

Arts + Science Society
Archbishop Tenison's
Grammar School,
Selborne Road,
Croydon
Sey.

18 OCT 1968

Dear Sir,

I am the Secretary of the Arts and Science Society at school. We are about twenty in number and composed of 5th & 6th formers and old pupils, all with the intention of furthering our knowledge in matters outside the day to day curriculum of school.

We have been fortunate in the past to be addressed by people experienced in the subjects which interest us and to this end I would be grateful if you would consider addressing us on the subject "The Beliefs of the Flat Earth Society."

Our meetings are held at the school on Tuesday evenings commencing at about 7.30 pm. Although as a voluntary society we are unable to offer a fee, travelling expenses may be recovered if necessary.

If you can oblige in this matter we will be delighted to welcome you on any of the following evenings:- October 29th. November 5th, 19th, 26th
December 3rd, 10th, 17th.

We await the favour of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Paula Smith. (Hon Sec.)

1550 Highlander Avenue Southwest
Massillon, Ohio 44646
United States
September 3, 1968

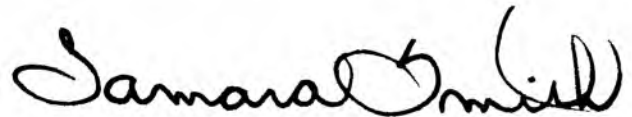
International Flat Earth Research Society
24 London Road
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Recently I became interested in the "flat-earth" theory. Even after careful consideration, I am still undecided and would like more information on this subject. Please send me any printed material you may have supporting your theory.

Thanks a bunch.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tamara Smith".

Miss Tamara Smith

S O U T H B O R O U G H & W E S T M O R E L A N D

Young
Conservatives

New Hackwood Hotel,
Widmore Road,
Bromley, Kent.

Please reply to: 4 Thorn Close,
Bromley, Kent.

11th November, 1968.

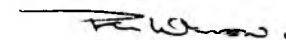
Samuel Shenton, Esq.,
International Flat Earth Socceity,
24 London Road,
Dover, Kent.

Dear Sir,

Futher to my previous letter, I would ~~be~~ very much like to hear from you as to whether you will be able to attend our meeting on the 3rd December, 1968, or any other date during the next three months.

I await your early and favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,



Pamela R. Worrow
Programme Secretary.

Please reply to: Miss P. Martin,
25 Southview Rd,
Bromley, Kent.



South Lewisham Young Tories

Meeting Place:
Catford Cricket Club, Penderley Road, Catford, S.E.6

12th Feb. 1968.

S. Shenton, Esq.,
Secretary,
Flat Earth Society,
22 London Road,
Dover, Kent.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to enquire whether it would be possible for a member of your Society to come and give a talk to our Branch. We meet every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and the date I particularly have in mind is Monday 5th August. However, if this date is inconvenient, perhaps you would like to suggest an alternative, any time between August and December.

If it is at all possible I should be most grateful and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Martin
(Programme Organiser)

S. Shenton Esq.
Flat Earth Research Soc.
98 Lewisham Rd
Dover.

28th Dec 68.

Dear sir,

I was very interested to read
your letter in the Guardian of Dec 20th
and would like to know more about
the Society.

A stamped envelope is enclosed
for your reply,

Yours faithfully,

L Bedson

7 Bridge St Stafford.

1968

SSgt Edmund R Stanfill
AF 14749274
USAF Dispensary
Box 306
APO San Francisco 96280

Samuel Shenton
President
Flat Earth Society
Bover, England

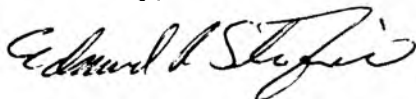
Dear Sir,

Quite often I have seen references to your organization; all written in a humorous vain. I like to think of myself as an objective individual yet I find it difficult to assess your position as I have never seen any material that explains your position.

Would you please forward to me any information that may help me to better understand your theories.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



EDMUND R STANFILL

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA 94305

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 23, 1968

27 AUG 1968

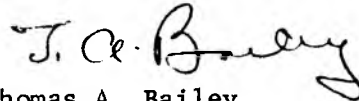
The Flat Earth Society
24 London Road
Dover, Kent
ENGLAND

Gentlemen:

I am most interested in your organization,
and would appreciate receiving any free literature
that you have, and in particular, information as
to the number of your members.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas A. Bailey
Byrne Professor of
American History

TAB:mgm

5a Belsize Park Gardens, London N.W.3.

29th December 1968

Mr. S. Shenton,
International Flat Earth Research Society,
98 Lewisham Road,
~~ZZZZZZ~~ Dover.

Dear Sir,

I have read your letter in the paper recently and I found it most interesting. I am sure you are right about the V2 and the lack of diurnal rotation. It is funny why the same mistakes are repeated day after day. I am not really well up in this subject and therefore cannot follow your last sentence and would be glad to have more information about what you say. Perhaps you publish a booklet or something on the subject. I should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours etc

H Stark,
H. Stark

G.St.John-Culdwart.

