

## Gerald Ford UFOs

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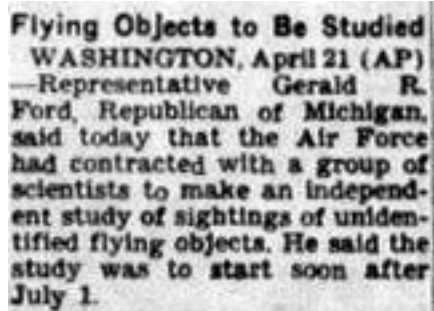
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### President Gerald Ford

#### 38th President

**August 9, 1974-January 20,1977**

"When I heard about Congressman Ford's proposal I had to shake my head and laugh. An open hearing would be a circus and I didn't want any part in it." **Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Director of U.S.A.F. Project Blue Book 1963-1969**



**Flying Objects to Be Studied**  
WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)  
—Representative Gerald R. Ford, Republican of Michigan, said today that the Air Force had contracted with a group of scientists to make an independent study of sightings of unidentified flying objects. He said the study was to start soon after July 1.

Prior to becoming President Gerald Ford was a Representative representing Michigan in the U.S. Senate, and also Minority Leader in the Senate. In 1966 Michigan experienced hundreds of UFO sighting. The reports of weird dancing light produced quite a furor. To handle the demands for an explanation the Air Force held a quickly arranged news conference where J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy advisor to Project Blue book, made a statement he would regret the rest of his life. He declared that a sighting made by Frank Mannor on March 16, 1966, in Dexter, Michigan was probably "swamp gas."

## **NEW FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED IN MICHIGAN**

BAD AXE, Mich., March 27 (AP)—More unidentified flying objects were reported in Michigan last night.

Three policemen in this little community reported watching a bright blue light over Lake Huron for about half an hour early today. One, Peter Torres, described the object as very large and moving too fast to be a star.

Cpl. Frank Lyon of the State Police, who did not see it, speculated the object might be a weather balloon. He said it was not uncommon for balloons released at Sioux Falls, S. D., to drift over the area.

Thousands of residents of Hillsdale County, just north of Ohio, watched a couple of lights high above them for several hours last night. Among them was Dave Keister, assistant manager of Hillsdale radio station WCSR.

"I just don't think it was a star," said Mr. Keister, who looked at one through binoculars for some time. He said he could not estimate the size of the objects, and added that they appeared to change in color from white to red to orange to green.

"They gave the impression that they might be rotating," he said.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist and scientific consultant for the Air Force, said Friday that phenomena reported at Hillsdale and at Dexter, Mich. on March 20, were probably swamp gases.