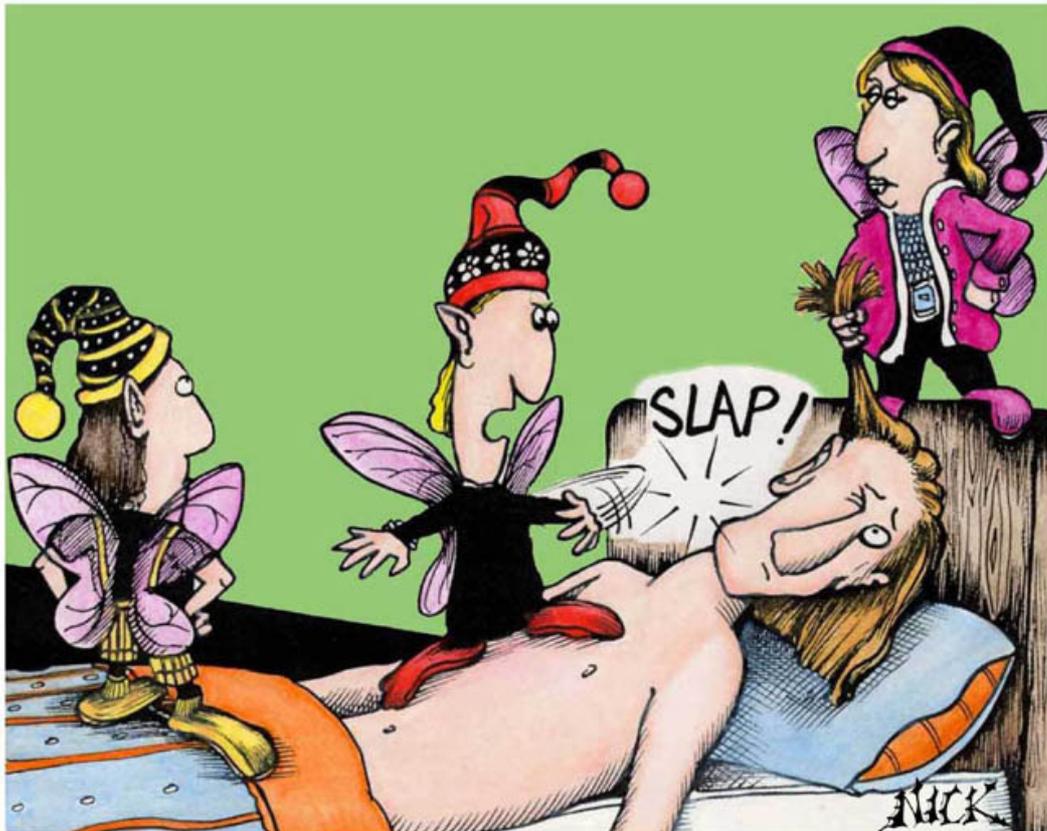


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The Truth is a bit pissed with everyone and is hiding. If you see him, tell him his dinner is getting cold

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Welcome



The Truth is taking a bit of a battering lately. He's not happy. He's come under the spotlight a bit because someone has highlighted how virtually every journalistic piece on UFOs or whatever seems to start off with the phrase, "The Truth is out there somewhere" and it's long got boring. And neither is it particularly good journalism.

"Out there somewhere"? I know where his is. He's keeping out of the public eye at the moment as he's a bit pissed with everyone. To start with, Nick Redfern's had a go at him via the pages of Phenomena magazine in his review of "Project Beta" by Greg Bishop (published by Paraview-Pocket Books, New York), see

http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff_id=0&this_cat=Area+51&action=page&obj_id=2504

I quote Nick;

"The UFO truth that has captivated so many for so long might not be "out there" after all - in fact, it may all be one big con behind which a veritable plethora of classified, military projects have been carefully hidden."

Everything? No saucers, no aliens, no abductions, no nothing? That's a bit of a let down. We're all wasting our time it would appear and The Truth is terrified of becoming redundant. Well, we're going to have to read the book before we make a judgement and no doubt it will be a rough ride for Mr. Bishop if anyone takes any notice of what he says. I congratulate him by the way for finding The Truth when all others have failed. Someone had to do it. Are we assured that Mr Bishop's tome is also not part of some disinformation campaign? Round and round we go.

The British MOD aren't too pleased with The Truth either. They've been chucking out sighting reports since the implementation of the FOIA at the beginning of the year and some of the reports have been a bit mixed. They can't seem to make their mind up so they back off and just take a military interest in what's going on, or at least so they say. They allegedly make no inference regarding these strange events that have occurred, frequently to their personnel, and are interested only from a national security point of view. They ignore The Truth and he doesn't like that.

So, after all that, you can see why he's been a bit pissed.

Lembit Opik interview

MP says, "We're living in a bowling alley"

Major asteroid impact soon

We need to act now

I hope you will excuse my cynicism but there is something quite remarkable about this interview with Lembit Opik, the Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomeryshire. You will not find one single trace of political gobbledegook or point scoring.



What you will find are the thoughts and feelings of an individual who passionately believes in what he is trying to achieve. This is a brave man carrying a message that no one wants to hear and he is prepared to take the brickbats and mocking that inevitably accompany such a message.

What other tribute could I possibly offer, aside from accusing him of also being a very warm, approachable human being, other than to say that I only wish he was my M.P.

