



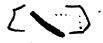
Dr. Thorton Page Johns Hopkins University Bultimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Page:

You will recall in January1953, we constituted a Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects with Drc. H. P. Robertson as Chairman, Samuel Goudsnit, Inis V. Alvarez, Lloyd V. Berkmar, and yourself as members. After its deliberation, the Panel reached two conclusions and made two recommendations which were included as Yab A of the report. Very recently, the Air Force has represent that the conclusions of this report be declassified so that to your just information.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Robertson and Dr. Gondanit who agree that the conclusion contained in paragraph 2 and the recommendation contained in paragraph 4a can be declassified. But, they, as well as this Agency, will not egree to a declassification of the conclusion in paragraph 3 or the recommendation in paragraph 4b. It is our facing that the association of the Panel with this Agency should not be disclosed; that paragraph 1 could be rewritten to eximinate this connection; and that the final six lines of paragraph 4 can recommend as written.

I have queried the Air Force as to whether the names of the Panel members would be used. They have replied that names would be used only within official circles and would not be given to the press. But, as such information has a tendency at times to filter out, it should be recognized that, if approval is given for use of the names, they may well become common impuledge.



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It would be very mich appreciated if you could let us know as soon as possible that your reaction is to the Air Force declassification proposal; thether you agree with Dr. Robertson, Dr. Goudanit and myself on limiting any declassification; and thather you would approve or disapprove the side of your name, granted that Agency connection with the Panel is withheld.

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