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Taking Exception With A Comment

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I do hope that this eventually does reach you, although I understand that you likely have a staff dutied to the task of screening and reviewing the probable plethora of messages daily directed to your attention.

This is in regard to a statement (and it's context) that you recently made...

While being questioned about a completely unrelated topic, you recently made reference to people "obsessed" with UFOs. This comment might not have been as ill-received as it was (by MANY), if you had not delivered it with a sarcastic tone, then laughed scornfully about the idea.

Your delivery of the comment does a great injustice to those who approach the subject from a serious research and investigation point of view. With that one statement, you (who people respect and listen to) have relegated the entire subject to the realm of lunacy, fantasy, gullibility, and those feeble of mind.

It is true that a portion of the public might fit into one or more of the personality types above. Yes, unfortunately "UFology" has its share of those individuals (as do all societal fields of interest). But by no means can ALL interested in the subject be swept into these categories.

I am part of the "unseen" underlayer of serious, earnest, and discerning researchers who are attempting to logically and realistically determine answers to some very real and necessary questions about various aerial phenomena. We are loosely organized, by our interests only, across this nation, as well as across the world. I know that you are perceptive enough to understand that I am not alluding to an "organization" per se. Most of us are independents, who share a common interest.

It is a matter of high concern, to the group I describe, that the media and our elected leaders treat the subject with such flippancy and brevity. It seems that the huge bulk of media and official attention to the subject is basically concerned with belittling and castigating those involved. To listen to those media and official channels, the average citizen would almost certainly surmise that ALL of us in this field are "cultists," "eccentric," or just flat "loopy."

This is NOT the case, Mrs. Clinton. We fully understand that the vast high percentage of unidentified flying objects DO have a mundane and quite logical explanation. We are equally aware that many "sightings" are most likely misidentifications of celestial bodies, satellites, aircraft, and even occasional viewing of experimental (probably classified) vehicles. There remains a small yet significant percentage of truly anomalous items; those are the ones that have our attention.

I refer you to volumes of information, which originate directly from

government and military sources, which have come to light regarding the above; most through Freedom of Information Act release. And it is quite interesting that so many of our civil, intelligence, and military agencies have disavowed possession of material or even interest in the subject, when queried, then to find documentation concerning such in released files, with reference to other documents on the subject in as yet unreleased articles. I certainly don't want you to think that I am approaching the "conspiracy" idea, because that is not my aim at all. I fully understand the concept of national security and necessarily covert projects. Much of this material likely does directly concern national security, and any American should respect that aspect of the subject.

Please consider that we in "UFOlogy" are not all the uneducated, misinformed, and irrational individuals that you, from your statement, perceive us to be.

My colleagues and I are sometimes busier debunking the rubbish, exposing the charlatans and "disturbed," and attempting to rationally explain many misconceptions than we would like to be. That material DOES exist, we cannot deny. But to consign us ALL to the element consisting of the "UFO nuts," the tragically misguided (as in the recent Heaven's Gate case), the con artists and shysters, and those who have psychological aberrations is quite narrow-minded, as well as a perceptual error.

Mrs. Clinton, please don't misconstrue this as disrespectful, but I must consider that perhaps you are not in a position to truly comment on the subject from an informed perspective. It appears that you have only been exposed to this material from the general media-perpetuated point of view. If you could find the time to investigate the flip side of that media coin, you might find that the "study" of UFOs is not quite as absurd as you seem to think.

If my perception of your attitude and stance on the subject is in error, I humbly submit my deep and earnest apologies. If it is not, then I invite your comments and thoughts; I view you as an intelligent, logical, and studious person and would be interested in your perspective. In fact, I invite your comments, whatever your point of view. I will be copying this letter to others in this field, and I am certain that all would be fascinated with your input and address of the issue.

In closing, let me invite you to peruse our web site on this subject. I think you might be surprised at our attitude and disposition, as we present a site that is pointedly devoted to exposing those who would exploit and sensationalize the subject beyond credibility, as well as presenting the most compelling cases of truly anomalous events.

I understand that the First Lady likely has little time for "surfing the web," but I think you might reconsider and retract the statement that you made, after understanding the serious side of this matter. You won't find any "Independence Day," "Star Trek," or other such fiction at our site, but a surprisingly level-headed approach to the material.

We look forward to your response.

In high regard,

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