

# Alexandria man raps government for UFO cover-up

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A bumper sticker on the door of Larry Bryant's Alexandria apartment sums up his conviction: "UFOs Are Real — Ask The Government."

As the founder and president of CAUS, or Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Mr. Bryant has waged a 10-year crusade to end what he says is an extensive cover-up by the government of Unidentified Flying Objects.

"You cannot escape the conclusion that the government over the last three decades has known more about the UFO problem than they have let on, said the 48-year-old Army employee.

Mr. Bryant contends the government's acknowledgment of UFOs would create a dilemma because of "the far-reaching impact on society, military preparedness, space technology, religion and culture."

In other words, "the government doesn't trust its citizens enough to deal with the reality of UFOs," he said.

His small one-bedroom apartment overflows with UFO-related documents, photographs, periodicals, maps and "practically every UFO book I can get my hands on, English or otherwise."

"The more you dig into the subject, the more you get hooked on it. It's intellectually habit-forming, particularly when you find other people who are just as hooked," said Mr. Bryant, a writer and editor for AR-NEWS, an Army news service.

Mr. Bryant filed suit filed last

month in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, naming Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge Jr. as defendants.

The suit asks that Mr. Bryant be allowed to place advertisements in Army and Air Force newspapers asking potential whistleblowers to come forward with their knowledge of government information on UFOs.

The suit also seeks "to reverse the job-related pressure Bryant has been experiencing because of his decision, two years ago, to mount a 'UFO cover-up whistleblower advertising campaign.'"

A Defense Department spokesman said there would be no comment while the litigation is pending. The government has 60 days to respond to the lawsuit.

While the acknowledgment of UFOs might have caused a national panic 30 years ago, the government cover-up is now "a breeding ground for rumor, sensationalism, and a breakdown in public confidence in government," said Mr. Bryant.

"We are more sophisticated ... and can accept the idea that we're not alone in the universe and that we may be surprised in our scientific development.

"It's a cover-up that has fed on itself for so long that no single person in authority is able to bring a stop to it," he said.

Despite his conviction of the government's complicity, Mr. Bryant says he is only "90-percent confi-



Unidentified Flying Object researcher Larry Bryant in his living room amid some of his literature on UFOs

dent" that UFOs actually exist.

"If I was 100-percent confident, I would probably pack it in and find a new mystery to solve," he said.

He described the recently reported sighting of a huge UFO by a

Japanese airline pilot as a "big event because it involves credible airframe observers and reported radar contact by the FAA, Air Force and NORAD [North American Radar and Air Defense]."

The sighting was a "classic close encounter involving aircraft under control of some kind of higher intelligence," Mr. Bryant said. "This was obviously not a natural phenomenon."

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