SECTION XIII

CONGRESS & THE UFOs

Copies of this report have been sent to all Members of Congress. If you agree that the UFO subject ought to be probed by Congress, letters to your own Congressman or Senators would help to bring about action. We also invite the support and encouragement of individual Members of Congress, and will cooperate fully in any reasonable investigation which they deem appropriate.

It is our firm conviction that the Congress is the logical place for the UFO problem to be ironed out. Our efforts to deal directly with the Air Force, to resolve the issue without sensational publicity, have been rebuffed. Still, we believe the matter can be settled in an unsensational manner without making the Air Force a scapegoat. Air Force errors and misinformation on the UFO subject should be corrected (as should any NICAP errors), so that the public can be reliably informed. Beyond that, the Air Force has a serious mission to perform and NICAP has no desire to criticize.

UFOs, we believe, are a matter for scientific inquiry. The Air Force, through intelligence procedures, has concluded UFOs represent no danger or threat to the national security. Therefore, there is no reason why the scientific community should not have complete access to UFO data and be encouraged to study the problem from the scientific standpoint. The fact that NICAP (including a large number of scientists and engineers) disagrees with the Air Force about the nature of UFOs should not be construed as an "attack" on the Air Force. Only dispassionate scientific investigation can settle the dispute about the significance of UFOs.

NICAP's criticisms of the Air Force are directed only at its specific policies on the UFO subject; particularly its dogmatic and "authoritative" approach to the subject, and seeming resentment of legitimate requests for more detailed data which would allow independent study of the phenomenon.

Soon after NICAP was formed in late 1956, one of the main goals established was to press for Congressional hearings as a step toward bringing scientific attention to UFOs. Hearings, it was felt, would clarify the problem and bring out information about the scope and seriousness of the phenomenon. Hoaxters would be exposed, and serious fact separated from misinformation. Then it would be possible for scientists and others to lend their skills to a thorough investigation, without fear of ridicule. An equally important result would be a more regular flow of reliable information to the public.

At first, there was only scattered interest in UFOs among Members of Congress. As NICAP began to publish solid information, sending occasional reports to Congress, interest picked up. NICAP members also began to write their Senators and Congressmen urging them to look into the subject. In June 1960, NICAP sent a confidential report to Members of Congress outlining the accumulated evidence. Congressional interest reached a peak in 1961, when the House Committee on Science & Astronautics began to look into the matter.

Serious discussion of UFO hearings continued until, late in the year, Chairman Overton Brooks died. About the same time, NICAP had nearly exhausted its financial resources (always slim), and was forced to send an emergency appeal to its members. The response was excellent, but it was too late to allow effective action to continue the drive for hearings.

A misunderstanding with the Chairman of the UFO Subcommittee about Congressional protocol, at the peak of interest, also was a setback. However, the misunderstanding was cleared up and the Subcommittee Chairman was willing to proceed with hearings, when approved by the new parent committee Chairman. The new Science Committee Chairman opposed UFO hearings.

Then, in answer to letters about UFOs, the House Science & Astronautics Committee began stating that the subject was not in their jurisdiction, referring inquiries to the House Armed Services Committee. The Chairman of that Committee also opposed UFO hearings.

Since early 1962, neither Committee has taken any action on UFOs. However, interest has been shown by individual Members of Congress, including an increasing number of Senators. The problem has been to find an appropriate Committee Chairman who is willing to undertake an investigation. At the present time, it appears that the Senate Committees on Space and Armed Services offer the best chance, although interest could also be revived in the House Committee.

Chronological List of Statements by Members of Congress

(From letters to NICAP members; copies on file at NICAP)

1957

Senator Barry Goldwater (R. Ariz.) - August 31, 1957

"I am an Air Force Reserve Officer and have been one for the past 27 years and, consequently, I am, indeed, interested in unidentified flying objects. I, frankly, feel that there is a great deal to this and I have discussed it often with many Air Force Officers. . ."

