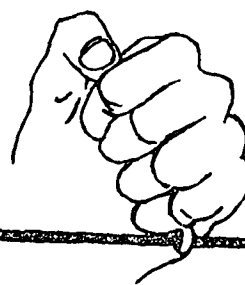


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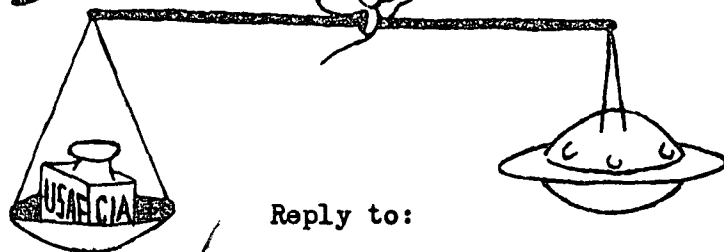


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Dr. Mr. Haglund:

Thanks for inquiring about CAUS and JUST CAUSE. Your letter was forwarded to me from our office in New York.

CAUS was created to battle government secrecy regarding UFOs and to elevate the struggle above the internecine disputes between various civilian UFO groups which has marked the anti-secrecy effort in the past. We intend to concentrate solely on UFO incidents which have some aspect of government involvement.

You can join this nonpartisan campaign to get all UFO data out in the open by subscribing to JUST CAUSE, the official newsletter of CAUS. Subscription rates are \$10 for 12 monthly issues beginning with Vol.1-No.2, May 1978. Your subscription will ensure that you are kept informed of all the latest behind-the-scenes developments in the anti-secrecy lobby, plus a complete, inside report on the latest incidents involving government personnel. All evidence obtained by CAUS will be released through JUST CAUSE.

In addition, any contribution you'd care to make to CAUS would be most welcome and would be utilized in financing FOIA lawsuits against govt. agencies.

Please make checks or M.O.s payable to CAUS/W. Todd Zechel, and consider yourself a member and supporter of CAUS upon payment.

Most sincerely;

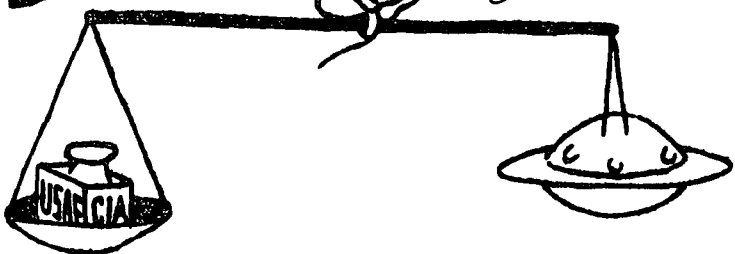
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June 23, 1978

Dear Member:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for joining and supporting our organization. I hope you'll enjoy our newsletter, **JUST CAUSE**, and please feel free to submit any comments you have about it—even criticisms. I also hope you'll actively participate in our efforts by providing us with information, advice and encouragement. In addition, we'd greatly appreciate having the word spread about us to your friends and the local media.

At the moment, CAUS is working on a plan to get UFO research out of the hands of the government and into the hands of responsible civilians. In order to accomplish this goal, we need to conduct extensive lobbying in Washington, D.C. Work has already begun on this project, but we are severely handicapped by the lack of funding. We would like to establish an office in Washington, where we would have access to Congress and to the national media, which would enable us to apply the kind of pressure which is sorely needed.

In order to raise funds for this lobbying effort, and for our battle against UFO secrecy in general, I have decided to make available many of the sensational recent government UFO reports which I have obtained. These documents, I feel, prove the existence of UFOs beyond a shadow of a doubt and, moreover, prove the government is suppressing vital UFO evidence. The document sets include, in most cases, the covering letters from the agencies which released them. Please make checks payable to CAUS/W. Todd Zechel and specify set when ordering. Allow one week for delivery.

