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Dear Bill:-

Your letter of Aug. 29th arrived a couple of days before we departed on our odyssey to the West. Last minute preparation precluded an answer before our departure, but I put it in my briefcase and took it along, hoping to answer at some point during the trip. Alas, though, it was not to be -- it was go, go, go throughout, and when I'd have a few minutes' respite, I was so exhausted that I couldn't do anything! I thought I'd allowed enough multi-night stopovers to work in a little rest every few days, but it didn't work out that way. I may have been able to get to your letter in the last 3 weeks scheduled for the trip, but we had to abbreviate it when Win developed some severe lower back pains while we were in Salt Lake City. After three days with a physician there, we were advised to head home. So we did, after cancelling all the remaining bookings I'd made. And because Win couldn't take more than 7 or so hours in the car, it took us 5 days to get home. (Within a week of our return, under the care of our family physician, Win began to feel considerably better and is now almost back to normal. She's even driving again for the past week, something she couldn't manage until then.)

Upon our return, your Sept. 9th letter was waiting. But with all our problems plus trying to get back to normal after the trip, I couldn't get to respond any sooner.

I've reflected long and hard on your invitation to become a part of your "new Project Blue Book". My original inclination was to decline -- I think you know why. But on further reflection and considering the safeguards that you guarantee will exist, I'll go ahead and accept, hoping that I can contribute in some way whenever I'm home between trips. I'll give it my best, but I'm not overly optimistic about the extent to which I might be able to contribute. So at least you can count me "aboard". Let me know when and how you think I might help.

I didn't get to see Al Chop nor even to call him during the trip -- for much the same reasons that I didn't get around to answering your letter. I do plan to write him shortly, though, and will tell him that I've agreed to participate in your new endeavor.

Along those same lines, my daughter took a phone message for me while I was gone from a fellow who lives in BR and is interested in UFOs, including doing investigative work. I finally got around to calling him today and am enclosing some particulars on him. I told him that I'd refer the info to you and that you'd get in touch with him. This was fine with him. He just joined MUFON about

a month ago and saw my name in some publication along with the fact that I lived in BR, hence his call to me. I plan to get with and meet him in the next few weeks. Based on my phone conversation, I'd think he could turn out to be a good prospect.

Except for the way it ended, our trip out West was marvelous. Our reunion in Yakima wasn't well attended -- too long a trip for most of them, who live mostly in the mid-West and northeast -- but it was delightful nonetheless. For the most part, every place was having unseasonably warm weather, although we drove through light snow on the way out of Grand Teton and caught some sleet on the way from dinner one night at the North Rim. We caught rain only 2 or 3 times. So we were very lucky weather-wise.

Now I'm starting to put together our next trip to Australia (starting in March), adding a 2-week stopover in New Zealand on the way out and returning from Brisbane by freighter in May. Was real lucky to get this one-way passage, and just made the booking this week. Since it takes 23 to 30 days to return to the U.S., we should have a real opportunity to get rested up rather than returning exhausted as we usually do.

Win joins me in extending best wishes to both of you. Don't eat too much on Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Dewey

Info on W.L. Garner of Baton Rouge --
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US Navy 1944-46
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Was primarily a weapons control officer with Tactical Air Command, including stints in Japan & Vietnam.

Was in radar room during one UFO encounter in 1954 (So. Carolina?) which included other confirming radar plus visual contact(s) by fighters.

Was with L.S.U. Education Dept following USAF career and is now retired completely.

Interested in UFOs and would possibly like to do investigative work.

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- (as obtained in phone conversation with me this date. (Haven't yet met him face-to-face.)

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