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14 JAN 1977

Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Mr. Malmfeldt:

This office recently received a public inquiry regarding UFOs, referred to us from the Bureau. As the inclosed fact sheet indicates, the Air Force's "Project Blue Book" investigation of UFOs was terminated on December 17, 1969, and all related documentation was turned over to the National Archives and Records Service.

The inquirer referred to us has been apprised of these events. Hopefully, the inclosed fact sheet will be of help in responding to any future inquiries on this subject.

Sincerely,

H. A. McCLANAHAN, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachment

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. Malmfeldt, Room 7825
Washington, D. C. 20535

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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Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20408, and is available for public review and analysis.

Attached for your information is the Project Blue Book sighting summary for the period 1947-1969. Also included is a listing of UFO-related materials currently available.

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.

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ENCLOSURE

TOTAL UFO SIGHTINGS, 1947 - 1969

YEAR	TOTAL SIGHTINGS	UNIDENTIFIED
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
TOTAL	12,618	701

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UFO MATERIALS

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. Study conducted by the University of Colorado under contract F44620-76-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.

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. In addition, a list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations (Edition 8, Vol I, pp. 432-3). 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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January 24, 1977

Lieutenant Colonel H. A. McClanahan, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Colonel McClanahan:

Mr. Malmfeldt has brought your letter of January 14th, with enclosure, to my attention. I join him in thanking you for sending us a copy of your UFO Fact Sheet and for apprising us of the termination of your project.

Sincerely yours,

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Donald W. Moore, Jr.
Assistant Director
External Affairs Division

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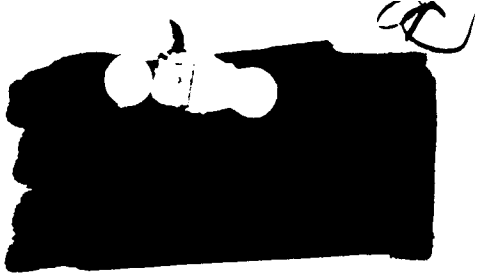

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September 12, 1989

Mr. William S. Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Your letter of September 1 has been received, and I am very appreciative of hearing from you.

Your letter presented information that I had already mentioned to you, in my letter of July 24; so this was information I knew. I had given this to you as "advance" information - that you would probably receive from other Government agencies, and departments, and which is the standard release material.

Again, the new Project Blue Book is a civilian continuation of the original Project Blue Book, which did close in 1969. Here, twenty-years later, some of the same original Blue Book, Pentagon, and other persons are, still, looking for the real answer to the UFO phenomenon. That is the reason, too, I gave you the information I did - about J. Edgar Hoover, President Carter, Senator Barry Goldwater, etc. I was hoping to go "deeper" into the intelligence-gathering agencies -which received some of the "better" UFO reports which never did go to Project Blue Book.

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I have been to the National Archives, and have looked at some of the original Blue Book material that is there....I met with persons at NASA's headquarters, in Washington, following their receipt of the request from President Carter....I met with President Carter's chief Scientific Advisor's personnel, at the New Executive Offices of the President....I sent reports to the original Project Blue Book, and know some of it's former personnel, etc. So, I know the whole scheme of things, pertaining to UFO's - except for the hidden Intelligence-gathering agency participation with regard to the better UFO sighting reports, and which are, to this date, real, hard "unknowns".

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Your response is appreciated and please accept my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Mr. William S. Sessions, Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

You may recall that, while you were in Fort Smith visiting your Father, I called and, briefly, mentioned my keen desire to meet with you - and to discuss the phenomenon of [redacted], in general, and the role of U. S. Government participation, in particular.

I said that I wished to issue a "challenge" to you (not that you do not have challenges on a daily basis) pertaining to UFO's. You stated that you were interested, and to write you - and which I am now doing. I could write "pages" on the matter, but rather than to do so - it will be lengthy enough for me to endeavor to give you information I wish to convey in this letter.

In any event, the U. S. Government has played important roles in the evaluation of UFO reported sightings. The new Project Blue Book is a "continuation" of the original Project Blue Book, established by the Air Force, and was located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Some of the most important sighting "announcements" came from the Air Force, and which were, later, stated to be something not in the original announcements - in a cover-up of the initial announcement. This repeatedly happened much to the chagrin of the Air Force. Original members of the Project Blue Book found that many reports never were received by this group, but went to intelligence-gathering agencies.

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While Director of the F.B.I., Mr. J. Edgar Hoover (whose personnel reported some of the sightings themselves and who were, otherwise, brought in to some of the cases) repeatedly asked the Air Force for complete information about the UFO's - to no avail. They (the Air Force) would not release certain case reports to Mr. Hoover. Even with the present F.O.I., mostly sanitized version/copies are received and with information requested completely blocked-out.

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While Chairman of the Senate Committee on Science, Senator Barry Goldwater asked for information and was told that he was not on a "need to know" basis. This request, of Goldwater, had to do with an initial announcement from the Air Force that a "saucer" had crashed and that alien bodies were (at that point in time) located in a hanger, or other building, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, at Dayton, Ohio. Senator Goldwater was refused any information in this matter, along wit not being allowed to personally look inside of the alleged building.

Before taking office as President, Jimmy Carter announced to the public that, if elected, he would give the American people the Government's information about UFO's. This did not happen, and Mr. Carter was given a complete run-around - and I could tell you more about this, because I was contacted by the Pentagon on the matter.