C/O:- A. Fluze,
43 6⁷ Cumberland St
Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

July 4.

- 6 JUL 1968

Dear sir,

I was a very great friend of the late Septimus Herbage before his much regretted death. While he was alive he often spoke at great length with the upmost admiration for the 'Flat-Earth Society'. In this modern technological age, people are often brainwashed into believing that these photographs supposedly taken by the satellites, show a globular shaped Earth; but, if a little calculation is done, it can be seen at a glance that this is just what would be expected if the Earth were flat, due, of course, to the error of refraction!!

I have often written to the local paper, trying to get them to print letters in support of this view but they tend to regard me as somewhat eccentric in my beliefs.

Prior to the writing of this letter, I have believed that nothing substantial could be obtained in the rectification of this absurd misconception; however, I now believe that we must do something to remedy this situation. Consequently, I wish to join the Society, and would be grateful if you would send me full details; especially of any changes during the past few years.

I only hope that somehow mankind can be convinced that the Earth is flat, because until this becomes a reality, science will still be hindered by laws such as Newton's law of gravitation, which is based on the asumption that the Earth is round.

Yours sincerely,

G. St. John-Culdwart

In haste.

G. St. John-Culdwart.

C/O:- A. Fluze,
63, Cumberland St.,
Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

September 10.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th. I was very pleased to hear from you again.

I would very much like to meet you this month, as there is a lot that I want to discuss with you, including some items that I regard as urgent! However, I fear that this is impossible, and that we shall have to leave it until a later date; because now is rather a difficult time, as I have to go abroad to carry out a personal investigation. As you know, there is a total eclipse of the Sun predicted for September 22, with the line of totality running through the Sverdlovsk region of Siberia. I have no doubt that the eclipse will occur, but the calculations issued by the Nautical Almanac are, of course, based on the false theory that the Earth is a globe. If this is not so, as we know, then there will be an error in the predicted line of totality.

According to my calculations based on the true theory of a Flat Earth, the line of central umbra should be displaced from the Nautical Almanac prediction by something between 3 and 4 degrees. Therefore, it is my intention to station myself along this line, and make accurate timings of the phenomenon. I have managed to obtain visas and promises of help from the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science, and I am leaving this week, which may involve my being absent for some time. I will contact you as soon as I come back.

My equipment consists of sextants, chronometers, and a spectrograph. What I want to establish is that the error in the umbral line is caused by the tacit assumption that the Earth's surface is curved. I am meeting a Russian scientist, A.I. Popov, at Sverdlovsk and he has agreed to help me in the measurements, which will be carried out some way from the official predicted site at Kurgamesh.

Of course, I am at the mercy of the clouds, and can only hope for the best! If I am successful, I will make out a report, and will let you have it as soon as I return to England.

I have made a note of ~~xxxxxxx~~ your debate at Goldsmiths College on October 7; but I do not think that I will be returning to England before the following week. I will get back in time if humanly possible.

I have often tried to convince my nephew Cuthbert of the true form of the Earth, but he is only 17, and still at school, and consequently suffers from the "globite" indoctrination. I will ask him to go to the debate, perhaps you could have a word with him? I will get him to let you know if he will be coming.

13 JUL 1968

/Continued.....

I have very recently acquired a copy of "Earth Not A Globe", by "Parallax", (Dr. S.B. Rowbotham, I think); although I read it a long time ago, when I borrowed Septimus Herbage's copy, I have not seen it since, and I am therefore taking it to Siberia, so that I can re-discover many forgotten facts.

Once again, I am sorry that we cannot meet this month, but I hope that I will get some results that can be added as yet another piece of evidence against the theory of a globe Earth. But, make no mistake, I am going to adopt a true Zetetic attitude and I am prepared to be wrong, but if my measurements are correct, then I am certain that they will confirm that the theory of a globe Earth is wrong!

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

G. St John Culhane

C. H. John Culdwart.

312, Clam Alley Court, Fulham, S.W.6.
29.9.68.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I am the nephew of G. H. John Culdwart who recently joined the Society. My uncle told me that you are giving a lecture in October. I would like to go to it as I am interested in the subject of a 'Flat Earth'. Please could you tell me when it is to be held and where.

As you will have heard, my uncle managed to see the Total Eclipse of the Sun in Siberia.

Yours faithfully, C. H. John Culdwart.

Jim Still
116 Victoria Ave. E.
Wpg 25, Man.
Canada

1968

Mr Samuel Shenton
Secretary;
"International Flat Earth Society"
98 Lewisham Road
Rivers, Dover, England

Dear Sir;

I am very interested in your society's claim that the earth is flat. I can not find any sound reasoning to prove that the earth is round (as many people simply accept without questioning the authority of those who have stated the earth to be round.) I am not convinced by the majority of the people concerned on the earth's shape who insist it is round. However, on the contrary, I keep my belief of the earth to be flat to myself, as my proof of my theory is not very sound. I would greatly appreciate your viewpoint and knowledge of the flat earth.