1958

Congressman William H. Ayres (R. Ohio) - January 28, 1958

"Congressional investigations have been held and are still being held on the problem of unidentified flying objects and the problem is one in which there is quite a bit of interest. . .Since most of the material presented to the Committees is classified, the hearings are never printed. When conclusions are reached they will be released if possible. . ."

Congressman Ralph J. Scott (D. N.C.) - March 13, 1958

"I quite agree with you that the general public should be allowed information thus far known about Flying Objects except, of course, in the case where they might become unduly alarmed or panicked by such a revelation. . .you can readily understand and appreciate the seriousness of such a reaction. If this information could be presented to the American public in such a way as to appeal to reason and not to emotion, I think it would be a good thing. . ."

Senator George Smathers (D. Fla.) - June 26, 1958

"The subject of flying saucers is one in which we all share a great interest. No legislation is pending in the Congress at the present time to require that information on the subject be made public, but you may be sure that your interest in the matter will have my attention should it come before the Senate. . ."

Congressman Thomas Ludlow Ashley (D. Ohio) - July 14, 1958

"I have made a number of inquiries of the Air Force relative to its activities in connection with these unidentified flying objects, but have invariably received comment that evidence to date is too inconclusive to sustain any theory but that these objects are 'hoaxes, hallucinations, or normal meteorological manifestations.' I share your concern over the secrecy that continues to shroud our intelligence activities on this subject, and I am in complete agreement with you that our greatest national need at this time is the dissemination of accurate information upon which responsible public opinion can be formulated. . ."

1959

From "Senate Cloakroom" Newsletter of Senator J. Glenn Beall (R. Md.) - March 23, 1959

"Hello, Outer Space! Who's There? -- Definite, serious steps are being made by the Space agency leading to the sending of a rocket to Venus, one of our close little family of planets, 'clustered' about our sun (which is but one of millions of such suns, which we call 'stars'). We'll get to Venus. Nevertheless, there are those who dismiss the idea of 'flying saucers' from other planets as preposterous. Isn't it stupid -- and conceited -- for us human beings to think no one else in the universe is as intelligent as we are?

"A famous physicist, when asked if it were possible for the planet Earth to be destroyed by nuclear power, answered: 'Yes, it theoretically could happen, but it isn't as if the Earth were one of the major planets.'"

Senator Stuart Symington (D. Mo.) - April 17, 1959

"There is little doubt that the American public has sound reason for being confused about the existence and nature of these phenomena. While I am not in a position to comment on any particular report, I am certain it would be in the interest of public understanding if a current and objective evaluation of this situation were issued.

"There are undoubtedly some objects observed directly or on radarscopes which are not subject to positive analysis. However, the public should be given all information which would not adversely affect our national security."

Congressman Dante B. Fascell (D. Fla.) - May 12, 1959

"There are many areas where unrealistic policy keeps vital information from the American people. . .Certainly, accurate information concerning so-called unidentified flying objects, within the proper bounds of National Security, should be made available immediately to the American people. . . "

Congressman George P. Miller (D. Calif.) - May 15, 1959

"I am concerned, as are most Americans, with unidentified flying objects. Surely the public should be kept informed about them. On the other hand, nothing should be done to create fear in the minds of the public if a reasonable explanation can be made. There may be cases where so-called unidentified flying objects are part of our scientific research in the problem of outer space and missile development. This could not rightfully be disclosed to the public because it would immediately tip our hand to our enemy. . ."

Congressman Walter H. Moeller (D. Ohio) - May 15, 1959

"I cannot help but feel that there may be some justification behind some of the UFO reports. I also feel that if there is any information available within the Government which has not been released to the American public it should be made known. I have every confidence that the American people would be able to take such information without hysteria. The fear of the unknown is always greater than fear of the known. . ."

Senator George Smathers (D. Fla.) - May 19, 1959

"I have noted your comments and the articles you marked with specific reference to government 'secrecy' concerning UFOs. . . I would not oppose open hearings on this subject for I believe the public is entitled to know the facts that can be divulged without violating our national security. . ."

