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Adobe Portable Document Format Version of  
**Some documents related to Betty Cash's, Vicki Landrum's and  
Colby Landrum's claims for damages**

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This .PDF file contains some of the documents were released to us by the US Air Force in July, 1993. The documents in this file are related in some way to the claims for damages filed with the Staff Judge Advocate at Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas.

Some of the items in this file were referred to in interview conducted at the Bergstrom Air Force Base Law Library Building 2102, 17 August 1981, between Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum, Colby Landrum and representatives of the United States Air Force in the persons of Captain John Camp, Acting Staff Judge Advocate, Captain Terry Davis, Claims Officer, and Miss Pat Wolf, Assistant Claims Officer. A transcript of this interview is available on [CUFON<sup>SM</sup>](#).

The Cash - Landrum case is undisputedly one of the classic UFO sighting/physical trace cases. It's importance comes from its dramatic nature and because of the traces left behind by the unknown object in the form of negative effects, (apparently from radiation) on the three witnesses and their car. SOMETHING real caused the terrible effects. And it is sure that Betty, Vickie and Colby's suffering was real. Also important also is the witnesses' report of many military helicopters in the immediate vicinity of the unknown object and the official denials of any government knowledge of the incident.

We note with sadness the passing of Betty Cash, a brave lady. Betty suffered illness after illness causing repeated hospitalization following the UFO encounter, eventually developing cancer. She suffered a stroke in 1998 and passed December 29, 2001.

- Jim Klotz

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON DC 20330-1000



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

13 JUL 1993

SAF/AAIS (FOIA)  
1620 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington DC 20330-1620

Dale Goudie  
ADDRESS REMOVED  
BY CUFON

Dear Mr. Goudie

We are attaching documents responsive to your undated Freedom of Information Act request addressed to the 67 MSSQ/MSIRF. We received it on December 21, 1992.

Some of the documents you requested are exempt from disclosure because they contain information that if disclosed to the public, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Other records are exempt because they consist of deliberative process advice, opinions, recommendations and attorney work product.

The authority for these exemptions are in the United States Code, Title 5, Sections 552 (b)(5) and (b)(6) and Air Force Regulation 4-33, paragraphs 15e and 15f.

The denial authority in this instance is Richard A. Peterson, Acting Chief, General Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Should you decide that an appeal to this decision is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal your reason for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter. Address your letter as follows:

Secretary of the Air Force  
THRU: SAF/AAIS (FOIA)  
1620 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington DC 20330-1620

We also surfaced other records responsive to your request. We do not have the authority to deny or release them. We forwarded your request and the records to the following Air Force activities and government agencies. They will reply directly to you.

United States Department of Justice  
FOIA/PA Section  
Room B-37  
Justice Management Division  
Washington DC 20530

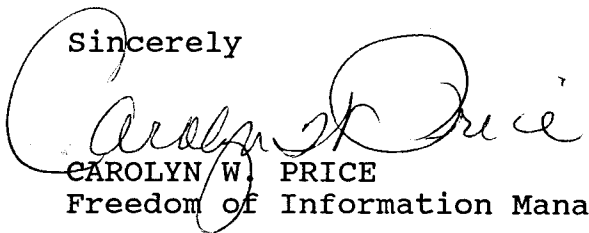
United States Army  
FOIA/PA Division  
USAISC-P (ASQNS-OP-F)  
Crystal Square 2  
Suite 201  
1725 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington VA 22202

Department of the Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
N09B30, Pentagon, Room 5E521  
Washington, DC 20350-2000

David Grant Medical Center/SGASD (FOIA)  
101 Bodin Circle  
Travis AFB CA 94535-1800

67 MSSQ/MSIRF (FOIA)  
Building 706  
Bergstrom AFB TX 78743-5000

Sincerely



CAROLYN W. PRICE  
Freedom of Information Manager

1 Attachment:  
Releasable records

92-1773

# CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH

INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare in ink or typewriter. Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary.

