

## **Update on the FOIA request on Kecksburg Incident December 2002**

As of this month, responses have been received from the State Department, CIA, Justice Department (FBI) and the Defense Intelligence Agency. The State Department said that the material we seek appears to have been originated by other agencies, and it suggests contacting the Air Force and the Army. The Justice Department suggested contacting the Defense Department, and the DIA stated that it has no records responsive to the request.

The CIA response states that it has had no organized effort to collect intelligence on UFOs since the 1950s and suggested contacting the US Air Force. The Agency stated that it has previously released 991 pages of UFO-related documents, which are accessible on [www.foia.ucia.gov](http://www.foia.ucia.gov). Most of these reports originated with the Air Force and other government agencies, and many others are foreign news reports. In addition, 1,757 additional pages were released since 1993, and "additional documents for release are currently under review." We can purchase the total package of 2,748 pages for \$264.80, which we intend to do.

The National Security Agency (NSA) received our request on October 29, but has not yet responded. We will follow up.

Since our effort began, I had the opportunity to visit researcher Stan Gordon in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, who has been investigating the Kecksburg incident since it occurred. He provided me with documentation and information that allows for a more specific and informed FOIA effort to be undertaken. It is possible that the above-mentioned agencies do not have information. Before the end of this month, requests will be sent to numerous other agencies, which are more likely to have documents, according to witness testimony and newspaper reports.

So far, these include the U.S. Air Force, NASA, the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Navy. We will be seeking records and logs from Lockborne Air Force Base, Wright Patterson AF Base, and the Oakdale US Army Support Facility (PA), all reported to have been involved. Locally, we will request information on 662<sup>nd</sup> Radar Squadron at Oakdale in Allegheny County, PA, which was on the scene, along with the State Police from the Troop A Headquarters in Greensburg, PA, the National Guard, State Highway Patrol, and the Army Reserves.

We are continuing to study the documentation on this case and consulting with the law firm of Lobel, Novins and Lamont, along with FOIA experts who have offered their assistance. We suspect that we will discover additional requests to make as we learn more, and we will keep you informed through periodic updates on this website.

Additional research efforts will include an exploration on the issue of immunity for key sources wishing to come forward (and there are some) so that they might protect themselves. We will be attempting to locate officials associated with the Project Blue Book and NASA investigations of the incident, and others, named in documents. We

would hope to be able to offer them a forum in which to come forward at a later date, when the FOIA initiative has progressed.

We would also like to learn more about Cosmos 96 and Soviet space vehicles active at the time, along with the capabilities of US space craft and technology that could offer a possible explanation for the object found in Kecksburg.

This process is a slow one and will take time. But CFI is determined to take this request further than any time in the past in order to provide the American public with information about the crash in Kecksburg collected by the U.S. Government and that is rightfully theirs.

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