

## Senator Robert Kennedy Skeptical

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Newly discovered letters written by the late Senator and Presidential candidate Robert Kennedy show clearly that Kennedy was skeptical about UFOs, and about the possibility of any United States Air Force cover up.

The three newly uncovered letters were written in 1965 to researcher Robert E. Barrow, formally with the Air Force, and a writer of articles in UFO magazines in the 1970s.

“I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO’s and the basis for such phenomena,” wrote Senator Kennedy. “From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.”

Kennedy stated, however, “Not enough is known about UFO sightings,” and conceded that some “reputable witnesses” had been involved. This led Mr. Barrow to write back and offer Kennedy a copy of “UFO Evidence Report,” which had been put out by the UFO research organization NICAP. Kennedy replied that he had already seen the publication.

When Barrow wrote Kennedy about whether the Senator believed the Air Force was covering up, Kennedy was direct and to the point.

“I have looked into this matter in detail,” wrote Kennedy. “I do not believe that the Air Force is censoring any information of interest to the public on so-called “Unidentified Flying Objects.”

The new letters are significant because they totally counter a previously published May 1968 letter by researcher Gray Barker, where Kennedy expressed sincere interest in UFOs. Many researchers have questioned this letter for years.

Kennedy’s skeptical views found in these new letters is also important in light of documents recently leaked into the UFO community claiming the Kennedy assassination was due in large part to an order given by Kennedy shortly before his death for all UFO files.

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July 15, 1965

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*RET*

Mr. Robert E. Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter asking my views concerning so-called UFO's or unidentified flying objects. I regret that my reply is not as prompt as I would prefer it to be.

I have noted from time to time public discussions about UFO's and the bases for such phenomena. From the evidence available to date, I do not believe that UFO phenomena are caused by vehicles of extraterrestrial origin.

However, scientists agree that not enough is known about UFO sightings, in some cases by reputable witnesses, to definitely identify the cause of the phenomena. I hope that science provides us with an answer to these unknown aspects of UFO sightings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

*Robert F. Kennedy*  
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*Recd by [unclear] 9/23/1965  
 - R.F.K.*

September 23, 1965

Mr. Robert Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for offering to obtain a copy of the "UFO Evidence Report" for me.

I have, however, seen this publication and do not need an additional copy.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Robert F. Kennedy*  
 Robert F. Kennedy

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 2, 1965  
R.E.B.

October 2, 1965

Mr. Robert E. Barrow

Dear Mr. Barrow:

Thank you for your letter concerning the censorship of unidentified flying object information by the Air Force.

I have looked into this matter in detail and I do not believe that the Air Force is censoring any information of interest to the public on so-called "Unidentified Flying Objects."

However, I will look forward to reading any other information you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Kennedy

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