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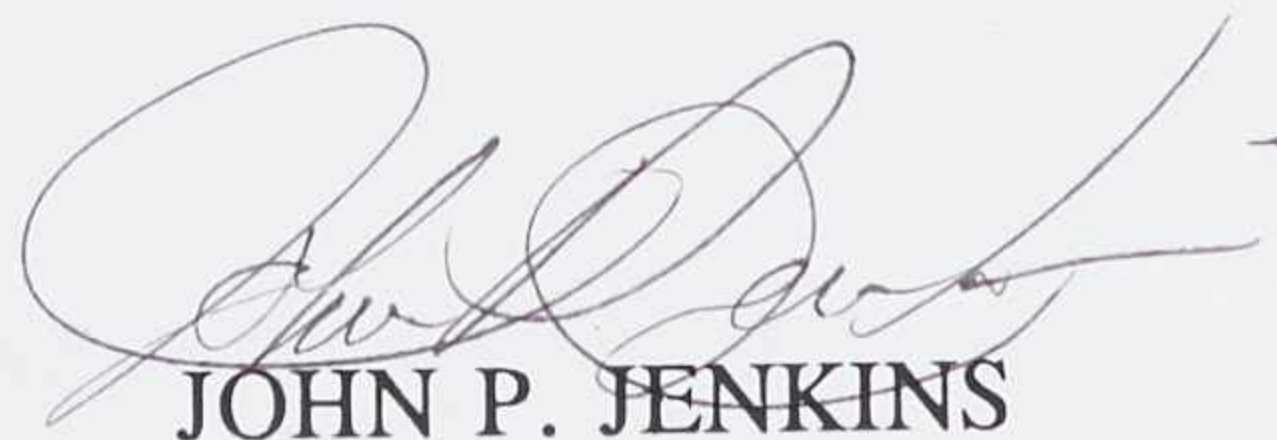
17 November 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/HOR
 ATTENTION: LT JIM MCANDREW
 170 Luke Ave, Suite 400
 Bolling AFB, DC 20332-5133

FROM: PL/IMDF
 3550 Aberdeen Avenue, SE
 Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5776

SUBJECT: Partial Referral of FOIA Case I-PL-94-00110 (Mr Tad A. Sherburn)

1. Reference telephone conversation between Mr John Jenkins, this office, and Lt Jim McAndrew, your organization.
2. The attached FOIA request from Mr Tad A. Sherburn, Mattawan, MI, is being partially referred to your office for action and reply direct to the requester. The portion being referred is paragraph (4) requesting records pertaining to UFO or UAO. The requester has been notified of this partial referral. This portion of the FOIA request was also partially referred to the National Archives, Military Reference Branch, Washington DC 20408.
3. If you have any questions, please contact us at DSN 246-5081.


JOHN P. JENKINS
Assistant FOIA Manager

Attachments:

1. FOIA I-PL-94-00110
2. PL/IMDF Ltr to Requester

I-PL-94-00110

TAD A. SHERBURN

VOICE

(616) 372-8278

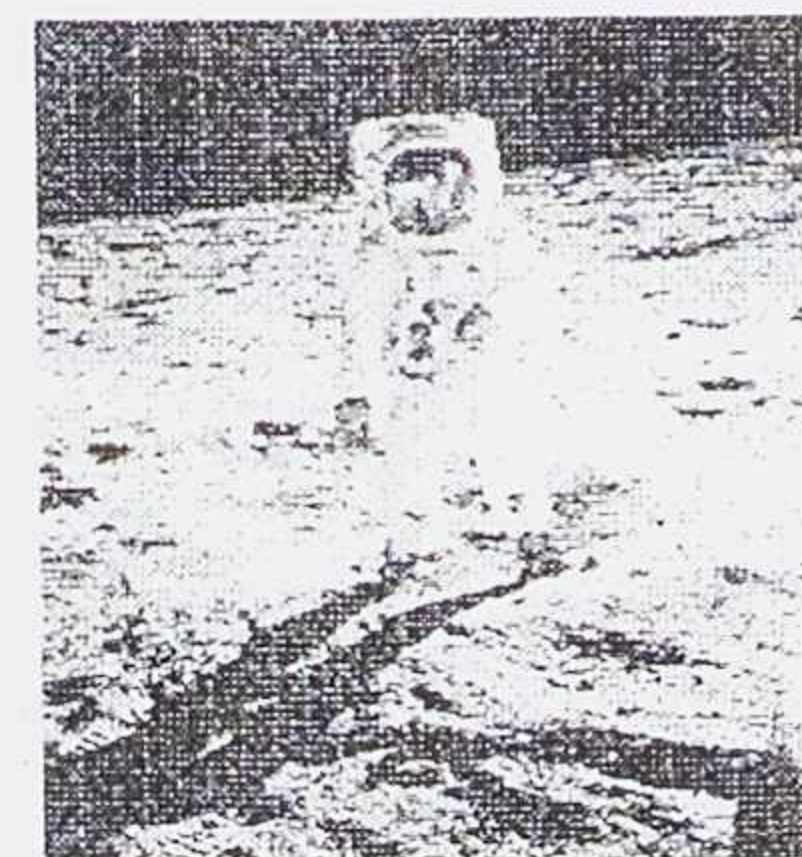
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Saturday, October 15, 1994

PHILLIPS LABORATORY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
ATT MR. RICK GARCIA
3550 ABERDEEN AVE. SE
KIRTLAND AFB NM. 87117-5776



Dear Rick

I have been refereed to you by NORAD regarding information on (SDI) now known as Ballistic Missile Defense Initiative Organization or BMDO. This also includes any Particle Beam, Anti Matter, Laser and all other Ground to space or space based weaponry

Under the Freedom Of Information Act 5 USC 552 I Tad Sherburn hereby request the following.

- (1) Any and all information regarding the implementation activation and operation of the SDI or BMDO program.
- (2) Any information or documentation pertaining to the operations of the currently active parts of the program. This would include any information that describes our current BMDO, (SDI), or Biological space based weapon systems.
- (3) Government documents indicate that the Space Station is to be used primarily as a weapons platform. I request any information that is in any way related to the "Military" Uses of the Space Station.
- (4) All information, documentation, photographs, radar imagery, digital imagery computer based data, typewritten or hand written documents or notes pertaining to UFO or UAO sightings, landings contacts, crashes or retrievals from 1988 to October 1994. This would include your normal copies of documents sent by the Joint Chiefs Of Staff from Washington DC. Also would be included the USAF normal internal briefings. There is no need to respond to this request with a "No records determination". I have thousands of documents in my possession, Hundreds of which are Newly released from four different agencies that I have been in the appeal process with. Two of these agencies have released Hundreds of pages of never before seen documents.

Sincerely,

Tad Sherburn

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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PL/IMDF
3550 Aberdeen Avenue, SE
Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5776

Mr Tad A. Sherburn
P.O. Box 305
Mattawan, MI 49071

RE: FOIA Request No. I-PL-94-00110

Dear Mr Sherburn

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 October 1994, for information pertaining to the SDI and/or BMDO program, the Space Station, and UFO or UAO records. We have assigned your FOIA request case number I-PL-94-00110. Please refer to this number when corresponding with us regarding your FOIA request.

We are not the controlling agency or records repository for UFO or UAO records. Accordingly, we referred that portion of your FOIA request, paragraph (4), to the National Archives, Military Reference Branch, Washington DC 20408; and to the Secretary of the Air Force/HOR, 170 Luke Avenue, Suite 400, Bolling AFB DC 20332-5133. They will reply direct to you concerning that portion of your FOIA request.

We are also not the controlling agency or records repository for "Space Station" records. We referred that portion of your FOIA request, paragraph (3), to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Code PSN, Washington, DC 20546. They will reply direct to you concerning that portion of your FOIA request.

