of the UFO problem and without compromising the military concern for national security.

The writer finally notes the existence of a very large reservoir of national and international interest in the



UFO phenomenon, a body of interest which it is felt will insure that any action taken in line with the recommended educational program would be very favorably received by the American people, the national media, and the international community of nations.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

I am a social psychologist, educator and businessman,* also one of the country's leading investigators of the UFO phenomenon. I am writing to inquire if you might have an interest in the UFO subject and if you might be amenable to a meeting to discuss the possible sociological and psychological significance which this phenomenon may hold for our nation and for mankind. I am writing on the assumption that in your position as a key advisor to the President you are aware of the reality of UFOs and the existence of high level military and government interest in the phenomenon. Perhaps you are also aware of the world-wide extent of the sightings.

If your interest in the UFO subject permits, I would especially like to discuss with you the role of government secrecy in this matter, specifically the military desire for continuing secrecy versus the growing need of the people for information.

As a social scientist who has made a long and careful study of the UFO problem, I believe that the policy of total secrecy is no longer in the best interests of the people. It has failed to make provision for the necessary education and conditioning of the public in the face of a persistent and significantly increasing level of UFO activity. I believe that the present policy exposes the American people to the possibility of massive anxiety and severe culture shock should UFO activity escalate beyond the present level, a level of activity which is already cause for concern.

With UFO sightings on the increase, I feel we have a responsibility to the American people to reevaluate the policy of secrecy and consider at this time a new approach to the complex UFO problem. If a meeting is possible to arrange, Mr. Deaver, I would like to discuss the advisability of establishing a national educational and conditioning program to gradually inform the public of the fact of the UFO presence and what it may portend for our society. Such a program is

*Founder and president of AQUARIUS MINING COMPANY, an active exploration and development company with silver and gold mines located in Colorado.



needed for it would greatly decrease the likelihood of mass anxiety and shock.

It would also stem criticism building against the executive branch of government and the National Security Agency for maintaining a policy which has completely isolated both Congress and the people from the facts of the UFO situation.

Many indications are present which strongly suggest that the isolation of Congress and the American people from information concerning UFOs may no longer be possible to maintain. A critical indicator is revealed in the attitude of the media which has changed dramatically during the past twelve months. From a former position of skepticism regarding the reality of the UFO phenomenon, the media now increasingly gives evidence that it suspects that some secret agency, in conjunction with the executive branch, knows much more about the UFO subject than has been let on.

A recent Westinghouse Broadcasting Company television documentary on the UFO subject, shown in San Francisco, Boston, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and other cities (for which the writer was principal consultant) addresses the issue of secrecy, as will a new Prentice Hall book and a major Time/Life television documentary on UFOs to be released nationally in about six months.

We cannot be assured that the reaction of either the media or Congress will be at all temperate when it becomes finally apparent that the entire nation has been kept essentially in a state of total ignorance regarding the reality of the UFO phenomenon. All indications suggest the contrary; even today we are beginning to hear the term "Cosmic Watergate" being used by the media. With the coming release of the highly critical new Prentice Hall book, Clear Intent, followed shortly thereafter by Time/Life's national television documentary on the subject, we may see a strong reaction by both the public and the media. This reaction may easily provoke a Congressional demand for an investigation, greater yet than what happened in April of 1966. At that time during an earlier strong surge of UFO interest in the nation reported extensively by the media, then House Minority Leader Gerald Ford called the House Armed Services Committee into session with the statement "... I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility on the subject of UFOs."

Although this 1966 call by Congress for a full investigation of the UFO issue was handled by the Air Force at that time in such a way as to insure that public disclosure of the reality of the UFO phenomenon would not occur, we cannot be sure that



this will be possible today. The public and Congress are much more sophisticated and critical than was the case in 1966. Last year's Freedom of Information Act suit against the National Security Agency, an action heard in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., in which a citizen group demanded release of some 131 secret UFO documents prepared by the NSA and held by that agency in top secret files, revealed to the public the extent of government interest in the subject and the degree of secrecy maintained. In the event you are unfamiliar with this suit, please see the attached Washington Post news release for additional information on this FOIA action; also please find an earlier news item attached concerning the 1979 limited release of UFO information which followed another lengthy FOIA lawsuit.

