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Dear Mr. Keeling:-

I guess I could rightfully be accused of dragging my feet in answering your letter, which arrived on the 14th. Your proposal has confronted me with a dilemma. Except for agreeing to be portrayed in the Greene-Louse movie "UFO" (because I was convinced that it was a serious attempt to document the UFO subject up to the mid-1950s) and presentations at two UFO conferences in the 1970s and 1980s (which I also considered to be serious attempts to cope with the subject), I have consistently avoided public appearances and pronouncements relating to UFOs. I rejected out-of-hand numerous attempts in past years to involve me publicly in the subject. However, I found that I couldn't summarily dismiss your proposal because of your obvious sincerity, apparent knowledge of the subject and factual approach -- over the phone and in your letter.

Accordingly, I have taken some time each day to study your proposal and reflect on all the potential ramifications. Frankly, I have vacillated pro and con from day to day. I've even discussed it with my wife to get her opinion. I have finally concluded that I am favorably disposed but subject to certain other considerations, namely:

1. Where and how would you handle the interview? Or is it possible to achieve what you desire by some other means? (Because of my wife's health problems, I'm never sure when my presence may be required at home.)
2. I would need to be supplied more information in advance on what aspects of the listed subjects are to be discussed. (After 40+ years, my memory has dimmed on many things. For example, I can recall nothing about the BMI Project Stork.)

3. It must be clearly understood that I will offer no personal opinion about the nature of UFOs.

Incidentally, I am no longer entitled to be addressed as "Major". I resigned my reserve commission when I was released from active duty with the Air Force in early 1953; I wasn't eligible to retire. And this action by me had nothing whatsoever to do with my involvement with the UFO program.

Sincerely,
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