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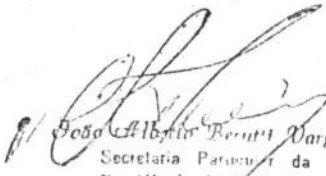
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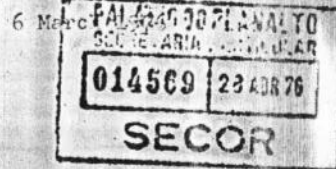
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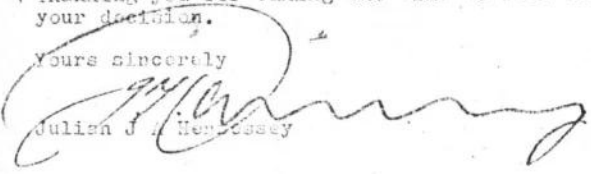
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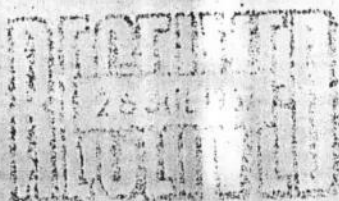
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10 Downing Street
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July 25, 1967

Dear Mr. Hennessey,

I am replying on behalf of the Prime Minister to your letter of July 10, enquiring whether United Kingdom support would be forthcoming if the Government of Canada were to take an initiative to have the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space conduct an investigation into the phenomena of unidentified flying objects. I have also received your further letter of July 21.

As the reports of sightings of these objects continue to appear from many parts of the world, it is quite understandable that there should be a growing interest in seeing some responsible international effort made to seek explanations of these phenomena.

As the Canadians are aware, the United Nations Outer Space Committee and its Legal and Scientific and Technical Sub-Committees already have a heavy programme of work. If however the Canadians were to consult us, the Government would certainly consider whether the members of the Committee would favour an order of priorities for the programme of work which would permit inclusion in the programme at some stage of an investigation into UFO phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.

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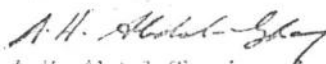
Thank you for your letters of 9 March and 26 April, informing the Secretary-General of your interest regarding unidentified flying objects. I am sorry I could not reply to you any earlier as I was away from New York as Mr. Narasimhan informed you in his letter.

There is no doubt that a full scientific investigation into these phenomena is worthy of appreciation and we are interested in the efforts that have been made in this regard by serious and competent organizations and individuals.

However, at the present time the question has not been raised by any Member State in the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space which is concerned with matters relating to outer space. Nevertheless, we are interested in keeping ourselves informed of the developments in this area and we appreciate any further information that you may wish to send us in this regard. We are maintaining in our reference library serious literature that is available on the subject for those in the United Nations who may be interested in this matter.

Finally, I must thank you for your kind words regarding the recent treaty on the peaceful uses of outer space and for your offer of assistance in obtaining data on unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely yours,



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February 16, 1976

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to introduce Mr. Julian Hennessey, who is an accredited research assistant and who has worked closely with me in the past and is now a research associate of the Center for UFO Studies. I should like to have him act for the Center for UFO Studies and for me in facilitating the transmission of reports from stations of the World Meteorological Organization and in related matters. Any assistance you show Mr. Hennessey will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek
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INTRODUCTION

The unexplained content of many UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) reports from many credible witnesses in many parts of the world defines a problem and presents a significant mystery. Any phenomenon which has occupied the thought of so many people for so many years is surely a subject worthy of scientific study.

The CENTER has been established for those who wish to see positive action taken to end a quarter century of misrepresentation and misunderstanding. The evidence is strong that the UFO phenomenon represents new empirical observations of great potential value to mankind. The work of the Center is directed toward the discovery of the essential nature of the phenomenon.

ORIGIN OF THE CENTER

A growing number of scientists, engineers, and other professionals, generally associated with universities, laboratories, and industry, have contemplated the possible significance of the UFO phenomenon; they note that such significance to society is being obscured by popular confusion and gross misconceptions regarding it. The CENTER provides the organization wherein these people may work in free association on this problem.

OBJECTIVES

Principal Objectives and their Implementation:

I. The operation of UFO CENTRAL, or clearing house, to which persons can report UFO experiences without fear of ridicule or unwanted publicity, and with the knowledge that their reports will be given serious attention.