Congressman William J. Randall (D. Mo.) - September 1, 1959

"Personally, I have always felt that maybe there was some substance in what is described as 'UFO' or 'Unidentified Flying Objects.' I am not certain what Committee would have proper jurisdiction, but I must stress what difficulty we have in getting information even on foreign military aid, on the theory it is strategic or constitutes classified or top secret information. . ."

1960

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D. Conn.) - February 27, 1960

"Thank you for your recent letter concerning unidentified flying objects. This is a matter which has always aroused my interest and curiosity."

In a telecast March 14, Senator Dodd enlarged on his statement in answer to a newsman's question: "UFOs have never been accurately explained. I think there is as much reason to believe that there is something to them as there is for believing that there is not. There is certainly reason for thinking we don't have all the facts and certainly the Senate committee dealing with space should have all the facts."

Congresswoman Gracie Pfost (D. Idaho) - March 25, 1960

". . .regarding flying objects. I am interested in this subject also, and you will want to know that after conversing with the Air Force Department I am not completely satisfied with the information they gave me. . ."

Congressman J. Carlton Loser (D. Tenn.) - April 8, 1960

". . .relative to the present policy of the Air Force in handling the problem of unidentified flying objects. . .I am in full accord with what you say about the necessity for full disclosure of pertinent information to be made our people on any subject of such national importance. . ."

Congresswoman Florence P. Dwyer (R. N.J.) - April 26, 1960

"I am not one of those who arbitrarily dismiss 'flying saucers' as figments of the imagination. I take them seriously, and I certainly would have no objections to a careful and reasonable investigation of this phenomenon. Too many intelligent and thoroughly responsible people, who have been in positions to observe such unidentified foreign objects, have testified to their conviction that such objects exist for me or anyone else to deny the validity of their observations. Under careful supervision, and with the proper safeguards, I would think that a Congressional investigation would be a worthwhile undertaking. . ."

June 1960: NICAP began sending a summary of its evidence to Members of Congress.

Congressman Joseph E. Karth (D. Minn.) - August 24, 1960

"As a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, I, of course, have had contact with high Air Force officers and have had opportunity to hear their comments on and off the record on the subject of unidentified flying objects. Despite being confronted with seemingly unimpeachable evidence that such phenomena exist, these officers give little credence to the many reports on the matter. When pressed on specific details the experts refuse to answer on grounds that they are involved in the nation's security and cannot be discussed publicly. . .I will continue to seek a definite answer to this most important question."

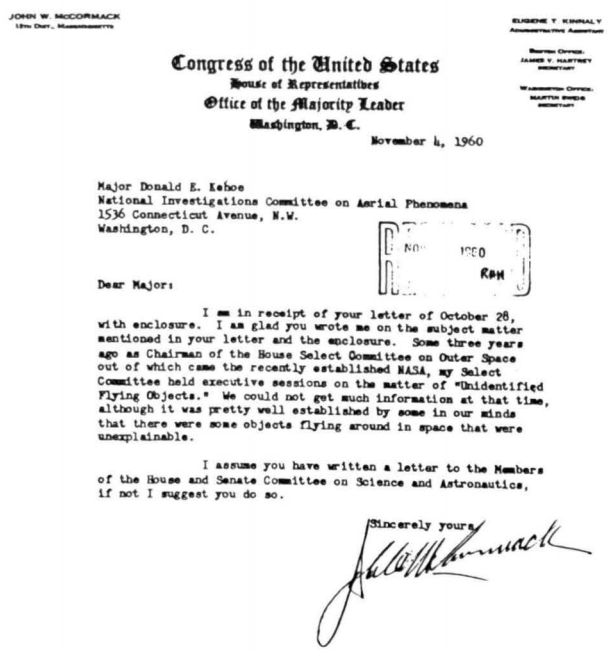
Congressman Edgar W. Hiestand (R. Calif.) - September 19, 1960 (to Secretary of Air Force)

"I am wondering if we ought now reexamine our policy with regard to Unidentified Flying Objects. Won't you kindly suggest to your associates that the matter be considered? I am apprehensive that right now, in the middle of a campaign, some concrete and well-documented incident may occur, and a sensational revelation could really hurt. After all, although the UFOs are unknown devices, there seems to be enough evidence available to convince that they are real rather than imaginary. Therefore what harm could complete frankness do?. . ."

