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Do we have any...
(file) on any...
These cases...
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Dear Dr. Low,

Thank you for your informative letter of March 12.

To begin, I should like, briefly, to comment on the contents of your letter. You made reference that you discussed "a number of the major unsolved cases" with our Ministry of Defence and this surprised me for in letters which I have received from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Air Force, Mr. Merlin Rees, it was stated that a vast majority of UFO reports had the most mundane explanations. Of those reports that remain unexplained, the Ministry say none contain any information which indicates that they relate to any incident materially different to those described in reports which had been explained. Therefore, can you elucidate on what is a "major unsolved case".

In addition to the above, I would further add that the Ministry retains papers on UFO cases for a period of five years after which time they destroy them. However, should it ever appear that a report was of special significance, then the papers would be retained but, the Ministry has never received a report of such significance.

Although you have stated that you have no evidence that sighting reports are being withheld from public inspection, I would point out that in the U.K., the public is not allowed to inspect sighting reports nor does the Ministry make public details of sightings made by Service personnel. The Ministry has claimed that the number of sightings made by Service personnel is negligible but this is not so, I have received several reports from R.A.F. pilots in strict confidence and information that such reports are more frequent than the Ministry is willing to admit.

The fact that you reviewed the study techniques employed by the Ministry investigators greatly interests me and I should be glad to learn what your opinions are on this point. For my own part, I have recently had occasion to investigate a number of cases which the Ministry have already given their findings on, and can only say that if these findings are the results of their investigations, then they fall abominably short of what I would regard as a proper scientific investigation.

Now, to turn to the main object of your letter, I shall now set out, very briefly, details of the most puzzling sightings that I know of involving British subjects. Probably Brian will have already informed you of some of them, but if not, I shall send you

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