My theory (a possible explanation)

The earth is flat; yet round →
(Ocean bodies surround continents)



Though an aeroplane may believe it is moving in a true flight (straight line) it is gradually curving due to the pull of the earth inward. Therefore one may never reach the edge. Similarly with a ship, the ocean currents carry you around the flat earth without ever encountering the edge.

In relation to the other heavenly bodies, the earth is stationary. The moon, also flat, spins about the earth; similarly the sun moves in an oval shaped direction. However, enough of my theory. I am →

certain your theorem is more sound.
I sincerely hope you write me.

Yours Truly,
Jim Still

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March 11

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Received your letter of [illegible]

dated [illegible]

and in reply

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of [illegible]

and am glad to hear that you are interested in my work.

I have been thinking about your letter for some time and

am glad to hear that you are interested in my work.

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I have been thinking about your letter for some time and

am glad to hear that you are interested in my work.

Very truly yours,



Enclosed is a copy of my paper on [illegible]

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31 OCT 1968

10/16

Dear Sir,

I am interested in your theory of a flat earth. Is it like a sugar cookie, round yet flat instead of spherical? Are both sides populated, and if so, what happens at the edges and where are they? What proof do you have to convince people of this phenomenon? Do any scientists believe as you do?

I am hoping you can answer my questions and send me some literature on your society and its beliefs.

Sincerely,
Merry Stinson
Taylor Tower - Rm. 1065
50 Cul Dr.
OSU
Columbus, Ohio
43210



SUTTON AND CHEAM YOUNG LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

189, Henley Avenue,
North Cheam,
Sutton,
Surrey.

17th September, 1968.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to enquire whether your society provides speakers to address Associations such as ours and tell us about your aims and activities.

We are a fairly small group of about 15-20 members, and meet on Friday evenings in the Harrow pub, Cheam Village. (The nearest station is Cheam Station which is on the main line from Victoria or London Bridge.) If you are able to provide a speaker, we would, of course, meet him at Cheam Station, or at Morden Underground, if this would be more convenient, or alternatively we would be pleased to send accurate details of how to find us if coming by car.

The date we had in mind for this meeting was Friday 10th January, but should this not be convenient I am sure an alternative could be arranged.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Ayres

Elizabeth Ayres (Miss)
Vice-Chairman

The Flat Earth Society,
24, London Road,
Dover, Kent.

FIRST.

22 MAY 1968

KPR.VIK, NORWAY 20TH. OF MAY 1968.

TO: THE INTERNATIONAL FLAT EARTH RESEARCH SOCIETY.
DOVER.

FROM: SIR. GOTFRED EMIL SVENSEN
AND SIR. JAN ENDRE SKAAR A.D.,
EIDE PR. KODERVIK NORWAY.

ATTENTION; THE SECRETARY, SIR, SAMUEL SHENTON.

We are two Norwegians living on an island situated in the western part of NORWAY. Seeing only sea all the day we have lot of time thinking. Sometimes we can see pictures in magazines showing "THE EARTH". The differences made by lenses will, of course, give quite another picture ("an the true one. After having read an item in a norwegian magazine called "ALLE MENN" we are convinced that your theory is the only right. We are going to establish a club for persons who are interested in the science telling that the earth must be flat. For this purpose we want literature from "THE INTERNATIONAL FLAT EARTH RESEARCH SOCIETY". Occasionally we join "THE INTERNATIONAL FLAT EARTH RESEARCH SOCIETY". We hope that our wishes will be met.

OND.

22 MAY 1968

In the following weeks we hope that we will receive a letter from you. We also wish you to have good luck in convincing people that the earth is flat.

Yours Faithfully

Sir. Paul Emil Senter.

ADDED Sir. Jim Endre Skar.

NB!

SEND LITERATURE AND LETTERS TO
THE ADDRESSES ON THE FIRST PAGE.
POSTAGE MAY BE PAID BY US.

PS!

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR
POOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

1967

I like to be a member in the
International Flat Earth Research
Society.

Hans Olav Sæther
Oppdal
Norway.

4-14-67

Dear Sirs:

Please send me more
information. I was quite
interested in ^{an} article which
appeared in today's Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette describing your
organization's principles.
Thanks.

Regards,
Richard S. Sayre

Richard S. Sayre
244 Hazel Drive
Pittsburgh, Penna.
15228
USA

Mrs. Donald H. Schieber

2449 So. Main St.

Findlay, Ohio 45840

May 1, 1967

Mr. Samuel Shenton, Secy.
Int. Flat Earth Research Society
24 London Rd.
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton:

Your flat earth theory intrigues me. I am a housewife interested in reading about science, geography, science fiction, ESP, flying saucers, and other fascinating and related subjects.

Do you have any pamphlets or brochures explaining your theory in detail? I would be willing to purchase such a brochure if the price were not prohibitive. Enclosed is a self-addressed, ~~stamped~~ envelope for reply.

