

- 5) Their purpose at the present time is unknown but may be related to an extended surveillance of what might be termed a primitive, embryonic society.
- 6) The origin of the biological life forms is unknown, but the extraterrestrial hypothesis seems to be the most attractive explanation, although not the only one.
- 7) UFOs have overflowed U.S. military and other government facilities since World War II, as evidenced by official U.S. document releases from a variety of federal agencies.
- 8) This activity has extended to other nations, as evidenced by official U.S. government document releases.
- 9) UFO activity over some U.S. military/governmental facilities has been of such a sensational, dramatic nature that a definite threat to U.S. national security is considered as fact within the highest levels of government. (This scenario also applies to foreign governments.)
- 10) Documented UFO reports of national security significance have been and continue to be withheld, under tight secrecy regulations, from all but the most highly-placed government officials.
- 11) Despite tight secrecy regarding release of UFO documents, government officials most closely associated with UFO data of national security importance probably do not have a definite "answer" to the UFO problem, but they monitor the phenomenon in pursuit of an answer.
- 12) The monitoring procedure probably includes the use of unmarked helicopters as convenient vehicles of transportation to and from scenes of UFO and other related activity.

Part of why this book exists is to urge people with any knowledge of the events discussed here to contact us and fill in the missing details. Other events related to the subject matter of the book, but not mentioned, would also be of great interest.

We would like to stress that no information is being sought other than UFO data. Sensitive material about the defense of the United States, military and government personnel, and the internal functions of federal agencies is not of interest to the authors. The protection of such details is fully and understandably recognized under the Freedom of Information Act. Since the government has declared many times that UFOs are no threat to national security, we feel fully justified in asking that data about UFOs be released and put out before the public for a fair and open-minded assessment of what is one of the most intriguing topics in recorded history.

In particular, we solicit any information on the existence of long-rumored movie films on UFOs—some in general documentary format, others showing actual footage of UFOS filmed by people on the ground and by pilots in the air, equipped with aerial cameras. Additionally, a document written in the summer of 1948 by Air Force Project Sign personnel entitled "Estimate of the Situation" is sought. Although the original document was supposedly destroyed in 1948, copies were known to exist years later.

The "Estimate of the Situation" is a curiosity of UFO history. The