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JIMMY CARTER'S 1973 UFO REPORT

During the autumn of 1973 hundreds of people throughout the United States reported UFOs to NICAP. Among those reports were two made by state governors. During the recent presidential campaign, Jimmy Carter was quoted by the *National Enquirer* as stating, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information that this country has about UFO sightings available to the public. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one."

President Carter's conviction in UFOs is understandable since he not only saw one but also was one of the two governors who reported a UFO to NICAP in 1973.

On October 12, 1973, then-Governor Carter responded to NICAP's inquiries about his sighting with a letter and a report form. NICAP's Regional Investigator, Harry Lederman, handled the investigation.

President Carter's UFO sighting has been briefly reported by the news media, sometimes accurately, sometimes inaccurately. Since Jimmy Carter is the first U.S. President to speak publicly about a personal experience, NICAP believes that its members should have the complete report as it was submitted. President Carter's handwritten report has been typed for clarity.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print in typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

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| 1. Name | Jimmy Carter | Place of Employment | |
| Address | State Capitol Atlanta | Occupation | Governor |
| Telephone | (404) 656-1776 | Date of Birth | |
| | | Education | Graduate |
| | | Special Training | Nuclear Physics |
| | | Military Service | U.S. Navy |
2. Date of Observation: October 1969
- Time: AM PM Time Zone: EST
3. Locality of Observation: Leary, Georgia
4. How long did you see the object? _____ Hours, 10-12 Minutes, _____ Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky: i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. Shortly after dark.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Not in sight.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Stars.
8. Were there more than one object? No. If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

1
00:00:10,129 --> 00:00:06,950
well I was gathered in a in a schoolyard

2
00:00:13,490 --> 00:00:10,139
with about 20 other men and we saw a

3
00:00:16,550 --> 00:00:13,500
bright light up here in the distant uh

4
00:00:19,550 --> 00:00:16,560
Western Skies and it got closer and

5
00:00:22,010 --> 00:00:19,560
closer and when it was just above the

6
00:00:23,750 --> 00:00:22,020
Treetops it changed color

7
00:00:25,550 --> 00:00:23,760
and then they stayed there for a while

8
00:00:27,109 --> 00:00:25,560
and then it disappeared into the

9
00:00:28,849 --> 00:00:27,119
distance and none of us could ever

10
00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:28,859
imagine what it was and I still don't

11
00:00:34,010 --> 00:00:31,920
know what it was in in 76 he said you'd

12
00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:34,020
try and get release all information to

13
00:00:37,850 --> 00:00:36,000

the public and to scientists about other

14

00:00:39,830 --> 00:00:37,860

UFO sightings yes do you think you

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:39,840

achieved that I'm not sure but we did