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April 25, 1951.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re Silas M. Newton - No. 835861

The subject named above is cited as authority for a highly fanciful book entitled "Behind the Flying Saucers", written by one Frank Scully and published by Holt in 1950. The gist of the book is that the so-called "flying saucers" are really manifestations of secret and sinister scientific research by the government.

Newton's arrest record, as shown by your files, is familiar to us. He is the owner of the Newton Oil Company, a small but active oil producing organization with offices at 315 Franklin Street, Denver, Colorado. He describes himself as a graduate of Yale, which appears to be true and as a geophysicist engaged in secret governmental research.

He is apparently wealthy, or at least possessed of sufficient temporary means to live in luxury and dress expensively. His home is at 1929 Whitley Street, Hollywood, but all messages to him, or appointments with him, must be made through the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. One [redacted] is associated with him in Denver.

We are writing you because [redacted] has stated that a complete investigation of Newton has been made by your Bureau. Presumably this investigation has confirmed his cryptic allusions to his being engaged in governmental research of a secret nature.

Other circumstances coming to our attention in the light of his criminal record indicate to us that Newton is engaged in the perpetration of a hoax or swindle of large

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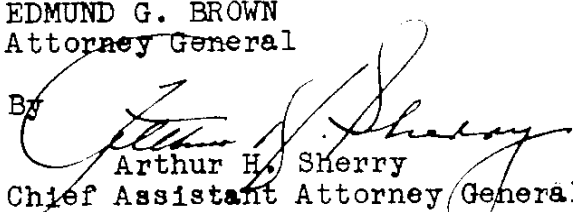
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proportions: If you have any information concerning this man, other than his arrest record, we would greatly appreciate receiving it.

Very truly yours,

EDMUND G. BROWN
Attorney General

By


Arthur H. Sherry
Chief Assistant Attorney General

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Reference is made to your letter dated April 28, 1961, signed by Arthur H. Sherry, Chief Assistant Attorney General, in which you request information concerning Siles K. Newton - No. 645661.

Sincerely yours,

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Denver (Information) With copy of the incriminating
Los Angeles (Information) With copy of incriminating.
San Francisco - With copy of incriminating.

It is desired that the San Francisco Office contact the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California to determine if Newton is violating any Federal Statutes in claiming to be "engaged in governmental research of a secret nature", or in the "perpetration of a hoax or swindle of large proportions".

Butler reflects the arrest record of ¹⁰⁰⁴Newton, FBI No. 895861, last arrested by the New York City ¹⁰⁰⁴SA on 1-25-36 for grand larceny. (95-1569) ¹⁰⁰⁴HVI

In the investigation of [redacted] on 10/15/59 (Bufile 65839), information was received that the subject married Silas W. [redacted], a wealthy [redacted] and [redacted] on 7-6-34.

During this investigation, inquiries were made concerning Newton in Denver and Los Angeles, and no satisfactory information was received. Investigation of [redacted] was conducted in April, 1949, as no evidence was developed indicating

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she was engaged in espionage activities. (65-837-205, 193, 183,
170, 168)

The book "Behind the Flying Saucers", by Frank Scully was analyzed in a memo from Mr. Ladd to the Director, dated 10-17-50. OSI, Washington, D. C., advised the assertions made in the book are "hogwash". "Time" magazine stated that the scientific credibility of the book was below that of a comic book. Scully claimed that the information for the book was furnished to him by an unidentified lecturer at Denver University, and by a [redacted] Neither of these persons were identified by Scully. (100-224-6)

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May 15, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge and thank you for
your recent letter in answer to our inquiry relating
to Silas M. Newton, No. 835861. Your interest and
cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

This office was recently contacted by
Special Agent [redacted] of your San Francisco office and
all information relating to the current activities
of Newton was made available to [redacted]

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. G. ROBINSON
Deputy Director
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