

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS SIST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (USAFE) RAF BENTWATERS, NR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK, 1912 2RQ

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Mr Mark Ian Birdsall Research Director YUFOS 67 Lovell Park Towers LEEDS LS7 1DR

Dear Mr Birdsall,

- 1. Thanks for your amusing letter dated 15 August 1984.
- 2. Regarding your question why so many people were reassigned "so quickly" after the event. You should know that our people serve established tour lengths overseas -- generally two years in duration if you're unmarried or unaccompanied, or three years if you bring your family. Those witnessing the incident were already programmed to move to a new assignment upon the completion of their tour here, and for some, this came rather quickly. In another instance, "prime witness" Colonel Halt was only reassigned this past summer.
- 3. Regarding your question about who believes whom, I don't know that anyone has drawn any official conclusions. Colonel Halt informed the MOD of what he saw. The MOD chose not to investigate the matter. The USAF quit investigating UFOS years ago at the completion of the Project Blue Book study. There's a hint there that the matter did not merit investigation. The only thing that ever brought the issue to light was a rather fanciful story published two years after the event by a couple of people who make a living selling this sort of copy.
- 4. Was the Woodbridge incident genuine? Was it a CIA hoax? Or was it simply an unexplained incident blown completely out of proportion, like the fisherman's tale of the "one that got away" that keeps getting bigger and bigger with each retelling?
- Please take another look at your "massive evidence" and tell me if any
  official government source (or even credible witness) ever drew a
  conclusion in favor of an extraterrestial visitation.

Cordially,

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