Congressman John V. Lindsay (R. N.Y.) - October 25, 1960

". . .with regard to suppressing information covering sightings of unidentified flying objects. . .such matters are of vital importance. . .the security of the United States does not always demand total secrecy in the gathering of information vital to our needs. The American people are fully capable of understanding the nature of these problems. . ."

Congressman John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) - November 4, 1960 [See photostat]



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Dear Major:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 28, with enclosure. I am glad you wrote me on the subject matter mentioned in your letter and the enclosure. Some three years ago as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Outer Space out of which came the recently established NASA, my Select Committee held executive sessions on the matter of "Unidentified Flying Objects." We could not get much information at that time, although it was pretty well established by some in our minds that there were some objects flying around in space that were unexplainable.

I assume you have written a letter to the Members of the House and Senate Committee on Science and Astronautics, if not I suggest you do so.

Sincerely yours,

John W. McCormack

Senator Alan Bible (D. Nev.) - December 6, 1960

"Dear Major Keyhoe: Thank you for sending on to me the Confidential Report on Unidentified Flying Objects.

"I found this Report to be very interesting and I certainly do appreciate your thoughtfulness in making it available to me."

1961

Senator Wallace F. Bennett (R. Utah) - February 16, 1961

"Dear Major Keyhoe: Thank you for your letter of February 12, concerning unidentified flying objects.

"Certainly, this is an area which deserves our careful study and I hope that the Air Force will not keep any essential facts from the public."

The Late Senator Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.) - March 30, 1961

"Uncertainty over UFOs certainly exists and I think it is wise to keep an open mind about them. I occasionally hear from Major Keyhoe who is with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena here in Washington, and while I am not able to evaluate the Committee's work, I think it should be continued. . ."

Congressman Daniel B. Brewster (D. Md.) - April 21, 1961

"The Air Force has consistently said, after extensive investigations, that it can find no information to support the contention of some that Unidentified Flying Objects are under intelligent control. . .In this connection, the Air Force has also said that it has no classified information which would show, or tend to show, such intelligent control. In my judgment, this is the salient point to be remembered in connection with any allegations that classified information, which is pertinent to the point under consideration, is being suppressed. Repeated inquiries and other efforts by the Committee failed to disclose any derogatory information on this point. Under all prevailing circumstances, it is my current judgment that the Committee should not undertake a Congressional investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. . ."

Congressman Horace R. Kornegay (D. N.C.) - May 3, 1961

"I had a very interesting conference with Major Keyhoe [NICAP Director], and I am continuing to urge the Majority Leader, Mr. McCormack, and the Committee Chairman, Mr. Overton Brooks, to hold hearings to bring all data and new information up to date relative to Unidentified Flying Objects."

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.) - May 9, 1961

"As you know, I am a member of the Senate Armed Serv Committee, and this Committee is frequently briefed on subject matter of your communication. Access to U.F.O. f is necessarily restricted. . ."

Congressman Perkins Bass (R. N.H.) - May 17, 1961

"I have just been put on a small 3-man subcommittee of House Space Committee to investigate this UFO situation. will hear various witnesses from the Air Force, NASA, and ot Defense Department officials, but these will probably not public hearings. . .and would appreciate your sending me al any particular points or questions I might ask of these Defe Department officials which might throw more light on the ma and answer some of the questions in your own mind. .

June: News stories began to appear stating that the House Cc mittee on Science & Astronautics was considering holding heari on UFOs.

Waterbury (Conn.) Republican, June 20: Bulkley Griffin, porting from Washington, said the House Space Committee wc conduct hearings, "according to present plans of Chair Overton Brooks. He is designating a subcommittee to hear w nesses. Rep. Joseph E. Karth, (D.Minn.), will head the subcc mittee it is stated. . .The question whether all the subcommi sessions will be secret or whether some will be public, has been finally decided."

In their column June 26, Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott ported: "The Unidentified Flying Objects, that have been m teriously appearing over the U. S. for years, are going to be vestigated by the House Space Committee."

