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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Mr. President:

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As citizens of Detroit and vicinity, we request audience with you regarding the coming of Space ships to this earth. Many of us have seen these objects; so have others both in this country and on foreign soil.

To us it matters little whether these be called "UFO's" (unidentified flying objects) space ships, fireballs, flying saucers or any other name. The point is that they are continuously coming, and they are being observed both here and abroad.

It appears that our government with far greater facilities for observation than any individual is perfectly aware of such phenomena, but has adopted a policy of silence and secrecy in regard to them. We understand that certain individuals within the Defense Department are afraid of announcing the facts to the citizens for fear of panic.

Mr. President, we feel that this policy is false, fear-provoking and entirely mistaken for the following reasons:

1. We believe that these phenomena are of a magnitude and importance such as to warrant the utmost openness and cooperation between government and citizenry.
2. We believe that the present policy of silence and secrecy is a reflection on the intelligence and loyalty of the American citizen.
3. We believe that this policy not only encourages fear and lack of confidence in government, but leads to exploitation by unscrupulous publishers and opportunistic individuals who prey upon the natural curiosity of the American citizen.
4. We do not understand by what right certain public servants, utilizing the taxpayers' facilities for information and observation, gather facts relative to these phenomena, and then fail to properly inform the public.
5. Other countries have already acknowledged these phenomena and have publicly appointed governmental commissions to investigate, collect information and report to the people.

Mr. President: We, therefore, call upon you, our trusted leader, to utilize the great powers of your office to change this shameful and unamerican policy of silence and secrecy.

We ask that our government come forward and make an honest and forthright acknowledgment of these phenomena, and inform the citizens of such pertinent facts as are now available. In return, the citizens then would be willing to report sightings and contacts which otherwise would remain concealed because of fear of ridicule or rebuff by government agencies.

This cooperation between the government and its citizenry would clear the atmosphere of fear and suspicion, would renew confidence in our public officials, and pave the way to a better understanding and evaluation of these great phenomena.

Such a clear acknowledgment, emanating from the head of our nation might divert mankind's attention from the spectre of impending atomic war. It could lift the consciousness of everyone on this earth to a Cosmic level where a complete new set of Spiritual, scientific and social values would be within the reach of all.

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