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO.  
43-R0597

<p>1. SUBMIT TO:</p> <p>Base Staff Judge Advocate Attn: Claims Officer Bergstrom Air Force Base</p>	<p>2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)</p> <p>Betty Cash [REDACTED]</p>
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<p>3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN</p>	<p>4. AGE</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>5. MARITAL STATUS</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPOUSE, IF ANY (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)</p> <p>N/A</p>
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<p>7. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (Give city or town and State; if outside city limits, indicate mileage or distance to nearest city or town)</p> <p>On FM Road 1485 between New Caney and Huffman Texas-7 miles out of New Caney Texas (see diagram)</p>	<p>8. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT</p> <p>December 29 '80 Monday</p>	<p>9. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) between</p> <p>9:00PM-9:30PM</p>
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10. AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)			
<p>A. PROPERTY DAMAGE</p> <p>-0-</p>	<p>B. PERSONAL INJURY</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>C. WRONGFUL DEATH</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>D. TOTAL</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

11. DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT (State below, in detail, all known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved and the cause thereof) At the above time and place claimant was driving a 1980 Olds automobile with two passengers, Vicki and Colby Landrum, when they observed an unconventional aerial object. According to the claimant, the object was extremely bright and appeared to have no distinct shape. The object was approximately 60-80 feet above the road and appeared to be the size of a 'city water tank'. Furthermore the object was surrounded by a glow and appeared to have red and orange

12. PROPERTY DAMAGE (continued on attached)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)

N/A

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE KIND AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURE AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE (See instructions on reverse side for method of substantiating claim)

N/A

13. PERSONAL INJURY

STATE NATURE AND EXTENT OF INJURY WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THIS CLAIM Claimant, within hours of the close encounter with the unidentified flying object, [REDACTED]

14. WITNESSES (continued on attached)

NAME	ADDRESS (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)
Mrs. Vicki Landrum Master Colby Landrum	[REDACTED]

I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE ACCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM

<p>15. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (This signature should be used in all future correspondence)</p> <p>Betty O. Cash</p>	<p>16. DATE OF CLAIM</p> <p>December 20, 1982</p>
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<p>CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM</p> <p>The claimant shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of \$2,000- plus double the amount of damages sustained by the United States. (See R.S. §3490, 5438; 31 U.S.C. 231.)</p>	<p>CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS</p> <p>Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both. (See 62 Stat. 698, 749; 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001)</p>
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- C. *Routine Use:* See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
- D. *Effect of Failure to Respond:* Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid".

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Complete all items—Insert the word NONE where applicable**

Claims for damage to or for loss or destruction of property, or for personal injury, must be signed by the owner of the property damaged or lost or the injured person. If, by reason of death, other disability or for reasons deemed satisfactory by the Government, the foregoing requirement cannot be fulfilled, the claim may be filed by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with said claim establishing authority to act.

If claimant intends to file claim for both personal injury and property damage, claim for both must be shown in item 10 of this form. Separate claims for personal injury and property damage are not acceptable.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

Any further instructions or information necessary in the preparation of your claim will be furnished, upon request, by the office indicated in item #1 on the reverse side.

(d) Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the allegations accrued may render your claim "invalid".

**INSURANCE COVERAGE**

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of his vehicle or property.

17. DO YOU CARRY ACCIDENT INSURANCE?  YES, IF YES, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURANCE COMPANY (*Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code*) AND POLICY NUMBER.  NO

18. HAVE YOU FILED CLAIM ON YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER IN THIS INSTANCE, AND IF SO, IS IT FULL COVERAGE OR DEDUCTIBLE?

N/A

19. IF DEDUCTIBLE, STATE AMOUNT

N/A

20. IF CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED WITH YOUR CARRIER, WHAT ACTION HAS YOUR INSURER TAKEN OR PROPOSES TO TAKE WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR CLAIM? (*It is necessary that you ascertain these facts*)

N/A

21. DO YOU CARRY PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE?  YES, IF YES, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURANCE CARRIER (*Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code*)  NO

(11. Description of Accident cont.)

