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Dear Mr. Bragaglia:


On behalf of President Ford, this is in further reply to your December 27 letter regarding the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Although Air Force officials are aware of the current interest in this subject which has been generated across the nation, the fact remains that for the reasons stated in the attached fact sheet the Air Force discontinued the investigation of UFOs on December 17, 1969. With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base office which monitored UFO activities was disbanded, and has never been reorganized. Presently, neither Wright-Patterson AFB nor any other Air Force unit, is in any way involved in the investigation of UFOs. Moreover, officials are not aware of any federally-sponsored studies regarding UFO phenomena, and have no knowledge of the existence of a "National Reconnaissance Office."

It is noteworthy to point out that Joint Army, Navy, Air Publication (JANAP) 146 is not a classified document. This Joint Chiefs of Staff document provides procedures for reporting of sightings of aircraft, missiles, submarines, surface vessels, or any other unexplained activity which may indicate a possible attack against or through Canada or the United States. Due to the strictly military nature of these matters, both JANAP-146, as well as the reports which it prescribes, must remain within official channels. Therefore, Chapter 37, Title 18 of the United States Code, stipulates that any person who makes an unauthorized transmission or disclosure of such a report is liable to prosecution.

Hopefully, this information will clarify the matter for you.

Sincerely,


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Attachment