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The Honorable Harry S. Truman
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mr. Truman:

At the suggestion of several members of our Board of Governors I am writing to you in regard to the subject of unidentified flying objects.

We have been informed through Mr. Arthur H. Campbell of Kansas City that you expressed interest in this subject and in the work of our National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

I know that you are personally acquainted with Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN (Ret.), who was formerly director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Admiral Hillenkoetter is one of our Board members. Others include Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, USN (Ret.); Colonel R. B. Emerson, USAR: Major Dewey Fournet, USAFR, who was formerly the Pentagon monitor for the Air Force "flying Saucer" project; Mr. J. B. Hartranft, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Doctor Marcus Bach, State University of Iowa; and other distinguished Americans in various fields.

NICAP's membership includes persons from all 49 States; our members include Congressmen, Government officials, members of all the Armed Forces, airport tower operators, guided missiles trackers, scientists, and engineers, and men and women in almost every recognized profession and trade.

As opposed to the so-called crackpots who have invaded UFO investigation, often for personal gain or glorification, NICAP is a serious organization making a factual evaluation of verified evidence. One of our aims is to expose frauds; another is to convince the press and public that this is a serious problem despite the ridicule with which it is often treated -- ridicule in part caused by the officla debunking policy, which is now used to obscure the concerned and intensive investigation of Air Force and other agencies.

We should greatly appreciate having your opinions on this subject, particularly as regarding official censorship and of course any assistance you could give us in presenting the facts to the public.

I did not mean to suggest that you should indicate any opinion or conclusion as to the reality of UFOs. Of course, we should be glad to have any statement you cared to make on that point.

But we should particularly value your ideas on the official policy of keeping the public in the dark about the facts. We know that millions of Americans would respect your views.

The censorship is established by Air Force Regulation 200-2, which prohibits all Air Force personnel from releasing or discussing UFO information and confines this to Air Force Headquarters. In turn, Air Force Headquarters refuses to release any detailed reports, making only general statements, and releasing statistics which our Committee has determined to be completely unfounded. The Joint Chiefs of Staff document JANAP 146 invokes the espionage laws regarding UFO reports made on official communication channels. The Commandant of the Coast Guard has informed us that the Coast Guard also is bound by JANAP 146. So is the Civil Aeronautics Administration. I have been informed personally by Armed Forces pilots, airline pilots, CAA airport tower and radar operators that they have been warned not to discuss the subject publicly.

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The net effect of the official Air Force attitude (which I believe is dictated at a higher level) is to encourage ridicule by the press and our broadcasters, who are misled by official statements into believing all the UFO reports are nonsense.

To prove they are serious I am enclosing a sheet from one of our publications with a partial list of witnesses, including many trained observers. I am also enclosing a blue sheet with quotations by observers and others who are firmly convinced by UFO reality.

There is a mass of evidence supporting our claims as to UFO reality and official censorship, which I shall not burden you with now. But I should greatly welcome the opportunity to present any further information you may wish to have and answer any questions regarding UFOs and NICAP aims. As Admiral Hillenkoetter told me some time ago, the only way to break the secrecy is by means of open hearings on Capitol Hill. Acting for the Board, I have offered Senator Lyndon Johnson information proving UFO reality and official censorship. I understand that chairmen of other committees also are considering hearings, later on in the session.

We should greatly appreciate your advice as to approaching such Committees or individual Congressmen or Senators in order to present an honest picture not only to the Congress but to the American Public.

I realize you are extremely busy, but if you would care to glance at some of the official information contained in my book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" and the later book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" I should be glad to send you copies with the official material marked.

With sincere thanks for your consideration of the questions involved, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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The People Who See "Flying Saucers"

As discussed elsewhere in this issue, Dr. James C. Bartlett, the noted Baltimore astronomer, has courageously revealed his series of dramatic UFO sightings.

Undoubtedly many UFO witnesses who have kept silent for fear of ridicule will be encouraged by Dr. Bartlett's stand and will now reveal hidden sightings.

NICAP has already noted a change in the general attitude. Hundreds of its members have agreed to have their names listed publicly. These include a steadily increasing number who have heretofore kept silent about sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects.

There are still some who feel that such publicity may seriously affect their business or private lives. Unfortunately, their fears are not without solid foundation. But the ridicule is decreasing, mainly because of the many reputable citizens who have come forward and added their reports to the mass of UFO evidence.