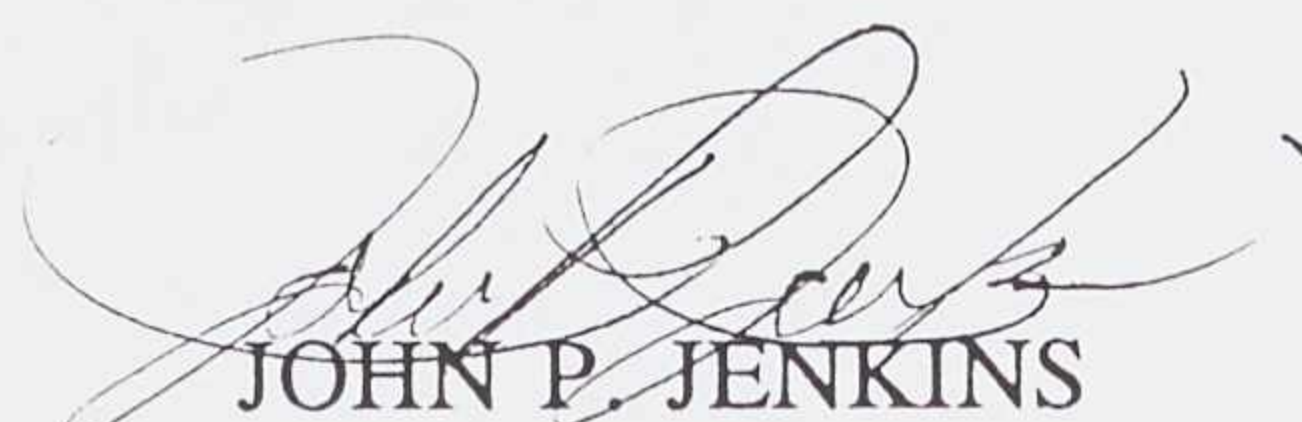
With regard to the remainder of your FOIA request (paragraphs (1) and 2)), FOIA directives require that requesters indicate a willingness to pay any assessable FOIA fees required before we process the request. Your request did not contain such an agreement. For purposes of fee assessment, we have initially determined your fee category to be Category 3, All Others. Requesters in this category are provided the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of duplication without charge. If you agree with our initial fee category determination, your reply to this letter should clearly state your agreement to pay all assessable FOIA fees in excess of the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of duplication. If you wish, you may establish a fee threshold, such as \$100.00. If it appears the assessable FOIA fees for processing your request would exceed that amount, you would be notified in advance and provided an estimated cost.

If you disagree with our initial fee category determination, you should provide us additional information which would clearly warrant consideration of a fee waiver. You should include detailed information such as your expertise in the subject area of the FOIA request, your ability and intention to disseminate the information to the general public, a detailed description of exactly how the information would be disseminated to the general public, your specific connection with the public news media, your access to facilities or personnel that might enable you to disseminate the information to the public, the purpose of the information, and any other supporting data.

Applicable FOIA directives also provide that specific identification of the records desired is the responsibility of the member of the public who requests records. The requester must provide a description of the desired records that will enable the Government to locate those particular records with a reasonable amount of effort. The Freedom of Information Act does not authorize "fishing expeditions." Your FOIA request is extremely broad in nature and covers very wide areas of scientific research which would necessitate searching for and reviewing a tremendous number of documents and records. This might be prohibitively expensive for you. Therefore, it would be to your benefit to attempt to narrow the scope of your request in a manner that will permit us to more accurately identify and search for the specific type of documents you seek with a reasonable amount of effort, and with the least possible expense to you.

We are holding the remainder of your FOIA request (paragraphs (1) and (2)) in abeyance pending your reply to this letter. If you have any questions, please contact us at the above address or telephone (505) 846-5081.

Sincerely



JOHN P. JENKINS
Assistant FOIA Manager