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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE

Letter dated 8 September 1970 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America,
the following letter is issued as a document of the Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space:

I have the honour, in accordance with the Agreement on the Rescue
of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched
into Outer Space, which entered into force 3 December 1968, to inform
you of the following.

A number of objects from space have re-entered the atmosphere and
impacted in the United States. Three objects have been found; reports
of other sightings are being investigated. One object was found near
Pratt, Kansas, on 29 August. The second was found near Beaver City,
Oklahoma. The third was found near Adrian, Texas. The objects range
in weight from approximately 50 to 200 pounds. The largest is
approximately 30 inches by 10 inches by 5 inches in size. Efforts are
under way to recover the objects that have been reported (one of which,
at least, was immediately placed on public display by local authorities),
and to determine their origin. The extent of any damages that may have
been caused by the impact of the fragments has not yet been determined.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Charles W. YOST

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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE

Letter dated 14 September 1970 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America, the following letter is issued as a document of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space:

Further to my letter of 8 September and in accordance with the notification requirements of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

A fourth fragment (approximately the same size as the other three) of the orbiting object which re-entered the atmosphere of the earth and impacted in the middle west region of the United States on 28 August 1970 has now been found and has been recovered by officials of the Government of the United States. The four fragments appear to be Soviet in origin. The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Washington has accordingly been notified of the return to earth of the four fragments. Arrangements will be made in the next few days for representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to examine the fragments. If the Soviet representatives confirm the identification made by the United States authorities, steps will be taken immediately to turn the fragments over to the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Charles W. YOST