

1911 Josie Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.
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Dear Don,

Just a short note as I have promised to take the girls to a movie to night. First of all I didn't mean to mislead you on what I said about referring to Dewey Fournet in my True story. I believe that I told you that I wasn't going to mention him. I really thought that it had been taken out but somehow it got back into the final draft.

Second, I rec'd a letter from a person whom I had had some correspondence with when I was on Blue Book. He is a good source as far as I know. I'll give you the interesting part of the letter verbatim leaving out the names.

"Two friends of mine _____ and _____ had breakfast with Harold Talbot, Secretary of the Air Force, in Palm Springs about four weeks ago. They said Mr. Talbot seemed pretty excited (_____ said badly shaken) over a flight into Palm Springs the previous morning.

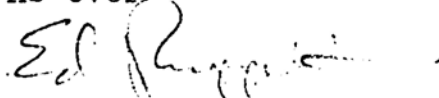
It seems that south of Fresno they picked up a UFO which held loose formation the Air Force plane for over an hour. (About 1,000' below and 1,000' out) It was Large, silvery, and disk-shaped. With the Secretary was a technical advisor (my friends presumed it was Lindbergh.) who gave the Secretary a running account of the plausibility of its shape, why it probably couldn't land on the earth and other data. Also in the plane were the crew and other aides. After about an hour Mr Talbot was still not satisfied that he could exactly make out the shape so asked the pilot to swing over toward the UFO where upon it accelerated up and out of sight. "his was a daylight sighting under extremely favorable conditions."

Take it for what it is worth Don. It seems to be kosher since the source claims to have known the two people who talked to Talbot. Maybe you could get some info from the Pentagon. Whatever you do, keep me out of it, please. As long as I don't appear in the limelight too much I think I can pick up some good info occasionally. I'd prefer not to have even Al Chop know that I am passing you this info. My reasons are rather long and involved.

How did your talk in Cleveland come off? I checked the papers out here but didn't see anything about it.

If this Talbot thing has any basis I would certainly like to hear about it.

As ever


Ed Ruppelt