This is accomplished through a toll-free telephone number which has been made available to and is widely used by law enforcement and other responsible agencies across the country, on a twenty-four hour basis. Reports determined to be worthy of personal investigation are referred to technically qualified field investigators. Collection of physical evidence and photographs are a vital part of field investigation.

II. To pursue a vigorous study of received reports and analysis of the entire phenomenon, calling upon the talents of the CENTER's Scientific Board, whose members are established scientists in their own fields with a working interest

the UFO problem, and employing existing facilities (computers, physical and biological laboratories, etc.) at universities and in industry wherever possible.

Effort is directed particularly toward the solution of specific problems arising from reported UFO sightings. A large number of cases in which there has been interaction with the environment presents a scientific toe-hold which is not available in the cases where no physical evidence is left for study. Research work is concerned, in part, with laboratory analysis of plants, trees, and soil which appear to have been affected by the presence of the reported UFO, with the reported effects on the operation of cars, radios, television receivers and electrical systems; with medical studies of witnesses who have been reportedly blinded, paralyzed, and subject to headaches, nausea, etc.; with witness credibility and theoretical investigations into the dynamic behavior of the reported UFO.

All reports received by the CENTER are entered into a central data bank for permanent record. Access to this computer record is available to the CENTER's Scientific Board to establish patterns and make correlations between various UFO parameters (time, place, demographic factors, witness reliability, types of sightings, etc.).

III. To provide News Bulletins and summaries of operational and technical reports and to be a source of reliable information about the phenomenon to schools, universities, scientific organizations and the general public.

The CENTER offers lists of books and documents from the scientific community, industry, and governments. Most of the listed material is available from the Library Services of the CENTER. The CENTER has an extensive research library of newsclippings, documents, periodicals, and books. The CENTER also makes qualified lecturers available.

IV. To assist and help guide correlative studies conducted in this and other countries through international symposia and conferences.

The Scientific Board of the CENTER has been invited to present scientific papers at several such meetings, initiating the basic formula for continuing study.

V. To aid in the coordination of efforts of those in many different fields of study which can be applied to the solution of the problem.

Scientists developing a line of study are invited to advise the CENTER so that other scientists pursuing similar study may coordinate their efforts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Persons or organizations interested in furthering serious scientific work on the UFO problem can participate best by volunteering their technical facilities, by donating material to the library, or by making tax-deductible contributions.



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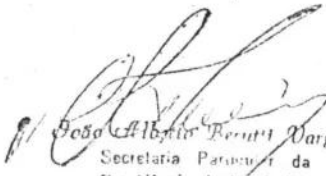
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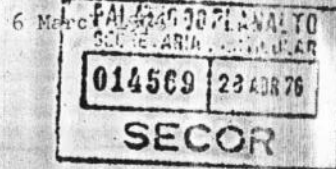
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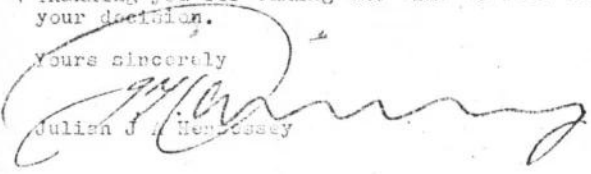
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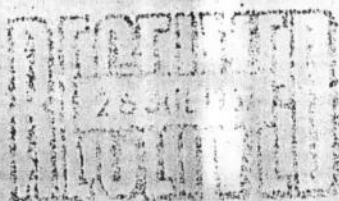
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As the reports of sightings of these objects continue to appear from many parts of the world, it is quite understandable that there should be a growing interest in seeing some responsible international effort made to seek explanations of these phenomena.

As the Canadians are aware, the United Nations Outer Space Committee and its Legal and Scientific and Technical Sub-Committees already have a heavy programme of work. If however the Canadians were to consult us, the Government would certainly consider whether the members of the Committee would favour an order of priorities for the programme of work which would permit inclusion in the programme at some stage of an investigation into UFO phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.

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Dear Dr. Hennessey,

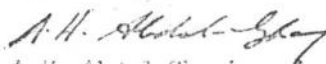
Thank you for your letters of 9 March and 26 April, informing the Secretary-General of your interest regarding unidentified flying objects. I am sorry I could not reply to you any earlier as I was away from New York as Mr. Narasimhan informed you in his letter.