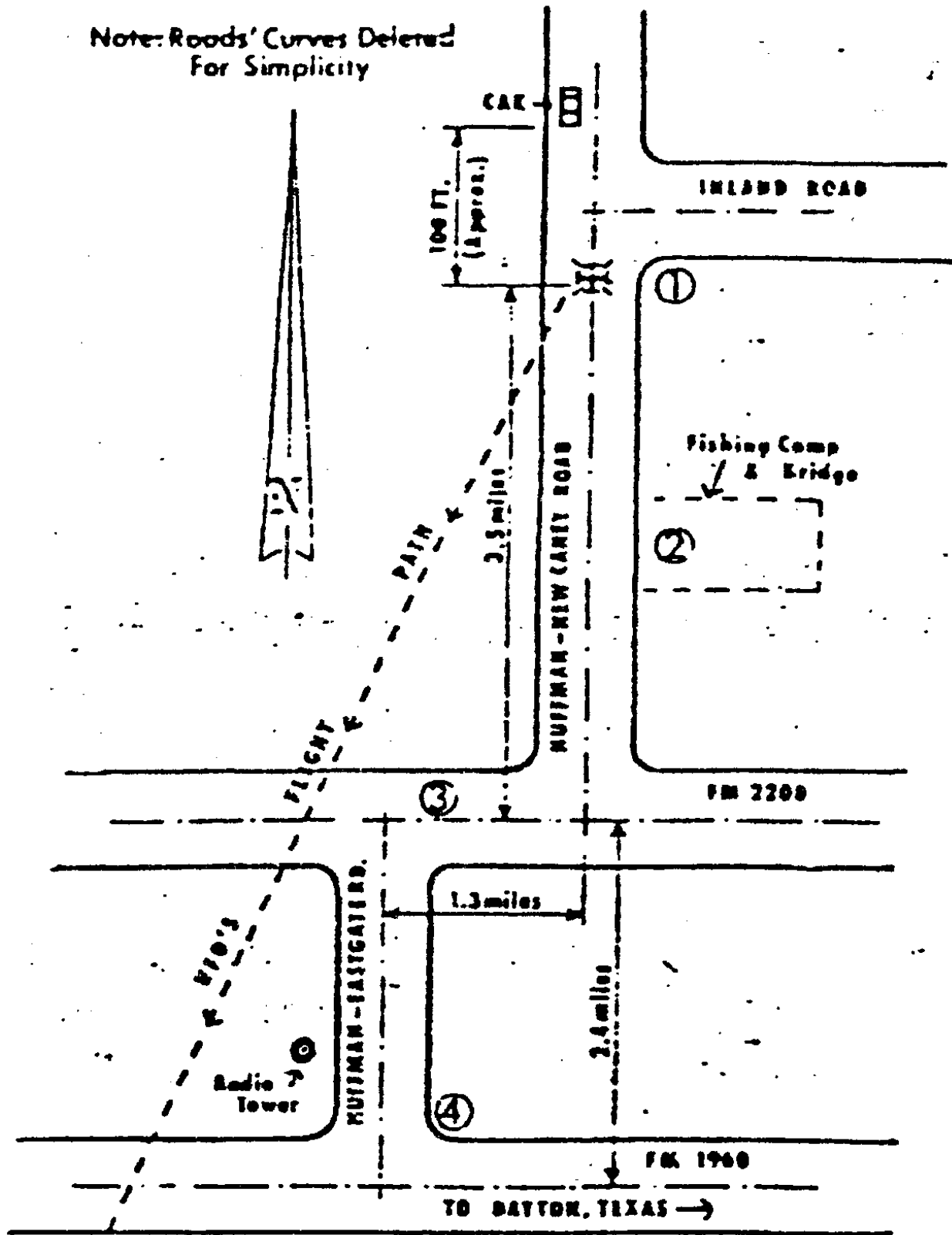
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flames emanating from the bottom. Claimant stopped her automobile since the object was now blocking the road. Claimant and the two passengers proceeded to leave the vehicle and look at the object which was now hovering at treetop level approximately 135 feet from the people. Claimant experienced intense and excruciating heat which appeared to be caused by the object. After approximately five minutes claimant returned to her automobile and the object appeared to move further away. Claimant proceeded to drive along the road where approximately three miles away she observed what appeared to her to be approximately 23 military-type helicopters, several of which appeared to be double rotary type, in the general vicinity of the object. Finally there came a time when both the object and helicopters disappeared.

(13. Personal Injury cont.)

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Note: Roads' Curves Deleted  
For Simplicity



(1) INITIAL ENCOUNTER

(2)  
(3)  
(4) } TRIP STOPPED TO WATCH UFO'S DEPARTURE

# CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH

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OMB NO.  
43-R0597

1. SUBMIT TO:

Base Staff Judge Advocate  
Attn: Claims Officer  
Bergstrom Air Force Base  
78743

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)

Master Colby Landrum  
[REDACTED]

3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

MILITARY  
 CIVILIAN N/A

4. AGE

[REDACTED]

5. MARITAL STATUS

[REDACTED]

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPOUSE, IF ANY (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)

N/A

7. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (Give city or town and State; if outside city limits, indicate mileage or distance to nearest city or town) On FM Road 1485 between New Caney and Huffman Texas-7 miles outside New Caney, Texas (see diagram)

8. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT

December 29, '80  
Monday

9. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.)

between 9:00PM-9:30PM

10.

AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)

A. PROPERTY DAMAGE

N/A

B. PERSONAL INJURY

[REDACTED]

C. WRONGFUL DEATH

N/A

D. TOTAL

[REDACTED]

11. DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT (State below, in detail, all known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved and the cause thereof) At the above time and place claimant was a passenger, along with his grandmother Vicki Landrum, in an automobile driven by Ms. Betty Cash when they observed an unconventional aerial object. According to the claimant, the object appeared extremely bright and diamond shaped. The object was approximately 60-80 feet above the road and appeared to be the size of a 'city water tank'. Furthermore, (continued on attached page)

12.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)

N/A

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE KIND AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURE AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE (See instructions on reverse side for method of substantiating claim)

N/A

13.

PERSONAL INJURY

STATE NATURE AND EXTENT OF INJURY WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THIS CLAIM Claimant, during the close encounter with the unidentified flying object, [REDACTED]

14.

WITNESSES

(continued on attached page)

NAME

ADDRESS (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code)

Mrs. Vicki Landrum  
Ms. Betty Cash

[REDACTED]

I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE ACCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM

15. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (This signature should be used in all future correspondence)

*Thos E.W. [Signature]* (as legal guardian)

16. DATE OF CLAIM

December 20, 1982

CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM

The claimant shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of \$2,000, plus double the amount of damages sustained by the United States. (See R.S. §3490, 5438; 31 U.S.C. 231.)

CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS

Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both. (See 62 Stat. 698, 749; 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001)

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(11. Description of Accident cont.)

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the object was surrounded by a glow and appeared to have red and orange flames emanating from the bottom. Ms. Cash proceeded to stop her vehicle since the object was now blocking the road. Claimant, his grandmother and Ms. Cash all exited the vehicle to look at the object which was now hovering at treetop level approximately 135 feet from the people. Claimant became hysterical and experienced intense and excruciating heat which appeared to be caused by the object. After approximately three minutes claimant entered the automobile with his grandmother and approximately three minutes afterwards Ms. Cash returned. The three of them then proceeded down the road as the object appeared to move further away. After approximately three miles claimant observed approximately 23 military-type helicopters, several of which appeared to be double rotary-type, in the general vicinity of the object which was still visible. Finally there came a time when both the object and the helicopters disappeared.

(13. Personal Injury cont.)

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18. HAVE YOU FILED CLAIM ON YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER IN THIS INSTANCE, AND IF SO, IS IT FULL COVERAGE OR DEDUCTIBLE?

N/A

19. IF DEDUCTIBLE, STATE AMOUNT

N/A

20. IF CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED WITH YOUR CARRIER, WHAT ACTION HAS YOUR INSURER TAKEN OR PROPOSES TO TAKE WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR CLAIM? (*It is necessary that you ascertain these facts*)

N/A

21. DO YOU CARRY PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE?  YES, IF YES, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURANCE CARRIER (*Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code*)  NO

# CLAIM FOR DAMAGES, INJURY, OR DEATH

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OMB NO.  
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1. SUBMIT TO: Base Staff Judge Advocate Attn: Claims Officer Bergstrom, Air Force Base 78743	2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code) Mrs. Vicki Landrum [REDACTED]
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3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN	4. AGE [REDACTED]	5. MARITAL STATUS [REDACTED]	6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPOUSE, IF ANY (Number, street, city, State, and Zip Code) Earnest Landrum [REDACTED]
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7. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (Give city or town and State; if outside city limits, indicate mileage or distance to nearest city or town) On FM Road 1485 between New Caney and Huffman Texas-7 miles outside New Caney Texas (see diagram)	8. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT Dec. 29, '80-Mon.	9. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) between 9:00PM-9:30PM
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10. AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)			
A. PROPERTY DAMAGE -0-	B. PERSONAL INJURY [REDACTED]	C. WRONGFUL DEATH N/A	D. TOTAL [REDACTED]

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N/A

19. IF DEDUCTIBLE, STATE AMOUNT

N/A

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N/A

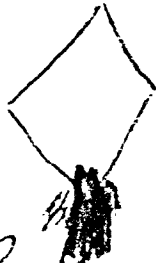
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(11. Description of Accident cont.)