July 3, Newsweek, in its "Periscope" column, reported thc three-man House subcommittee would soon start a UFO pro beginning with Air Force reports.

(By August 6, Bulkley Griffin reported a hitch in the inve gation. In a story headlined "Flying Object Probe Out This S sion," the Waterbury Republican said no investigation would held. "The Air Force is understood to have succeeded in block it. . .(Rep.) Karth has declared he won't serve unless some p lic hearings are permitted and (Chairman) Brooks has alw been against public hearings. It is believed, however, that Air Force, as usual, has been urging against any UFO heari at all.")

Congressman Thomas N. Downing (D. Va.) - August 4, 19

"The Bureau manager of Newsweek informs me that his infc mation indicates that an investigation of the UFO phenomenon being contemplated by the Science and Astronautics Committe The information that I was provided indicates that Congressm Joseph E. Karth of Minnesota may serve as Chairman of t three-man Subcommittee. . ."

Senator Leverett Saltonstall (R. Mass.) - August 18, 19

"I can assure you that Congressional hearings have been h on UFOs, and the responsible committees continue to recei up-to-date reports."

Congressman Dominick V. Daniels (D. N.J.) - September 12, 19

"I have discussed your letter with Congressman Karth an understand that attention will be focused on the UFO proble during the next Congressional session. Presumably many of t issues which you raise will be investigated at that time. .

Congressman Joseph E. Karth (D. Minn.) - September 19, 19 (To Major Keyhoe, after misunderstanding about Congressior protocol was cleared up.)

"Now that we better understand each other, I would hope could properly proceed with a hearing early next year - providi the new chairman authorizes hearings."

Congressman Joseph E. Karth (D. Minn.) - October 3, 19

"Chairman Brooks with whom I had the agreement to condu hearings, as you know, has passed away. What the new Chairm will decide, I do not yet know. Sorry I cannot answer your que tion, as to whether or not hearings relative to unidentified flyi objects will definitely be held, in a positive manner at this time..

Congressman Bruce Alger (R. Tex.) - November 28, 19

"I have studied some of Major Keyhoe's works and have di cussed this matter with a number of people in my office Washington. Certainly, I will not dismiss the questions whi have been unanswered, but I am afraid we will have little succe

in getting more information from the military services. This does not mean that I will stop trying. . ."

Congressman Charles A. Mosher (R. Ohio) - December 18, 1961
"We are advised by Mr. Karth's secretary that no action is scheduled as yet concerning hearings by a UFO subcommittee. Mr. Karth was named chairman to such a subcommittee by the late Congressman Overton Brooks. . .The decision to create such a committee. . .now rests with the new chairman. . .Congressman George Miller."

1962

AUGUST 6, 1961 Waterbury (Conn.) Republican

Flying-Object Probe Out This Session

By BULKLEY GRIFFIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. — No House investigation of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) will be held this session. The Air Force is understood to have succeeded in blocking it.

U. S. Rep. Joseph E. Karth, D-Minn., chairman of the subcommittee that was picked to probe the UFO situation, predicted that hearings will be held in the next session of Congress, which starts next January. Karth may get the backing of House Leader John W. McCormack, D-Mass., in this plan.

Meantime, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, may call some witnesses before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee before the present session ends. These would be Government officials and such ' brief UFO hearings, if held, would be closed, said the senator.

Chairman Overton Brooks D-La. of the House Space Committee, who selected the Karth subcommittee, gives various reasons for not wanting that body to start action. Karth has declared he won't serve unless some public hearings are permitted and Brooks has always been against public hearings.

It is believed however that the Air Force, as usual, has been urging against any UFO hearings at all. The Air Force is the sole official investigator and reporter on UFO sightings. Its repeated story is that all the sightings can be explained away as familiar objects misidentified.

Despite the Air Force pressure and prestige, men like House Leader McCormack, Adm. R. H. Hollenkoetter, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, a considerable number of veteran pilots, a few former Pentagon officials who were close to the UFO situation while in the Pentagon and other experts in the field of the atmosphere and its sights, all disagree with the Air Force.

