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Jim,

Thanks for offering me a forum. In the past, I've not bothered to refute these and other outrageous reports of my belief in, or sightings of, UFOs (Flying Saucers). They are too preposterous to favor with credibility or honor with reply. You however, raise a different and more important issue, that of the young kids who are not yet familiar with the power of logical thinking, who are unsuspectingly led astray by the glamour of the UFO idea, and who tend to believe the nonsense these twisted minds dream up and posit as fact on the Internet. They claim that those who disagree, lie, and challenge us to prove that UFOs don't exist. That's their leg up...proving non-existence is impossible.

So, Mr. Oberg, in order to help set these naive people free of the crazy beliefs they are asked to adopt, feel free to quote me as follows, (and use any adjectives you choose which are roughly synonymous with poppycock): The quote (below) is absolute hogwash and a blatant lie. I never thought it, never said it, and it never happened

NASA's Scott Carpenter "At no time, when the astronauts were in space were they alone: there was a constant surveillance by UFOs."

I hope the two of us can help set at least some people straight

. Really enjoyed perusing your web page.

All best, and Merry Christmas

Scott

From: <Scott Carpenter> To: <jim oberg> Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2001 1:06 PM

Jim. Good for you and your follow up. I wish more folks like you would challenge these guys. At least that might get some of the trash off the street. Happy New Year.

Scott