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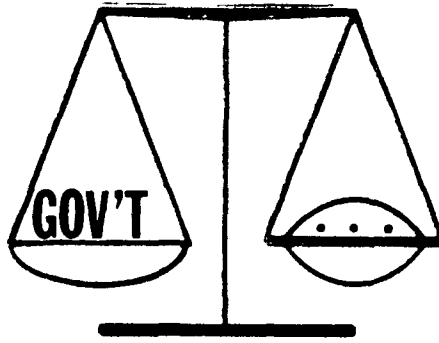
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Having these documents will make you an overnight expert on the government cover-up. The prices are fair and reasonable in line with the effort and expense it took to obtain them. And keep in mind: the money is going to a good CAUS.

Most gratefully;
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I. GROUND SAUCER WATCH v. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

Peter A. Gersten, attorney for GSW, and Todd Zechel, Director of Research for GSW and Director of CAUS, traveled to Washington, D. C., July 7th to participate in a conference and status call on GSW's Freedom of Information lawsuit.

The conference was convened in the U. S. Attorney's Office. In attendance were Mr. Bill Briggs, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Mr. Long, House Counsel to the CIA, Peter A. Gersten and Zechel. During the session, the Assistant U. S. Attorney expressed a reluctance to respond to a discovery motion previously filed (JUST CAUSE, Vol. 1, No. 3) on the grounds that the motion was not relevant to the original request and thus beyond the scope of the present lawsuit. Gersten and Zechel argued that the defendant's improper conduct in its handling of FOIA requests, including the charging of unreasonable and inappropriate search and copying fees, issuing false and misleading statements and discriminating against UFO requests by applying a strict interpretation to the requirement that any documents requested must be reasonably described, discouraged requestors from taking further action and making further requests. Therefore, Gersten and Zechel contended, the discovery motion was both necessary and relevant.

Mr. Long, the CIA Attorney, felt the discovery motion was a form of harassment and claimed the CIA's interest in UFOs was limited to the Robertson Panel. Zechel explained that one of the purposes of the suit was to establish that the CIA could not lawfully withhold information related to UFOs, and that GSW was intending to prove the CIA's involvement with UFOs was long-term, continuing and one of deep concern.

Near the end of the informal session, an agreement was reached to allow GSW to amend the original complaint to include requests for all UFO related CIA documents - more specifically, all UFO

documents which had been requested prior to the suit. Later, in formal court session before U. S. District Court Judge John Pratt, GSW was granted 20 days in which to amend the complaint. The CIA will then have 10 days in which to respond. Court was adjourned until September 7th.

COMMENT:

Although it may be too early to tell, the recent conference may have been a pivotal moment for UFOlogy, and perhaps a major victory in the war against the UFO secrecy. One thing is certain: the CIA is now aware GSW's suit wasn't meant to be "harassment", rather, I think it was readily apparent this is a very deliberate action by serious investigators. Still, The Government is a formidable foe; I'm totally confident UFOlogy will prevail in the end.

II. 1975 FLAP OVER SAC BASES AND MISSILE SITES

CAUS member Barry Greenwood, Stoneham, Mass., has provided CAUS with nine important Joint Chiefs of Staff/National Military Command Center documents he obtained under the FOIA last February. The documents are messages and memorandums pertaining to the National Military Command Center's actions during the 1975 UFO flap over SAC missile bases and sites - mainly pertaining to the overflights of Loring AFB, Maine, on October 27, 29th and 31st

In a letter of February 6, 1978, Charles Hinkle, Director, FOI & Security Review, Office of the Asst. Sec. of Def., stated:

"The OJCS (Organization of the Joint Chief of Staff) identified 24 documents which are responsive to your request. Nine of these documents were released and are enclosed for your use. I have been advised by the OJCS that the remaining 15 documents require continued protection under Section

552(b) (5) of Title 5, U. S. C. The Initial Denial Authority in this instance is Philip D. Shutler, Major General, USMC, Vice Director, Joint Staff. "

The most interesting revelations in the documents are the notations on the distribution lists of NMCC messages and memos. On four occasions NMCC notified the CIA via DDO talker that 'penetrations' were occurring over Loring. One memorandum for the record, created at 1345 EST, 29 October 1975, states:

"The following were notified IAW (in accordance with) Appendix B, Enclosure D, OI 3100. 2A: J32A (B. Gen. Atkinson) ... NWSB (Col McAnemy)... CIA (Mr. G. Cunningham)... ATSD (AE) (Mr. D. R. Cotter)..."

