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Dear Mr. Dulles:

George Adamski, Star Route, Palomar Terraces, Valley Center, California has named the CIA in an exclusive interview I had with him here in Seattle as being guilty of a conspiracy to silence him on December 17, 1953. Acting in behalf in the presence of Mr. Adamski, Mr. Honey, Adamski's business agent filled out a questionnaire answering the following questions with the approval of Mr. Adamski.

1. With respect to the interview by Mr. Bill Ballance on radio station KNX in Los Angeles on December 7, 1953, three agents of the U.S. Government came to your home on December 17, 1953.
 - a. You told me that one of these agents was from the FBI, can you tell me where the other two agents came from? Mr. Honey's reply: "C.I.A."
 - b. What are the names of these agents and which one made threats against you? Mr. Honey's reply: "Can't reveal."

Upon further questioning of Mr. Adamski, I managed to get him to admit that it was the CIA agent that made threats against him but he said he didn't know his name but that he did know the name of the FBI. However, he said this man had nothing to do with it but was under orders of the CIA, and so because the FBI agent was a personal friend, he didn't want to name him, since he wasn't responsible for the plot to silence him.

- c. Did the government agent mention any particular law that he said justified the Attorney-General signing a warrant for your arrest or just what did he say you did wrong? Mr. Honey's reply: "No."
- d. Was the real purpose of this visit a conspiracy to intimidate you into silence so as to discourage you from telling the American people the truth about flying saucers and the people who ride in them? Mr. Honey's reply: "Yes."

Bear in mind the fact that Mr. Adamski also said, "Yes," to this question verbally. Mr. K. Honey acted as his agent in signing written answers to those questions.

In a book called FLYING SAUCERS AND COMMON SENSE by Mr. Waveney Girvan, the English publisher of Adamski's FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, the story was first given of how government agents had warned Mr. Adamski to keep quiet and not mention the government or its services. He was further warned that a warrant had been signed for his arrest and that the next time a thing like this happened he would be arrested. In error, Mr. Girvan said that the agents were all from the FBI. Mr. Adamski later corrected this error. It seems Mr. Girvan got his information from a letter Mr. Adamski had sent him, and apparently he had said government agents and this got to mean G-men, and finally it got into the book as FBI.

Anyhow, FBI records show that I have had them under investigation since 1956 regarding the part they played in this hoax on Mr. Adamski. I suggest you check my correspondence with J. Edgar Hoover of June 26, 1956 and July 1, 1956. In response

to my first inquiry to Mr. Hoover, his secretary, Helen W. Gandy, tried to dodge my inquiry by giving me false and misleading information. She told me to write the Better Business Bureau of Los Angeles for answers to my questions on the matter. A letter from them revealed they had no information and I was referred back to the Department of Justice. The Better Business Bureau was never named by Mr. Girvan in his book and Mr. Adamski was not in business in Los Angeles. Therefore, when Hoover's secretary asked me to write them, I knew before I even wrote the Better Business Bureau that this was foul play. So I sent another letter to Mr. Hoover about this and he sent FBI agents to my home on August 23, 1956 to give me so more false and misleading information. Mr. Zander told me that Mr. Adamski had claimed on a radio broadcast on December 7, 1953 at Los Angeles that his book had been cleared by the FBI and that this was false. He said this was in violation of a law, Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 709, "False Advertising or Misuse of Names to Indicate Federal Agency," and this accounted for the visit. However, he refused repeatedly to put his claims in writing. And for this reason, I didn't believe a word he told me because if he was telling the truth, he wouldn't have been afraid to sign written statements. I was told by the other FBI agent that I could investigate saucers all I wanted to but to leave the FBI out. He told me to forget this story.

I went to the law books to check up on Mr. Zander and the law he said Mr. Adamski violated. I discovered that amendment passed August 27, 1954 by Congress amended section to bring in the use of the name or initials of the FBI. But the radio interview in question took place in 1953. Mr. Zander then got a phone call from me on September 11, 1957 and I confronted him with this information. He answered by saying: "What are you—a lawyer?" I, of course, said, "No." However, neither am I a fool, because his story wasn't checking out with the facts. He then denied having accused Mr. Adamski of violating any law. I came back by saying that he had the law written down on a small piece of paper and that this was the sort of thing I feared when insisting at the time they put their story in writing so there won't be any backtracking or misunderstanding. To this he had nothing to say.

