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# SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK REINDOCTRINATION



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DG Bartrip Vice President and Director Industrial Relations Aerojet ElectroSystems Co.

Dear Sir:

This letter is written to inform you officially of my non-Aerojet related activities that have a potential bearing on myself, several other Aerojet employees, and the Company itself, and to solicit your recommendations, if any, on my research of two particular items. To wit, has any satellite observation system detected:

- 1. A Mach 6 transatmospheric vehicle
- 2. An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) that could reasonably be surmised to have been of extraterrestrial origin/control.

The first step I undertook before contacting you was to notify Mr. CA Bowers and Mr. RJ Bader of Security. Their response was, essentially, "Don't bother us, see Marketing." This short meeting occurred of Friday, 5 September 1986.

On Monday, 8 September 1986, I met with Mr. CR Zinc and Mr. CH Chastain of Marketing. After informing them of the results of my research into UFO and high-performance aircraft--including the (to me) startling revelation the the U.S. Commerce Department was operating a transatmospheric vehicle with Mach 6 performance, and the even more surprising USAF statement that the mere existance of the DSP sensor was classified, I was told, "Go for it!".

I believe it prudent to inform you of these responses and of my intentions.

Sincerely,

Lee M. Graham

Dept. 4467

Emp. No. 42689

cc: RJ Bader

CA Bowers

CH Chastain

CR Zinc

Personnel (LM Graham's folder)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ON THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1986, BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PERSONALLY APPEARED LEE M. GRAHAM, TO ME PERSONALLY KNOWN. AND HE DID SWEAR AND ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND THAT HE DID EXECUTE THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN CONTAINED. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

OFFICIAL SEAL
NORMAN N HOLT
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
My comm. expires APR 11, 1989

ORMAN N. HOLT, NOTARY PUBLIC

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330-1000

FICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. R.W. Koch RESEARCH 2444 Charlemagne Ave Long Beach CA 90815

AUG 2 4 1987

Dear Mr. Koch

We are responding to your August 5, 1987 Freedom of Information Act letter.

Our search disclosed no records, or knowledge of, a F-117 Night. Hawk.

Sincerely

ANNE W. TURNET

Freedom of Information Manager

87-851





OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330-1000

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Mr Lee M. Graham 526 W Maple Monrovia, CA 91016

Dear Mr. Graham

We are responding to your August 8, 1987 Freedom of Information Act letter addressed to Colonel W.B. Driggers. We received it on August 12.

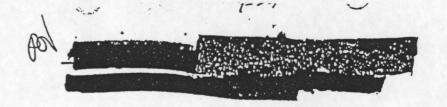
We can find no information pertaining to a fighter aircraft designated F-117 "Night Hawk".

Sincerely

ANNE W. TURNER

Freedom of Information Manager

87-867



#### ATTACHMENT

1. YOU INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN FOLA REQUESTS:

THE NAME IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN AIRCRAFT.

B. THE NUMBER F-117 IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN AIRCRAFT AND THE NAME

2. THIS INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED AND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL DETERMINATION OF NEED TO KNOW BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

CLASSIFIED BY: SECURITY GUIDE

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#### CERTIFICATE

I. LEE M. CRAHAM , UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO. INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED TO ME AS BEING CURRENTLY AND PROPERLY CLASSIFIED AND FOR WHICH I DO NOT HAVE A NEED TO KNOW. I FURTHER UNDER-STAND THAT I AM BOUND TO PROTECT THIS INFORMATION UNLESS INFORMED BY THE U.S. COVERNMENT THAT IT IS NO LONGER CLASSIFIED. MY SIGNATURE BELOW AFFIRMS MY KNOWLEDGE OF MY INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED TO ME AND WHICH IS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT 1 TO THIS CERTIFICATE. I WILL NEITHER DISCUSS NOR CONVEY, IN ANY MANNER, THE INFORMATION AND UNDERSTAND THAT DOING SO MAY SUBJECT ME TO CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AS SPECIFIED IN 18 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 793, WHICH PROVIDES TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS AND FINES NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 FOR EACH OFFENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY NOT DISCUSS THE INFORMATION OR THE EXISTENCE OF THE INFORMATION. I WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY, TO THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, ANY ATTEMPT, OR ACTION WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE AN ATTEMPT, BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, TO SOLICIT OR OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM ME. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNING THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDOCTRINATION FOR THE INFORMATION IN QUESTION. I EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE WITHOUT RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION.