On two other occasions, the CIA was notified by "IMMEDIATE" ("O") message that unidentified objects were hovering near the weapons storage area at Loring AFB. Yet, when Todd Zechel submitted an FOIA request to the CIA last September asking for all records, reports, messages, log notations, et cetera, pertaining to the SAC UFO incidents, the Agency responded that it could only locate one short log notation in the Operations Center dated October 28. Zechel wrote back and asked the CIA to check its records again, sending along an extract from the Air Force INZA Alert Officer's Log dated October 31, 1975, in which an officer named Barrett reports:

"Per LTC Redican's direction, contacted CIA Ops Center and informed them of unidentified flight acty over two SAC bases near Canadian border. CIA indicated appreciation and requested they be informed of any follow up activity."

Again, the CIA responded it could locate no other records pertaining to the events in question - this in the face of being provided a copy of the INZA log. Zechel wrote a third time, asking the CIA to search once more - it had to have other records. The CIA responded that a third search had failed

to locate any records in any component.

Thus, while Greenwood's NMCC documents irrefutably prove the CIA received at least six notifications on the Loring incidents, including two lengthy messages which were high precedence traffic, it maintains it can only locate one short entry in its Operations Center log.

CAUS has appealed the withholding of 15 documents by OJCS to Mr. Hinkle, contending that (b) (5) cannot be utilized to prevent embarrassment. Previously, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) had implemented (b) (5) to exempt its conclusions in intelligence reports detailing sightings over Loring and Wurtsmith.

It seems likely that the 15 documents being withheld pertain to UFO incidents over other SAC bases and sites, particularly in the 24th NORAD Region (Malmstrom). Since other reports, in particular the 24th NORAD Region Senior Director's log, clearly demonstrate the military characterized the intruding objects as "UFOs," it's no surprise OJCS/NMCC would seek to withhold its reports.

Since the 1975 flap is one of the areas included in GSW's lawsuit, we should soon learn how many of the missing documents were transmitted to the CIA.

III. CONDON/NPIC MEETING DOCUMENTS

Responding to a request by CAUS Director Todd Zechel, on July 12, 1978, the Central Intelligence Agency released two documents pertaining to the CIA's interfacement with the Condon Committee.

Dated 7 February 1967 and 23 February 1967, the documents reveal that on February 20, 1967, Dr. Condon, Dr. Richard Lowe, Dr. David Saunders, Dr. William Price, and Dr. Thomas Rachford were given a briefing at the National Photographic Interpretation Center, a CIA component directed by Arthur Lundahl. (Price and Rachford were associated with the USAF Research & Development Office; the others were members of the

University of Colorado UFO project.)

The purpose of the briefing was stated as

"to familiarize Dr. Condon and members of his team with selected photogrammetric and photographic analysis capabilities of NPIC."

The NPIC briefing was at the behest of Brig. Gen. Ed Giller, USAF, who had phoned Lundahl to ask if Condon could be shown some equipment and be given some technical guidance. Later, Dr. Thomas Rachford, an Air Force Major, had contacted Lundahl in behalf of Giller to handle details.

Lundahl's February 6 memorandum for the Deputy Director for Intelligence (DDI), CIA, states:

"Giller contacted Lundahl about the project and a line of informal liaison was set up with Rachford by which the USAF might get certain technical advices and services such as measurements and enlargements of alleged UFO photos".

Later, in paragraph (4) of his memo, Lundahl asks for approval from DDI for the Condon visit and adds

"I have told USAF representatives that I can have no part in writing whatever they might conclude on this UFO phenomena but that I might be able to help them technically and thereby add to the government's cost effectiveness program. At the same time I might be able to preserve a CIA window (Spy on- Ed.) on this program for whatever use DDS&T might want to make of it."

