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Senator Robert Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the southwestern United States in the past weeks bring to mind a topic that has been on my mind for the last two or three years: namely, the cencorship and hush-hush attitude of the Department of Defense and the United States Air Force in regard to their method of explaining away all sightings by claiming "illusions" and that "they were looking at stars" and other shoddy and meaningless explanations. Also, the Air Force might explain why pilots chasing these "nonexistant" UFO's have more often than not never reported in or returned to their bases with something besides "crashed in wild country and body not recovered."

In short sir, myself and thousands of other citizens not only in the State of New York, but throughout the country would convey the spirit of this letter to the Department of Sefense: that the public is tired of the obtuse "official" explanations of UFO's and would like the truth. Please do as much as you can for us, sir. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Quagliana
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

SECRETARY
SEP 27 1966

Dear Senator Kennedy:

In your recent referral to the Department of Defense you requested a report in behalf of Mr. Charles J. Quagliana relative to unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

The Air Force does not withhold or censor any information on UFO's. The investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

In 18 years of investigating over 9,000 reports of UFO's, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

The Air Force has lost one aircraft and pilot in connection with a UFO incident. Captain Mantell was asked to identify a UFO while on an aircraft ferrying mission in 1952 over Godman Field in Kentucky. Because his aircraft was not outfitted with the necessary oxygen equipment for a high altitude flight, Captain Mantell died of oxygen starvation while attempting to identify the object, and his aircraft consequently crashed. A copy of the Air Force evaluation of this case is also attached for your further information.

Another incident which is often mistakenly identified as a UFO case involved an F-89 aircraft which was scrambled to intercept an unidentified aircraft which was successfully accomplished and identified as a Dakota (Canadian C-47). It is presumed by the Air Force that the pilot suffered vertigo while returning to his base and crashed into Lake Michigan. This case is carried in Air Force aircraft accident records (see attached resume).

We are pleased to be of service in providing you this report.

Sincerely,



L. CONQUEST
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Congressional Liaison
Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

4 Attachments

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy

United States Senate

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