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Dear Dr. Page:

You will recall in January 1953, we constituted a Scientific
Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects with Drs. H. P. Robertson
as Chairman, Samuel Goudsmit, Luis W. Alvarez, Lloyd V. Berkner, and
yourself as members. After its deliberation, the Panel reached two
conclusions and made two recommendations which were included as Tab A
of the report. Very recently, the Air Force has requested that the
conclusions of this report be declassified so that they may be used
in the press. A copy of the report is enclosed herewith for your
information.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Robertson and Dr. Goudsmit
who agree that the conclusion contained in paragraph 2 and the
recommendation contained in paragraph 4a can be declassified. But, they,
as well as this Agency, will not agree to a declassification of the
conclusion in paragraph 3 or the recommendation in paragraph 4b. It
is our feeling that the association of the Panel with this Agency
should not be disclosed; that paragraph 1 could be rewritten to eliminate
this connection; and that the final six lines of paragraph 4 can stand
as written.

I have queried the Air Force as to whether the names of the Panel
members would be used. They have replied that names would be used only
within official circles and would not be given to the press. But, as
such information has a tendency at times to filter out, it should be
recognized that, if approval is given for use of the names, they may
well become common knowledge.

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It would be very much appreciated if you could let me know
as soon as possible what your reaction is to the Air Force de-
classification proposal; whether you agree with Dr. Robertson,
Dr. Goudsmit and myself on limiting any declassification; and whether
you would approve or disapprove the use of your names, granted that
Agency connection with the Panel is withheld.

Sincerely,

Philip G. Strong
Deputy Assistant Director

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