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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Per our conversation. Skip Jones and I would appreciate your thoughts about how the claims & classification could be resolved.

Thanks
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February 14, 1994

Dear Jack,

This is to follow up on our discussion of February 4 regarding making available information on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) currently classified by the government. We believe that your approach of starting by addressing a specific incident is an important and reasonable way to begin the process of declassification in this area.

The July 1947 Roswell incident would be a logical and challenging place to start. While much in the public sector has been written about it, the government has had nothing to say about it after the original press release saying that a flying disc had been recovered was retracted. The public record on this incident has been thoroughly analyzed. Further understanding depends upon access to classified information.

Many are convinced that Roswell marks the beginning of government secrecy about UFOs. However, whatever the truth of Roswell, a definitive statement about it from the government would be very important. If it actually was UFO related, it could be used to start the process of reversing the government's 40 plus years of denial on the subject. If it can fully be explained as not UFO related, it would be a significant contribution to the field, and perhaps even contribute to more rigor in research of the subject.

If this specific project initiative is successful, it will become an important prototype for the release of all UFO related information. Obviously, the means of carrying out this event-related review is up to you. However, to the extent we can be helpful, we want to be.

Scott Jones and his associates are quite current on research accomplished and under way on this subject. I have asked that they be available to assist your investigation in any appropriate way. For example, they can provide you with a current chronology of the Roswell incident that has been used as a congressional briefing paper. Scott can also provide you with a TV video of interviews with witnesses of the Roswell incident and suggestions as to which federal agencies might be the most productive sources of material.

In addition to lifting classification about Roswell, consideration should be given to granting amnesty on an individual basis to allow those with knowledge of the incident to speak without fear of prosecution. There is reason to believe that there are individuals who would provide information about the incident under that circumstance.

We would very much appreciate being informed of progress in this undertaking. In an effort to spare any undue burden on your time, perhaps you might designate a staff person for continuing contact. We will continue our efforts to become informed about the existence of information on UFOs but in the light of your proposed initiative, we shall defer writing to the President.

With great appreciation for your interest in this matter, I am

Sincerely,

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Dear Anne:

Henry and I are most grateful for your interest and time you spent with us on our recent visit to Washington.

Our visit with Jack Gibbons was encouraging. Your presence added significantly to the effectiveness of our meeting. Jack's suggestion to make the 1947 event a test case of the Government's willingness to review classification procedures under the President's recent Executive Order was a very good one. We intend to try to be helpful in carrying it out.

As I mentioned, our particular concern may well need special further follow up if meaningful results are to be forthcoming and public confidence restored.

What we are talking about here needs to be thought through in terms of the extensive public and press interest in this event! In other words, the press and protagonists - pro and con - will be much interested.

I am so glad you could arrange for us to meet Ms. Williams. Her insightfulness and practical sense of awareness are most impressive.

Looking ahead, my idea of a letter to the President seems best tabled and for us to concentrate on Jack Gibbons and his follow through on his suggestion. As I mentioned, my interest is profound, long-range and enduring.

Finally, I greatly enjoyed reminiscing with you at lunch about Winthrop, and our many ties of family and friends.

Thanks again for your help and encouragement!

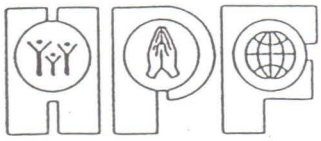
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Dear Jack:

In his letter to you dated February 14, 1994, Laurance Rockefeller indicated that I could provide you with some documentation relating to the July 1947 Roswell incident. He specifically mentioned a current chronology of the incident and a TV video of interviews with witnesses of the incident. This material is attached. It has been assembled by the Fund for UFO Research, Inc., as part of their effort to support a thorough and open inquiry into the Roswell incident. Representative Steve Schiff (R-NM) has received this material. He had asked the Pentagon to conduct an inquiry. Apparently he felt that the Pentagon was not forthcoming and subsequently the GAO has been asked and is investigating the incident. From what I have been told, a military Pentagon spokesman was less than civil in a verbal response to the GAO investigator when asked about Roswell. The alleged response was "Go shit in your hat." If that is accurate, it was in my opinion and unfortunate reply. It could reflect that he was having a bad day, or perhaps a personal opinion about UFO phenomena; or it could be a recent example of unwillingness to discuss the subject. I have attached a group of press clips about the Schiff/GAO effort. Others on the Hill also have been provided material about Roswell.

Following our meeting on February 4, I spent some time with Edward J. Reese in the Modern Military Branch of the National Archives, discussing Roswell and where documentation about it might be located. When you start your inquiry, Mr. Reese may be helpful in the process. In addition to what he may suggest, I can recommend a strategy that if carried out from your office should get to the bottom of the issue.

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