

which supposedly do not warrant such attention -- objects which, officially, are identifiable for the most part as natural aerial phenomena or some other familiar, harmless manifestation.

How can the over-all review-clearance system be manipulated by the UFO censors? Take as an authoritative answer the following excerpt from a letter written to me by a local USAF official:

". . . Chapter 4, Section B, paragraph 2a(7), of Air Force Manual 190-4, 6 June 1960, says in part: 'When the . . . manuscript concerns military subjects, national, or foreign affairs, it will be submitted to SAF-OI to review for accuracy, propriety . . . and to obtain final clearance from the Department of Defense. This policy applies to Air Force active duty personnel, retired personnel, civilian employees, and members of the civilian components.' SAF-OI is the symbol for the Office of Information, Secretary of the Air Force.

"Another directive, Air Force Regulation 200-2, governs activities as they relate to Unidentified Flying Objects. This regulation says only that base Information Officers may examine manuscripts which are submitted to them to be sure they are factual and accurate. The same groups of persons as indicated above, according to this regulation, may not use Air Force material on Unidentified Flying Objects for their writings." 5

Quite a challenge, isn't it? But as long as you and I are willing to meet it, there is still the hope that the censors will admit defeat and capitulate. You may be asking yourself, "If the censors do exist, then why is Bryant allowed to continue publishing his manuscripts?" That has been my question, too, and the only solution I can offer is that freedom of information has yet to perish entirely in America.