Although the author of the 23 February Memorandum for Record is not identified, CAUS has reliable information it was Steven Johnson, Chief, Photogrammetry Div., NPIC. Johnson

reports that a meeting between Condon and Lundahl began at 0915 in Lundahl's office on February 20th. During the ensuing discussion, Johnson reports that it was

"clearly established: A. Any work performed by NPIC to assist Dr. Condon in his investigation will not be identified as work accomplished by CIA. Dr. Condon was advised by Mr. Lundahl to make no reference to CIA in regard to this work effort. Dr. Condon stated that if he felt it necessary to obtain an official CIA comment he would make a separate entry into CIA not related to contacts he had with NPIC."

Paragraph (5) of the Johnson memo states:

"Following this brief discussion in Mr. Lundahl's office the group adjourned to the (deleted) conference room where a series of briefings was presented to Dr. Condon and his group. Following a short introduction by (Deleted), the following briefings were presented:

...b. (deleted) followed with a presentation of the analysis he had been conducting on UFO photography furnished NPIC by Dr. Rachford...

...f. Returning to the conference room, (deleted) briefed the group on measuring instruments used in (deleted) and followed by a general presentation on the success and failure (deleted) had experienced in trying to measure objects imaged on the second UFO projec assigned..."

(Emphasis added; subparagraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) and parts of (b) and (f) omitted by the Editor.)

Paragraph (6) of the memo reports

"At about 1215 Mr. (deleted) escorted the group back to Mr. Lundahl's office where a general discussion on UFOs ensued. At about 1235 the group adjourned to lunch and following lunch they left NPIC for a meeting with Brig. Gen Gillers at the Pentagon (sic) "

(Emphasis added)

COMMENT

While the two documents which the CIA released do not necessarily represent "a smoking pistol" (Watergateese for overwhelming evidence of guilt), they do indicate NPIC was running photo analysis on UFO photos prior to and subsequent to the formation of the Condon Committee. Even more interestingly, the documents indicate the Air Force had little faith in its own photo analysis capabilities at ATIC and elsewhere. While Lundahl seems to have been attempting to establish "a window on" the Condon project, it's also likely the Air Force was attempting to get a window on what NPIC was doing with UFOs

NASA (Update)

Ever since March 2, 1978, CAUS has been attempting to determine exactly what transpired between NASA and the CIA during the period NASA was pondering a request by Dr Frank Press, White House, to become "the focal point for UFOs " Additionally, CAUS wanted to discover what precisely NASA was willing to do within the scope of its reluctant acceptance of Press's request (JUST CAUS, Vol. I, No 3)

NASA continues to make statements purporting it s willingness to

"investigate such physical evidence as may be brought before us". Yet, when one approaches NASA with a physical evidence case, one finds they tend to refuse to investigate unless one is willing to tow a "flying saucer" to Washington. Already, NASA has declined to investigate three alleged physical evidence cases of dubious value, one of which was the infamous Betz sphere.

More recently, Arnold Frutkin, who replaced Kenneth Chapman as Associate Administrator for External Relations, has defined NASA's position as: If you wish to introduce to NASA reputable persons with direct knowledge of physical evidence of UFO's, we will be prepared to meet with them in an open and forthright manner." Later, in a phone conversation with Frutkin, it was made clear NASA expects these men to be transported to Washington at their own expense (or CAUS's), at which point NASA may or may not agree to meet with them, and may or may not decide to investigate their claims.

In regard to NASA's elusive communications with the CIA, Mr. Frutkin now describes the second call - the one in which it has been stated NASA queried the CIA "to ascertain whether or not there were any classified data sources pertinent to the recommendations in the letter" - as being for the purpose of determining if the CIA was willing to reiterate its previous statement that it was not aware of any "tangible or physical UFO evidence that could be analysed." In other words, NASA wanted to make sure the CIA was willing to repeat its "no physical evidence for UFOs" statement before it sent Dr. Frosch's December 21, 1977, letter to Dr. Press.

