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At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10. DECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall declassify any Department of Defense documents and other Department of Defense records relating to publicly known sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena that do not reveal sources, methods, or otherwise compromise the national security of the United States.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “publicly known sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena” means a sighting of an of an unidentified aerial phenomenon about which there is information available in the public domain prior to the declassification of documents and records required under subsection (a), but does not include United States Government information that was an unauthorized public disclosure.
(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall require the Secretary of Defense to declassify any information that the Secretary does not already have the authority to declassify under Executive Order 13526, or any successor order.