Then on August 22, 1958 Mr. Adamski came up here to Seattle on lecture and I had him bring with him the tape recording of the broadcast of December 7, 1953 to find out if Mr. Adamski had claimed that his book had been cleared by the FBI. Mr. Zander was still holding to this portion of his story—a story, mind you, that I was told came from Mr. Hoover himself in response to my letter. Upon listening to the tape, I discovered that he never made any such claim and that the whole story given me by the two FBI agents was a vicious hoax. I am enclosing a transcript to bear out this fact.

On August 26, 1958 I received an unsuspected phone call from an FBI agent, Mr. Edward G. Gough, who claimed he wanted to interview me concerning my letters to the Department of State regarding the "Straith Case." I told him I wanted a taped interview plus an witness, Mr. Gribble, of Aerial Phenomena Research Group. This was not agreeable with him. The reason I wanted this was because I told him how these agents had come to my home to run down the character of an innocent man and give me a false story and now Zander begin to change his testimony about what was said. He knows I can't prove what was said, but this is not my fault. They cleverly refused to put their story in writing. **Mr. Hoover could have written me a letter and given me the story but he sent FBI agents to give me a story verbally and if I proved it a hoax, they could always change their testimony.** Anyhow, Mr. Gough said he would investigate this and call back. He never called back and refused my phone call to him on February 18, 1959. However, I did get in touch with Mr. Zander only to have him tell me the matter was none of my business or his own and that he didn't want anything to do with it. He said the FBI was too busy to bother with my problems. He wasn't interested in hearing what the tape said nor did he want a copy of it to prove the story given me ~~was~~ **was**.

Let me say right here. There is no law saying I can't investigate the FBI, your agency, or any other agency of Government, and I do consider the matter my business and I will not honor requests to forget it. I am doing this investigating because my information is going into my book AIR FORCE EVIDENCE CONFIRMS ADAMSKI STORY under the title: "Expose" of the Silence Group."

Furthermore, I do not blame Mr. Hoover, Mr. Zander, or Mr. Willis, or Mr. Gough for this plot to silence Adamski or to give me the false information I received. After all, your group represents the top intelligence agency in the country and Mr. Hoover must take orders from you. I personally feel upon careful consideration of this whole matter that Mr. Hoover is honest and would not have deceived me if he hadn't received orders from the CIA to cover up for its operations. So my complaint is not against the FBI but against you and your group. Mr. Adamski doesn't blame the FBI either for its part in this affair because the one FBI agent was under orders of the CIA. The facts show that it was your group that was responsible for what I believe was one of the dirtiest hoaxes I have ever seen. I am even told by Mr. Adamski that his attorney made an investigation and founded out that the CIA agent had lied about any warrant being signed by the Attorney-General and on the way to California. You and your group should be dissolved by Congress, for I fail to see that it is serving any worthwhile purpose at all. Not only that but you try to use the FBI to do your dirty work as a "front" in that it was never revealed by the two FBI agents that the CIA was the one responsible and I wouldn't have known this if Mr. Adamski hadn't told me.

Personally, I think that the FBI is honest but I can't say the same for your group. You have used the FBI as a tool and I am glad that Mr. Adamski got the facts to me as to who was to blame for this vicious hoax so that an innocent party--the FBI wouldn't get blamed for something it wasn't responsible for.

