

Dear Co-worker:

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Mr. Straith's letter, of which you were sent a photostatic copy, has really started things humming. As you know, the people in America were asked to write to their state representatives in Washington for further information. Many of you too have written to Washington and to many members of various consulates throughout the world requesting further information on the subject. I understand that Washington has been rather flooded with such inquiries, which they apparently are not quite yet ready to answer. As a result, they claim that Mr. Straith does not exist. But this claim is not a fact. Mr. Straith is very much in existence, very actively so, and definitely is a member of the State Department. However, the work he is doing is of such nature that his name does not appear on public lists of the Department's personnel.

The State Department is also disclaiming the existence of such a governmental division as the Cultural Exchange Committee -- which is perfectly absurd in the face of the fact that millions of American T V viewers have heard this committee acknowledged, thanked for various passport services rendered, and loudly praised for its considerable work in promoting understanding between countries. Bob Hope, the comedian, upon his recent return from Russia, on at least three occasions, of national hook-up broadcast, made just such remarks and I understand that one of our better known news broadcasters (also over a national network of T V) also referred to this committee by name. Also, I am told that many articles have appeared in the press, in which "this service" was mentioned by name. I have a clipping of one such article which was sent to me and which was written by a reputable newspaperman. It is now referred to as Cultural Exchange Program.

In order to further dispel any doubts about the authenticity of the letter, I wish here to point out to each of you the impression of the Seal of State of the United States government which appears in proper official position just above the salutation of the letter. I assure you that such seals are entrusted only to those whose official capacities require its use, that such instruments are not treated carelessly and left about, available for use by any unauthorized person; also, that its impression on any letter or document denotes the authenticity of the signed name and official capacity of the writer. So, do not be discouraged. The truth must rise above the rabble -- all in good time.

Here in the United States some groups who have previously professed to be working for the learning of all the truth regarding interplanetary visitors are now on the side of the opposition, which opposition seems to be battling for its life in a very desperate manner by attempting to discredit Mr. Straith's letter. I am happy to say that newspapers in India, New Zealand, and Mexico have carried reprints of the letter; while in Brazil it has been shown over T V a number of times, I have been told. The latest word from England is that it will be reproduced in the next issue of Flying Saucers Review.

One group in New York has now sent a letter to every member in the United Nations asking that some nation have enough courage to give the world the truth as held in said country's files concerning our space visitors. It matters not which nation is to be first in giving out such information -- whether it be the U S A or U S S R, or any other is of no importance. Just let some nation do it, and soon. The authorities in Brazil have already taken steps toward this end. So, it is for us and all of our associates to stand firm and continue to insist that official publication of facts be made. If we stand together on this, never wavering, we shall accomplish our purpose. Perhaps this is the first test of our ability as a cooperative group to be as one in carrying out the Friendship Plan.

I wish to state here that the Questions & Answers booklets and their accompanying letters which were sent to each of