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### Aerojet ElectroSystems

#### -- INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO:

Lee M. Graham

DATE 7 Jan 1988

FROM:

Manager of Security

SUBJECT:

Non-Disclosure Certificate; signed by you and dated 15Sep87

COPIES TO:

Reference your letter to Director, FBI of 7Jan88

Please be advised that the information to which you were exposed on 15 September 1987 during the course of discussions which took place in the security office at Aerojet between representatives of the FBI and AFOSI/yourself remains classified.

You are reminded you are legally bound to protect this information until such time as the U. S. Government informs you that it is no longer classified.

cc:

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FBI, LA

DIS, Ontario



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC 20330-1000



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1 7 APR 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Declassification of Association between F-117A and the SENIOR TREND Nickname

This memorandum constitutes a "letter change" to the SENIOR TREND Security Guide, I October 1989. Effective immediately, the association of the nickname "SENIOR TREND" and the F-117A aircraft is declassified. Each holder of the SENIOR TREND Security Guide should post this memorandum to their copy of the Guide. Documents classified solely because of the former classification of this association are now unclassified; and may be handled and stored accordingly. Each document should be reviewed to assure that there is no classified information other than the association.

Documents declassified under the provisions of this change should have their classification marked through, show the initials of the individual reviewing the document; and reference this memorandum as authority for the declassification. On bulky documents, it will only be necessary to re-mark the cover and title page, first two pages, and the back of the document. Post a copy of this memorandum inside the cover of the document.

The Air Force will continue a review of the classification of SENIOR TREND information, and will notify program participants of changes. I enjoin each organization and participant to remember that much information remains classified and to redouble efforts to protect this vital program.

JOHN B. HENNESSEY, Colonel, USAF Special Projects Security Director Assistant Secretary

of the Air Force (Acquisition)

JESSE T. MCMAHAN, Colonel, USAF Deputy Director of Special Programs Assistant Secretary

of the Air Force (Acquisition)

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# DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE 1900 HALF ST., S.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324-1700



MAY 2 4 1990

Mr. Lee M. Graham 526 W. Maple Monrovia, CA 91016

Dear Mr. Graham:

This is in response to your request for investigative records. Your investigation is now closed.

Attached is a copy of all releasable documents in your most current investigative file maintained by the Defense Investigative Service (DIS).

Documents not being provided at this time originated with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and have been forwarded to that office for a release determination and direct response to you.

In addition, this letter is a response to your numerous Freedom of Information Act requests pertaining to U.S. Air Force aircraft, unidentified flying objects (UFO's) and the alleged classified documents you are seeking to legitimize.

As DIS has repeatedly informed you on numerous occasions over the years, this component of the Department of Defense has no information regarding these matters, except for that which you have provided.

The video tape which you provided to the Director of DIS containing an interview with an unidentified person alleging to be a covert agent of the U.S. Government who allegedly conducts Secret investigations pertaining to UFO's has been reviewed. DIS has no knowledge of or information pertaining to any such group or activities within the Department of Defense or the U.S. Government.

It is a pleasure to have been of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

DALE L HARTIG

Chief, Office of Information

and Public Affairs

Attachment



# DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE



FILE NO:

GRAHAM LEE MARVIN

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# DEFENS NVESTIGATIVE SERVICE



OCT 5 1989

Reply to

Attn of: VO433

SUBJECT: Limited Inquiry, GRAHAM, Lee Marvin, SSN: 551-44-0616

TO:

Mr. Thomas J. Rainsford

Director

Defense Industrial Security

Clearance Office

- 1. The attached information is forwarded for action. It is requested that an investigation be opened on Mr. Graham to determine his willingness to continue to safeguard classified information. It is further requested that a Special Agent and an Industrial Security Representative interview subject. Issues to be covered should include:
- a. Mr. Graham's responsibility to protect classified information, or classified information he is currently having access to.
- b. Is he aware that he is in violation of the non-disclosure agreement by pursuing this line of inquiry?

