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ACTION/PROJECT OFFICER Donald E. Baruch

DATE Jan 23 '76 TIME _____ EXT. _____

SUBJECT: Columbia Pictures "Close Encounter"

CONTACT: Hal Fisher PHONE: A.C. 213 ~~843 60~~

Background" Ray Bell called and asked that check on use of hangar and get in touch with Hal Fisher. Fisher called to explain that they couldn't get the one they planned on using from an aircraft manufacturer as they demolished the structure. It is needed for six months to house a set for a science fiction type film. Told him to contact the Marines and that I would check the other Services.

Advised Columbia Picrures that a check with the Services indicares that there are no hangars available in the size required for the long period of time needed for housing a set for a science fiction film production, Air Force however furnished listing of four former SAC bases that had large hangars which are now under civil control.

"Close Encounter"

Walker AFB - Roswell, N. Mex.
Amarillo, Texas
Clinton Sherman AFB, Okla
Mc Coy AFB - Orlando Fla,
Hangar size needed 200 x 450 x 65 high...

COORDINATION: COL PREPPLE, MARINES, L.A. (213 - 824, 7272)
LtCol. King, SAFOI.....etc.

For report & Project folder.

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March 30, 1976

Chief National Guard Bureau
Room 1 C
662 Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C. 20310

ATTENTION: Hazel Humphries

Dear Ms. Humphries:

We are planning to photograph a motion picture for Columbia Pictures Corporation at Devils Tower National Park in Wyoming from May 17th to May 31st, 1976.

We need some Army equipment from the National Guard Unit in Rapid City and Sturgis, South Dakota; as this is closer to our location then the National Guard Unit in Cheyenne, Wyoming, we feel it would be easier to get it from South Dakota.

We need 4 jeeps, 2 ambulances, 2 cars and 4 trucks to be parked in our base camp set by Devils Tower. They will not move any people around except the National Guard people who operate them. We will need them from May 17th to May 31st, 1976.

We would also like to photograph 5 civilian trucks leaving from the National Guard Camp Rapid City base.

If possible, we would also like to get 1 Huey Helicopter and 1 Cargo - C-154 Helicopter with a sling under it to lift a Caddilac Limousine, with 4 or 5 actors in it, off the ground 50 to 100 feet.

We would want to fly the helicopters 2 or 3 hours a day and then have them parked in our base camp as set dressing for 8 days.

We would pay all expenses to the National Guard for moving the vehicles and helicopters and operating expenses when we are using them in the picture.

We would also pay all National Guard men we use in the picture as actors, or extras in the base camp.

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We have tried to get this equipment from private companies but no one has Army equipment of this kind to rent.

Would appreciate your presenting this request to the National Guard Unit in Rapid City as soon as possible for us, as we only have a few weeks left to arrange this for the picture.

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Clark Paylow

Clark Paylow
Production Manager

COLUMBIA PICTURES

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DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

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Mr. Clark Paylow
Production Manager
Columbia Pictures
Colgems Square
Burbank, CA 91505

Dear Mr. Paylow:

Reference your letter to Ms Humphries, this office, and telephone conversation between Ms Gail Siemers, Columbia Pictures and Ms Hazel Humphries, this office concerning the film script "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

We have reviewed the script and believe it would be inappropriate for the Air Force or National Guard Bureau to support the production. In 1969 the Air Force completed a study which concluded there is no evidence concerning the existence of UFOs. We have not been involved in UFOs since that study other than answering queries about the study. The proposed film leaves the distinct impression that UFO's, in fact, do exist. It also involves the government and military in a big cover up of the existence of UFOs. These two points are counter to Air Force and DOD policy and make support to the production inappropriate.

Sincerely,

E. SIDNEY SHAW
Major, USAF
Information Officer
Office of Public Affairs

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SUBJECT: Loan of Vehicles

Hqs, Departments of the Army and the Air Force, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C. 20310

TO: The Adjutant General, South Dakota

1. The National Guard Bureau and Department of the Air Force have received the motion picture script "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", and believe that National Guard or Air Force assistance in this production would be inappropriate. The Air Force completed a study in 1969 which concluded that there is no evidence concerning the existence of UFOs. The Air Force has not been involved in UFOs since that study other than to answer questions about the study.

2. The proposed film leaves the distinct impression that UFO's, in fact, do exist. It also involves the government and military in a big cover up of the existence of UFOs. These two points are counter to Air Force policy and make support to the production inappropriate.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:

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E. SIDNEY SHAW
Major, USAF
Information Officer
Office of Public Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MAY 3 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NGB

SUBJECT: Columbia Pictures Film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"

We have reviewed the script for the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and believe it would be inappropriate for the Air Force or National Guard Bureau to support the production. In 1969 the Air Force completed a study which concluded there is no evidence concerning the existence of UFOs. We have not been involved in UFOs since that study other than answering queries about the study. The proposed film leaves the distinct impression that UFO's, in fact, do exist. It also involves the government and military in a big cover up of the existence of UFOs. These two points are counter to Air Force and DOD policy and make support to the production inappropriate.

Signed

ROGER L. WILLIAMS, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Public Information Division
Office of Information

Cy to: OASD/PA (Mr Baruch)

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DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SAF/OIPL

SUBJECT: Columbia Pictures Film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"

Inclosed is Columbia Pictures script discussed by Captain Hayes and Ms Humphries. The National Guard Bureau has no objection to cooperating on this film. However, some changes in the script are recommended:

page 29 Reference to Air Force Research and Development Command should be changed to Air Force Systems Command.

page 53 Scene description-there is no requirement for the guard to be "skin-headed"-care should be taken to insure that an Air Force Security Policeman is depicted.

page 56A Scene description-insure that officers are depicted as Air Force and not "Army-brass".

page 58 Perhaps Major Benchley's reference to "twenty years experience" should be altered. Also the reference to "Air Tactical Intelligence."

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:

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E. SIDNEY SHAW
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NASA Rejects Carter R... To Reopen UFO Investigation

Associated Press

The U.S. space agency has rejected a White House request to reopen a government probe into unidentified flying objects, saying it would be "wasteful and probably unproductive."

But the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it stands ready to analyze any "bona fide physical evidence from credible sources"—evidence that it said has never been found.

The rejection was made in a letter sent last week by NASA Administrator Robert Frosch to Dr. Frank Press, President Carter's science adviser. Press said he accepted NASA's conclusions and did not plan to pursue the matter.

In 1969, the Air Force closed the government's formal UFO investigation, called Project Blue Book. After 22 years of study and considerable expense, the Air Force concluded that, in the absence of significant findings, continuation of the project was unwarranted.

In a letter to Frosch in July, Press asked that NASA become the gove... ment's focal point in a "national vival" of interest in reports of U... sightings. He recommended that ... agency establish a small panel of ... quiry.

Press said there was an upsurge in letters received by his office asking about UFOs, especially from young people. He said his staff was too small to answer them and assigned the job to NASA.

Many of the recent letters, averaging two or three a day, have been prompted by the new UFO movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Several demand that Carter make good on a campaign promise that if there were any secrets about UFOs he would flush them out.

Carter reported in 1973, while governor of Georgia, that several years earlier he had seen a UFO in the form of a "glowing light" in the night sky. "I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they have seen UFOs because I've seen one myself," Carter was quoted as saying.

Frosch wrote Press that a NASA technical committee had carefully considered establishing a UFO panel. "I do not feel that we could mount a research effort without a better starting point than we have been able to identify thus far," he added.

"I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish a research activity in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject."