It still hasn't been explained why NASA chose to contact the CIA about physical UFO evidence, seeing as how the CIA claims its only involvement with UFOs was the four-day Robertson Panel in 1953. Perhaps NASA knows or suspects the CIA has been involved with UFOs? In the meantime, NASA sees nothing wrong with USAF Col. Charles Senn writing to NASA official Duward Crow, a retired USAF General, to tell him "I certainly hope you are successful in preventing a reopening of UFO investigations."

(Editorial)

CAUS SALUTES BRAD SPARKS

Brad Sparks, Director of Research of CAUS and member of APRO, has not gotten the recognition and praise for his work that he so greatly deserves.

Sparks has been instrumental over the last three years in getting a large number of CIA documents released through his requests. In fact, without his tremendous work we'd still be groping around in the dark for CIA involvement with UFOs. But Sparks has taken CIA involvement out of the realm of speculation and into the area of proven fact. Along the way, he has pieced together a detailed picture of the behind-the-scenes day-to-day events in UFO secrecy.

Mistakenly, I have sometimes been given credit for accomplishments which should have been attributed to Sparks. It was Sparks who was responsible for assembling much of the information utilized in formulating questions and requests to the CIA as part of GSW's discovery motion. It was Sparks who forced release of most of the 60 CIA documents attached as exhibits.

Sparks has my deepest respect and my fondest gratitude for the amazing work he's done in researching events which often took place over 25 years ago. He's become one of the world's leading experts on intelligence agency activities and structures. CAUS is most grateful to have him with us.

W. Todd Zechel

IV. THE TUNISIAN INCIDENT (new)

CAUS has been provided a confidential document from a reliable source which reveals that the Tunisian government was very concerned about UFO incidents in that country in August, 1976.

Quoting from the report:

"A very concerned Chief of Military Security, General _____, called DATT (Defense Attache - Ed.) and Alusna (an American official - Ed.) to his office at 1100 hrs, 9 August 76. _____ provided DATT with copy of memo he had prepared for the Minister of Defense listing UFO sightings that have been occurring over Tunisia since first reported the night of 3 Aug. 76 English translation of memo provided for info quote: 'Subject: Flying Machines. The appearance of unexplained flying objects have taken place as follows: During the night of 3-4 Aug 76 - at 2325 hrs the pilot of Tunis Air flt TU8953, enroute from Monastir to Tunis reported sighting flying object at 1000 to 1200 meters, going north to south, at 2327 hours five flying objects showing red and green position lights were visually sighted over Monastir and confirmed by radar - At 0024 hrs till 0400 hrs, five separate radar returns were tracked and visually confirmed. During the night 4-5 Aug 76, an Air France pilot enroute to Monastir reported being followed by an aircraft as he approached his descent point to Monastir from 2243 hrs to 2252 hrs (local). During the night of 5-6 Aug, 76, police at Soukra reported seeing what seemed to be four lighted helos at 0020 hrs. At 0040, two remained - at 0115, one remained flying very slowly. All objects were gone by 0145 hrs (local). These observations not confirmed by radar. During the night of 7-8 Aug 76, at 2348 the control tower at Jerba sighted unknown traffic 7km NW of airport. Sighting confirmed by Tunis air pilot, flt 8321, enroute Jerba fm Paris. Pilot of Tunis Air 717 approaching Jerba airport reported a flying object showing one light seemed to touch down near airport then turn south climbing as it went, disappearing at 2412 hrs (local). During night of 8-9 Aug 76 - at 1950 hrs local radar tracked unknown traffic that over flew SIDI Ahmed Airport at Bilerte going east to west then 37km west of base turned and disappeared going south.' End quote"

"2. (c) The Tunisian government is very puzzled by these sightings and wants to know if Sixthfltt (Sixthfleet) can shed any light on who or what they might be. _____ showed radar plots on UFO tracks on night of 4 Aug 76 plotted on chart. Tracks come generally fm NE over Gulf of Tunis and then proceed to south of city, turning east and west and disappearing from radar screens. _____ agreed to call Alusna at home if further sightings were observed. No reported sightings nights of 9-10 Aug 76.

