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Mr. Jack D. Pickett  
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Dear Mr. Pickett:

Interesting that I should receive a letter from Texas. I took basic training at "Camp" Hood, Texas during 1944. It was a very serious time; the Battle of the Bulge had not been fought. In fact, as I recall, the invasion of the continent took place during our basic training. As you probably know, Hood was a camp for tank destroyer training. I got sent there because I was an Iowa farm boy who could drive a tractor, but I was in communications--morse code, and all.

Thank you so much for sending me all of the materials. At least, you don't question my sanity. I was aware that the Air Force had flying discs because a friend of a friend is a pilot overseas. He landed a B-52 one night after dark and happened to see a disc land. It was on a tricycle landing gear. The disc was wheeled into a hangar and some MPs came over and told him that he did not see it. I guess security wasn't all that tight. I wish the Air Force would bring them out and show them so that noone could doubt their existence. I have been talking publicly about it, for two years. Your average ufologist doesn't want to "believe in Air Force discs" because it will destroy the ufological movement. (We do not belong to any UFO organization and do not intend to affiliate.)

Some of my observations disturb me even if I accept the premise that all UFOs are man-made. I don't count natural phenomena because we are plenty familiar with those after all these years of observing. You suggested that the bullet-shaped object was a NASA craft. Look at my drawing again. It is exactly as I saw it and it doesn't have a hell of lot of design to it--at least, aerodynamic design. It did change color and vanish, leading me to believe the show was put on for me. Read the book before you make a judgment about that statement. Why did the Air Force spend a lot of money to attempt to make a fool out of me? It has cost me dearly in time, money, and health, although I was not forced into studying the UFO phenomenon.

Many times I have seen them near the city, even at 3:30 in the morning. If it costs much to fly these things, they sure spend a lot of money to fool the public, at least, the people living here in Cape Girardeau. It does make sense to me that they could best hide them by making people believe they are extraterrestrial or something. Is it possible there is another phenomenon (maybe caused by man, too) that is mixing with the Air Force display? My only interest is truth--and I would prefer that the phenomenon arise from a man-made activity, preferably that of this country.

If you have additional information later, I would appreciate it. I would be interested in your reaction to the book. Thank you again.

*I suspect anti-aircraft  
research is further along*

Sincerely,

*Harley Rutledge*  
Dr. Harley Rutledge



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\* This sounds like pure conjecture on the part of Rutledge.

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Jack Rutledge -  
I am extremely busy following all leads regarding U.S. manufactured discs. I will be writing you shortly.

Bill Spaulding  
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