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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am currently engaged in research for a graduate dissertation which will attempt to analyze the socio-logical and psychological implications of the flying saucer phenomenon.

In the course of my research I am giving extensive consideration of the several magazine articles and the one book which have already been written on the subject. The book, in particular, and the magazine articles in general, hint at official restraints which have hampered the authors in their research. So far as I know none of those research projects attempted to probe as deeply into the background of the phenomena as I am, yet I have encountered no such "official censorship" as they mention. In fact I have been surprised at the openness with which some people have replied to my queries.

I believe the fact that I have encountered no restrictions is significant when I attempt to analyze my total findings. It raises the question as to whether those previously mentioned authors aren't trying hard to sell something which really isn't there to sell.

Is there any reason why the flying saucer situation should be "played down?" Is there any official attitude toward the matter?

I wish to thank you in advance for your interest and help. You may be assured that I will appreciate any information you may be able to give me.

Sincerely yours,

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