Now that your organization has been revealed by Mr. Adamski to be the "Silence Group," the finger of suspicion falls on your men as being the ones who tried to silence Mr. Albert K. Bender, who headed the International Flying Saucer Bureau of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and who was warned that if he didn't close his organization and shut up on the subject of saucers, that he would go to jail. These threats were made by three men in black clothing of which Mr. Bender was too scared to name. I can understand why George Adamski was warned not to mention the government or its services in that he wasn't suppose to reveal the identity of the agents that visited him. Mr. Bender was neither but Mr. Adamski has now talked and the truth is at last out. This sort of action taken against Mr. Bender and Mr. Adamski is illegal. The Government has no right to silence anybody on this subject and it is too bad Mr. Bender never made this a court case. You couldn't send Mr. Bender or Mr. Adamski to jail and you know it. This plot to silence Bender took place in September 1953, while the plot against Adamski took place in December 1953 and also by three men.

Why is the government afraid of the flying saucers? Does the answer lie in the fact that there have been cases where planes and lives have been lost and the cause associated with the UFO? There must be some reason why such extreme measures would be employed to scare people like Mr. Adamski and Mr. Bender.

Of course, this idea of Government agents trying to frighten and bluff people into silence because they know something is not news to most of the world. It has been in practice for sometime by the ruthless Soviet Secret Police, but it is news for America that this sort of thing is going on here too in violation of the Constitution.

By the way, James W. Moseley, editor of SAUCER NEWS, Fort Lee, New Jersey was going to print the answer to the flying saucer mystery and gave notice to this effect

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in the October 1954 issue and was going to print this in the November issue, but it seems government agents got to him before he could get the information published. It seems that just about everytime someone finds the answer, the agents get to him first and silence him. Now I wonder if your group has Moseley working as an informant, (I do indeed have certain information that supports this idea), and that his magazine is being subsidizing by the Government. Instead, of stopping his publication like in the case of Bender, he is being allowed to continue publishing but told what to print. What do you have to say about this theory?

With respect to the so-called State Department letter to Mr. Adamski known as the "Straith letter," this was definitely an inside job by someone who knew a lot about State Department office procedure. Mr. Trench of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, published in England, suggests that your group was responsible for this letter for the purpose of trying to discredit Mr. Adamski. Is this true?

Both Mr. Adamski and Frank Scully claimed that someone tried to bribe them if they would only sign statements that their books were fiction. If they had accepted, the government could have got them on mail fraud. Was your group behind this too?

It seems you had a hand in stopping a law suit between a Mr. Thomas Eickhoff over Adamski's book in that you threaten to get injunctions to prevent witnesses from testifying--these witnesses being government scientists Mr. Adamski said went to outer space with him. Apparently, there is just nothing your group won't do in order to stop the truth from reaching the people.

I realize that because I confront you with these issues that you may try to silence me and yet while I believe I have made a careful investigation concerning the plot to silence Mr. Adamski, I do think that it might be an injustice not to confront you with these issues before having anything printed about your group. I do seek the truth and I know that if I don't confront whoever the charges are being made against and give them an opportunity to reply could mean that what I think is true may not be. But I do have that tape recording, Mr. Girvan's testimony, Mr. Adamski's testimony, and FBI testimony and I have spent almost three years on this thing, so I do not believe that anything said in this letter is in error but I am willing to give you an opportunity to state your case in my book. But I must have your reply in writing so that testimony will be documented and if you reply by the end of March 1959, I will put your reply in my book so that my readers will be able to read both sides. As I say, because I bend over backwards to be fair and confront you with my complaint, I know I run the risk of being silenced like Bender but I will just have to take that risk in order to be fair about this thing. However, I am sending copies of this letter to several individuals just in case!

Sincerely yours,

Richard Ogden

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ENCLOSURE: Transcript of a radio interview on KNX on December 7, 1953 and KFFV T.V. of December 26, 1953. Transcription done by Times Square Steno Service of 414 Olive Way, Seattle, Washington.

N O T I C E

Since you have the reputation of asking questions and answering none, I do not expect an answer to this letter. On the other hand, it would not be fair to have charges printed against you or your group without at least giving you the opportunity to answer before my book goes to press in England or this country. Therefore, my letter has been sent by registered mail to prove to my readers that you have been confronted with this issue. I do not believe that there has been any error in my long investigation of this matter but if you are of the opinion that error does exist, then this is the opportunity to state your case. If I do not hear from you by March 22, 1959, I will send my book to the publisher and assume that you have nothing to disprove anything said in the enclosed letter. If you desire to answer, I must insist that your answers be in writing or if you send agents to explain your position, the interview will be taped with or without their permission, since everything must be documented rather than having testimony that can be changed with the wind.