"3. (C) Request advise if any unusual activity has been noted in

vicinity of Tunisian coast _____ reports that visual sightings of red and green positions lights and radar sightings have been made and on some occasions correspond with one another. Objects have travelled at high speeds (350kts) slow and seemingly hovered but have made no audible sound. Phenomena completely unexplainable from this end. Any assist on ideas will be appreciated. AMB concurs. GDS 31 Dec 82

COMMENT

This message originally transmitted to the State Dept was in turn retransmitted to the CIA, NSA, DIA, the White House etc basically all these government agencies which declare they are not interested in UFO reports

V CUBAN JETS INCIDENT - (exclusive report by CAUS Director of Research - Brad Sparks)

Details of the Cuban jets case have been obtained and pieced together by CAUS including a copy of the widely distributed security specialist's statement. The specialist was assigned to a unit of the U S Air Force Security Service (AFSS) which was the 6947th Security Squadron centered at Homestead Air Force Base just south of Miami. The squadron's mission is to monitor all Cuban Air Force communications and radar transmissions.

One hundred of the squadron's men are assigned to Detachment A located at Key West Naval Air Station. This forward base against attack from Cuba is on Boca Chica Key, a tropical island in the Florida Keys just east of Key West and about 97 miles from the nearest Cuban coastline to the south. Several such squadron units are scattered geographically to enable direction finding equipment to locate fixed or mobile land-based radar sites and communication centers and to plot aircraft movements from flight transmissions.

One day in March 1967 the Spanish-speaking intercept operators of Detachment A heard Cuban air defense radar controllers report an unidentified bogey approaching Cuba from the northeast. When the UFO entered Cuban air space at a height of about 10 000 meters (about 33 000 feet) and speed of nearly Mach 1 (nearly 660 mph) two MiG-21 jet fighters were scrambled to meet it.

(MiG stands for Soviet aircraft designers Mikoyan and Gurevich. The single-seat MiG-21 UM E76 is the standard top-of-the-line fighter supplied to Soviet bloc countries such as Cuba. It is capable of Mach 2.1 or 1385 mph in level flight, service ceiling of 59 000 feet and combat radius of more than 300 miles on internal fuel.)

The jets were guided to within 5 kilometers (3 miles) of the UFO by Cuban ground-controlled intercept radar personnel. The flight leader radioed that the object was a bright metallic sphere with no visible markings or appendages.

When a try at radio contact failed, Cuban Air Defense Headquarters ordered the flight leader to arm his weapons and destroy the object. The leader reported his radar was locked on the bogey and his missiles were armed. (Missiles probably were K-13A air-to-air types designated "Atoll" by NATO.)

Seconds later the wingman screamed to the ground controller that his leader's jet had exploded. When he regained his composure, radioed there was no smoke or flame, that his leader's MiG-21 had disintegrated. Cuban radar then reported the UFO quickly accelerated and climbed above 30,000 meters (98,000 feet). At last report it was heading south-southeast towards South America.

An intelligence Spot Report was sent to NSA headquarters, since AFSS and its units are under NSA operational control. Such reports are standard practice in cases of aircraft losses by hostile nations. NSA is required to acknowledge receipt of such reports, but the 6947th's Detachment A did not get one; so it sent a followup report.

Within hours Detachment A received orders to ship all tapes and pertinent data to NSA and to list the Cuban aircraft loss in squadron files as due to "equipment malfunction". At least 15-20 people in the detachment were said to be fully informed of the incident.

Presumably, the data sent to NSA included direction-finding measurements that NSA might later combine with other sites' data to triangulate the location and altitude of the MiG-21 flight paths. If the AFSS equipment in Florida was sensitive enough, the UFO could have been tracked by its reflection of the Cuban ground and airborne radars. (This is beside conventional U.S. radar tracking, using our own transmitters.)

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) is a New York - based group, created to spearhead reform of U.S. Government information policies about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and to force greater government accountability to the public for truthful disclosure of its UFO data.

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