In the belief that it may encourage others who are debating such a step, we are listing some of the names of UFO witnesses who have "stood up and been counted." This is only a small percentage of those publicly reporting UFOs. All the names would fill many pages, if not this entire issue of the UFO INVESTIGATOR.

We also suggest that this list be used in presenting the UFO evidence to newcomers to the subject. It is an effective answer to persons who claim that all those who report flying saucers are hoaxers, publicity seekers or crackpots.

Capt. Jack Adams, pilot Chicago and Southern Airlines.
Capt. Richard Adickes, pilot TWA (Trans World Airways).
Capt. Jack Adriance, pilot PAA (Pan American World Airways).
George Allen, navigator BOAC (British Overseas Aircraft Corporation).
Lt. E. J. Ambrose, U.S. Marine Corps.
G. W. Anderson, flight officer Chicago and Southern Airlines.
Capt. E. J. Arnold, pilot EAL (Eastern Airlines).
Kenneth Arnold, private pilot and businessman who coined "flying saucer" phrase.
James F. Bachmeier, former Navy pilot, pilot Mid Continent Airlines.
Capt. John Baldwin, pilot Conner Airlines.
Capt. Douglas Barker, Australian pilot.
Harry Barnes, traffic controller CAA (Civil Aeronautics Administration).
William Blackwell, chemical company employee.
Col. Donald J. Blakeslee, commanding officer Fighter Wing, U. S. Air Force.
Louis P. Bluver, chief observer GOC (Ground Observer Corps).
Dudley Bolger, private pilot.
Dean Bourland, engineer Boeing Aircraft.
Lee Boyd, first officer BOAC.
Lt. David C. Brigham, U.S. Air Force.
Capt. Kenneth G. Brosdal, pilot PAA.
Capt. W. M. Bruen, pilot National Airlines.
Capt. William Call, Jr., pilot EAL.
Capt. Paul Carpenter, pilot AA (American Airlines).
Capt. Richard Case, pilot AA.
Capt. Francois Cavasse, pilot Air France.
Capt. Dario Celis, Venezuelan airline pilot.
Capt. Clarence S. Chiles, EAL pilot.
Capt. Olf Christiernnson, Swedish pilot.
Michel Clement, Air France co-pilot.
Pierre Closterman, French air ace.
Howard Cocklin, CAA tower operator.
Lt. H. G. Combs, U.S. Air Force.
James Copeland, CAA radar operator.
B. J. Cores, Venezuelan airline flight officer.
Robert Corshaw, sheriff's deputy, Ventura County, California.
Mrs. George Dittmar, high school teacher.
G. P. Drury, deputy regional director Civil Aviation, New Guinea.
W. Dryland, New Zealand storekeeper.
Joseph Eaton, airport operator.
Capt. Giovanni Ercola, Brazilian airline pilot.
D. L. Falwasser and F. Ferrier, agricultural pilots, New Zealand.
Charles Fisher, civil engineer.
E. J. Fitzgerald, vice president metal equipment firm, Chicago.
G. Duncan Fletcher, vice president Kenya astronomical association.
Capt. Peter Fletcher, BOAC pilot.
Donald Freestone, PAA master mechanic.
Frank Garosi, GOC observer.
Florian Giabowski, police constable, Ontario, Canada.
Daniel Godfrey, BOAC flight engineer.
Lt. George F. Gorman, Air National Guard pilot, North Dakota.
Jack A. Green, ex-AF jet pilot; flight test analysis, Northrop Aviation.
J. C. Gregory, executive secretary of Winnebago County CD Council, Illinois.
M. Greze, former fighter pilot.
Capt. Victor Hancock, pilot Tennessee gas transmission company.
Reg Harrington, Cortland, New York businessman.
D. Hawke, ex-pilot WW2, New Zealand.
Capt. Walter W. Hawkins, TWA pilot.
Lt. Donald J. Hemer, USAF F-86 pilot.
Dr. Seymour Hess, astronomer Florida State University, President ALPO and editor "Strolling Astronomer."
Gloria Hinshaw, TWA DC-3 hostess.
Capt. Don Holland, U. S. Marine Corps jet pilot squadron commander.
A. Hollander, official of Israeli National Aviation Company.
Capt. James Howard, Royal Air Force veteran, BOAC pilot.
Dr. Craig Hunter, director medical supply company.
C. H. Jenkins, engineer Boeing Aircraft.
L. D. Jensen, traffic controller, Fargo.
T. S. Johnson, RAF pilot.
1st Lt. Roy L. Jones, B-29 pilot.
A. Kabli, physicist, Israel
Dr. J. J. Kalizkewski, formerly chief engineer, General Mills; Navy cosmic ray project.
Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, TWA pilot.
Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, director New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics.
William Lear, Jr., president Lear, Inc. Winner 1950 Collier trophy.
R. L. Lemon, BOAC flight officer.
CPO Charles Lewis, U.S. Navy.
Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy.
Ewart McDiarmid, RNZAF, WW2 pilot and businessman.
Dick McKendry, sherriff's deputy Ventura County, California.
Capt. Robert B. McLaughlin, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Robert Manning, TWA DC-3 pilot.
Nicholas Marianna, businessman and ball club manager.
Don Martin, chemical company superintendent.
Lt. Col. Lee Merkel, pilot commander Kentucky National Guard.
Col. Frank Milani, director CD, Baltimore.
Guy Miller, pilot Tennessee gas transmission company.
S. N. Miller, manager jewelry store St. Paul, Minnesota.
R. Moon, New Zealand farmer.
Marty Morrow, United Airlines hostess.
Robert Mueller, PAA flight engineer.
Capt. Ned Muller, PAA pilot.
John Murphy, sheriff's deputy Ventura County, California.
Peter J. Naughton, sheriff Point Townsend, Washington.
CWO Delbert C. Newhouse, U. S. Navy photographer.
Jerry Noosinow, PAA flight engineer.
Robert O'Connor, GOC observer.
Tord Olsson, Swedish photographer.
Lt. William L. Patterson, U. S. Air Force jet pilot.
D. W. Paul, New Zealand businessman.
Saul Pett, Associated Press writer.
Capt. Casey S. Pierman, Capital Airlines.
Capt. W. T. Rainbow, New Zealand pilot.
Allen R. Roberts, GOC observer.