Many thanks.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. D. H. Schieber

Mrs. D. H. Schieber

1601 W. High St.
Piqua, Ohio
April 9 1967

Dear Mr. Shenton,

My freshman general science teacher brought to my attention a newspaper article concerning your society. I find this very interesting and would like to know more about your theories. What, for instance, does a map of the flat earth look like? Is there a beginning and end of this earth? If we are on the top, what is on the bottom?

Possibly, I have the completely wrong idea of this flat earth. I would appreciate it if you would answer my questions, as no one else is able to, and add any additional information you have. Thank you for at least reading my letter.

Sincerely,
Cathie Schoening

Barclay,
Norris Grove,
Broxbourne,
Hertfordshire.

Wednesday 27th December 1967.

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Dear Sir,

Please could you send me details of
the International Flat-Earth Society, if
possible quoting literature published on the
society's beliefs.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Scholl .

Samuel Shenton esq.,
24 London Road,
DOVER,
Kent.

JENI SCHULTZ
2112 OAKLAND DRIVE
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE 37311

Dear Mr. Stanton:

1967

Our science class has read your article on Convex Water or Flat Earth. The eighth grade students in our class have had discussions and also a debate. The majority of our class feels that the earth is a sphere but a few feel there is quite a possibility that the earth is flat. If the earth is flat and does not rotate how do we have the changing of seasons and the difference in night and day? Questions similar to these have come up in our discussions and any material you could send us on this subject would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Jeni Schultz

about 15 JAN 1967

January 4, 1967

Dear Sir,

I am a student at Old Dominion College in Norfolk, Virginia. A few months ago I heard an editorial about your society and this aroused my curiosity as to what your society is.

I would be very grateful if you would send me any available free literature that you have in reference to your society.

My address is:

William S. Roll
% John Seckman
1307 Hampton Blvd.
Norfolk, Va. 23517

Your considerate attention would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

William S. Roll

3-30-67

Dear Sir

Mr Samuel Shenton
I have got a piece i got out of the
News and courier last Sunday about
The Earth being flat and That is what
I have always but it seems like nobody
Else is talked to dont think so but i did
and nobody has ever convinced me yet
That it is any other wise and i will be
63 may 31. but you No They are teaching
in the schools or most every where that
The world is turning on a axel and some
Teach there are a nother world up above
with people living in it like we live
Here and if they make there grades in
School they have to take dancing lesson
and take birth control tablets and do every
thing and when they get there Education
They are or the most of them are ready
for the deavil no wonder that they
Have so much ritepus and killing in the
Streets and City and fighting every where
I would like to here from you and to have
Something to have published here in
conway field and herald for the children
in the school

Henrietta Singleton
Rout 3, Box 313,
conway S.C. 29626

Trondheim 3/4-67

Dear Mr. Shenton.

10 APR 1967

I'm a 16 years old boy who lives in Norway, I read about your Flat Earth Research Society in a newspaper and became interested. Your theory about the zeppelines sounded probable and I too think that the earth is not round, but of an other structure. But when I say this everybody think I'm mad, and I have not enough proof to convince them. Could you let me be member of your association and write ^{to} me about your arguments?

Yours sincerely.

Thor Sivertsen.
Aasta Hamteens veg 20^c
Trondheim, Norway.

Sunday, March, 26, 1967

" I BELIEVE THE WORLD STANDS STILL AND THAT IT IS NOT COMPLETELY SPHERIOD"

Ted Shargel Artist-Designer
5835 Bowcroft Street, Los Angeles 16,
California, United States Of America.

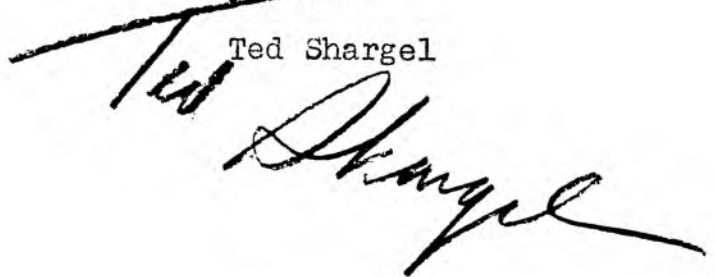
'tis true, from a recent editorial as seen in the Los Angeles Times of this date, I heartily gave a great deal of thought to your observation, that if a gas type balloon were suspended overhead from the earth would (their really be any difference in movement as hours ticked by...by the way it would have to be as you ascertained in your theory of the Zeppelin....aloft by no strings, but completely independent of the earths surfaces....to further a claim that the world does not revolve...we would have dried up oceans and a barren surface such as the moon...we move around the earth in a fast moving jet, but find that if we left one place at a destined time of day...it would still be daylite but perhaps an hour or so has passed to allow for travel time....Mr. you have another one on your side...I also believe that for all who die...many are born...

I could add more to the theory also, of why I believe the earth stands still...what provokes storms...and what of cold areas and others that remain warm constantly at the Equator...do clouds above move...or do we really stand still...earthquakes...rivers that flow...and oceans that move...a genuinely interesting subject...but who has the answer.....?

Don't answer....but if you do...send a bird up and I'm sure he'll get here..as we in the U.S.A. wait for the "Swallows to Come Back To Capistrano"....they ain't missed yet...but if we just shifted a little...I guess we'd sit up and take wonder.!!

Bye...

Ted Shargel

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Ted Shargel, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent. It is positioned below the typed name 'Ted Shargel'.

JULIAN B. SHEALY

P.O. BOX 67

IRMO S.C. 29201

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Samuel Shenton, Esq.
24 London Road,
Dover, England.

October 8th, 1967.

My Dear Sir:

Now available for public consumption, is the world's most unique and informative Treatise, entitled, "The KEY To Our God Given Heritage". Although controversial in nature, it is a profound discovery in Astromony and Science for the general public. Great in propounding prophesy foretold and prophesy fulfilled.

In a new Scientific and Analytical Discovery, the Author has obtained extraordinary information about the functions of our Earth Planet and its association with the Solar System, which, our National Aeronautical Space Agency and every facet of Science can profit thereby. No one can afford to be without this constructive Manual on what we have discovered. It is practical and dynamic, with a rich background of knowledge never before exposed in Biblical Science. It removes the age old Mysticism of doubt and suspicion, and instead prescribes a concept of warmth and understanding to assure man that he is a living co-herent with his God. It will undoubtedly give to its readers a "New Lease on Life", with accent on Who we are: What is our station in life? What of our Ancestry? Where did it begin? What of our future? Are they an asset today?

The Treatise is huge in scope, sensitive in its heritage, and urgent in its exposition of unknown science. There is no way to assess the value of the Treatise in dollars.

The book is beautifully bound in hard cover with dust jacket. Contains a total of 620 pages, with 33 charts of additional help for better understanding, of which 28 of these charts is the Author's special design to reveal and unfold the greatest mystery of our time. The reading matter is set in a 10 point type, with ample space for relax reading.

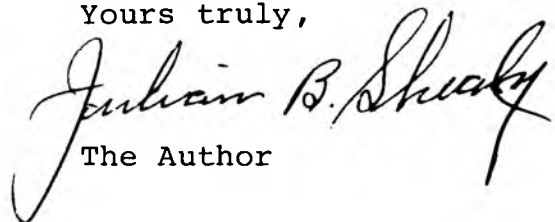
Herewith is a few items of interest for your observation in the general subject of the Treatise.

1. The Primeval of our Earth
 2. The Flood and the exact depth of the Flood Waters
 3. The Mystery of Noah's Ark and the Gopher Wood
 4. The Gopher God's Mysterious Messenger
 5. Why was our earth's land surface divided?
 6. The first True Discovery of the Lunar and Solar Systems
 7. The Israel-British National Designation established under the Control of the Solar System
 8. Designating the Time of the Lunar and Solar Calendars
 9. The greatest Prophecy in the Bible; The 70th Week of Daniel
 10. Why was Jesus Crucified with two thieves?
 11. Why was the Cross made of dogwood?
 12. The amazing "Shadow Secret Discovery"
 13. The amazing "Clay Seal Discovery"
 14. The Discovery of the size and shape of our Earth
 15. Why is there a Lunar and Solar side to the Equator?
- - - and much more.

The price of the book is \$12.00 prepaid - to all points in the United States of America, and \$12.95 prepaid to all points outside of the territory of the United States of America.

To obtain a copy of this book, please send a certified check or Money Order to Julian B. Shealy, P.O. Box 67, Irmo, South Carolina 29201.

Yours truly,


The Author

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equal heat and light from
as the earth would if
a flat. (3) If the earth were
a atmosphere would be directly
the surface of the earth. Now
the atmosphere must be in
a around the earth because
n shining on droplets of
e, in the atmosphere, forms
ched or curved rainbow.
ause we know the earth has
er of mass and gravity which
be in the center of a ball
f on a flat surface the
would have no central

1.

3003 Wadsworth Lane
Cleveland, Tenn. 37311
April 15, 1967

Dear Mr. Shenton,
My fellow classmates and I have
recently read your views of the
so-called flat-earth. Here are a few
of our ideas why the earth could
not be flat: (1) Newton's Law Rule
III states: "The events one observed
in his own vicinity should be
expected anywhere in the universe."
We have observed, with radio-telescopes
other planets which are spherical,
therefore, the earth should be no
not

4.

form days and nights.
 were made on
 section on what the earth
 look like if it were flat
 ionless. Would you please
 a diagram of your
 th. We are sending you
 addressed envelope for
 ply to us.
 ank you very much.

Truly yours,
 Bill Stolfeld

is for the entire eighth
 at me 10th and.

3.

