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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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27 DEC 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Ron Nesson  
Press Secretary  
The White House

THRU Major General Richard L. Lawson  
Military Assistant to the President

Attached per your request is a draft proposed reply  
to Mrs. Willa Liljenquist who wrote concerning Unidentified  
Flying Objects.



*Kenneth R. Bailey*  
KENNETH R. BAILEY  
Colonel, USA  
Military Assistant

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January 4, 1975

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This is in response to your letter of December 7, 1974 regarding the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). The subject has recently received considerable attention by the media. With the NBC movie "The Disappearance of Flight 412" and a panel discussion on NBC's "Tomorrow" show the Air Force has received a sizeable volume of mail from concerned citizens.

However, the Air Force terminated its investigation of UFOs (Project Blue Book) in 1969 after evaluating a report by the University of Colorado and a subsequent review of that report by the American Academy of Sciences.

With regard to the specific allegations made by Robert Carr on the referenced radio program, there is no truth to the statements made about the Air Force recovering a UFO and storing the inhabitants at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Enclosed please find a detailed fact sheet which describes the Air Force's former role in the investigation of UFOs and provides suggestions for furthering your research.

I appreciate and understand your concern with this subject.

Sincerely,

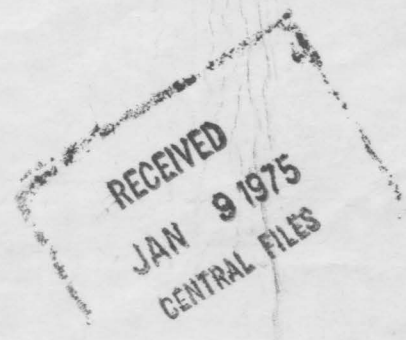
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Press Secretary  
to the President

Mrs. Willa Liljenquist  
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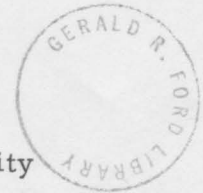
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## UFO FACT SHEET



On December 17, 1969 the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for the investigation of UFOs.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled, "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects;" a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during the past two decades.

As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs has been rescinded, and file copies of Project Blue Book records have been transferred to the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112, where they are available to the public for review. Although the Center does not have the reproduction capability to provide duplicate copies of Project Blue Book reports (some 26 standard file drawers of material), the complete University of Colorado report is available in paperback form at a nominal cost by Bantam Book Company.

Attached is the Project Blue Book sighting summary for the period 1947-1969. Also included is a listing of UFO-related materials currently available through publication outlets of the federal government.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, no evidence has been presented to indicate that further investigation of UFOs by the Air Force is warranted. In view of the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past, and the extreme pressure on Air Force funds at this time, there is no likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. Such timely review of the situation by private groups insures that sound evidence will not be overlooked by the scientific community.

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- 1. Sighting Summary
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TOTAL UFO SIGHTINGS, 1947-1969

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL SIGHTINGS</u>	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>
1947	122	12
1948	156	7
1949	186	22
1950	210	27
1951	169	22
1952	1,501	303
1953	509	42
1954	487	46
1955	545	24
1956	670	14
1957	1,006	14
1958	627	10
1959	390	12
1960	557	14
1961	591	13
1962	474	15
1963	399	14
1964	562	19
1965	887	16
1966	1,112	32
1967	937	19
1968	375	3
1969	146	1
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TOTAL	12,618	701



## UFO MATERIALS

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. Study conducted by the University of Colorado under contract F44620-67-C-0035. Three volumes, 1,465 p. 68 plates. Photoduplicated hard copies of the official report may be ordered for \$6 per volume, \$18 the set of three, as AD 680:975, AD 680:976, and AD 680:977, from the National Technical Information Service, U. S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.

Review of University of Colorado Report on Unidentified Flying Objects. Review of report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. National Academy of Sciences, 1969, 6p. Photoduplicated hard copies may be ordered for \$3 as AD 688:541 from the National Technical Information Service, U. S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151.



Rexburg, Idaho  
December 7, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary to President Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

On Wednesday night November 4th, a newscaster, Art Baxter, of KOA Denver, Colorado, played a taped conversation he had held with a retired Dr. in Clearwater, Florida, concerning the crash landing of a U.F.O. in New Mexico in 1948.

The Dr. gave a detailed account of the size of this U.F.O. and the fact that 12 men or as the Dr. called them, "Humanoids" were found dead inside.

He also gave a detailed account of the Space craft and a vivid description of the "Humanoids" found in the Space craft. This Dr. also stated there would be a program on Television December 15th preparing the Public for the eventual admission by the Government that U.F.O.'s actually exist.

After playing this tape interview Art Baxter was dismissed from KOA Radio, Denver, the next day, and speaking from personal inquiry of the Personnel Director of KOA, John Gruble, he could give me no reasonable explanation for Art Baxter's dismissal. Art Baxter was a newscaster on an all night talk program from KOA Radio.

Previously, other people have called the program who live in New Mexico concerning this supposed occurrence.

I'm sure the American public, as a whole, are intelligent enough to accept the probability or fact of visits from more advanced cultures from outer space, and we are also wise enough to discern when knowledge is being withheld from us by the Government.

I would appreciate your opinion on this subject.

