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assured the reporter of my story and he later stated that he thought the complete story would be in the Sunday, May 4th issue. However, for some unknown reason it never appeared.

I have no personal desire to see this story in print but I believe it is about time that the authorities, as well as the citizens, be openly informed of a systematic procedure in handling reports as important as this instance. I firmly believe that this Saucer was making a reconnaissance tour over the area and if my report had been handled efficiently, we would be in a more intelligent position to know more clearly their intentions.

I further feel, with due respect to the Army, that "someone was sleeping at the switch", or if it is being kept "hush, hush", that the public reaction will be mass hysteria when the unknown definitely attempts to make contact with us (as has been proven in the past). Experience has taught us that education toward events to come adjust the human mind to accept phenomena and cope with them.

Listed here are the names and addresses of witnesses mentioned above. I can also present an article from the Birmingham Eccentric that the police furnished the newspaper, ridiculing my reports to them stating, "What could the police do if we had invaders from the sky." This proves that the law officers are not briefed or alerted to the possibility of future events.

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