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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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Shortly before his death on November 14, 2006 (see the enclosed copy of his obituary), independent investigative journalist W. Todd Zechel circulated an essay within the UFO-research community that implicates your agency in the official U. S. government cover-up of the reality that some of the reported UFO encounters represent alien spacecraft.

The essay -- titled "The CIA's Most Secret Counterintelligence Project: The Condon Committee" -- now is posted upon my web log under Item 2.11 at <http://ufoview.posterous.com>.

Zechel's research for this reportage included contact with now-deceased CIA official Art Lundahl, who revealed to him that, back in February 1969, certain CIA personnel had entered into a formal agreement with some of their counterparts from the Soviet intelligence community. Their agreement specified that neither union's military leaders would henceforth falsely ascribe any of the reported UFO intrusions within the other's key military bases to activity of the opposite union's secret military aircraft. The agreement's rationale lay in the fear expressed by both parties that a misconstruance (whether intentional or not) of a given UFO intrusion as being traceable to either party could risk escalation of hostility between them (with perhaps disastrous military results).

With that background, I hereby submit this letter as my formal FOIA request that you send me a copy of all CIA-generated and CIA-received records pertaining to --

- The associations, motivations, and activity of the late W. Todd Zechel;
- The creation, coordination, ratification, and operation of the

above-defined U. S.-Soviet agreement.

In your processing of this noncommercial request, I expect you to formally acknowledge (in writing) my requester status as that of "representative of the news media" (RNM) (as defined by the amended U. S. Freedom of Information Act and as exemplified by the content and publication credits posted upon my blog (<http://ufoview.posterous.com>)).

As you well know, this codified category of FOIA requestership entitles me to full waiver of all records-search/review fees incident to your fulfilling not just this request but also any future noncommercial FOIA requests from me to your agency. I of course state my willingness to pay any customary and reasonable duplication fee for your providing me the requested records.

Should you choose, for whatever reason, to deny my current and future RNM-requester status (or to convert it to some other category without my concurrence), I shall construe that action as an adverse and unlawful determination of my FOIA records-access rights -- and shall seek all appropriate judicial remedy.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.



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W. Todd Zechel

W. Todd Zechel, 63, died on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006 at his home in Prairie du Sac. He was born in Baraboo on Oct. 2, 1943, the son of late Walter H. and Vivian (nee O'Neil) Zechel. He graduated from Prairie du Sac High School and then attended Lakeland College. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in South Korea in the Army Security Agency. Todd was employed as a salesman. He was an avid reader and writer, especially involving politics and ufology.

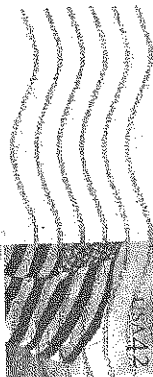
He is survived by a sister, Peggy (Mike) Reis, DeForest; a brother, Scott (Jan) Zechel, Baraboo; close friend, Bernie Schleden, Sauk City; several nieces, nephews, cousins, an aunt, other relatives and friends.

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