Lembit is the leading voice in the UK on asteroids and the little matter of one of them smacking into us, probably sooner rather than later. And one of those bits of rock doesn't have to be particularly large in order to cause immense devastation and loss of life. Or rather let me put it this way. If on Christmas day last year I had told you that a giant wave would sweep across south East Asia, hit land and cause the loss of 220,000 lives (so far), you would not have believed me. There's no argument – you wouldn't have believed me. The next day it happened.

We need to wake up rapidly and do something.

SM: You are very well known for your interest in near earth objects. How long has it been a subject of interest to you?

LO: 33 years.

SM: Is this as a result of your grandfather?

LO: I would say that I started taking a very significant interest in meteors, comets and so forth when I was about 6 because, as you said, directly as a result of the influence of my grandfather. So I was reading astronomy books when most people were reading "Janet and John". That was probably the very early 1970s and I actually converted that into a practical interest in the sense of doing something about it in 1998 when I first raised it in the Houses of Parliament.

SM: Was it that Horizon programme that triggered your interest?

LO: The practical trigger to action was a chance meeting with a man called J. Tate who is Director of Spaceguard UK, at a meeting of the Shropshire astronomical Society. He was making a presentation about Spaceguard's work

and was explaining that the odds were stacked in favour of an impact and he went on to describe the colossal damage that these objects would do.

He explained furthermore that there was something we could do to prevent them by tracking them and finding ways to divert or to prevent an impact from occurring if we had enough notice.

That was in 1998 and at that point I spoke with J and since the science was absolutely cast iron, we had the evidence to turn this into a political matter of investment by the Government and I got my adjournment debate in March 1999. But it was the meeting with J. Tate that finally kicked me into political action.

Then I really decided to carry on in the political sphere, as my grandfather had done in the astronomical sphere. He spoke about the threat and danger of impact long before it was fashionable to do so, even in the astronomical world in the 1950s for example.

The Horizon programme was about the Chicxulub impact which wiped out the dinosaurs, probably, and it was fortuitous timing because it came out at just about the time I was trying to get this issue on to the political map. I like to think there are some other programmes that have been prompted by the campaign that we have run because everyone now knows about asteroid impacts and I'm not so sure that would have happened had we not turned it into a political issue.

SM: I would imagine that you find the whole process of dealing with the UK government on this subject incredibly frustrating.

LO: It is, it's very difficult to get the British Government to act on it and I can understand why. On the face of it, this sounds like cranky science fiction. It sounds like a case of an Ed Wood 1950s B movie. That's because the idea of a catastrophic impact by a celestial body has not got any bearing on recent Human experience. There are maybe echoes of previous impacts in the cultural legends of the Human race but there hasn't been a catastrophic impact leading to a major loss of life in recent times.

So, since politics lives in the present and the future more than in the past, it's not surprising that politicians have said, "Well, this seems too small of a risk for us to take seriously."

SM: Do you think that one of the positive benefits, if one can use such a phrase in relation to the tsunami in south East Asia is that Mankind *is* vulnerable to major natural disasters and do you think there is a chance that this might actually wake some people up?

LO: Yes, I agree. I'm pretty sure that the tsunami has been something of a geological wake up call to World governments and until last Christmas, December 26th 2004, the word "tsunami" sounded like a foreign phrase. Now it sounds like a catastrophe. It's just reminded a lot of people about the power of nature and crucially, it's caused people to make the calculation about prevention versus cure. It's perfectly obvious that the benefit of prevention of loss of life would have far exceeded the cost of having an early warning system. Exactly the same applies to asteroids. What I worry about is this; do we have to have a significant impact before people think, "Oh, we need to have an early warning system after all" which is exactly what has happened with the tsunami.

To the British Government's credit, they did take my advice and commissioned a Near Earth Object task group to look into the danger and to report back. The task

group, not surprisingly, confirmed everything I'd been claiming. For example, the statistic which has chilled many people is that you are 750 times more likely to die as a result of an asteroid impact than you are to win the National Lottery. Suddenly the statistics have come into the grasp of the general public. Some people do win the National Lottery! To use the National Lottery phrase, "It could happen to you".

So we're winning the public debate but the government, having commissioned a report and having received a list of 14 recommendations for action, have only actually acted on a tiny number of them. I think there's maybe one that's been completed, a couple are work in progress and some haven't been touched at all.

SM: Obviously the 14 recommendations involve expenditure. Is there this feeling that the government aren't bothered because NASA has supposedly got it covered?

LO: To an extent I think the British would like to leave it to the Americans but I think there's a bigger problem here, and it's this. The government subconsciously make their calculation that even if their own task group recommends 14 action steps, they themselves don't need to carry them out because somehow, psychologically, they still feel far away from the danger and the problem.

But I also think there's a political fear here in that if they invest money on a tracking programme they will get criticised by opposition parties for wasting tax payer's money on a Mickey Mouse - Flash Gordon project.

SM: So there's still a problem about being taken seriously?

LO: I think there is because there are contradictions in how the government approaches risk. They're willing to impose all kinds of incredibly strict regulations on farming to try and eliminate miniscule health dangers but they stand by doing very little about a potentially Armageddon type impact which in actuarial terms stands to kill far more people than CJD, BSE, food poisoning and phosphates put together. Therefore it's not joined up thinking about risk management, which is causing the problem.

SM: Do you attach any responsibility or blame if I can use that word to Lord Sainsbury for this?