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FLYING SAUCERS, from p. 23

Jim Roddy, GOC and news reporter.
Lt. Harry L. Roe, Jr., Ohio Air National Guard.
Flight Lt. J. R. Salandin, Royal Air Force jet pilot.
Capt. Francis Saloranzino, Ecuadorian Air Force pilot.
Maj. Charles Scarborough, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve jet commander.
Douglas Scott, BOAC radio officer.
Don Sheehan, PAA flight engineer.
Capt. D. Shrum, PAA pilot.
Capt. E. J. Smith, United Airlines pilot.
Maj. James B. Smith, U. S. Air Force F-86 pilot.
Richard Smith, PAA flight engineer.
C. H. Smythe, RAF pilot.
Capt. Willis Sperry, American Airlines pilot.
Capt. Charles Stanton, USMCR.
Capt. Ralph Stevens, United Airlines pilot.
William Stewart, BOAC flight engineer.
First Lt. D. C. Swimley, USAF.
First Officer Dion W. Taylor, PAA co-pilot.
Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, astronomer and discoverer of planet Pluto.
S. G. Trounce, First Officer New Zealand National Airlines.
A. R. Tuckett, air traffic officer and pilot, New Zealand.
Maj. E. J. van Nierkerk, radar instructor African Air Force.
Capt. Matthew A. Van Winkle, PAA pilot.
M. Veillot, control tower operator Le Bourget, France.
Rev. Ross Vermillion, former B-29 pilot.
Capt. Lawrence W. Vinther, Mid-Continent Airlines pilot.
Adolph Wagner, deputy CD coordinator Baltimore, Maryland.
Rodney Warrick, high school principal Marysville, Ohio.
John Washuta, PAA flight engineer.
Wells Alan Webb, chemist, author and physicist.
Daphne Webster, BOAC stewardess.
Maj. E. C. White, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve pilot.
John B. Whitted, EAL flight officer.
W. P. Whitworth, RAF wing commander.
Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, noted British astronomer, world famous lunar expert, President International Lunar Society.
John Williams, CAA tower operator.
Lt. R. R. Wilson, U. S. Air Force F-89 pilot.
Capt. Robert Wyland, PAA pilot.
Joseph Zacko, CAA radar operator.
John Zimmerman, geologist.

C. L. Montesquieu in Persian Letters, 1721

All scientific men were formerly accused of practicing magic. And no wonder, for each said to himself: "I have carried human intelligence as far as it will go, and yet So-and-So has gone further than I. Ergo, he has taken to sorcery."

No Official Press Censorship on UFOs, Says CSI President

The charge that there is an officially imposed press censorship on UFOs is a mistake, according to John DuBarry, the president of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York City, and formerly associate editor of TRUE Magazine. Such claims can retard serious UFO investigations, Mr. DuBarry told NICAP, in commenting on the recently improved press coverage.

