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The Prime Minister
The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am sorry to burden you with a question on an apparently trivial and irrelevant subject at a time when you have far more pressing problems to deal with. I refer to the much-ridiculed and controversial subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, which must have been brought to your attention on a number of occasions.

As you are doubtless aware, the subject is treated with the utmost seriousness by a number of intelligence agencies in the United States, notably the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency. With regard to the latter, a Supreme Court ruling in 1982 decreed that the NSA was fully justified in withholding 139 documents on UFOs, in the interest of national security. This has been confirmed for me in a letter from Mr James Devine, Director of Policy for the NSA. The latter has, however, released to me some declassified documents under provision of the Freedom of Information Act which leave little room for doubt that the subject of UFOs is in some instances classified above Top Secret.

X I am familiar with the policy of Her Majesty's Government and have corresponded for many years with the Ministry of Defence on these matters, yet have been unable to secure official confirmation that any serious scientific research is being conducted, other than that reports are treated seriously but not pursued unless there is a defence interest. Apparently there is no evidence thus far that UFOs have any defence significance.

Unofficially it has been confirmed that Top Secret research is being conducted in this country, and I have been informed by reliable sources that in 1978 alone the budget was £11,000,000. I am given to understand that there is close collaboration with U.S. intelligence on the matter. My question then is: Are you aware of this secret research into UFOs? Former Prime Ministers Lord Wilson and Mr Heath have told me that they cannot comment on the subject as they do not know anything about it. I feel sure that you can come up with something better than that! As titular head of the security and secret services, presiding over meetings with the JIC, for example, there must have been an occasion when you were informed about this secret research, as well as national security implications. If not, I am left with the suspicion that the subject is so sensitive that not even the Prime Minister is on a 'need to know' basis.

Finally, a word of encouragement for your fine leadership. I have nothing but admiration for the courage and tenacity with which you pursue the problems facing our country.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

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