LO: I don't actually in the sense that Lord Sainsbury has been more pro-active than just about anybody else in government. He took the risk of commissioning the report, admittedly on my advice but he was the guy in the front line. He also has met on a number of occasions with me and others to consider the issue. And in fairness, he has caused the release of significant amounts of money to the British National Space Centre to provide an information service to the general public about this issue.



So, while I would like Lord Sainsbury to pro-actively lobby the Prime Minister to raise this as part of the next G8 agenda, I don't hold him responsible for inaction because had it not been for his willingness to take a risk personally, we wouldn't have got this far.

So actually I think he's one of the heroes of the piece. I think a fear of falling is the greatest culprit. There's a mixed up risk management strategy by this government. They are willing to commit us to a questionable war in Iraq but they're resistant to making a small investment with the other G8 countries on a dead certified Earth threatening risk.

SM: It's weird logic.

LO: It is. We're off to fight a war in Iraq on the basis of imaginary weapons of mass destruction. They're willing to do nothing in the face of a guaranteed weapon of mass destruction which already has Earth's name written all over it and which we haven't yet identified.

SM: Is there any consensus at the moment about the best way of dealing with an asteroid that's hurtling towards us?

LO: No. There are various options from a nuclear detonation to using a rocket as a tug, to encasing the object in a big cosmic bin bag and towing it out of harms way. There are two problems. We don't know for sure what these things are made of and Deep Impact will help us a lot in our understanding of what comets are like and whether they are one single, solid object or whether they are like an ashtray held together by very weak gravity. We need to know the answer to that before we can be sure what to do.

Secondly, there hasn't been enough work done on deflection processes but ironically, one of the best lines of approach of investigation is the American Star Wars programme, from which Deep Impact itself was spawned.

SM: That's a very weird programme. There are all sorts of theories that have been spawned about that.

LO: The principle is the same because in both cases one is trying to intercept a small very fast moving object from a great distance and one needs a very high degree of reliability in achieving that kind of contact. Interestingly, although there are many flaws in the "Armageddon" and "Deep Impact" films, at the very, very most basic level the general idea was right. You have to intercept and divert these objects.

SM: How deeply involved are you with Spaceguard?



Spaceguard centre in Knighton, Powys

LO: You're probably best to ask Spaceguard that but I feel closely connected to the key players and I feel they have helped me in this campaign more than I can say in words. Had it not been for J. Tate, I would probably not have raised it in Parliament and furthermore, had it not been for J. Tate's continuing, ceaseless efforts to keep this on the political map, together with the likes of Mark Bailey from Armagh Observatory, Bill Napier from there and a number of other people from around the country, then this subject would go off the radar. It's thanks to them it's on the radar and in many ways I regard myself as their political servant to raise it in those circles when I can, when they feel it's appropriate for me to do so or when the opportunities arise.

In terms of my own commitment, I want to see this to a conclusion. I define success as whenever I get the British Government to agree an accord with the other seven G8 countries to invest perhaps a million pounds a year each in a tracking programme, which should track nine tenths of the objects that could potentially threaten the Earth.

As the campaign began, Spaceguard, by coincidence, moved to a location about 12 miles from my constituency. They're based at the observatory at Knighton.

SM: Have you ever been laughed at or mocked for your views?

LO: Oh yes. When I first started, an unusually large number of people turned up for the original debate because they thought I was writing a cosmic suicide note on my political career. And there was sniggering and laughing, and I made it worse by starting with the phrase, "Mr. Deputy Speaker, I've got a problem with asteroids". Of course, every smart Alec in Britain decided to send me some kind of ointment.

By the end of the speech, when I'd explained that the dinosaurs were probably wiped out by an asteroid and that the earth had suffered cataclysmic events many times in its past, that the Earth had indeed been created by a series of bombardments from space in the early days of the solar system and that the moon itself was the result of an earth sterilising and melting event about 3,900 million years ago, when I told them about the fact that the Earth is continually hit by fifty thousand tons of space debris every year and that the most recent time an object large enough to incinerate London hit the Earth on 30th June 1908, they weren't laughing at the end of it.

I went into this knowing that it would be a hard sell and that people would laugh, but so sure have I been of the science that I knew that the facts would run out in the end, and that is exactly what has come to pass.



Bill Napier of Spaceguard

provide them with the kind of information they need to see that this is science fact, not science fiction.

SM: Given that the British government is dragging its feet on this at the moment, what advice would you give to members of the public who are concerned about this subject in terms of what they can do?

LO: My request is always the same, and it's this; please, please, please write to your member of parliament and ask them in your own words to get the government to take action on this, and request a reply to your letter. Sometimes they will ask me about it, MPs from all parties come and ask me about it and that's fine because I can

But more than anything, if MPs are getting letters from their constituents, then they'll understand this is an issue on the political radar. And the more letters they get, the more likely it is that they will act. That's all I ask. It would just help me so much, that people who are concerned about this put pen to paper and send their letters of concern to their MPs. I can do the rest then.

I'm absolutely sure there is going to be a significant impact at some point in the next few years. There just is.

SM: One frustrating thing is that NASA scientists are constantly being criticised for crying wolf.

LO: That's true but I must be honest and say that it's in our interests to have these claims that objects are coming close because it raises the ante. Sometimes these objects are leaving the Earth's environment before we even spot them. There was one 300 metre object that actually travelled between the moon and the Earth. Now had that hit us that would have incinerated Asia or Europe. And that's the problem. We're living in a ten pin bowling alley where these things are the balls and we're one of the pins.

