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Near end of WWII


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James A. Reese
Aerial Engineer
Army Air Corps
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Feb. 4, 1983

Richard F. Haines

Something came in the junk mail a few days ago called the Explorer. In it is your letter.

You seem to be interested in the so-called UFO's. I know something about the subject. I was an air crew member in WW1 and have about 8,000 hours air time. (Aerial Engineer, MOS 2750) During war time you don't have unidentified objects. You identify what in hell you are looking at. We concluded these things are properties of nature and as such should be investigated by science.

I never expected the thing to get so out of hand. If I tell you anything more depends upon why you are gathering information. If you are simply trying to prove people are nuts, I already know that. The fact that a publication called the Explorer exists is more than enough proof for me.

James A. Reese

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February 12, 1983

Dear Mr. Reese:

Thank you for your letter of 4 February 1983 which just arrived. It was most interesting to learn of your sightings of unusual aerial phenomena during World War II. I also was surprised to learn of the publication called "Explorer" which I have never seen. If it is possible to do so, would you be so kind as to send me a copy of the article in which you saw my name so that I can make sure they told the truth? My sincere thanks.

For your information, I am a research scientist for NASA (since 1967) but am working on UFO research as a personal hobby. I have absolutely no support from anyone to carry on this interesting pasttime. For many reasons, I have chosen to investigate sighting reports by crew of all types of aircraft (private, commercial, test, military) and now have well over 3,000 reports on file. With this letter you will find a copy of the special computerized reporting form I use in my work. My interests are only scientific. I have no interest in publicity. If you should happen to send me any information about your own sighting I would be glad to keep it entirely confidential if you so indicate beforehand.

In order to carry out truly scientific analyses it is very important to have as much detailed information on a case as possible. If you want to help me out would you please fill out the enclosed form as fully as possible and return it to me? I thank you in advance for this assistance. If I should learn anything of importance about your own sighting I promise to let you know.

My personal regards and best wishes from one northwesterner to another (I was born and raised in Seattle).

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Research Consultant

cc: file ✓

William S. Gryzik

Radar Operator

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WILLIAM S. GRYZIK
Chicago, Illinois

RADAR OPS.

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September 4, 1967

N.I.C.A.P.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Donald E. Keyhoe:

Even though I am one of the newer members of NICAP, I have followed the activities of your organization, via radio and newspapers, as far back as 1950. That is the year that I myself took the subject of UFOs seriously. Being on a RADAR team in World War II, (1941 - 1945) in Europe, we have observed many unusual 'targets', too fast and too high to be any known aircraft capable of performing such feats. There never was any explanation, and when the target suddenly faded from the screen, we among ourselves called it ionized clouds. One night when the controller (officer) was on duty with us, a target appeared at 90,000 ft. with an air speed of 700 plus MPH, heading west. It was over Germany while our radar site was in France. The signal was strong and the 'blip' was much larger than those made by our largest bombers. We got two plots on it when it faded from the screen at 70 miles away. When we asked the officer what it could of been - he suggest that it may have been the new V-1 or V-2 the Germans were sending over into England..... Well that was a logical answer, and from that time on whenever a strange 'blip' appeared, that is what we called it. It was a few years later, when Arnold electrified the world with his sighting over UFOs over Washington, and other sightings that followed later, did I began to wonder what we were really seeing in Germany may have not been V1s or V2s, but the elusive UFO itself. ---We will never know for sure.

Since then I have built up a file on all sightings mentioned in our newspapers, till the clamp-down back in 1958. Since then we had to rely for accurate information from such organizations as your NICAP and others that were formed and disbanded since. Some have endured the long pounding and and are still operating, but their staff must be at a minimum or practically no staff at all, and depend on information from clippings sent in from around the country from its members. For the last ten years my UFO and unusual clippings of newspaper accounts have been going to Gene Duplantier, SS&S of Canada. I do not agree with all of his stories (contactees) that he has been 'pushing' now and then, but he does present a good cross-section of Canadian sightings as the appear in Canadian papers. So it got that I have depended on NICAP (USA) and SS&S (Canada) for dependable reporting, and presentation of facts as they appear in local papers. So when I your letter of August 14, 1967 - stating that the cost of operation has risen well over the income and there is a possibility that NICAP may have to curtail its investigations, moved me deeply. It is hard to believe that after 30 years, NICAP should fold up. But such things could happen to the best of them.

I am enclosing with this letter a personal check for \$10.... Five dollars for an advance renewal of my membership and five dollars as a donation to at least help defray the cost of postage.

Sincerely Yours

RADAR

GERMAN
NICAP

Albert J. Rosenthal

Army Air Corps

1944-1945

WINTER 1944

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February 21, 1952.

Director of Intelligence
The Air Force
Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have read with interest recent newspaper accounts of "orange globes" and similar things following B-29's over Korea.

During the winter of 1944-45 I was a fighter controller with the 64th Fighter Wing supporting the 7th Army in France and Germany. Flying under our control was the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, flying Beaufighters. When there was no enemy air activities, they would engage in intruder sweeps into southwestern Germany. We repeatedly received reports from the Beaufighter crews of similar phenomena, which they named "foo-fighters." At times they seemed to be associated with concentrated flak, and at other times were reported to explode when pursued. It was also asserted that they caused a slight response on A.I. radar.

We never did solve the problem of what they were. Theories propounded included "St. Elmo's Fire" (a form of static electricity); German barrage balloons; meteors; and gremlins from the Black Forest nearby. And of course we suspected the possibility of some new secret weapon.

The things seen over Korea sound strikingly similar to those reported over Germany in 1944-45. There are quite probably some reports on the latter in intelligence files. I recall also that there was a story in TIME during that winter, based on an interview with a Lieutenant Meyer, who told the press about it when he was returned to the States after completing his tour of duty that winter.

I hope this information may prove to be of some use to you.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Rosenthal
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