Here are some of our ideas on
 why the earth could not be motion-
 less: (1) The earth must be in
 motion to form the seasons. (2) The
 sun's gravity is far stronger than
 the earth's. Therefore, it is more
 likely that the sun would hold the
 earth in an orbit than visa versa.
 (3) If the earth were not in motion
 there would be no days
 and nights. (4) There would
 be always freezing cold or
 blazing hot weather on the
 earth if it were not in motion.
 (5) The sun would have to revolve
 around the earth at a constant

R.D.#2 Box 341B
Endicott, New York
April 19, 1967

Mr. Samuel Shenton
24 London Road
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton,

The 9th grade science class of
Maime Memorial School, recently read
an article in the Binghamton Press
concerning your theories. We became
very interested, and would appreciate
some material concerning your ideas.

Very sincerely,
Gloria Slater.

West Lodge,
Elveden,
Thetford,
Norfolk.

7th. December 1967

Dear Sir,

I am very interested in your organisation and am considering writing an extended essay about it for school. I would be very grateful indeed if you could send me some information concerning the society.

Yours hopefully,

PAUL L. SMITH

15/67
P.O. BOX 35
LIVINGSTON, New South Wales
AUSTRALIA

To Mr Shenton. Dear Brother.

We were so happy to receive your most welcome letter. How we long to be able some day to come and see you. It is a great encouragement for us to receive all the information you sent to us.

Now Brother, we would like you to know that we are praying for you, that the Lord will be very near and dear to you, we pray that He will strengthen and make you strong and able to go ^{on} with the work of proclaiming the truth.

(PHILIPPIANS. 4: 19 BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.

ON reading your letter we are begining to understand the great load that is upon you in reaching the young folk. Could you give us some idea what the cost would be to supply the necessary free literature that you have in mind. We could then send a regular amount to help. For the young folk need help

(1) TIMOTHY 3: 1, 2 THIS KNOW ALSO THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY.

We would be very pleased if you would let us have a list of names and addresses of the other groups & individuals in Australia, America, Norway, Canada, Holland, and we will get in touch with them.

The Editor of our daily paper here had asked us if we would ^{give} him material for a write-up on the FLAT EARTH. Do you think it would be alright to do this, I told him if he would wait a few weeks, I would let him know.

We trust that you will be able to go to New York for some T. V. Show, we are praying about it Brother. In HEBREWS 13:5. we read. FOR HE HATH SAID, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.

We would like to have a good FLAT EARTH map of the world.
would you let us know if you could get one for us, and let
us know the price so as we can send the cost

~~We~~ We are posting a tape for you to put on it what you think best. We can use it among the same Folk here

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We have a PHILIPS TAPER RECORD 4 TRACK

3. SPEED $1\frac{1}{8}$ $3\frac{3}{4}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Thank you for our ~~new~~ Membership cards.

We have two more members, would you please
send membership cards for
Mr Kenneth Spalding age 29
Mr Kenneth Spalding I am yours faithfully.
age 26
Mr Armour Spalding

11 TIMOTHY 3:16

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR
CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Please find enclosed
cheque for £5-0-0
to use as you think best

16/11/67

P.O. Box 35

Laarington
New South Wales
Australia

Dear Mr Shenton

We sent a parcel to you which
contained a tape a letter and a letter, on
the 27th May last, we were wondering
if you have received it yet. We don't
like to worry you with writing
letters, but if you could let us have
the addresses of those in Australia
who feel as we do, we would
be very pleased. Hope you are well
and able to carry on with the good work.
You said in your last letter, that you
were not the best. We pray the Lord will
bless you with health and strength.
Hoping to hear from you soon.
Yours faithfully. D. Spalding

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8th March 1967

13 MAR 1967

P.O. BOX 35

LAVINGTON. New South Wales
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr Shenton
and Friends at Dover.

We were very happy when we received your letter, on the 25th Feb. The world is now beginning to reap the harvest from the seeds which have been sown, the seeds of Modern Astronomy, Evolution, and Higher Criticism. Instead of the Churches standing uncompromisingly by the WORD OF GOD, they have swallowed all of the demon-inspired theories, and today they are reaping the harvest.

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. (PSALMS. 104:5) We stand on the WORD OF GOD.

We have visited the principals of high schools and head masters of other schools, and asked them if they could give any proof, that the earth is a sphere, or that it had any axial or orbital motions, or any of the terrible motions attributed to it. The only answer we got from all of them as proof that the earth is a globe, was the disappearance of ships at sea. But when you point out that the disappearance of ships is fully explained, by the simple law of perspective of vision, they won't have it. We understand how little time you must have to answer all the enquiries which it floods your office. So we don't want to take ...

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your time with unnecessary letter writing. We believe that you will be a big help to us, and we will do all that we can to help you financially, and any other way that we can. We will be very pleased to receive the pamphlet you are completing, dealing with the American treatment of the photos taken by the TIROS 9, also any other literature, that might be helpful to us. We are inclosing a cheque for you to use, as you see fit, and will from time to time send more. You will also find enclosed a list of the names of our band of FLAT EARTHERS, and we all hope that we can say, we belong to The INTERNATIONAL FLATEARTH SOCIETY. ENGLAND.

Have you any tape recordings of your lectures, which we could buy, if not would you be interested, in putting some lectures on tape if we sent the tapes. Trusting this letter finds you well.