So I don't mind a little bit of sensationalism because frankly, no measure of media sensationalism would really prepare people for the calamity of an impact. J. Tate isn't so keen on that, he thinks the sensationalism isn't so good but from a political point of view, it helps because it keeps the subject in front of the public. The politics of fear sent men to the moon. It's a sad thing. I'd love there to be a positive dynamic here but frankly if it's fear we have to use, so be it.

SM: To change the subject just a little, do you have a view on the possibility of extraterrestrial life?

LO: I have no doubt at all that there is Life elsewhere. No doubt at all. If we went round the galaxy, we'd find a lot of it. But whether it's come here, I'm not sure. On the minus side I would say I would expect more than just the circumstantial reporting of contact if it's happened, but on the other side of it is the view that it's quite possible that a good few civilisations have been created and survived over a scale of time that they would have achieved light speed travel. Let's say they're a thousand million years ahead of us, then they've probably been everywhere. To me that's the problem. I don't know which way to go though as I say, I'd like to see something more persuasive than I have so far.

But I've no doubt there's Life out there and I believe quite a lot of it will be intelligent life as well. I don't think God would be so wasteful as to create the entire Universe just for one sentient species. It seems a bit of a waste really. But the jury's out a little bit as to whether they may have visited or not. To which I think I would say, a film like "Contact" rides a plausible avenue.

Also, you could argue that any sentient Being that has come here, if they are a thousand million years ahead of us, is smart enough to stay discrete. Maybe, in that sense, you could argue they would understand the importance of not meddling. So in that case perhaps they've got the same level of discretion as an FBI agent in Russia!

SM: Do you hold a view at all about the belief amongst many people that the American government have long known about intelligent extraterrestrial life, has possibly had contact with it, the incident for example at Roswell and so on, your views on that are.....

LO: I tend to regard Roswell as fiction. Whether the Americans have information they are not sharing, I do have a strong view on. I have no doubt they have information that they don't share with regard to UFOs and probably stuff they can't explain. What really frustrates me is the American obsession with control and secrecy means that we can't even conduct a meaningful scientific debate about what they know, because they keep it to themselves. In some sense we

can't even get to the second question because they won't answer the first, which is, "What do you know?"

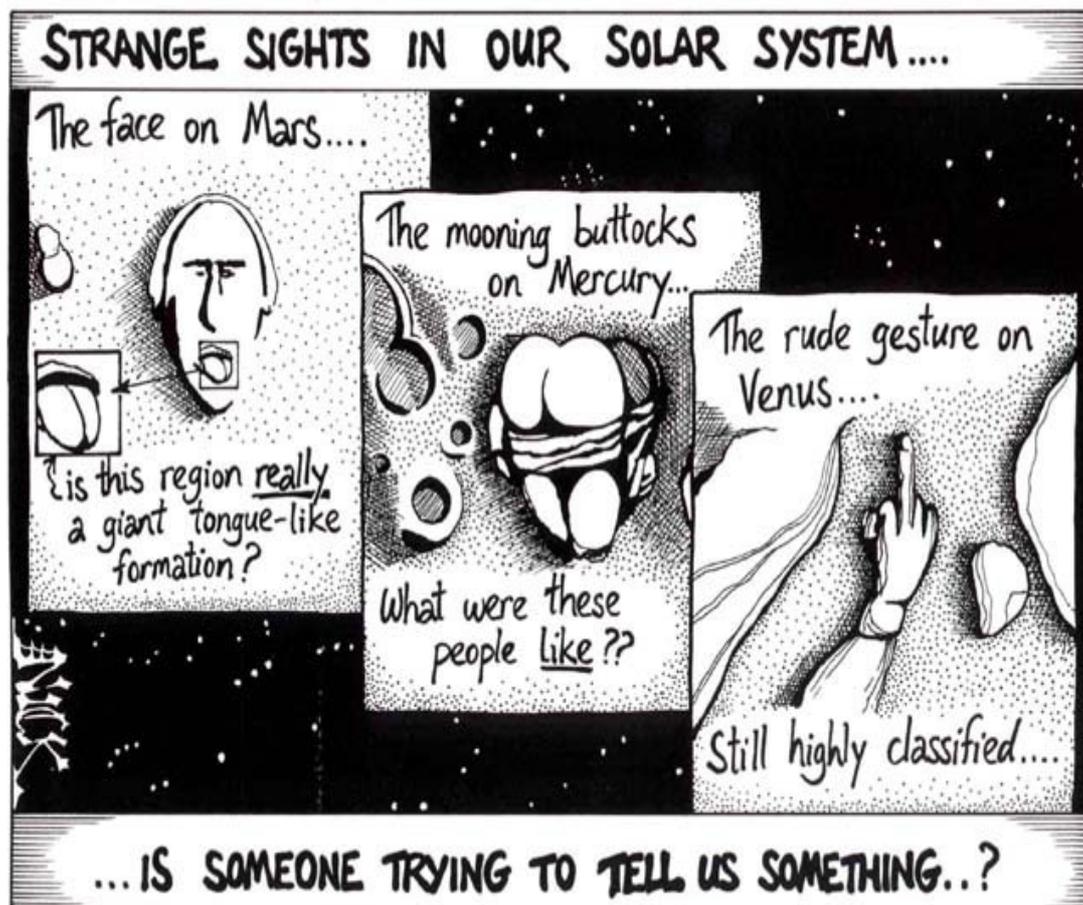
SM: Does that refusal not to elaborate on their part not indicate, admittedly in a circumstantial way, that they have something to hide?