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red and orange flames emanating from the bottom. Ms. Cash proceeded to stop her vehicle since the object was blocking the road. Claimant, her grandson, and Ms. Cash all exited the vehicle to look at the object which was now hovering at treetop level approximately 135 feet from the people. Claimant experienced intense and excruciating heat which appeared to be caused by the object. After approximately three minutes claimant entered the automobile with her grandson leaving Ms. Cash outside. After a few moments Ms. Cash also returned and proceeded to drive down the road as the object appeared to move further away. After three miles claimant observed approximately 23 military-type helicopters, several of which appeared to be double rotary type, in the general vicinity of the object, which was still visible. Finally there came a time when both the object and helicopters disappeared.

(13. Personal Injury cont.)



Betty Cash

8-18-81

Vickie Landrum

8-18-81

U. S. Air force - BC

Drawing of object by Betty Cash

Attested to by Vickie Landrum  
18 August 1981 Interview

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two copies of letters that I have received, as of the day I was there, I had gotten the one from Lloyd Denton + now I have the other one from John Jones, I just wanted all of you to know that I was told that you were aware of the accident before I came down. And that I was telling you the truth about the letter. Admiring me that you would be helpful.

Thank you +  
Have a nice day.

Betty Cash  
209-48<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fairfield Al 35064

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 28, 1981

Ms. Betty Cash  
209-48th Street  
Fairfield, Alabama 35064

Dear Ms. Cash:

I have received your recent letter in which you describe the events that occurred on December 29, 1980.

Upon receipt of your letter, conversations were held with representatives of the Department of Defense. As a result of those conversations, it was suggested that you contact the Judge Advocate Claims Officer at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas, to file an official report and to submit a claim. I am advised that those officials have been made aware of your letter and the general situation which you outlined; they will be most willing to assist in any way possible.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I trust this will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

  
Lloyd Bentsen



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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 4, 1981

Ms. Betty Cash  
209 48th Street  
Fairfield, Alabama 35064

Dear Ms. Cash:

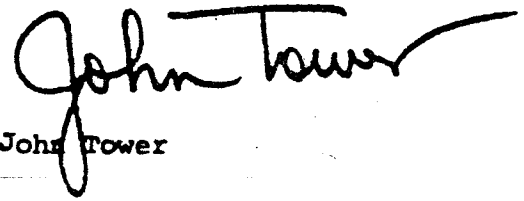
Thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have been in contact with appropriate authorities and have been informed that you need to file a claim with the Base Staff Judge Advocate. His address is as follows:

Base Staff Judge Advocate  
Attn: Claims Officer  
Bergstrom, Air Force Base 78743

I hope that this information will be helpful to you and if I can ever be of assistance to you in the future please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Tower

JT/znd

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December 23, 1982

Base Staff Judge Advocate  
Bergstrom Air Force Base  
Austin, Texas 78743

Attention: Claims Officer

Re: Claims of Ms. Betty Cash, Mrs.  
Vicki Landrum and Master Colby  
Landrum

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I am representing the three above-named persons and am thus enclosing their respective claim forms on their behalf. I am also enclosing various medical reports and bills relating to their claims. If you have any questions concerning their claims please feel free to telephone me at the above number.

Very truly yours,  
*Peter A. Gersten*  
Peter A. Gersten

PAG/nn

enc: claim forms and documents

cc: Betty Cash  
Vicki Landrum  
Bill Sheehy, Esq.  
John Schuessler

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Mr. Peter A. Gersten  
Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas  
191 East 161st Street  
Bronx, New York 10451

Re: Personal Injury Claims for Betty Cash, Vickie  
Landrum and Colby Landrum

Dear Mr. Gersten

Your clients' claim for damages against the United States Air  
Force has been received.

A staff attorney has been assigned to this case and it will be  
processed as soon as possible. Please direct any future  
correspondence to HQ USAF/JACC, 1900 Half Street, S. W.,  
Washington, D. C. 20324.

