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Lt. Gen. Ryan T. Arling
Office of the Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Subject: Re: Funding

To Lt. Gen. Arling:

I received your message regarding the conditions under which you will provide funding for the translation. You've no need to worry; humanity is not yet ready for this, Ryan. Knowledge of intelligent life in the galaxy will only cause widespread panic, fear, religious backlash, and upheaval. Better to keep the information with the people who can handle it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gordon Cavendish'.

Gordon Cavendish
President and CEO