Further, he should be reminded that his requests are jeopardizing classified information outside his lines of inquiry. Specifically, he continues to use information he knows to be classified concerning the Fl17A in his letter to various government agencies and despite an explanation on the use of unclassified nicknames continues to use them in incorrect but sensitive association.

- 2. Mr. Graham is apparently a "UFO buff" and believes the government is involved in a conspiracy to cover up information about UFOs. In his attempts through FOIA requests to gain information about UFOs, Mr. Graham has made several disclosures, inadvertent of information that is sensitive and/or otherwise classified. Because of this, the Air Force and the FBI met with Mr. Graham and his employer in 1987 to discuss his disclosure of classified information.
- 3. Mr. Graham was advised by the Air Force, the FBI and his employer of his responsibility to protect classified information. He signed a specialized Non-Disclosure Agreement in 1987 subsequent to his inadvertent access.

5. Contact should also be made with the Facility Security Officer at Aerojet ElectroSystems to verify what projects Mr. Graham is currently working on.

ROBERT G. SCHWALLS
Deputy Director
(Industrial Security)

Attachment

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#### EMPLOYMENT

Aerojet Electro Systems (AES), Azusa, CA, from 26 Jul 76 to present.

#### EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE

2. George (NMN) Contreras, Shift Lab Supervisor, AES, with daily contact as immediate supervisor from 1985 to present. Contreras said that he considered GRAHAM an honest, responsible person with no problems with morals, alcohol, drugs, finances, or law enforcement. Contreras stated that GRAHAM does have a problem in requesting information for which he had no "need-to-know". Contreras said that GRAHAM is working on the DSP-1 Sensor Program (DSP) and the questions GRAHAM asks are above his need-to-know. Contreras stated that it is his opinion that GRAHAM is trying to prove that the Air Force is attempting to cover up the existence of UFOs. Contreras stated that GRAHAM has asked engineers about information regarding the sensors and that the engineers have been alcrted not to talk to GRAHAM unless there is a "need-to-know". Contreras related that GRAHAM feels the DSP is being used to track UFOs. Contreras said that he, Contreras, worries about unclassified data being combined with other unclassified data yielding classified data. Contreras said that GRAHAM is very effective at collecting data. Contreras stated that GRAHAM could be used by others (UFO buffs) to collect data from Contreras said that GRAHAM and another person at AES (NFI) formed a AES. "research business" and had cards printed. Contreras said he had seen the card, but no card could be located. Contreras stated that GRAHAMS's interest started with UFOs and that GRAHAM thinks aliens gave information to the US for the Stealth Bomber. When asked about loyalty to the US, Contreras said that he felt that GRAHAM was susceptible to being tricked into providing research or data, but that GRAHAM was basically loyal. Contreras would not recommend GRAHAM for a position of trust because he, Contreras, feels GRAHAM "is irresponsible in risking his clearance over his interests of which he has no need-to-know". Contreras further stated that GRAHAM is security conscious and has no security violations. Contreras said that he would appear at a hearing if necessary.

On 17 Jan 90, Controras was recontacted to obtain names of engineers whom GRAHAM had asked questions of. Contreras stated that the engineers were reluctant to talk about GRAHAM. Contreras further stated that some engineers had either quit or been transferred to other locations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC 20330-1000

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

1 1 SEP 1990

Mr. Lee M. Graham 526 W. Maple Monrovia, CA 91016

Dear Mr. Graham:

We are responding to your July 29, 1990 Freedom of Information Act request.

Your request for security classification guide for Senior Citizens aircraft is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 2 of The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b) (2) and AFR 12-30, paragraph 10.b., in that it contains rules, regulations and instructions on the internal personnel rules or practices of the Air Force which do not directly affect the general public. Second, portions of the document are currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 and are also exempt from disclosure under Exemption One of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552 (b) (1) and Air Force Regulation 12-30, paragraph 10.a.