LO: I think they're control freaks. Basically, on this one on balance, if I had to go down to Ladbrokes with £100 I would bet on not having been visited by other life forms, but I wouldn't bet my house on it.

SM: But you'd go to £100?

LO: I'd go to £100. On this one here, I'm open to offers when it comes to the evidence. I'm sure they're out there. Maybe they are unwilling to visit a planet that elects a man like George W Bush as its most powerful leader. I think maybe we've got to wait until there's a Democrat in the White House!

SM: Mr. Opik, thank you.



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Martian squeegee kids help keep Rover going

Dateline: 21st. December 2004

A secret source within the NSA, the government agency that listens to everything on earth and outer space, has confirmed that a group of Martian kids are playing with the Opportunity Rover and are helping to keep it going by regularly washing off its solar panels so that it can continue to derive energy from the sun.

He further confirmed sensational reports that the young aliens had stood in front of the rover and had let it take pictures of them as being "substantially correct".

Speaking only on the grounds of confidentiality, he went on to say, "Yes, it's true. We have our first genuine photos of real Martians. They look like fairly normal children except that their heads are flatter and broader than ours and their eyes are much bigger. If you saw one walking down the street you wouldn't pay too much attention."

NASA, who is in charge of the Rover mission to Mars, has presented the photos to the President. He was said to be "deeply shocked".

The NSA source went on, "In one of the pictures a child can be clearly seen to be holding up a sign for the camera. The writing, which is in hieroglyphics, is similar to ancient Egyptian and a rough translation reads, "Welcome to our planet. We watch earth TV. Please say hello to George Clooney. We loved him in ER."

A spokesman for the actor had no comment to make.

Interview with David Rudiak



David Rudiak is probably the leading expert on the Roswell incident. He undoubtedly has the best web site on the subject and his attempts to decipher the General Ramey telegram produced mind boggling results, although they are open to criticism. A visit to his web site at <http://roswellproof.homestead.com/> is a must.

The telegram, sent to the Pentagon and to General Hoyt Vandenburg, was the cable that Ramey held in his hand as he gave the press conference where he revealed the US air force had not in fact recovered a crashed flying saucer but instead had recovered a weather balloon, an easy mistake to make in mixing the two up of course. Inadvertently holding the text outwards to the press pack, in latter years this fact was noticed and attempts were made to decipher what was written on it. If David's interpretation holds, and this man is a scientist and a highly educated individual not inclined towards flights of fancy, then Roswell is a slam dunk.

This interview is a wide ranging affair not just restricted to the subject of Roswell. I spoke to David in December 2004.

SM: Could I start at Roswell? As far as you are concerned, was your analysis of the Ramey memo the final concluding nail in the confirmation of proof that the incident that we believed happen did in fact happen?

DR: In my opinion it was but the skeptics will never admit to that. The key word in the whole thing is "victims" in the phrase "victims of the wreck" and that conclusively proves that it was something far different than a balloon crash of some type. Plus, further in the body of the message, actually in the line below that, it talks about shipping something in the disk. So the word "disk" is definitely in there and there's something inside of it that's being shipped. If this were a Mogul balloon with the radar target which is supposed to be the disc, there's no insides to these things – they're flat sheets of foil paper stretched over a balsa wood framework. Other people say "on the disk", I'm pretty sure it's "in the disk"

but even if that were true, it's not the sort of wording you'd use for a radar target.

General Ramey knew very well what a radar target was because he was identifying the object very early on as a radar target to the press. So he wouldn't be calling it a disk.



SM: What's interesting is that the story was originally announced by the CIC team, the army counter intelligence team?

DR: Well that's what I think the message says though nobody else agrees with me on that.

SM: The question I would ask if that was correct is, would you not think that an intelligence unit would perhaps be a bit more conservative about making an announcement like the one they did?

General Ramey

DR: According to Frank Kaufman, who is at least partly discredited, but none the less part of his story was that he was part of this counter intelligence unit and the whole idea of the story was that if you tell the truth and then later on retract it, it was far more affective than just issuing a blank denial or saying nothing at all. You put out the idea that they've found a disk and everybody gets excited and then an hour or two later you say, "Ah, it's just a weather balloon" and everybody feels like they've been suckered and it's very affective psychologically.

Frank Kaufman

Against that you can say, well that was a pretty dangerous gambit, to announce that you've captured a disk and then retract it. Maybe people would realise you were lying. So you can argue either way and we're still debating what was the purpose of the original press release from the base. Was it a big screw up or was it a very carefully planned ploy?



I've come down on the side that it was a very carefully planned ploy. We now have a major witness who I'm sworn to secrecy not to say who he is, but everybody who's followed the Roswell case would know his name. He served on a death bed confession and this will all come out after he dies. But he said that General Ramey actually flew to the base that morning and they decided that morning to go with this weather balloon story and then he flew back to Fort Worth and the story came out that afternoon.

So this was all conceived ahead of time.

SM: I've lost your time frame there. When you say it was conceived ahead of time, are you saying it was conceived before the actual initial announcement?

DR: Yes, they said, "how are we going to deal with this?" and part of the Ramey memo, the last part of it is about how they were going to deal with it publicly in the press. That's the last few lines of the memo.

The previous two days there had been stories in the newspaper about recovered radar targets. In fact on the cover of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the local newspaper in Fort Worth where Ramey's 8th Air Force was based, they had the photo of this radar target that had been recovered in Ohio. That was also on the front cover of one of the San Antonio newspapers where the 4th Army was located and the 4th Army was in charge of security for the south west. So they were very aware of this radar target recovery and how the press were playing it up and that maybe this was the flying disk that everybody was seeing.

