

Mr. Frederick Ordway  
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Dear Fred:

Enclosed you'll find some documents prepared by Michael Minovich pertaining to the history of gravity propulsion.

We've continued gathering materials to support follow-on papers for the IAF History Committee. In this instance, one of our co-authors, William Kosmann, had the opportunity to meet recently with Richard Battin. They discussed early work on gravity propulsion. There appear to be some inconsistencies in Battin's recollections which Minovich addresses in the accompanying letter to Kosmann. You'll note there is also a connection to Lockheed's "EMPIRE" work.

As we have discussed, Michael is convinced that there have been substantial misrepresentations concerning the origins of gravity propulsion. Accordingly, he is anxious that people such as yourself, who have a continuing interest in recording an accurate history of space travel, be aware of his views. No action is requested, he simply wants you to have this material for your personal files.

I intend to stick with these inquiries over the next two years and the contradictory and confusing relationships amongst Minovich, Clarke, Ross, Battin and Hollister will probably be central to the next paper. They pertain directly to the "EMPIRE" studies which you have been looking into so I'll keep you posted.

I received a nice letter from Frank Winter informing me of your plans to include Bogue's story in a forthcoming JBIS publication. If I can assist (by providing a good-quality black and white internegative of a particular image, for instance) please let me know.

Cathy is keeping things lively for us here and Kristan sends her best wishes to you and Marusha.

Sincerely,

Richard Dowling

CC: M. Minovich