These persons hold that certain of the sightings constitute something real and unknown, and demand investigation. Leader McCormack, Adm. Hillenkoetter and others believe the Air Force has been withholding some information. The move for congressional hearings will continue, it is indicated at the Capitol.

Congressman Horace R. Kornegay (D. N.C.) - January 3, 1962
"I am returning to you Flying Saucers: Top Secret [by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe] along with my expression of gratitude for your lending it to me. I found it very interesting.

"I shall return to Washington on January 8 and look forward to conferring with Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Space Committee, and others on that Committee in connection with the matter of holding hearings on unidentified flying objects in accordance with our earlier conversation here in Greensboro. . ."

Congressman W. M. Abbitt (D. Va.) - January 31, 1962
"I am very much in accord with your sentiments and am hopeful that we can get the [UFO] hearings started in the not too distant future. . ."

Congressman W. Pat Jennings (D. Va.) - February 1, 1962
"The Air Force, it seems, is taking the whole subject seriously, which is important at the moment because of the need to maintain our Nation's defense in an ever-ready state. It would be helpful to hear more of the background on these objects, and I shall await the action of the Space Subcommittee with interest. . ."

Congressman Hugh J. Addonizio (D. N.J.) - February 1, 1962
". . .concerning the subject of UFOs. . .It is a pleasure to cooperate in the matter. I have expressed my deep personal interest in early and open hearings to the Committee and I shall keep in touch with developments. . ."

Congressman George P. Miller (D. Calif.), Chairman, Committee on Science and Astronautics - February 2, 1962
"I don't intend at this time to conduct any hearings on UFOs since that subject really is not a scientific, research and development, nor space related activity. I should think that the subject matter of UFOs is really in the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee since the Air Force has been given the responsibility to investigate all such unusual aerial phenomena. . ."

Congressman Carl Vinson (D. Ga.), Chairman, Committee on Armed Services - February 7, 1962
"While it remains true that some aerial phenomena remain unexplained, the great majority of the reports which have been investigated have been subject to a valid scientific explanation. As I have previously said, we have found no evidence to substantiate the allegation that such vehicles are under intelligent control. . ."

Charles F. Ducander, Executive Director & Chief Counsel, Committee on Science and Astronautics, House of Representatives - March 27, 1962
"At the present time, the Committee agenda does not include any investigations of UFOs. In addition, I must be candid and tell you that the Chairman has no plans for scheduling this type of investigation in the foreseeable future."

Congressman Odin Langen (R. Minn.) - July 5, 1962
"It would be my hope and desire that facts in this instance [UFOs] may be brought out at an early date so the controversy may be cleared up. . ."

Congressman John B. Anderson (R. Ill.) - July 12, 1962
"I would certainly have no objection to an investigation of AF-UFO policies. . ."

Senator Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.) - July 19, 1962
". . .regarding unidentified flying objects. Reports of investigations made by the Department of the Air Force and National Aeronautics and Space Administration indicate there is no foundation to these allegations. . ."

Congressman Harlan Hagen (D. Calif.) - July 20, 1962
"I have read with interest your comments regarding unidentified flying objects. This is a subject which has been of interest to me for some time and I am asking the Air Force to furnish me with its reaction to your remarks, and for a statement of its position with respect to the subject. . ."

Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R. N.Y.) - July 23, 1962
"I do feel that more information should be available to the general public on this matter, and would favor, of course, some Senatorial hearings on UFO problems."

Congressman Emilio Q. Daddario (D. Conn.) - September 13, 1962
"I would certainly be interested in any information [on UFOs] that can be developed by the Committee or by the scientific investigators."

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D. Conn.) - September 26, 1962
"I believe that hearings would be a good way to help clear up the differences of opinion that exist with respect to UFOs. Perhaps the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee will be able to conduct hearings, or another possibility is the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. . ."