There's a suspicion that this was the germ of the idea for using the radar targets as an explanation. The press release was July 8th and on July 9th there is a series of debunking demonstrations using these radar targets at various navy and army bases. In fact the UP just came out and said in the first line of their Roswell story that day that the army and navy were making a concerted campaign to stop all the rumours about the flying disk.

So there was an organised debunking campaign and they were using the radar targets to say that not only did that explain what was at Roswell but also accounted for everything that everybody was seeing. There had been thousands of reports that had happened during the previous two weeks.

Looking back and looking at the historical record from the newspapers, it was a very carefully plotted campaign to discourage people from talking about and reporting what they were seeing in the sky.

SM: Are you saying that within that carefully thought out campaign, the initial public announcement of the discovery of a disk was part of that campaign?

DR: Yes, that was the opening salvo. We're still speculating as to why they dared to do that but one of theories was that rumours were circulating in Roswell and they felt they had to squash the rumours. A lot of people were beginning to hear about this and so this was the debunkery that they dreamed up. First we'll say, just like everybody's hearing that we found a flying disk and then we'll quickly retract it and say, "Oh it was just a weather balloon that was mis-identified". I think that was the thinking.

SM: Why do you think then that the story died for what, 35 years?

DR: People believed it. They believed that there was a huge screw up by the Roswell base. It was blamed on the public information officer Walter Howe, that he'd put out this press release and he dreamed the whole thing up. It's a myth that the intelligence officer Jesse Marcel was blamed for this. It was actually Howe.

It just sort of died. There were rumours in some of the UFO books. If you look at Frank Edwards, he mentions the Roswell crash very briefly in one of his books but it wasn't until the late 70's that it accidentally got dug up again. I think part of this was due to Leonard Stringfield who was a UFO investigator in Ohio. He had been an air force intelligence officer who had an encounter while flying to Japan, right after the War and it left him shaken. Ten years later he was collecting UFO cases for Project Blue Book for the Air Force. He popularised the notion of crash recoveries and alien bodies in the morgue at Wright Patterson. He was hearing from a lot of people who would contact him and say they had been witnesses to this and that. He sort of got the idea out there and he made it acceptable. It had sort of been anathema in the UFO community that there could actually have been one of these crashes and that the government could be holding on to the wreckage and the bodies. It was just something you didn't say in polite

conversation. And he said, "Maybe we should take a look at this. Maybe there is physical evidence that's been withheld.

SM: Are you saying that back in the 60s and 70s people were still very sensitive about "wild speculation."

DR: I think part of this was the contactee phenomenon in the 50s where people were saying that not only were these things in the sky but they were landing and taking them on board and taking them for rides.

First of all, a lot of this was bunk. There may have been some truth to it but they felt that in order to keep their credibility they had to distance themselves from the contactees. It was OK to talk about something up in the sky but you didn't talk about them landing and interacting with people in any way.

SM: There can be few people that have analysed and looked at the Roswell case more deeply than yourself; very few. Have you ever allowed your imagination to wander and to consider what it must have been like in 1947 for military people to turn up at the crash site and to find one live alien and two dead ones? To suddenly come face to face with creatures who were clearly not from this planet. How would they have felt back in '47? Is it possible to guess?

DR: It would have had to have been mind boggling. Its one thing to talk about it theoretically but to come face to face with it, I'm sure it must have shaken a lot of them very deeply and in fact there are rumours of suicides. There was a suicide the next day at Alamogordo by one of the guards. Whether this was connected I don't know but it was in the newspapers. The fellow shot himself. It must have shaken everybody clear to the top, to the Pentagon and the White House.

So you have this advanced technology, you don't know why these beings are here, are they hostile, are they friendly, are they indifferent, and so you're trying to get a hold of what's really happening here or whether it's dangerous or whether there are serious national security implications. Plus there's this technology that's suddenly been dropped into your lap. You're going to want to exploit it. It would be like having a 747 come out of the sky and crash back during the Civil war or during the Revolution. It's something that's so far ahead of what you have, if you could figure out how to reproduce it, to back engineer it, then you're going to have a big jump on everybody else.

There must have been a strong incentive to keep this secret and to study the situation until they had a better handle on what happened. That of course was back in '47 and ever since then, it's been more and more deeply buried and the question is, why is that? People are still speculating. It could be that there is a very dangerous world wide security situation and they're afraid people would freak out if they found out about it. Or there could be other motivations. We're still trying to figure out why this is being kept such a deep dark secret to this day.

SM: I don't want to leave Roswell just yet but as you've mentioned that, OK, the very obvious clichéd reason is the War of the Worlds scenario – that people would panic. But do you have any other personal theories or ideas as to why it's still kept secret?

DR: I think one of the major reasons is the people who are in control of this information do want to exploit the technology and I'm not sure that it's for totally benevolent reasons. There really is a military/industrial complex that tries to make itself richer and more powerful and having this information under their

control, the aerospace companies like Lockheed and so forth; it could give them a very significant technological advantage over everybody else and make them very wealthy and powerful.

So even though the tax payer is ultimately paying for whatever research is involved in trying to figure this stuff out, I think the defence contractors have set it so that they will be the primary beneficiaries of whatever is learned. I think that's part of it.

SM: But after 50 years, are we seeing, unwittingly maybe, any of this technology do you think?