Sincerely

*Mrs. Willa Liljenquist*  
Mrs. Willa Liljenquist  
144 East 2nd North  
Rexburg, Idaho 83440

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Shupe,  
Please prepare a draft reply  
for Mr. Nessen.

Thank you,

*Joni*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 12-16

TO: Bill Gullley

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Liz O'Neill  
Room 161

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March 12, 1975



Dear Allen:

Thanks for your thoughtful note and the materials concerning UFO phenomena. I appreciate seeing the enclosures.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld  
Assistant to the President

Mr. J. Allen<sup>x</sup> Hynek,  
Director  
x Center for UFO Studies  
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Evanston, Illinois 60201

DR: jlm:MD

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J. ALLEN HYNEK, DIRECTOR  
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

March 3, 1975

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Don,

In keeping with your kind request of being kept informed of developments within the Center, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest. The FBI BULLETIN carried a long article about the Center for UFO Studies last month, and the Washington Post carried a follow-up article. Both are enclosed.

If you are interested in how our toll-free number was used last year, enclosed is the annual operational report.

Best regards,



Allen



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Dear Allen:

Thanks for your letter of July 23. I was interested to hear that you will be traveling to Brazil under such auspicious circumstances. It should be an interesting trip.

I have been advised that the person who can be of most help to you is the country director, Office of Brazilian Affairs, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, in the State Department. His name is Bob Zimmermann. You can either reach him by a letter addressed as above (Washington, D. C. 20520) or you can call him (Area Code 202-632-6913). In case he is unavailable his deputy, Bob Ballantyne, can assist you. Their office has been informed that you might be in contact regarding your trip.

Our Ambassador in Brazil is John Hugh Crimmins, and the Science Attache is Robert H. Goeckermann. The latter is stationed in Rio.

I hope this information is of help to you and that you have a pleasant and productive trip. Joyce and I send our best to you and Mimi.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld  
Assistant to the President

Dr. J. Allen Hynek  
Professor of Astronomy  
Northwestern University  
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# A PEACEFUL PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



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DATE

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We, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS & REGISTERED VOTERS, DO RESPECTFULLY & EARNESTLY PETITION YOU TO CONSIDER, IN ALL SERIOUSNESS & SOLEMNITY TAKING THESE STEPS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND TOWARD UNIVERSAL PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD, TO WIT:

1) As PENTAGON POLICIES ON UFOs ARE WIDELY DERIDED, ARE DIVISIVE, OBSCURANTIST, POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING AND SCIENTIFICALLY UNWISE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, IMPLORE YOU MR. PRESIDENT, TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE MORE YOUR VISION AND YOUR COURAGE BY REVERSING ALL PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS' COVER-UPS SINCE THE YEAR 1948 AND BOLDLY ADOPT YOUR OWN ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF CONDUCTING AN OPEN ADMINISTRATION THAT KEEPS THE PEOPLE FULLY INFORMED ON MAJOR ISSUES. WE URGE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE DECLASSIFICATION OF ALL MILITARY DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO THE NATURE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, TO HALT HARASSMENT AND CLANDESTINE SURVEILLANCE OF CIVILIAN UFO ORGANIZATIONS BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND TO OPENLY ENCOURAGE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INTO PARANORMAL AERIAL PHENOMENA.

2) CREATION OF AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS LABORATORY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES TO ATTRACT, INVITE, AND INITIATE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS AND IF POSSIBLE, ACTUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND UNITED STATES CIVILIAN SCIENTISTS. OUR WORLD'S BEST SPACE SCIENTISTS REGARD SUCH A CONFRONTATION AS VIRTUALLY INEVITABLE. BY TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN THIS ENDEAVOR OUR NATION WOULD ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THE HONESTY AND FORTITUDE AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW THAT HAS MADE US THE WORLD'S OLDEST MODERN DEMOCRACY AND THE FIRST NATION ON THE MOON. SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE COULD BE THE DECISIVE TURNING POINT IN MODERN HUMAN HISTORY, WELL SURMOUNTING THE SAME BARRIERS OF IGNORANCE, FEAR AND RIDICULE THAT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HAD TO OVERCOME TO DISCOVER THE "MYTHICAL" NEW WORLD WHICH IS NOW OUR HOMELAND.

3) MR. PRESIDENT, THE HIGH MISSION OF THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS LABORATORY, UNDER YOUR PERSONAL COMMAND, IS TO FOCUS SENSELESS RANDOM UFO ENCOUNTERS WITH UNQUALIFIED AND FEARFUL HUMANS INTO A CALCULATED PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE AIMED AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING. FOR THIS GREAT STEP FORWARD YOU WILL ENJOY THE PLAUDITS OF OUR PLANET, MR. PRESIDENT, AND ESPECIALLY THE APPLAUSE OF VOTERS, CHILDREN OF THE SPACE AGE, TO WHOM THE PRESENT UFO COVER-UP IS WORSE THAN ANY WATERGATE.

BY SIGNATURE AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WE EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN AND OUR HOPEFUL TRUST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP TO MEET THE UFO CHALLENGE WITH THE BEST OF ALL DEFENSES, AN IMAGINATIVE INITIATIVE THAT WILL UTILIZE OUR NATION'S FINEST MINDS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THIS INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION.