Honorable Joseph E. Earth
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Earth:

In response to your 20 June inquiry concerning statements made by Leon Fastenberg in his 20 June letter to you, please be advised that Mr. Fastenberg has been involved in rather extensive correspondence with this Agency and with the Air Force since early 1950 on the matter of UFO's.

Mr. Fastenberg believes that the Central Intelligence Agency is withholding information from him which would prove that this Agency is, to quote his letter to you "... solely responsible for creating the Flying Saucer Fad...". He believes further that this information is contained in the Scientific Advisory Panel Report on UFO's, dated 17 January 1953, ( surfaced). Mr. Fastenberg was supplied with the declassified and "official" version of this report, but this apparently has only served to convince that vast is being withheld is information which would prove his claim. This is in spite of the fact that he was informed as long ago as 20 May 1950 that "The complete formal report of the panel has not been fully declassified for security reasons. The Formal Report is not available to the general public for distribution or reproduction." and "For your information, the classified portion of the Formal Report and the unofficial supplement did not deal specifically with UFO's but on other matters of intelligence significance which affect the national security." In addition, Major Tucker sent a lengthy, ten page letter, outlining to Mr. Fastenberg all of the information currently available on the subject of UFO's interpreting the Formal Report of the Scientific Advisory Panel, commenting on numerous...

---Letter from Major Lawrence J. Tucker, U.S. Air Force Executive Officer, Public Information Division, Office of Information Services---

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misleading statements or the report in Captain Boyett’s book, “The Report of Unidentified Flying Objects”, and explaining why a portion of the report was classified. A copy of this letter is appended for your information.

In summary, Mr. Davison’s belief that this agency is involved in the “flying saucer” case is based on his own psychological framework and is entirely unfounded. His indication that CIA is manipulating persons to believe in flying saucers is also entirely unfounded. This agency, in conjunction with the Air Force, investigated, in 1954, the threat to national security of the then prevalent flying saucer rumors. Since that time, CIA has not participated in any flying saucer activities and has referred all correspondence to the U.S. Air Force.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

General Counsel

Enclosures:
1. Letter, 26 June 1961, from L. Davison
2. Letter, 20 May 1950, from Major Tucker

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NOTE: In addition, we have on file letters from Mr. Davidson to members of the 1953 Panel requesting in essence their supporting him in obtaining information which would implicate CIA or the OIB in a "1954 type of thought control developing in America."