DR: Well, I can't point to any one thing and say, "We couldn't have figured that out on our own". People say everything from Velcro to lasers was the result of the Roswell crash.

SM: What's your view of Corso who promoted all this stuff? Do you feel there's any substance to the allegations he made about the way that the technology from Roswell was fed into the industrial complex?



DR: It's very plausible the way he says it was surreptitiously given to industry for commercial exploitation. Corso's book struck me in two ways. It had a lot of interesting insight as to how this would have been handled. On the other hand, the book was full of so much garbage that it's hard to believe. What is true and what isn't in the book? It's probably 90% garbage and 10% truth. It's a very badly written book and it certainly wasn't researched very well so overall I think it's largely discredited even though there's some very sound information in there. So I have very mixed feelings about the book and what he had to say.

Col Philip Corso

SM: The old chestnut, that if UFOs are of such advanced technology, why do they crash? Having said that, there is one line of thought that it was a deliberate crash. What are your thoughts on that?

DR: Well, sometimes accidents just happen. There's pilot error, there's unexpected weather conditions, this is supposed to have taken place during a violent thunder and lightening storm. Another theory is that there was some powerful new radar in New Mexico that's now been established and perhaps it somehow interfered. They weren't expecting that and maybe it interfered with their navigation system.

A third theory which I've recently heard is that we deliberately brought these things down by shooting at them. I just heard a talk by Linda Howe at the Crashed Saucer conference in Las Vegas last month where she goes into detail on this. This all goes all goes back to May 1947 during a V2 launch when a V2 went off course and according to the base commander there at White sands, Colonel Turner, he blamed it on peculiar phenomena. There's a fellow called Andrew Kissner who is a former New Mexico state representative and he said he had an informant out at White Sands, an old military guy who told him that what really happened was that it was thrown off course. They were picking up these objects on radar that were pacing the V2 and this is what caused the thing to veer off course. At that point they decided to bring these things down so they could study them.

Then there was another V2 launch on May 29th and that one too went off course and crashed near Warres in Mexico, just across the border, with a violent explosion. According to Kissner, what he was told was they actually tried to shoot these things down. There was a surface to air missile launched to bring these things down and they succeeded back on May 29th and that was followed by a series of very serious plane crashes. That is true in that there were a number of crashes all over the world where 160 people lost their lives. I think there were 4 or 5 major crashes. Now whether this was just a statistical fluke or whether it had anything to do with what was happening in New Mexico, I haven't determined yet. What I have seen is that there were almost nine thousand plane crashes all over the world in 1947. That wasn't unusual back then. Aviation wasn't as safe as it is now. So I'm not sure that had anything to do with the V2s and the Kissner story but it is a historical fact that the same day, May 29th there was a big crash in New York City and then the next day there was another one in Maryland, there was one in Iceland, Japan, and back then, the passenger lists were 30, 40 people and these were big plane crashes.

According to Linda Howe we shot one of their craft down and they started taking retribution against us. We continued to shoot at them nonetheless with missiles and howitzers and finally the death toll from them taking action against us was so great that they decided to stop. Kissner's theory is that there wasn't just one but there several crashes and it was because we were shooting them down.

SM: The difficulty I have with that is that is it practical to expect 1947 weaponry would be capable of bringing down a craft that may have travelled a number of light years through the universe to reach us?

DR: I would presume these were actual scout craft; these aren't the actual craft that would have flown that distance. But I have the same question. I don't know if we had a missile back then capable of shooting these things down. These things are very nimble and I think they could move easily out of the way to avoid them. So I rather seriously doubt that would happen. The same thing with guns from the ground.

SM: Of all the myths that surround Roswell, which is the one or the ones that personally annoy or irritate you the most, if there are any?

DR: I suppose I'm annoyed by the skeptics and how they blindly accept that this Mogul balloon had to have explained what happened at Roswell. One of the things that annoys me about it is the description of the materials from one of those balloons which are very flimsy. They're just rubber weather balloons and these balsa wood radar kites. It doesn't match the vast majority of debris descriptions from people who actually saw and handled the debris. This debris was described as being very, very tough and there's the famous memory foil which looks like a dull aluminium foil which you could fold up and it would snatch back to it's original shape. I have a whole section on my website about modern day materials that could possibly reproduce that. They're extremely strong and heat resistant, can't be cut with knives and they have this memory property – they will snap back to their original shape. Other stuff has just been developed in the last few years so I get really annoyed when the skeptics say it was a perfect match between a Mogul balloon and what was described. No way.

People were describing stuff that might be called modern materials and technology that we know can be made now because of the burgeoning field of nano-technology. Computer models indicate that we can make perfect materials down at the atomic level, without the normal flaws of the materials that we have now. They would be much stronger and harder and heat resistant. That's what

interested me in the Roswell case in the first place ten years ago, these very consistent descriptions of this anomalous material.

SM: You've mentioned skeptics and obviously they've been a bane in your life. What do you think is a skeptic's motivation?



DR: Well, we ask ourselves the same question. Some of them I think, at a very deep level, are very threatened by this. It's very upsetting to their world view. It would be sort of like you're an atheist and somebody says they have proof of the existence of God. It's so disturbing that you want to destroy the opposition just so you're more comfortable with yourself, if nothing else.

So I think that's part of the motivation. I think another part of it is that it just makes them feel superior. A lot of them think of themselves as being very scientifically orientated and they think anybody who believes that we might be visited by

This is what a sceptic looks like extraterrestrial craft must be mentally feeble or gullible whereas they're well educated and that therefore they are superior in their intellectual capacities to people who think otherwise.