NICAP agrees that there is no evidence of any official order to the press. In the past few years some Air Force public information officers have tried to persuade newsmen and editors not to print UFO stories. This policy has had a decided effect in reducing press coverage of saucer reports and in some cases it has caused a tongue-in-cheek treatment of the subject. But despite this, wire services and many newspapers have shown a more serious approach in recent months. We are therefore reprinting a former statement by Mr. DuBarry, with the hope that members will follow this veteran newsman's advice, as summed up in the last paragraph.

UFO censorship is presumed to operate in two areas—in the government and in the press. Before considering its causes and effects, let's define the term. By censorship I assume we mean deliberate interference with or suppression of communication for reasons of policy. Such censorship has indeed taken place in the government, as Donald Keyhoe and Edward Ruppelt have showed us.

Though the policy basis is still unclear—whether it's fear, stubborn disbelief, or simple bafflement, we don't know—there has been a more or less successful squelching of good UFO cases.

In the press, however, the situation is different. No central command exists, as in the government, that can compel silence. From experience on both newspaper and magazine staffs, I know that most publishers and editors would react against any attempt to shut them up about UFOs. I am sure that the government has not tried directly to do so.

A few publications, I don't doubt, have adopted a self-imposed censorship as a matter of policy. (They don't believe in saucers, or they don't want to encourage public concern about them.) Most publications just don't know what to think and consequently accept Air Force pronouncements. If they're silent, we can blame them for being negligent or gullible, but not for being censored.

As a matter of fact, local newspapers report a fair number of UFO sightings, and news clippings are the mainstay of our UFO files.

Therefore, let's capitalize on this LACK of censorship in the press. If UFO investigators and groups will take it as a major duty to give calm, reasoned, intelligent comments on observable phenomena in letters to editors, radio newscasters, etc, we'll get a hearing and we'll help to keep press channels open until conclusive proof is at hand.

RETIRED ARMY GENERAL WARNS OF "SECOND RATE" AMERICA

The United States is dangerously close to becoming a second-rate power, according to Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers, U. S. Army, Retired.

"The meaning of our drift into second place militarily — and that is precisely where we are drifting — is terrifying," General Fellers stated in the October 12 issue of HUMAN EVENTS. "The Soviet satellite as it encircles the globe has sounded our last warning. But there is yet time to prevent disaster if we act intelligently now."

General Fellers blamed inter-service rivalry rather than lack of funds for United States failure to lead in satellite operations. Though he denounced "hysterical spending" General Fellers called for a two billion dollar budget increase to accelerate our missile and space operations programs.

RADAR ABSORBING MATERIAL MAY CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEM

A short time ago a British firm, the Plessey Company, stated it had produced a new material which absorbs radar impulses so that no energy is reflected back to the receiver. It was claimed that this new material which radar cannot detect might provide new standards of navigational safety for aircraft and shipping by eliminating unwanted radar reflections.

If such a material has been produced it could eventually upset all present systems of radar detection of enemy aircraft and possibly missiles. Until more details are forthcoming from the company it is difficult to see how aircraft could be created entirely of nonreflective material.

However, the possibility of producing such material might possibly be a factor in explaining some peculiar UFO reports. There have been cases where objects were seen visually but radar was reported to have detected no solid object. Assuming that the radar reports were genuine, it is theoretically possible that certain types of UFOs — particularly small observation units—might be constructed of a material which would absorb rather than reflect radar impulses.

When further details are received from the Plessey company, they will be submitted to NICAP's advisers on radar for their conclusions.

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Published Statements On Unidentified Flying Objects

Sen. Barry Goldwater, a jet-flying AF Reserve Colonel: "Flying saucers -- unidentified flying objects -- or whatever you call them, are real."

William Lear, winner of Collier Aviation Trophy, President Lear, Inc. (Aircraft and electronics equipment) who has sighted a UFO: "I believe the flying saucers come from outer space, piloted by beings of superior intelligence."

Rear Adm. D.S. Fahrney, Ret., former Navy missile chief: "Reliable reports indicate there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. The way they change position would indicate their motion is directed."

Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy, who with many others sighted a UFO at Rome: "I did see an object; I don't know what it was."

Capt. W.B.Nash, Pan American Airways, who with his co-pilot saw eight huge discs maneuver below their airliner: "I believe they were controlled machines from outer space."