The denial authority in this instance is Colonel Marvin T. Furusho, Deputy for Security and Investigative Programs.

Should you decide that an appeal to this decision is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force within 60 days from the date of this letter. Include in your appeal your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter. Address your letter as follows:

Secretary of the Air Force THRU: SAF/AAIS (FOIA) Washington, D.C. 20330-1000

We have no photographs of the aircraft.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN W. PRICE

Freedom of Information Manager



# DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE 1900 HALF ST. S.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324-1700

NOV 0 5 1992

Mr. Lee M. Graham 526 W. Maple Monrovia, California 91016

Dear Mr. Graham:

This is in response to your October 15, 1992 letter which was received by this office on October 21, 1992.

The information you seek which was withheld from you during the process of releasing your Defense Investigative Service (DIS) file to you under the provision of the Privacy Act, is the property of the U.S. Air Force and had been referred to them for a release determination and a direct response to you.

I have attached a copy of the DIS referral letters to the U.S. Air Force. If they have not responded you should write them at the addresses reflected on the attachments.

DIS has no knowledge regarding the classification of the alleged "briefing document: Operation Majestic 12."

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to write my office.

Sincerely,

DALE L. HARTIG

Chief, Office of Information

and Public Affairs

Attachments

1. 2 DIS Referral letters to the

U.S. Air Force

Reply to Attn of:

V0020 (%s. Cohen)

SUBJECT: FOIA/Privacy Request Re: GRAHAM, Lee Marvin; PA# 86-506

TO:

HQ USAF/RDL

Pentagon, Room 5D156

Washington, DC 20330-5040 Attn: COL John B. Hennessey

- 1. This office has received a request (Atch 1) for investigative files regarding the above Subject. Our reply is enclosed (Atch 2). Our files contain documents lent to this organization by your agency (Atch 3). We have released the DIS documents containing AFOSI information as indicated in Atch 4.
- 2. We are formally referring this request for appropriate action and reply to requester. There is no objection to your release of the DIS information contained in Atch 3 to the requester.

DALE L. HARTIG Chief, Office of Information and Public Affairs

- 4 Attachments
- 1. Request
  - 2. DIS Response
  - 3. DIS documents containing AFOSI information and AFOSI documents
  - 4. DIS documents with AFOSI information withheld

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Reply to

Attn of: V0020 (Ms. Cohen)

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SUBJECT:

FOIA/Privacy Request Re: CRAHAM, Lee Marvin; PA# 86-506

TO:

HO USAF/DADF

Pentagon, Room 4A1038C Washington, DC 20330-5025

Attn: Ms. Anne Turner

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1. Request

2. DIS Response

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 DIS documents with HQ USAF information withheld

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4 December 1992

OPEN LETTER

Freedom of Information Act Request (5 U.S.C. 552)

Mr. GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL
UFO Magazine
Quest Publications International LTD
18, Hardy Meadows
Grassingham, Skipton North Yorkshire
BD23 5LR
England

Attn: Mr. JOHN H. WRIGHT Information and Privacy Coordinator Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Attn: To-Whom-It-May-Concern AFOSI, IOC/DIR Bolling AFB, DC 20332-6001

Attn: Mr. WILLIAM L. MOORE Executive Editor FAR OUT L.F.P. INC. 9171 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 300 Beverly Hills, CA 90201

Dear Mr. Birdsall:

Sir, I am writing to you in response to this article (see enclosure A, pages 8-11,22-23) titled-

"AURORA",

by "GRAHAM BIRDSALL",

which appeared in the "SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1992" issue of "UFO MAGAZINE (a British publication).

I note that in your article you state the following-

"Where I would differ with these findings, is in the assumption that the U.S. are still in the experimental stage with Aurora. It is patently obvious that this aircraft is being used operationally, and I cite the data revolving around it probable use in the Gulf War and its appearance in Scotland as but examples."

#### NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE 1040 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1040

December 23, 1992

Mr. Lee Graham 526 W. Maple Monrovia, CA 91016

Case Numbers: F92-0009 and F92-0012

Dear Mr Graham:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act requests of September 26 and November 20, 1992 concerning programs that you refer to as "AURORA" and "PROJECT AQUARIUS", as well as information concerning, in your words, "aircraft that are operated by the NRO."

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has determined that the fact of the existence or nonexistence of information pertaining to your request is classified in accordance with Execuritve Order 12356. Your request is, therefore, denied persuant to 5 U.S.C. 55b(b) (1). By this statement, the NRO is neither confirming nor denying that any such information exists.

Sincerely,

JOANNE O. ISHAM Director, External Relations

2 January 1992

OPEN LETTER

Freedom of Information Act Request/Appeal (5 U.S.C. 552)

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Attn: Mr. GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL 15 Pickard Court Temple Newsam District Leeds, LS15 9AY England

Dear Ms. Isham:

I am writing to you in response to this letter (see enclosure A-2, dated "December 23, 1992"),

which I received on "12/31/92" (see enclosure A-1).

In this letter (see enclosure A-2) it is stated-

"Dear Mr. Graham:

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Ms. ISHAM, please correct me if I am mistaken, but I believe that you meant to write 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) in your response but actually wrote "5 U.S.C. 55b(b) (1)".

Also, I should like (for the record) to correct several other inaccuracies-

I do not refer to the aircraft that created this (see enclosure B-1, dated "February 18, 1992") sonic boom at "07:17 am" on "1/30/92" as the "AURORA".

A Mr. BILL SWEETMAN associated with JANE'S (see enclosure C page B6, from the "DECEMBER 4, 1992" issue of "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL" is mainly responsible for circulating the nickname "Aurora".

In this instance, I have accepted the Air Force statement (see enclosure D-3, dated "1 NOV 1990") wherein they have stated-

"Dear Mr Graham

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of 11 October 1990.

We apologize for our mistake in our 8 Aug 90 letter to you regarding your request for information concerning 'Aurora.' The Air Force does not have, does not plan, and has never had an aircraft designated 'Aurora.'"

I say in this instance I have accepted the Air Force as telling the truth because they do lie and violate Executive Order 12356 in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)! Permit me to demonstrate with their response (see enclosure E-2, dated "AUG 24 1987) wherein they have stated-

"Dear Mr. Graham

We are responding to your August 8, 1987 Freedom of Information Act letter addressed to Colonel W.B. Driggers. We received it on August 12.

We can find no information pertaining to a fighter aircraft designated F-117 'Night Hawk'.

Sincerely

ANNE W. TURNER Freedom of Information Manager".

Also, in a letter titled-

"No Such Thing as 'Aurora',

by "DONALD B. RICE Secretary of the Air Force Washington",

which appeared in the "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" section of the "Sunday, December 27, 1992" issue of the "The Washington Post" (see enclosure F-2).

Mr. RICE has (in part) stated-

"Let me reiterate what I have said publicly for months. The Air Force has no such program, either known as 'Aurora' or by any other name. And if such a program existed elsewhere, I'd know about it-and I don't Furthermore, the Air Force has neither created nor released cover stories to protect any program or vehicle like 'Aurora'. I can't be more unambiguous than that."

Thus, I believe that the aircraft that my wife and I heard on the morning of January 30, 1992 produce a sonic boom above Mt. Wilson, CA (the one that created this unusual vapor trail, see enclosure G, page 62, from the "May 11, 1992" issue of "AVIATION WEEK & SPACE TECHNOLOGY") is nicknamed "SENIOR CITIZEN" and not "AURORA".

I believe that I made that clear in my OPEN LETTER (see enclosure H-1, dated "17 September 1992") to the "Honorable DICK CHENEY" wherein (on page 2) I had stated-

"Thus, I believe that at least one of the offending aircraft is nicknamed 'SENIOR CITIZEN' and not 'AURORA'.

Please correct me if I am mistaken, but I believe that the funding for the B-2 Stealth bomber was hidden under the nickname 'AURORA'!"

As you can see (see enclosure I, page 234, from the "February 8, 1991" issue of "Aerospace Daily" this "...aircraft..." (see enclosure D-2, dated "11 SEP 1990") does appear in the Air Force budget. However, in this response (see enclosure H-3, dated "OCT 2 1992") the Air Force has (in part) stated-

"Pertaining to question 6, although we are not required to respond because it is not a request for records, please note that, of the aircraft you listed, only the U-2 and F117 are still in the Air Force inventory."

Thus, most likely, just to confuse the American public, the USAF may have transferred the SENIOR CITIZEN aircraft to the National Reconnaissance Office. I, however, believe that

the National Reconnaissance Office is still under the Department of Defense and should be responsive to the "code of federal regulations" (see enclosure J, page 568) which states-

#### "286.7 Policy

- (a) Compliance with the FOIA. DoD personnel are expected to comply with the FOIA and this part in both letter and spirit. This strict adherence is necessary to provide uniformity in the implementation of the DoD FOIA Program and to create conditions that will promote public trust.
- (b) Openness with the public. The Department of Defense shall conduct its activities in an open manner consistent with the need or security and adherence to other requirements of law and regulation. Records not specifically exempt from disclosure under the Act shall, upon request, be made readily accessible to the public in accordance with rules promulgated by competent authority, whether or not the Act is invoked."

In this case Ms. ISHAM, you have not served the "spirit" of the FOIA in being honest with me! Permit me to quote the last part of your letter to me (see enclosure A-2) as-

"By this statement, the NRO is neither confirming nor denying that any such information exists."

That is not what this (see enclosure J, dated "JULY 1, 1991") "code of federal regulations" states. It states on page 570-

"(i) Referrals. (1) A request received by a DoD Component having no records responsive to a request shall be referred routinely to another DoD Component, if the other Component confirms that it has the requested record, and this belief can be confirmed by the other DoD Component. In cases where the Component receiving the request has reason to believe that the existence on nonexistence of the record may in itself be classified, that Component shall consult the DoD Component having cognizance over the record in question before referring the request. If the DoD Component that is consulted determines that the existence or nonexistence of the record is in itself classified, the requester shall be so notified by the DoD Component originally receiving the request, and no referral shall take place."

Thus, for the National Reconnaissance Office to have responded as you did; i. e., "... the fact of the existence or nonexistence of information pertaining to your request is classified in accordance with Executive Order 12356", specifically with respect to the "PROJECT AQUARIUS" document (see enclosure K) would seem to affirm that that document is

still classified "TOP SECRET" and thus genuine; there being no provision in Executive Order 12356 to classify a forgery.

Please note that the cover of the PROJECT AQUARIUS document states-

"THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY MJ12. MJ12 IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS SUBJECT MATTER"

This document (see enclosure K) also states-

"DOCUMENT CONTROL: ECN 001

CLASSIFIED BY: MJ12-E0/34012" (or is it 94012)

DECLASSIFY ON: EXEMPT CAT 1"

Thus, the National Reconnaissance Office had to have referred this document (see enclosure K) to a Governmental Agency (or its successor) called MJ12, and they had to consult an Executive Order 34012.

However, according to a Mr. "Ronald Geisler from the Executive Office of the White House" (see enclosure L, pages 4-7, from the "SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1992" issue of "UFO magazine"), from an article tilted "MJ-12 DOCUMENTS DEAD & BURIED" by "ARMEN VICTORIAN", ostensibly there are no such things as classified Executive Orders.

Ms. ISHAM since you specifically referenced your response (see enclosure A-2) to my sending you a copy of this (see enclosure K) PROJECT AQUARIUS document-

1. I respectfully request to know to what specific Agency I must write to for a copy of Executive Order "EO/34012" (?EO/94012); i. e., the Agency that told you to state we can neither confirm or deny the existence of information related to the PROJECT AQUARIUS document (see enclosure K).

Thank you for your time Ms. ISHAM.

Sincerely,

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A copy of this letter is being referenced to Congressman DAVID DREIER