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Dear Mr. Mills,

This is in response to your letter of October 23, 1977 regarding UFO's and psychic phenomena.

This office does not have any files on UFO sightings or alleged visits from outer space. Officials at Edwards Air Force Base in California have advised me to refer you to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. for information regarding UFO's in 1954, specifically requesting information on "Operation Bluebook."

The questions surrounding the so-called "Philadelphia Experiment" arise from quite routine research which occurred during World War II at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Until recently, we believed that the foundation for the apocryphal stories arose from degaussing experiments which, although they had no effect on humans, can cause a ship to become "invisible" to magnetic mines. A private researcher has revealed that a more likely genesis of the stories about levitation, teleportation and bizarre effects on human crewmembers arose from experiments with the generating plant of a destroyer escort, USS TIMMERMAN. This ship was part of an experiment to test the effects of a small, high frequency generator providing 1,000 cycles per second instead of the standard 400 hz. However, the higher frequency generator produced corona discharges, sparking and other phenomena often found at high frequency power plants. The ship was never teleported, nor did any of the crew suffer lasting effects from the experiment.

If you are still curious about this matter, you might want to write to Mr. James Wolfe, 15 "E" Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20001. Mr. Wolfe has probed into some of the mysteries of the "Philadelphia Experiment," and his

research has provided some of the information in the foregoing paragraph. You might also desire to write to the Office of Naval Research, Washington, D. C. 20350.

Thank you for your interest in the U. S. Navy.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. E. Norton".

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Dear Mr Barker
Thanks for your
letter and f. note - enclosed please
find photostat copy of letter re.
Philadelphia Experiment.

If you do contact Mr James Wise, I would
appreciate a copy also of his reply,
as I have written a long time ago, but
received no answer

Carry on the good work

Kind Regards

Afred Mills

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Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you for your promptness in sending me the photostat.

This letter is to me, most amazing, and I am checking this out with Bill Moore to see if he agrees with me. To my knowledge nobody in the Navy has ever admitted there was any kind of experiment. Instead, inquirers have received form letters calling the whole thing an "old wives' tale".

While we could take the letter at face value and have a pretty good explanation of the genesis of the entire matter, I think we should withhold judgment in light of the many coverups and cover stories. This sounds like a good cover story for something much "nastier".

Kindest regards,



Gray Barker