There is no doubt that a full scientific investigation into these phenomena is worthy of appreciation and we are interested in the efforts that have been made in this regard by serious and competent organizations and individuals.

However, at the present time the question has not been raised by any Member State in the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space which is concerned with matters relating to outer space. Nevertheless, we are interested in keeping ourselves informed of the developments in this area and we appreciate any further information that you may wish to send us in this regard. We are maintaining in our reference library serious literature that is available on the subject for those in the United Nations who may be interested in this matter.

Finally, I must thank you for your kind words regarding the recent treaty on the peaceful uses of outer space and for your offer of assistance in obtaining data on unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely yours,



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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to introduce Mr. Julian Hennessey, who is an accredited research assistant and who has worked closely with me in the past and is now a research associate of the Center for UFO Studies. I should like to have him act for the Center for UFO Studies and for me in facilitating the transmission of reports from stations of the World Meteorological Organization and in related matters. Any assistance you show Mr. Hennessey will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek
J. Allen Hynek
Director

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INTRODUCTION

The unexplained content of many UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) reports from many credible witnesses in many parts of the world defines a problem and presents a significant mystery. Any phenomenon which has occupied the thought of so many people for so many years is surely a subject worthy of scientific study.

The CENTER has been established for those who wish to see positive action taken to end a quarter century of misrepresentation and misunderstanding. The evidence is strong that the UFO phenomenon represents new empirical observations of great potential value to mankind. The work of the Center is directed toward the discovery of the essential nature of the phenomenon.

ORIGIN OF THE CENTER

A growing number of scientists, engineers, and other professionals, generally associated with universities, laboratories, and industry, have contemplated the possible significance of the UFO phenomenon; they note that such significance to society is being obscured by popular confusion and gross misconceptions regarding it. The CENTER provides the organization wherein these people may work in free association on this problem.

OBJECTIVES

Principal Objectives and their Implementation:

I. The operation of UFO CENTRAL, or clearing house, to which persons can report UFO experiences without fear of ridicule or unwanted publicity, and with the knowledge that their reports will be given serious attention.

This is accomplished through a toll-free telephone number which has been made available to and is widely used by law enforcement and other responsible agencies across the country, on a twenty-four hour basis. Reports determined to be worthy of personal investigation are referred to technically qualified field investigators. Collection of physical evidence and photographs are a vital part of field investigation.

II. To pursue a vigorous study of received reports and analysis of the entire phenomenon, calling upon the talents of the CENTER's Scientific Board, whose members are established scientists in their own fields with a working interest

the UFO problem, and employing existing facilities (computers, physical and biological laboratories, etc.) at universities and in industry wherever possible.

Effort is directed particularly toward the solution of specific problems arising from reported UFO sightings. A large number of cases in which there has been interaction with the environment presents a scientific toe-hold which is not available in the cases where no physical evidence is left for study. Research work is concerned, in part, with laboratory analysis of plants, trees, and soil which appear to have been affected by the presence of the reported UFO, with the reported effects on the operation of cars, radios, television receivers and electrical systems; with medical studies of witnesses who have been reportedly blinded, paralyzed, and subject to headaches, nausea, etc.; with witness credibility and theoretical investigations into the dynamic behavior of the reported UFO.

All reports received by the CENTER are entered into a central data bank for permanent record. Access to this computer record is available to the CENTER's Scientific Board to establish patterns and make correlations between various UFO parameters (time, place, demographic factors, witness reliability, types of sightings, etc.).

III. To provide News Bulletins and summaries of operational and technical reports and to be a source of reliable information about the phenomenon to schools, universities, scientific organizations and the general public.

The CENTER offers lists of books and documents from the scientific community, industry, and governments. Most of the listed material is available from the Library Services of the CENTER. The CENTER has an extensive research library of newsclippings, documents, periodicals, and books. The CENTER also makes qualified lecturers available.

IV. To assist and help guide correlative studies conducted in this and other countries through international symposia and conferences.

The Scientific Board of the CENTER has been invited to present scientific papers at several such meetings, initiating the basic formula for continuing study.

V. To aid in the coordination of efforts of those in many different fields of study which can be applied to the solution of the problem.

Scientists developing a line of study are invited to advise the CENTER so that other scientists pursuing similar study may coordinate their efforts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Persons or organizations interested in furthering serious scientific work on the UFO problem can participate best by volunteering their technical facilities, by donating material to the library, or by making tax-deductible contributions.