In September, NICAP published an issue of the UFO Investigator (membership publication) containing an outline and preview of this report. Copies were sent to all Members of Congress. Sample reactions:

Congressman W. R. Poage (D. Tex.) - September 22, 1962
"I have long been disturbed by these UFOs. I would be very much interested in seeing the accumulation of facts which you have assembled. . ."

Congressman E. C. Gathings (D. Ark.) - September 24, 1962
"I shall be interested in seeing a copy of the report your Committee is preparing for Congressional distribution. . ."

Congressman F. Edward Hebert (D. La.) - September 24, 1962
"I shall certainly appreciate receiving a copy of your report when it becomes available. . ."

Congressman Thomas N. Downing (D. Va.) - September 24, 1962
"Thank you for writing to enclose a copy of the "UFO Investigator", and to also bring to my attention your plans to submit a report on your Committee's five-year investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness. . ."

Congressman Charles Raper Jonas (R. N.C.) - September 25, 1962
"If you care to send me the 128-page report on your five-year investigation, I will be glad to have it. . ."

Senator Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.) - October 25, 1962
"I appreciate your views regarding the aerial phenomena. As you know, the Department of Defense and NASA have repeatedly denied the existence of such objects."

Congressman John E. Moss (D. Calif.) - Chairman, Government Information Subcommittee - December 19, 1962
"The Subcommittee has no authority to go into the over-all question of unidentified flying objects, but other Congressional committees may well look into it."

Congressman Richard H. Poff (R. Va.) - December 31, 1962
"I am not satisfied that the Air Force has disclosed all the information which it has assembled, and I am hopeful that the Armed Forces Committee (of which I am not a member) will see fit to conduct an appropriate investigation. . ."

1963

Senator Milward L. Simpson (R. Wyo.) - January 8, 1962
"I have not yet been able to determine that any Congressional Committee plans to hold hearings on the UFO problem, but something may develop after the 88th Congress convenes. I do know that the Senate Armed Services Committee plans early hearings on the entire defense posture and it is possible that the question of unidentified flying objects will be brought up during this investigation. . ."

Senator Gaylord Nelson (D. Wis.) - January 14, 1963
"I share your belief that there should be no unnecessary secr surrounding the matter [of UFOs] and will do what I can to to it that relevant facts are brought out and made availabl the public."

Congressman John F. Shelley (D. Calif.) - January 28, 1
"I share the concern of my colleagues in Congress about gravity of the UFO problem. . .my genuine desire to see posi action taken to lessen the danger caused by UFOs to air tr and our national security."

Senator William Proxmire (D. Wis.) - January 31, 1963
"The NICAP report [outline] is a fine document which d much to substantiate the allegation made. You probably n my remarks that 'The very fact that so many inexplicable ir dents have occurred is reason enough for a thorough investigati I am going to contact the Department of Defense on this matter.

Congressman Clark MacGregor (R. Minn.) - May 28, 1
"I would certainly agree with Senator Keating that more inf mation should be available to the public. I would favor Congre ional hearings [on UFOs] which, of course, would require act by the Congressional majority leadership. . ."

Senator Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) - May 29, 1963
"I too am interested in these aerial phenomena. Some peo tend to discount UFOs, but I feel that any such unknown obje bear investigation. . ."

Senator Vance Hartke (D. Ind.) - June 5, 1963
"I agree. . .that a full explanation of the 'Flying Sauce seems due. . ."

Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R. N.Y.) - June 28, 1963
"I want to assure you that as a high officer in the milita myself, I am not overawed or overimpressed by some of t conclusions reached by Air Force officers. As you know have no hesitancy in taking issue with other government agenci as to the dangers facing our country. . .I am sorry that the seems to be nothing which I can add to the UFO situation at t present time."

Congressman Glenn Cunningham (R. Nebr.) - August 8, 19
"I think it quite possible that the Air Force is withholdi information about at least a certain number of these [sighting because I have found that the military services in the past ha sometimes acted in a secretive way in other matters when ther was really no justification for it. . ."

Senator Len B. Jordan (R. Idaho) - August 16, 1963
"Since you are a member of NICAP, I would welcome any in formation you might provide me which would improve my knowledg of this very mysterious phenomenon. . ."