Sincerely

RICHARD L. PURDON, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Torts Branch  
Claims and Tort Litigation Staff  
Office of The Judge Advocate General



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324

A C T I O N

The appeal from the denial of the claim of Colby Landrum for injuries allegedly resulting from the overflight of an unidentified flying object and unidentified helicopters on 29 December 1980, has been considered under 10 U.S.C. 2733, and is denied.

*Charles M. Stewart*

CHARLES M. STEWART, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Civil Law  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

DATE: 31 Aug 83



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324

A C T I O N

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*Charles M. Stewart*

CHARLES M. STEWART, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Civil Law  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

DATE: 31 Aug 83






DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324

A C T I O N

The appeal from the denial of the claim of Vicki Landrum for injuries allegedly resulting from the overflight of an unidentified flying object and unidentified helicopters on 29 December 1980, has been considered under 10 U.S.C. 2733, and is denied.

  
CHARLES M. STEWART, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Civil Law  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

DATE: 31 Aug 83



Mr. Peter Gersten  
Gagliardi, Torres & Gersten  
Attorneys at Law  
27 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Re: Appeal of Personal Injury Claims of Betty Cash,  
Vickie Landrum and Colby Landrum

Dear Mr. Gersten

Your clients' appeal of the claims against the United States Air Force has been received at this office. It has been assigned to me for consideration and recommendation and will be processed as soon as possible.

Please direct any future correspondence to my attention addressed to HQ USAF/JACC, 1900 Half Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20324.

Sincerely

PAUL E. CORMIER  
Aviation & Admiralty Law Attorney  
Claims and Tort Litigation Staff  
Office of The Judge Advocate General




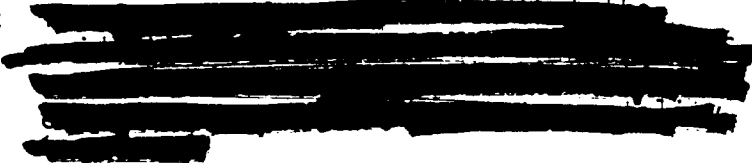
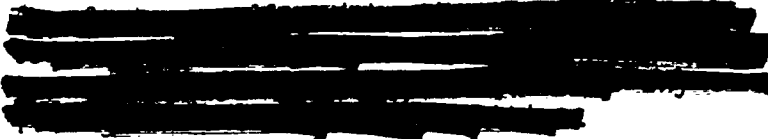
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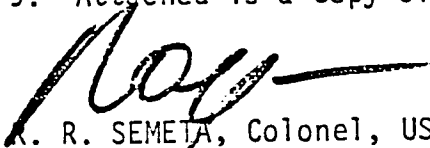
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REPLY TO: JACC  
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Historical Summary of Cash/Landrum UFO Claims

TO: AF/JAC

1. Date of Incident: 29 December 1980
2. Incident Place: Between New Caney and Huffman, Texas
3. Date Claim Presented: 27 December 1982
4. Amount of Claims: Betty Cash  
Vicki Landrum  
Colby Landrum 
5. Date Claims Appealed: 22 July 1983
6. Date Appeals Denied: 21 August 1983
7. Reason for Denial of Claims: 
8. Reason for Denial of Appeal: 
9. Attached is a copy of the claims file.

  
R. R. SEMETA, Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Claims and Tort Litigation Staff Claims File  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

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Mr. Frank J. Conforti  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Box 61129  
Houston, Texas 77208

Re: Cash, et al. v. United States, Civil Action No. H-84-348

Dear Mr. Conforti

This is to inform you that I have taken over this case from Captain Scott D. Stubblebine. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely

WENDELL K. SMITH, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Aviation & Admiralty Law Section  
Claims & Tort Litigation Staff  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

cc: Gary W. Allen  
Torts Branch, Civil Div  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Captain John Morris, USA  
Asst General Counsel, OSD  
Rm 3E-988, Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

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Mr. Frank J. Conforti  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Box 61129  
Houston, Texas 77208

Re: Cash, et al. v. United States, Civil Action No. H-84-348

Dear Mr. Conforti

This is to inform you that I have taken over this case from  
Lt Colonel Wendell K. Smith. If I can be of any assistance,  
please contact me.

Sincerely

FELIX J. STALLS, III, Major, USAF  
Aviation and Admiralty Law Section  
Claims and Tort Litigation Staff  
Office of The Judge Advocate General

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