Perhaps it is important at this point to clearly state that I recognize the delicate and difficult situation which the UFO phenomenon has created for the military and the NSA. The UFO presence from the very beginning created both military and societal problems of unprecedented nature. The policy of secrecy appears to have been originally conceived as an effective short-term response to this unique and truly perplexing phenomenon, a phenomenon without parallel in the history of the nation. Secrecy clearly allowed the military and intelligence community time to evaluate the national security aspects of the UFO presence and also insured that the public would not be exposed to information which might have caused severe national anxiety and possible panic. However, a generation of time has now elapsed since the early days of the UFO phenomenon. We no longer live in the early 1950's and the policy of secrecy, in the face of a persistent level of UFO activity and a growing sophistication on the part of the public, cannot be expected to remain without serious challenge and great loss of government credibility.

Beyond these considerations, however important they may be, as I noted earlier, there remains the inescapable and overriding fact that the policy of secrecy has not permitted the proper education and conditioning of the American people. This process is essential to begin if we are to prevent severe culture shock in the event of any large escalation in UFO activity. There is at present no visible government office or agency which is addressing the important societal problems which are raised by the fact of the UFO presence and the possibility of culture contact with the advanced alien societies to which this presence relates.

I feel it is my responsibility as a social scientist to warn, at the risk of being redundant, that the presence of several scientifically highly advanced alien societies observing our



nation (and our planet) must not be addressed solely as a military issue.

However baffling the behavior of UFOs may presently appear to us, the possibility that the nation may soon be exposed to culture contact with a highly advanced alien society, or societies, cannot be lightly dismissed or evaded. When we reflect upon the full range of what the UFO phenomenon implies, what culmination we may expect from the ever-increasing level of UFO activity, this very real possibility must be spoken to. Whether the UFO timetable includes provision for such contact we can only speculate, but to be unprepared is to risk that the public suffer at the very least great anxiety, and for some conservative and very fundamentalist segments of our society, possible panic. We have only to consider what might happen if UFOs attempt a mass landing or execute low level overflights of some of our major cities to see at what great disadvantage the present policy leaves the public.

It is an obvious truth that continuing secrecy does not permit the problems of culture contact to be adequately dealt with. I believe that failure to speak to this issue is not in the best interests of the people since culture shock, as we have historically seen during the Colonial Period and occasionally in our present era as well, is a societally devastating phenomenon undercutting all the major institutions of the lesser developed culture. Unfortunately, we find ourselves precisely in the position of a lesser developed society vis-a-vis the UFO phenomenon.

Culture contact, however, need not be a totally negative experience provided that a society is sufficiently conditioned in advance. If a society is adequately prepared, the phenomenon of culture shock, although never totally avoidable, is capable of being reduced to manageable proportions. Only then may benefit (and possibly great benefit) be derived from culture contact with a very highly advanced society.

As a final note, I firmly believe that any administration which has the courage to break the code of silence set by past administrations, at the apparent behest of the military, will perform not only a service to the public but will at the same instant be the recipient of a great deal of respect and favorable publicity from both the people and the media. This is because the UFO phenomenon now commands by far the most attention, indeed, fascination, of any anomaly of our time both nationally and internationally, as rightly it should. Any President who has the courage to address this complex and formidable issue I am certain will make for himself and his administration an indelible mark in history. Although I am



Mr. Michael Deaver

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not proposing that this should be the reason for considering the recommendations contained in this communication, it will nonetheless be one of the inevitable favorable consequences of any such action.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Richard Sigismund

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This FOIA suit was ruled upon by the U.S. Court of Appeals in early 1982. The Appeals Court upheld the District Court's findings; it was then appealed to the Supreme Court which declined to review. The litigation is currently being publicized in new books and television documentaries.

Suit Seeks to Lift Secrecy Veil

From Agency's UFO Documents

UFOs Don't Exist, Government Says, Without Telling Why

By WARD SINCLAIR
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government says it keeps no records on unidentified flying objects, because they don't exist.

But 131 secret documents about UFOs in the files of the National Security Agency have become the subject of an intense legal battle.

Would the documents disclose startling details about the flying saucers, or UFOs, that more than 10 million Americans claim to have seen?

Would disclosure compromise NSA's sophisticated eavesdropping techniques?

Is it all buncombe?

Or is it all too frightening to contemplate?

Apparently only NSA can answer those questions and NSA isn't talking. NSA, in fact, refuses to talk and its reticence is being challenged in the federal courts.

Eleven months ago, a U.S. District Court judge here, Gerhard A. Gesell, held that the documents were so sensitive that their public release might endanger national security. Gesell did not review the documents. His decision was based on a 21-page top-secret affidavit given him in chambers by NSA.

The battle last week reached the U.S. Court of Appeals, where a small organization known as Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), arguing for release of the NSA documents, told a three-judge panel that the government cannot have it both ways.