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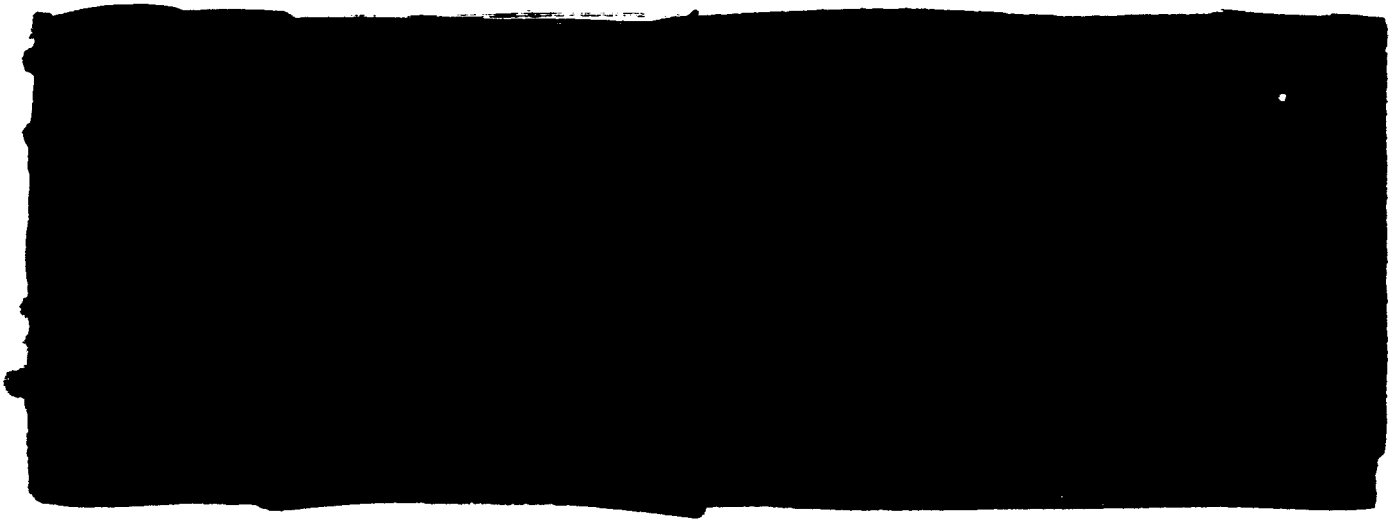

The new Project Blue Book has 148 present, and/or former, Air Force, NC NASA, and intelligence-gathering agency personnel, among others, acting as advisor-consultants to PBB - anonymously. These are persons who, fo the most part, have/had been actively engaged in earlier UFO reports fo their respective agencies, and who are still muchly interested.

So, with this brief back-ground of information about me and about Gover ment participation, the "challenge" I have mentioned - would be to have you make inquiries at the highest levels of "officialdom" about what ou Government really knows, whether or not there ARE alien bodies located ANYWHERE, what happened to the crashed "flying saucers", where are the photo's taken by Air Force personnel through on-board gun cameras, and similar questioning. I am positive you would find that even you would be getting a general run-around and could not receive satisfactory answ to the above. I think you will/would find that you are not receiving all the information you should be receiving and which should be very evident to you after making several inquiries. You may tend to drop th matter, thinking you are receiving answers to your questions, but this will not be the case, I assure you.

Mr. Sessions, I will not take more of your time in this matter, but, if you are interested, I would appreciate your looking into the matter. You may wish to appoint one of your office personnel to start making inquiry about UFO 's, in general, and see which Agencies to which you would be directed. Keep in mind, however, that some present office personnel, in the other agencies, may not know what you would be inquiring about - and will tell you that the Air Force Project Blue Book closed it's "doors" in 1969, and that the Air Force no longer investigates UFO sighting reports - this I already know. The important key is to go beyond the A ir Force and into the other agencies; such as the Office of Defense, C.I.A., etc. President Bush, when asked about UFO's, told the person asking "You do not know the half of it". As you know, President Bush was formerly with the C.I.A. His comments are on tape, by the way.

Well, I think this should suffice for this time. I appreciate your patience in reading this letter, and should you desire any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know. I would like, very much, to work through you, and with you, to endeavor to bring the matter of UFO's to a conclusion - if that conclusion is an honest one.

I hope you had a nice visit, with your Dad, and c ome back for a visit again, soon.

Very sincerely,

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P.S. As sort of an "ultimate" challenge - why not ask President Bush, himself?

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your July 24th letter in which you ask for my help in securing information relative to investigations of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.

I have discussed your request with my colleagues, and I would first like to explain that the investigation of UFOs is not now nor has it ever been the responsibility of the FBI. The Department of the Air Force conducted investigations and studies of UFO reports from 1947 to 1969. On December 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of "Project Blue Book," and the Air Force has furnished all documents regarding its investigations of UFOs to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408. I understand this data is available for public review and analysis. You may wish to make an inquiry of the Modern Military Branch for the answers to some of your questions.

Also of possible interest, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was asked by President Carter to look into the possibility of resuming UFO investigations in 1977. After studying all the facts available, it decided that nothing would be gained by further investigation, and the Department of the Air Force agreed with that decision. You may also want to check with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in connection with your research.

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I am not aware of any Federal agency tasked with the responsibility of investigating UFOs and hope this information will be of help to you and your organization.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

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NOTE: [redacted] who is not identifiable in Bufiles, writes to the Director referencing what appears to be a brief phone conversation he had with the Director while the Director was visiting his father in Fort Smith. He says he wants to discuss UFOs and the role of U.S. Government participation in particular, and he indicates the Director stated he was interested and suggested he write to him [redacted] He asks the Director if he would make inquiries at the highest levels of Government about what our Government really knows about UFOs, whether or not there are alien bodies located anywhere, what happened to the crashed "flying saucers," where are the photos taken by Air Force personnel through on-board gun cameras and similar questioning. Above response reviewed by SSA [redacted] Violent Crimes Unit, CID. Substance of paragraphs 2 and 3 of response previously provided to other inquiries on the investigation of UFOs.

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