

Letter to Director
June 8, 1954

which TRUMAN BETHURUM had with a crew of assumed space explorers under the supervision of a ravishing woman commandant in the Nevada desert. The article also reflects that TRUMAN BETHURUM allegedly was aboard flying saucers on eleven occasions. At the bottom of the first page of issue number 15 there appeared in what Mr. EICKHOFF stated was the handwriting of TRUMAN BETHURUM the statement "This is a true story, a factual experience -- TRUMAN BETHURUM."

The above mentioned article in "Valor" also reflected that TRUMAN BETHURUM is 55 years of age and that his residence address is 519 North Gertruda Avenue, Redondo Beach, California.

Mr. EICKHOFF also had with him a letter addressed to TRUMAN BETHURUM from WILLIAM GILROY of the Saucers Research Foundation, which letter reflected that that organization was holding a three-day convention June 4, 5 and 6, 1954 at the Carthay Circle Theatre in Los Angeles, California, and that it had invited TRUMAN BETHURUM to this convention to say a few words concerning his experience. GILROY was identified in this letter as business manager of Criswell Predicts Your World of Tomorrow, 1922 North Highland, Hollywood 28, California.

Mr. EICKHOFF reiterated that he felt BETHURUM's story, if true, should be given wide publicity, but that if the story was false, then he should be prosecuted for fraud. He stated that he first took his information to the Air Force in the person of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN O'MARA of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, whom EICKHOFF visited personally at O'MARA's home in Fairborn, Ohio, on Sunday, 6-6-54. EICKHOFF indicated that he asked Colonel O'MARA if there were such things as flying saucers and if BETHURUM's story could be true, and he said O'MARA denied that there was such a thing as a flying saucer and indicated to him that DONALD E. KEHOE, the author of "Flying Saucers in Outer Space" was a fraud and that information is available in Washington that KEHOE is a fraud. He said he was advised, however, by Colonel O'MARA that the Air Force could take no action with respect to BETHURUM or WILLIAMSON.

EICKHOFF continued that it was his intention to aid in the promotion of a meeting for BETHURUM in Cincinnati. He advised that the original meeting scheduled for June 11 had been cancelled, and that he felt this meeting had such important information for the people as a whole that he was going to make every effort to make the meeting one of national