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## THE HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATES FLYING SAUCERS

On Thursday, January 18th, 1979, a unique event in the political history of the world took place in the House of Lords, Westminster, London, between 7:10 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. The following motion put forward by the Earl of Clancarty was debated.

"To call attention to the increasing number of sightings and landings on a worldwide scale of Unidentified Flying Objects (U. F. O. 's) and to the need for an intra-governmental study of U. F. O. 's and to move for papers."

Three weeks prior to this unprecedented step forward in this highly reputed political chamber, The Aetherius Society was contacted by one of the leading speakers in this debate, the Earl of Kimberley. His Lordship had been advised to contact The Aetherius Society

for assistance in preparing his speech in favor of the motion. Two days before the debate, he met with Reverend Ray Nielsen, Secretary of the European Headquarters, and Richard Lawrence, Publicity Officer, to finalize his speech which had been prepared, based mainly on information sent to him from the Society's Headquarters in London.

Both Reverend Ray Nielsen and Richard Lawrence were personally invited as guests of the Earl of Kimberley and attended the full debate in the House of Lords. Fourteen of their Lordships and the Government spokesman, Lord Straboldi, took part in what turned out to be a most stimulating and revealing debate.

Of these, eleven were in favor of the motion, one non-committal, and only three voted overtly against the motion.

Many very significant statements were made during the debate, including strong suggestions that there is an official cover-up in England and in other countries of Flying Saucer information.

One of their Lordships related an actual eyewitness account of a sighting which he had personally witnessed on the 31st of December 1978 in Scotland.

The Bishop of Norwich, speaking from a Religious point-of-view, said he was in favor of a close scientific study of the U. F. O. phenomenon as he was well aware of the rise in popularity in the Religious aspects connected with this subject.

Lord Rankeillour, another spokesman in favor of the motion, who took the trouble to visit the Ministry of Technology before delivering his speech in this debate, used actual information supplied from the Ministry of Technology to support his argument.

Despite the speech delivered by Lord Straboldi on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, stating that there was no cover-up by the Ministry of Defense or serious need for study of the subject, a decisive moral victory was made by the speakers in favor of the motion.

After the debate, Reverend Ray Nielsen and Richard Lawrence personally congratulated the Earl of Clancarty and the Earl of Kimberley for their magnificent contributions. There is no doubt that questions will continue to be raised in the House of Lords over the coming months about this vital issue.

Since the latest important sightings in New Zealand, which were brought up by several speakers in the Lords' debate, The Aetherius Society has instigated the largest nationwide campaign ever staged to bring the true facts about Flying Saucers to the British public.

Already, since January the 11th, 1979, ten radio interviews have taken place with Aetherius Society personnel, several press interviews have been given, and already one leading national newspaper has referred to The Aetherius Society as:

**"The world's top authority on Visitors from Outer Space."**

Following the debate, several major radio and television interviews have been scheduled over the next few days throughout the country, and The Aetherius Society has arranged **sixteen public meetings** on Flying Saucers to take place in the major cities throughout Great Britain.

A national petition was launched by The Aetherius Society in the House of Lords just prior to the debate on January the 18th calling for an end to Government suppression of Flying Saucer information and the setting up of a National Investigations Committee on U. F. O. phenomenon.

His Noble Lordship, the Earl of Kimberley, signed his name to what is planned to be the largest petition of its kind ever presented to the British Government.

That is the end of our initial statement, and further information will be sent to you as

it comes through because this is not the end of the story, for we have a television interview scheduled with Lord Kimberley today, our time (January 19th), in Bristol in the afternoon.

I feel that we are going to get a lot more coverage yet, and this is just the beginning of a very healthy, positive airing of the subject again in this country.

I think it is rather interesting - of all the people that we have spoken to, dozens of people this week, there has not been one adverse comment either against the subject or The Aetherius Society, or indeed the House of Lords' debate. Not one adverse comment. They have welcomed us with open arms.

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