



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY TO

8 JUL 1954

Dear Admiral Knowles:

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 1954 with which you forwarded additional transcripts of Mrs. Swan's thought transference. They have been referred to the appropriate offices in the Navy Department for consideration. It appears that such transcripts will continue to be viewed with some skepticism by the technical offices unless a more conventional means of communication is arranged.

Sincerely

Carl F Espe  
Rear Admiral, U S Navy  
Director of Naval Intelligence

RADM H. B. Knowles, USN(Ret)  
RFD #1  
South Berwick, Maine

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Finally, you are wondering about me. I am sane, - at least I hope so, and yet I more than half believe in this, to such an extent at least that I would give it a thorough trial before dismissing it as the figment of a fertile imagination. To me it seems that somehow, somewhere a force is impelling Mrs. Swan to write these messages which grow more specific and detailed as time goes on. She is not copying from a book or other earthly source. To me it is further inconceivable that she could manufacture details worthy of the most scientific and imaginative writers. I ask the question, "Can you afford to ignore any possible contact outside our earth when the consequences of that ignorance, for good or evil, may be so tremendous as is suggested in the final message enclosed?"

Would you please give this matter your personal attention to make certain that it does not go in the waste basket or get lost in routine? I will forward subsequent copies of messages received if you so desire and so notify me. Events today have more than ever convinced me there is a lot in this matter that will bear very careful consideration. If this is not in your province will you do Mrs. Swan and myself the favor of putting it in proper hands?

Sincerely,

H.B. Knowles  
R. Adm., U.S.N. (Ret.)

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of our people have not been prepared for such an eventuality and I feel pretty certain that military personnel of all branches have not been told how to react.

Hopefully,

H.B.Knowles

R. Adm., U.S.N. (Ret.)

2 Copies of  
enclosure

R.F.D.#1,  
South Berwick, Maine

Rear Admiral C.F. Espe, U.S.N., June 6, 1954  
Chief of Naval Intelligence,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral:

I am sending you a second and more important installment of messages from and concerning AFFA, including a direct answer to one of my own messages. Again this is being sent directly to you for the same reasons as I gave before in my letter of 27 May.

As this thing develops the urgency of some positive action on the part of you people in Washington becomes more and more apparent. Believe me, these messages are real; you are not being assailed by a couple of crackpots. It is about time for some of our so-called bright boys to wake up to the fact that strange things really are happening; that we are being observed by beings like ourselves from outer space and that their intentions are peaceful. Believe it or not, communication has been established with earth through Mrs. Swan here in Elliot. Why she was chosen other than some of the big people in our land only the Creator knows; but she was chosen and you must believe it. Can you read these communications and believe they are the product of Mrs. Swan's imagination? Could you yourself have thought out and written them? No; they are very real and come from whence they say.

Time is getting short. Either you are doing something about this or you are not. In either case please let me know at once what your plans are. If nothing is to be done, say so and return all papers so I can start another approach to someone who will take action.

What would happen if there were a landing in force such as is suggested herein? The minds

Navy is open-minded, searching for the answers to many hitherto unanswerable problems; the so-called "flying saucers" seems to be one of your problems and perhaps this is the beginning of your answer. It is a lead which I don't think you can afford to ignore. It would cost you little to ascertain its validity, and there need be no "red faces" if it fails to materialize provided you go about it right.

Should you wish to test out the validity of these communications I would suggest that the meeting place be somewhere up here where we have many secluded spots where such a meeting could take place. A written and signed assurance of safe conduct to AFPA and ship can be transmitted through Mrs. Swan. Another reason for this area is that it would be necessary for Mrs. Swan to be present as the messages state, and she has no desire for the publicity and notoriety attending such an affair in more populous places such as Washington. She states that she would not leave here.

Why not try out short wave radio as suggested. The message of 7.40 p.m. 27 May gives specific band and calls - 306 MM (or QMM?) using call M4 M4 A F F A. If this is no hoax perhaps radar could pick up an object as large as the satellite is described. It might even be seen by a powerful telescope. Perhaps it has already been seen and not recognized for what it is.

Anyway, after a thorough examination of the enclosures please be kind enough to let Mrs. Swan know what the decision of the Navy Dept. is in this matter. She has written you only after a long inner struggle with herself and deserves at least a courteous and sympathetic reply.

In reading the enclosures you will note that there are certain letters and symbols written by hand on the typewritten copies; these are made as nearly as possible to look like the original hand-written messages. These originals are now in Mrs. Swan's possession and may be seen at any time by a properly designated officer. Mrs. Swan has no desire to keep them and they will be turned over to the Government if so desired. Words in parentheses are notes made by Mrs. Swan after the message was received to clarify certain passages.

Enclosure *is only copy we have*  
27 May 1954

Rear Admiral C.F. Espe, U.S.N.,  
Chief of Naval Intelligence,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral:

I am Rear Admiral H.B. Knowles, U.S.N. (Ret.) and am communicating with you directly and personally rather than through official channels because I do not believe what I have to say, and to enclose, is a matter for many others to see at present.

I am writing this at the request of a Mrs. Guy A. (Frances H.) Swan for reasons which will become evident as you read the enclosures.

Mrs. Swan is probably about 40 years of age, of average education and perhaps better than average intelligence. She is deeply religious, greatly interested in schools, Girl Scouts, Red Cross and community and church affairs in general. She has a daughter, Dawnalyn, going to High School here, and her husband works in the Navy Yard at Kittery.

I have seen some of her rather futile attempts at writing and I do not believe that she has the knowledge or ability to manufacture out of whole cloth the fantastic story which the enclosures unfold. She has the appearance of one being impelled into doing something over which she has little control. The manifestation that Mrs. Knowles and I witnessed on 26 May was some of the outward appearances of a seance. It was so utterly simple that one was almost forced to believe it as it unfolded. Questions were asked of which one had no previous knowledge and the answers were written very fast, without any apparent premeditation or hesitation. These answers were clear, concise, and if we accept AFFA as being real, they were logical.

I must admit I am at sixes and sevens in this matter. However, strange things have happened before; the impossible of yesterday is often the reality of today. So am I to say this is not so, for it may very well