13 MAR 1967 I am yours Faithfully

Reply 3 May 67 // Posted 9th May 1967
Armour. Spalding.

Long pending reply, 2 pages - must type in future.
There are no record - I have a about flood of letters etc.
Sent pamphlet - Source Fair U.S.A. photos &
Polyprint copies of own posters & 2 pages letter &
(copy) of W. H. Hall Birmingham: Paper articles also
10 memberships card -

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P-O BOX 35
LAVINGTON. N-S-Wales
AUSTRALIA

To the Secretary
Dear Sir

Some believe in a flat stationary earth, because common sense tells me, the earth is not traveling through space at the rate of 66,600 miles an hour in one direction (orbital motion) and according to astronomy the entire solar system is flying toward the constellation Lyra at the rate of 36,000 miles an hour entirely independent of orbital motion, then they add to this 1,000 miles an hour diurnal motion, plus the wobbling motion known as the precessional movement, all of which motions make a total speed of more than 11,716 miles a minute, at which we are supposed to be traveling through space. No sane person not deluded by special training, but possessed of ordinary power of perception, could be induced to seriously entertain such a preposterous notion. Then we have the range of vision, how far could we see if the earth were a globe of 25,000 miles circumference, and a diameter of 8,000 miles; the curvature in a 100 miles would be 6,666 feet. My mind refuses its entire length of one thousand miles with only one foot of fall. I also believe that the Bible teaches a flat stationary earth.

My reason for writing this letter is to ask you if you can supply me with any literature, and maps if any, also the cost of same.

The journalist for our daily newspaper here wants to write an article on the flat earth.

So I would appreciate any help you could give me.

I am yours faithfully
A. Spalding. (Jmn)

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P.O. Box 2802
Cleveland, Ohio
44116 U. S. A.

Mr. Samuel Shenton, Secy.
The Earth Research Society,
24 London Road
Dover, England.

29, March, 1967

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I saw an article about
you in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
I am interested in your theory
about the world.

It all you be so kind

Valnesfjord, the 29th of Mars -67

Mr. Samuel Shanton,

(The other day I read an article in a newspaper about you, and I found your saying that no one can prove that the earth is round like a ball, very interesting. This article did not exactly tell me how you have got your opinion, and the consequences of them, so that I hope you will give me a precise explanation. I also would like a membership in your club.

Waiting for answer is

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P.B. 87

Valnesfjord

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Dec. 15, 1967.

Flat Earth Society
24 London Road
Dover, Kent.

Dear Sirs,

I am the editor of a student's paper called LUNA (Luisen-Gymnasium, Munich). We would be very obliged to you if you could answer our questions. After numerous resultless interrogations we succeeded in getting your address from the Geographic Institute in London. We have reserved two pages in our next number for an article about your Society. We should be very grateful to you if you could send us the reply to our questions as soon as possible since the paper is to be printed in about 2 weeks.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly

Franz Stepan
Franz Stepan
8012 OTTOBRUNN München-Land
Joh. Seibachstr. 45 c
Bavaria

Questions:

- 1) When and by whom was your Society established?
- 2) How many members?
- 3) Who is financing it?
- 4) What are your tasks and plans?
- 5) Who is the inventor of the idea the earth being flat?
- 6) What is your reaction upon the satellite photographs of the Americans and the Russians? They show the earth as being round.
- 7) What is your opinion about the unknown flying objects?
- 8) Do you think these were American airplanes tanking in the air?
- 9) In what way do you make propaganda for your doctrine and how do experts and the public accept it?

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March 27, 1967

Mr. Samuel Shenton, Secretary
International Flat Earth Society
24 London Road
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton:

Enclosed is a clipping from our local newspaper on your geographical research. I am an advocate of keeping the record straight.

Your evidence is apparently based on eye witness accounts which are supported by common every day observations of millions of people for thousands of years.

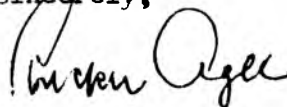
The evidence of those who contend that the world is round relies upon circumstantial evidence, conjecture, surmise and deductive reasoning, supported nowadays by an array of scientific instruments, all of which are subject to human error.

It seems to be a simple case of your eye witnesses against their circumstantial evidence. Many an innocent man has been hung on circumstantial evidence.

Can 99.44% of the people of the earth be wrong about a simple fact of geography observed by each of them every day?

You have a wonderful example of a map of the flat earth in the Cathedral at Hereford. May I suggest that this map be adopted as the distinctive insignia of I.F.E.R.S.?

Sincerely,



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26 March 1967

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Eau Gallie, Fla.
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USA

Mr. Samuel Shenton
24 London Road
Dover, England

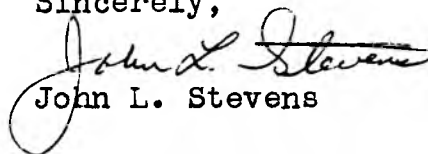
Dear Mr. Shenton,

Occasionally there appears a man that makes such a preposterous, outlandish and utterly ridiculous statement and apparently vehemently believes it to be true that I must find out more information concerning his belief. This especially applies to your case.