Richard Ogden

ENCLOSURE:

This is a direct copy of a tape owned by William St. Clair, 6531 Philomen Avenue, Vay Nuys, California. It was copied by the House of Sight and Sound, 13513 Victory Boulevard, Van Nuys, California. Mr. St. Clair took this recording on the night of the radio program. He did it automatically by the use of a timer of the program.

This is W. J. Daly at Punic, California, and the following is a tape recording of an interview of Mr. George Adamski over Radio K.N.X. from 11:40 p. m. December 7th to 1:00 a. m. December 8th on the Bill Ballance program. As I was listening to the interview it occurred to me to record this interview but about five minutes after the start of the program--and a break in the recording will be noticed as I started to record at fast speed and changed to slow speed later.

BALLANCE: Here's a George Harris who wants to know why has Robert Cole Gardiner spoken out against "Flying Saucers Have Landed"?

ADAMSKI: I don't know, I haven't heard Mr. Gardiner, so I cannot answer that question, but I will say that the picture which has been used on a T.V. last week and also I understand in a lecture - and I would like to make this correction just now, not because they're against anyone, but just because of their truthful information, so that we may not get all confused and fouled up on this great truth that's coming our way. Ah, the picture of the little man between two great G-men, standing chained, almost chains as big as the little man, enough to squash him down, has been, I understand, taken in Germany and Munich, and was made there, ah, for the purpose of a joke for a April Fools Day, and it was brought to this country and it has been promoted on the basis of truth, which there seems to be no truth. And yet, may I also say something in behalf of our F.B.I.? I hate to see the F.B.I. being used that way because they're gentlemen as far as I am concerned - I have many dealings with them and they're wonderful people, and yet to be used as brutes over a little man like that doesn't well, it kind of belittles them, and I'd rather see that picture not used at all anywhere.

(This is the only place in the program where Mr. Adamski made reference to the FBI. Unlike Hoover's version of the story given me by Mr. Lambert Zander and Mr. Galen Willis, special agents of the FBI, Mr. Adamski never said his book or his theories had been cleared by the FBI. But the mere fact that he did mention the FBI was used to distort the truth and to send government agents to his home on December 17, 1953 in order to try and make him think he had done something wrong by mentioning the FBI. THIS IS A STRANGE WAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO HIT BACK AT SOMEONE WHO PRAISED THE FBI---ROO)

(On the other side of the tape, an interview of Mr. Adamski that took place on December 26, 1953 that consisted of a panel on KFPV T.V. was recorded)

FRANCIS: Getting back, for a moment or two, I understood Mr. Adamski through his book to say that much of the information he had received was limited in putting it out by Military? I think Mr. McKay has a question along that line.

McKAY: Yes, Mr. Adamski, let us assume, for the moment, that there is a great deal of truth in your book. Let us assume that it is all perfectly true

and that there's a good deal of truth to all these reports about flying saucers. Then, what conceivable object could our Government have in suppressing this sort of knowledge?

ADAMSKI: Well, I'm not at liberty to answer that.

McKAY: Who is prohibiting you?

ADAMSKI: There I can't say, I'm not at liberty to even say that.

McKAY: The denial to whose? That sounds like a violation of the Constitution, freedom of speech, or something like that, I wonder about that a little bit. Mr. Ed Baltimore again, I believe you've had your hand up there for a moment?

(In my interview with Mr. Adamski, he named the Central Intelligence Agency as being the one prohibiting him from answering these questions as a result of himself being silenced by the three government agents on December 17, 1953. Thus, here is proof of a plot or conspiracy to silence Mr. Adamski and as Mr. McKay points out, this sounds like a violation of the Constitution. Mr. Adamski told me he had explained before going on the air about the visit by government agents and why he couldn't answer the questions. So the questions were brought up in order to show that he had been silenced.---RCO)

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