Maj. L.F. Baker, USAF, who with other AF witnesses saw six UFO's: "They were circular, shiny like spun aluminum. They changed course instantaneously."

Capt. Jas. Howard, British trans-Atlantic pilot, who with crew and 12 passengers saw a huge UFO and six small ones: "It must have been a space ship."

Hermann Oberth, noted rocket and space-travel authority: "I believe the flying saucers come from other worlds."

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Capt. Robert Adickes, TWA pilot, who with crew and seven passengers saw a glowing UFO pace their airliner: "Before then, I wasn't convinced. Now I know they (flying saucers) do exist."

Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, chief of the armed services search for natural satellites, who has sighted UFO's: "These things, which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed. . .Other stars in our galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these worlds may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars."

Flight Lt. J.R.Salandin, RAF, whose jet almost collided with a disc-shaped, turreted object: "It looked metallic. It was travelling at tremendous speed."

Dr. J.C.Bartlett, Jr., noted Baltimore astronomer who has sighted both disc-shaped and rocket-shaped UFO's: "It is not impossible they come from another planet."

Cdr. R.W.Percy, USNR,Ret., electronics engineer for the FCC: "I personally believe UFO's are spaceships from other, more advanced planets."

Dr. Carl G. Jung, famed psychologist, in writing NICAP Director Donald E. Keyhoe: "I am a NICAP subscriber. I am grateful for all the courageous things you have done in elucidating the thorny problem of UFO reality. I do not possess sufficient evidence which would enable me to draw definite

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conclusions. The evidence available, however, is convincing enough to arouse a continuous and fervent interest. If it is true the AAF (American Air Force) withholds telltaling facts then one can only say this is the most unpsychological and stupid policy one could invent... The public ought to be told the truth."

Col. Frank Milani, Director, Baltimore Civil Defense, who has sighted UFO's: "It is a calculated risk to assume the so-called saucers do not constitute a threat to the welfare and security of our citizens. We are given to believe they are not hostile but information on UFO's is classified.

Capt. Richard Case, American Airlines, who with other pilots and thousands of citizens saw a large UFO over Indianapolis: "It was a controlled craft going three times faster than we were."

Albert M. Chop, former AF official handling UFO information:"One thing is absolutely certain. We're being watched by beings from outer space."

Rep. William H. Ayres, Ohio: "Congressional investigations are being held on the problem of UFO's. Most of the material is classified; hearings are never printed."

Statement by NICAP Board Members Vice Adm. R.H.Hillenkoetter, Ret., former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Maj. Dewey Fournet, USAF Reserve, former Pentagon monitor of the UFO project; Rev. Albert Baller, Greenfield, Mass.; Frank Edwards, noted newscaster; Dr. Marcus Bach, Univ. of Iowa; Rear Adm. H.B. Knowles, ret,; Col. R.B.Emerson, US Army Reserve; and Prof. Charles A. Maney, Defiance University: "From evidence in NICAP's possession, it is clear the Air Force is still withholding information, including sighting reports, on UFO's."

Published Statements On The Question Of Other Worlds

Dr. Harlow Shapley, former Director, Harvard Observatory: "We must now accept it as inevitable -- there are other worlds with thinking beings."

Dr. Harold C. Urey, member, Mars Committee, former commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission: "It is exceedingly probable there is other life in the universe more intelligent than ours."

Typical Witnesses In UFO Sightings

Col. D.J.Blakeslee, USAF Wing Commander; USAF pilots, Maj. J.B. Smith, Lieuts. D.J. Hemer, Roy L. Jones, D.C. Brigham, Wm. Patterson, D.A.Swimley, H.G.Combs; TWA Capts. W.W.Hawkins, Chas. Kratovil, Robt. Manning, Irving Kravitz; Eastern Airlines Capts. E.J.Arnold, C.S.Chiles, J.B.Whitted, Truman Gile, Jr.; American Airlines Capts. Paul Carpenter, Willis Sperry; Pan-American Capts. Jas. King, Jack Adriance;Capt.Casey Pierman, Capital Airlines; Capt. W.M.Bruen, National Airlines; United Airlines Capts. E.J. Smith, Ralph Stevens;Lt. Richard Spencer, Navy pilot; Warrant Officer D.C. Newhouse, Naval Aviation photographer who filmed a UFO formation; Capt. R.B. McLaughlin, Navy missile expert; Lt. Donald Schaefer, Ensign Wayne Schotley, US Coast Guard; Capt. Dario Celis, Venezuelan airline.

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