

QUARTERLY REPORT
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There is a new effort to press for a government investigation into the Roswell UFO crash case. The Fund for UFO Research, in cooperation with the Center for UFO Studies and the Mutual UFO Network, is circulating a petition prepared by Fund supporter Kent Jeffrey seeking an Executive Order declassifying any U.S. government information regarding UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. A copy of the declaration is enclosed for your review. We ask that you sign it and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope; we will forward it to the appropriate government offices.

The investigation by the General Accounting Office to determine whether there was a government cover-up in the Roswell case, requested by Rep. Steve Schiff (R-NM), is now under way. Although there are no results to report as yet, it appears that the U.S. Air Force has assured the GAO of its full cooperation. Fund supporters will be kept apprised of the progress of the investigation.

The Roswell case is the subject of a new report prepared by Karl Pflock, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense, operating under a grant provided by the Fund. The interim report is the result of a two-year independent investigation into the Roswell events and presents new evidence which challenges many of the basic assumptions surrounding the case as presented in the four books already published on the subject. Included are witness affidavits previously made available only to the Congress. The report, entitled *Roswell In Perspective*, is now available exclusively through the Fund.

Another report on one of the most controversial aspects of the Roswell case is also now available. The "MJ-12 documents," including a briefing paper allegedly prepared for president-elect Dwight Eisenhower in 1952, have been a subject of debate since they were released in 1987. The Fund sponsored a major investigation conducted by nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, resulting in a report published in 1989 which provided a great deal of information about the alleged members of "Majestic Twelve," a panel of prominent scientists, government officials and military personnel. In the interest of scientific inquiry, the Fund is publishing a report by Kevin Randle which argues that the documents are a hoax.

Also available through the Fund is the latest monograph by respected researcher Leonard Stringfield on the status of his investigation into reports that apparently extraterrestrial craft have been recovered by government agencies. For more information on these three reports, please see the enclosed Order Form.

During this period, the Fund selected winners for its annual journalism award competition, named after the late Donald Keyhoe, former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. An article in the October 19, 1993 edition of the Santa Barbara, CA, *News-Press* by Ben Hellwarth on the UFO abduction phenomenon received top honors and a check in the amount of \$1,000. Entries receiving Honorable Mention and a cash award of \$50 each in the competition were:

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ROSWELL DECLARATION

Forty-seven years ago an incident occurred in the southwestern desert of the United States that could have significant implications for all mankind. It involved the recovery by the U.S. Military of material alleged to be of extraterrestrial origin. The event was announced by the U.S. Military on July 8, 1947, through a press release that was carried by newspapers throughout the country. It was subsequently denied by what is now believed to be a cover story claiming the material was nothing more than a weather balloon. It has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since.

The press release announcing the unusual event was issued by the Commander of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field, Colonel William Blanchard, who later went on to become a four-star general and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. That the weather balloon story was a coverup has been confirmed by individuals directly involved, including the late General Thomas DuBose who took the telephone call from Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. Numerous other credible military and civilian witnesses have testified that the original press release was correct and that the Roswell wreckage was of extraterrestrial origin. One such individual was Major Jesse Marcel, the Intelligence Officer of the 509th Bomb Group and one of the first military officers at the scene.

On January 12, 1994, United States Congressman Steven Schiff of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announced to the press that he had been stonewalled by the Defense Department when requesting information regarding the 1947 Roswell event on behalf of constituents and witnesses. Indicating that he was seeking further investigation into the matter, Congressman Schiff called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and concluded it was apparently "another government coverup."

History has shown that unsubstantiated official assurances or denials by government are often meaningless. Nevertheless, there is a logical and straightforward way to ensure that the truth about Roswell will emerge: *an Executive Order declassifying any information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence.* Because this is a unique issue of universal concern, such an action would be appropriate and warranted. To provide positive assurance for all potential witnesses, it would need to be clearly stated and written into law. Such a measure is essentially what presidential candidate Jimmy Carter promised and then failed to deliver to the American people eighteen years ago in 1976.

If, as is officially claimed, no information on Roswell, UFOs, or extraterrestrial intelligence is being withheld, an Executive Order declassifying it would be a mere formality, as there would be nothing to disclose. The Order would, however, have the positive effect of setting the record straight once and for all. Years of controversy and suspicion would be ended, both in the eyes of the United States' own citizens and in the eyes of the world.

If, on the other hand, the Roswell witnesses are telling the truth and information on extraterrestrial intelligence does exist, it is not something to which a privileged few in the United States Government should have exclusive rights. It is knowledge of profound importance to which all people throughout the world should have an inalienable right. Its release would unquestionably be universally acknowledged as an historic act of honesty and goodwill.

I support the request, as outlined above, for an Executive Order declassifying any U.S. Government information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. Whether such information exists or whether it does not, I feel that the people of the world have a right to know the truth about this issue and that it is time to put an end to the controversy surrounding it.

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