Even in my limited knowledge of such matters I certainly am aware that our whole system of navigation on earth and in space is dependent upon the earth being a sphere; otherwise, man, it just wouldn't work.

I'm sorry, I have neither the time, the patience nor desire to continue this diatribe here, but for God's sake send me more information!

Sincerely,


John L. Stevens

Dear Mrs. Sheaton -

April 2, 67

I read your article or should say an article about you and the society in my newspaper this Sunday morning. I took the article with me and displayed it, as well as discussed it with my Sunday school class. Would it be possible for you to send some literature pertaining to this society to our class that we might understand more clearly how you stand.

Yours,
J. M. Strand and class.

G. St. John-Culdwart.

C/O:- A. Fluze,
63, Cumberland St.,
Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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July 18.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th, and the enclosed literature. I am very honoured to be a member of the Society.

I fully realise that, if anything substantial is to be done, then the Society must have a large fund, to enable it to gain financial stability, and to enable the widespread publication of printed matter; therefore I am enclosing a small donation. I must apologise that it is not more, I know that 10/- does not go far; but, my finances are rather limited, and this is all that I can manage at the present time.

I completely agree with your remarks about the late Septimus Herbage. I regarded him as a man of great wisdom, and one who would not rest until what he had set out to achieve had become a reality. Had he not died, I believe that we would not now be the Worldwide laughing-stock we are. But, it is up to us to work on unperturbed by this ridicule, and to remember that one day we must succeed. In my opinion, if one believes 100% in what he is doing, then he cannot fail.

I have very carefully studied the pamphlet "The Plane Earth", and I have found it extremely interesting. Not only did it cover in great detail points such as the strange scalloping of the Southern horizon, as shown in the satellite photographs; a point that I had already given considerable thought to; but, it also introduced new points such as the confirmation of the Flat Earth by sea voyages near the Antarctic Circle, a point that I had before overlooked.

I was particularly interested in the "moonship flight item" in the pamphlet, and completely agree with your comments about it. I also noticed how in the newspaper report, the writer refers to the Saturn 1-B as being sent on a '5,500 mile flight DOWN the Atlantic testing range.' This type of statement is typical of those who have been indoctrinated with false theories, about a 'globe' Earth!

Your comments about the use by N.A.S.A. of the Mercator chart, provoked me into wondering whether the U.S. Authorities are deliberately trying to conceal the truth, and if so to what end? Perhaps you could let me know your views on this?

That is about all that I have to say about the pamphlet at the present time; although I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the way in which you have presented the facts; I know that you must have put a great deal of effort into its production.

I have often found that the one big objection that most people have to the fact that the Earth is Flat, is that at sometime or other, when by the seaside, they have seen a ship coming 'OVER' the horizon. I do not know the 'official' answer for this; but I have done some research into the matter, and have come up with what I hope is a satisfactory explanation:-

The main factors, in my view, are refraction and persistence of vision. It is a well established fact that when light passes between two media of different densities refraction occurs; also, it is generally accepted that persistence of vision decreases with distance; the farther away the object, the more 'diffuse' it appears. Now when these two factors are taken into consideration the observed phenomenon is exactly what would be expected. Not only is there refraction due to the great distance through the atmosphere through which the light has to travel between the ship and the observer, and the differing densities of the air as between the great distance to the ship and the air in the immediate vicinity of the observer; but also subsequent refractions occur due to varying density of air over water. The horizon is so far away that the persistence of vision can do little to 'cancell' out the refraction, and in fact adds to the distortion; but, as the ship approaches, the persistence of vision becomes 'stronger' than the refraction, and the ship appears in its natural and correct position.

This above also accounts for the distorted curved horizon often seen at sea; with slight modifications.

Going back to the pamphlet for a moment, you mention the landing of Luna-9 on the Moon; but fail to comment on it for lack of space. I would be very grateful to hear ~~the~~ Zetetic views on that.

I mentioned in my first letter that "we MUST do something"; and I feel that this need is urgent. I would be grateful to hear the measures being taken at the present time to publicise our aims to the layman.

One last point that I would like to know your views on, is the phenomenon officially known as U.F.O.'s and

1708 South Kiesel Street
Bay City, Michigan USA
April 24, 1967

Mr. Sam Shenton
International Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton:

Recently an article appeared in the local newspaper describing you and your beliefs in a flat earth. This has since interested me very much. I would appreciate it very much if you would be so kind as to send me all the information possible concerning this theory. I wish to investigate this idea myself. I would also like details on how to become a member in the International Flat Earth Society. If there is any charge for postage, I shall be more than happy to reimburse you.

Columbus said the earth was round five hundred years ago and was scorned for it. Now you say the earth is flat and many people mark you as an idiot. But let me state I admire you, right or wrong, for the way in which you are not afraid to expose your beliefs, regardless of the consequences.

I assure you that I shall appreciate any and all information that you might choose to send me. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,