If UFOs do not exist, CAUS attorney Peter A. Gersten of New York told the court, then Uncle

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Sam has nothing to hide. If they do exist, then we may be in big trouble and we ought to know about it.

But NSA's lip stays buttoned.

The suit brought by CAUS under the Freedom of Information Act is another in a series of challenges to the powers of spy outfits such as NSA, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency to withhold virtually anything they want under the guise of national security.

"The government position is that UFOs are not a threat and that the government does not study UFOs," Gersten told the appeals panel. If the panel does not order disclosure, he said, Gesell at least should be directed to review the 131 UFO documents and decide for himself just how sensitive they really are.

Arguing for NSA, attorney Cheryl M. Long said there is no way the documents, no matter what they show, could be released without exposing and compromising the intelligence-gathering techniques of the agency, which include global electronic snooping and code-breaking.

CAUS' appetite for government documents was whetted by the 1978 release of Air Force and CIA reports on UFO sightings that were deemed to have no national security implications. Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based UFO monitoring organization, forced the release through freedom-of-information suits.

Those documents revealed that in October,

November and December of 1975, reliable military personnel saw unconventional and unexplained aerial objects hovering around nuclear weapons storage sites, aircraft alert areas and missile control complexes at installations across the northern United States.

In some instances, as radar sightings of the objects were made, Air Force fighter planes were sent aloft in unsuccessful pursuit, although the records gave no indication that the fighters fired on the intruders.

Gersten said CAUS intends to file another freedom of information suit against the Air Force this month in an effort to force disclosure of more data on the series of still unexplained 1975 sightings over Strategic Air Command bases.



U.S. Reports Visits Of UFOs to Bases

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WASHINGTON—During two weeks in 1975, a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities

and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft in unsuccessful pursuit. The records don't indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of the secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings unless specifically asked.

The Defense Department position, cited in that memo and reiterated Thursday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

THE REPORT, COMPILED by American officials, said that the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

The planes' electronic equipment reportedly became operative after they veered

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away from the smaller object, which had returned to the larger light, the report said. Iranians described the larger object, with colored, fast-flashing lights, as the size of a Boeing 707 jetliner.

The information on the 1975 and 1976 sightings—records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command—was turned over to Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

The GSW obtained the information through a Freedom of Information request to the Air Force, one of a number it has made to government agencies involved in UFO investigations.

A similar request to the CIA, made by both GSW and The Washington Post, resulted in the CIA's turning over almost 200 pages of documents related to its monitoring of UFO reports since the 1950s.

The CIA was directed by a U.S. District

Court judge here last year to turn over to Ground Saucer Watch UFO data unrelated to national security.

THE CIA'S POSITION, reiterated Thursday by a spokesman, is that it has had no involvement with UFOs since 1953, when a special study panel concluded that they presented no threat to national security.

While memos from as recently as 1977 are included in the 879 pages, the CIA spokesman said the agency continues to be "a passive recipient" of UFO data, even though none of the material is analyzed.

Todd Zechel, a GSW investigator and director of another organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, and William Spaulding, a Phoenix engineer and director of GSW, said the Defense Department, the Air Force and the National Security Agency have refused to turn over certain other information that would shed more light on military encounters with unidentified flying objects.

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Dear Mr. Cox:

This is in response to your letter dated June 30, 1987, to the President concerning the authenticity of documents concerning "MJ-12".

The National Archives and Records Administration makes Federal records and donated historical materials available for public research. We do not ordinarily verify nor authenticate every document or the information contained therein.

The National Archives has, however, received many requests concerning "MJ-12". I am enclosing a copy of a reference report we prepared on this subject for your information.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure



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Date : July 22, 1987
Reply to :
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Subject : Reference Report on MJ-12
To : The Record

The National Archives has received many requests for documentation and information about "Project MJ-12". Many of the inquiries concern a memorandum from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14, 1954. This particular document poses problems for the following reasons:

1. The document was located in Record Group 341, entry 267. The series is filed by a Top Secret register number. This document does not bear such a number.
2. The document is filed in the folder T4-1846. There are no other documents in the folder regarding "NSC/MJ-12".
3. The Military Reference Branch (Edward Reese) has conducted a search in the records of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Headquarters US Air Force, and in other related files. No further information has been found on this subject.
4. Inquiries to the US Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council failed to produce further information.
5. The Acting Director of the Freedom of Information Office of the National Security Council informed us that "Top Secret Restricted Information" is a marking which did not come into use at the National Security Council until the Nixon Administration. The Eisenhower Presidential Library also confirms that this particular marking was not used during the Eisenhower Administration.
6. The document in question does not bear an official government letterhead or watermark. The NARA conservation



specialist (Mary Ritzenthaler) examined the paper and determined it was a ribbon copy prepared on "dictation onionskin". The Eisenhower Library has examined its collection of the Cutler papers. All documents created by Mr. Cutler while he served on the NSC staff have an eagle watermark in the onionskin carbon paper. Most documents sent out by the NSC were prepared on White House letterhead paper. For the brief period when Mr. Cutler left the NSC, his carbon copies were prepared on "prestige onionskin".

7. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch searched the Official Meeting Minute Files of the National Security Council and found no record of a NSC meeting on July 16, 1954. A search of all NSC Meeting Minutes for July 1954 found no mention of MJ-12 nor Majestic.

8. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) searched the indices of the NSC records and found no listing for: MJ-12, Majestic, unidentified flying objects, UFO, flying saucers, or flying discs.

9. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) found a memo in a folder titled "Special Meeting July 16, 1954" which indicated that NSC members would be called to a civil defense exercise on July 16, 1954.

10. The Eisenhower Library states, in a letter to NNMR, dated July 16, 1987:

"President Eisenhower's Appointment Books contain no entry for a special meeting on July 16, 1954 which might have included a briefing on MJ-12. Even when the President had 'off the record' meetings, the Appointment Books contain entries indicating the time of the meeting and the participants...

The Declassification Office of the National Security Council has informed us that it has no record of any declassification action having been taken on this memorandum or any other documents on this alleged project...

Robert Cutler, at the direction of President Eisenhower, was visiting overseas military installations on the day he supposedly



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issued this memorandum --- July 14, 1954. The Administration Series in Eisenhower's Papers as President contains Cutler's memorandum and report to the President upon his return from the trip. The memorandum is dated July 20, 1954 and refers to Cutler's visits to installations in Europe and North Africa between July 3 and 15. Also, within the NSC Staff Papers is a memorandum dated July 3, 1954, from Cutler to his two subordinates, James S. Lay and J. Patrick Coyne, explaining how they should handle NSC administrative matters during his absence; one would assume that if the memorandum to Twining were genuine, Lay or Coyne would have signed it."

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Dear Mr. President:

Last weekend, foreign journalists representing China, Poland, Japan and the USSR -- not to mention the U.S. media -- gathered for a forum at American University to hear a group of UFO investigators charge the U.S. government with suppression of evidence regarding flying saucers. These reporters took notes and rolled the cameras as panel members, assembled by an organization called Fund for UFO Research, produced an allegedly classified document (attached) prepared by the Truman administration for president-elect Eisenhower on 18 November 1952.

On 24 September 1947, according to the document, Truman and 12 high-level disciples initiated Operation Majestic-12 (MJ-12) to study the remains of a crashed flying saucer and the corpses of its occupants, discovered near Roswell Army Air Base, N.M.

Is this document authentic? Copies of MJ-12 were distributed to the public last weekend and the foreign media gobbled it up. Thirty-five years after the "fact," it would appear that only the presidential office is capable of resolving this controversy once and for all. It would also seem that if this document is a hoax, someone is going to elaborate lengths to ridicule the American government.

Also consider this: Several so-called ufologists claim they have enough friends on the Hill to get congressional hearings going after the next elections. One event organizer reported that 45 members of Congress were concerned enough to send their aides to the symposium, and that at least one senator showed up for last Saturday night's session. No doubt the MJ-12 document is responsible for much of the interest. Ufologists are claiming any hearings conducted will certainly deal with a possible





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compromise of our national security, as alleged in AFSOI papers concerning aerial penetration by foreign objects of Kirtland AFB, N.M., in 1980.

Finally, during closing-session statements, one of the guest speakers, an author, told the audience that, in 1982, you attended the premiere of the movie "ET" with director Steven Spielberg. After the showing ended, according to the speaker, you quietly remarked to Spielberg, "You know, there aren't six people in this room who know how true this (movie) really is."

Did that really happen? Or are these UFO people lying?

As the final authority in government, you or your office could put a stop to this business by investigating the authenticity of MJ-12. If you determine the document is bogus, we will inform our readers that the country's most influential UFO group is irresponsibly disseminating false information -- not only for domestic consumption, but for the foreign press as well. If, on the other hand, this document is real, your confirmation would be the most courageous act of a president in at least 40 years.

Whatever the verdict on MJ-12, Mr. President, you have an extraordinary opportunity to resolve this matter for our 90-plus newspaper chain -- the largest in America. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

Billy Cox

