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IN REPLY REFER TO

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November 24, 1980

John T. Cokos  
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RE: Your letter of  
v. 19, 1980  
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Dear Mr. Cokos:

There are no records held here of any experiments conducted during the war years. All such records, if they existed, would have been transferred to the National Archives, as mentioned in our letter of November 13, 1980.

In reply to your continuing request concerning information about the USS Timmerman and the information released by LCDR Norton on November 1, 1977, please be advised that further research has shown that the only ship bearing the name Timmerman was being built during the period of 1942-43 and was not commissioned until 1952.

According to the Ship's History Division in Washington, work on the Timmerman was halted at the end of WWII and not restarted until the early 1950's.

You will note in the highlighted section of LCDR Norton's letter of November 1, 1977, that the information about a destroyer escort came, not from Navy files, but from a "private researcher".

I am also enclosing copied pages of Fahey's Victory Edition of "The Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet" which show that Timmerman was being built in 1942-43 (highlighted on page 20) and that there was no destroyer escort at that time (the pages are un-numbered, but contain the complete listing of destroyer escorts during 1942-43) by the name Timmerman.

As suggested by LCDR Norton, in his November 1, 1977, letter, if you have any further questions concerning this matter or wish further documented information about the USS Timmerman, I suggest that you contact, not Mr. Wolfe, but the Naval Historical Center, Navy History Division (SH), Bldg. 220-2, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. 20374 or the Office of Naval Research, Washington, D.C. 20350.

Sincerely,



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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 the 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. CA 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,



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RE: F.O.I.A. Request of  
12 November 1980

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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

November 19, 1980

In regards to my request to information concerning the USS TIMMERMAN, please be advised of the following information released by Lt. Cdr. A.E. Norton, Public Affairs Officer, Philadelphia Naval Base of November 1, 1977 regarding a similar request: Commander Norton advised that there was indeed a D.E. TIMMERMAN stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Base during the period of the war years, of which experiments of the nature of my original request were performed.

Perhaps this information will be of use to you in providing me with the nature of the information that I requested.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,  
*John T. Cokos*  
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