SM: It's interesting that you phrase it like that because the very thing that comes to my mind is that it doesn't mark them out as being intellectually superior – it marks them out as being intellectually very restricted. Why would it be impossible, why should it be impossible for intelligent beings, somewhere else out in the Universe to come here?

DR: That's the question I ask myself. Why is that considered as paranormal? There's nothing paranormal about it. It's like us flying a jet liner over the jungle in South America. The natives look up and they may not have seen a jet plane flying over them before but it's not paranormal.

The usual argument is that the distances between stars is so great and the speed of light has a limitation on how fast you can go that it would just take too long and too much energy for anybody to ever get here.

The argument against that is that first of all, the energies although great are certainly not impossible. It's the sort of energy we may be able to generate ourselves in a few centuries. That's using some sort of conventional propulsion system. It's possible that there's something very non conventional going on like faster than light travel, using something like a warp drive or generating worm holes or some other such thing. It is theoretically possible to go faster than light if you can come up with such exotic things as negative energy or certain forms of matter. Nobody knows how to do it but it's not literally impossible.

I don't understand the skeptics. They tend to think our technology is the ultimate that can exist in the Universe. Beings who could conceivably have been around for millions of years before us won't have figured out some things that we haven't figured out already. I think a very advanced form of civilization could have put together some very advanced form of interstellar travel and they could use forms of remote sensing that we're developing to try and find planets where higher life exists. NASA is doing this right now. They have what's called the Origins Project

and they are planning on putting up special infra red telescopes that will search for earth like planets in near by stellar systems up to a hundred light years away.

If we can do it, other alien species can do it and they can find us. I presume they can develop propulsion systems that can get them here.

SM: Can I move on to the subject of the number of people that might have been briefed about the UFO subject. We talked by e-mail about General Wesley Clark and your rationale was that he may well have been briefed when he was Supreme Commander of NATO forces. I don't know how much credence you attach to Steven Greer but for example I've been reading an interview with him in which he says he himself briefed the CIA Director Woolsey under Clinton and that Woolsey had no idea. He refers to a number of other people in certain positions, without actually specifically naming them, but people of extremely high standing within the Pentagon who he would have expected would have known. His thinking is that whoever controls this information conducts what he calls a Soul Search on a particular individual. In other words they make an assessment about that person as regards to whether he is capable of "playing the game" or whether he might be somebody who would speak out. It does seem very confusing when you try and gauge who does and who doesn't know. Do you have any feelings on that?

DR: One of Greer's Disclosure witnesses is retired Brigadier General Stephen Lovekin and he was in the White House Signal Corp as a young lieutenant – this is at the end of the Eisenhower administration and at the beginning of the Kennedy administration and he said he was briefed on UFOs and even shown some of the wreckage from New Mexico. His story is that Eisenhower actually told some of them that the information was slipping away from the control of the government. Eisenhower knew about it but what they were doing was putting the research into the private community, presumably companies like Lockheed. Then he realised that was a huge mistake because they were losing control of it. That was supposedly part of the basis for his exit military and industrial complex speech where he warned people about the M and I complex.



So I take what Lovekin is saying is that at the end of the Eisenhower administration, the elected government actually started to lose control over the topic and it was going into private industry and god knows where else. Now I think that's Greer's assessment too. The President on down doesn't really know what's going on. Neither does the Congress. It is very confusing because I ask myself, if there is something unknown flying overhead, who scrambles the jets? I mean, do they have their own private air force? Obviously the air force has to know something about this. You would think the air force Chief of Staff would know something about it because he has to set the policy as to how you do the scrambles. Do you shoot at them or not shoot at them?

So at some place in the civilian chain of command, there has to be knowledge of what's been going on. I'm just as confused as you are. If the government has lost control of this, who's controlling it? Where are they getting their money? How's this thing organised?

If you want to get back to Wesley Clark, I speculated about him perhaps being briefed when he was Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. Another Supreme Allied Commander was Lord Hill Norton who just recently died and he was also

Chief of the Defence staff in Britain, and according to Timothy Good with whom I have just had an email conversation with, he was quite certain that Lord Hill Norton was not briefed in either of those positions. He spent the rest of his life trying to extract this information out of the government. So here's somebody who's comparable to Wesley Clark and yet he's not briefed.

The reason I thought Clark might have been briefed is because we have the story of Sergeant Major Robert Dean who was in NATO back in the 60s and he said that NATO did its own separate assessment of the UFO problem and he said he personally read the assessment and read all sorts of interesting things in it; that we were being visited by at least several different civilizations and one of them even looked a bit like us and could be walking down the corridors of NATO and you wouldn't know the difference. There was this internal investigation by NATO because they weren't getting anything from Washington. They weren't being told. That being the case, you would have thought Lord Hill Norton would have read the assessment as well or would have been told about it. I'm very confused as to who knows and who doesn't know. The people who know determine who's going to know. That's the whole thing about "need to know". How they determine that is anybody's guess.

So maybe they thought Wesley Clark was somebody that ought to be told. He's a very bright guy. He was first in his class at West Point, a Rhodes Scholar. Maybe they needed some fresh blood, some fresh input so they briefed him on the topic.

According to some of Grant Cameron's sources, the rumour is that he had access to some of the crash material. He knows something about it.

SM: The interesting point about your speculation in relation to NATO and Europe not getting anything out of the Americans is that how come the Americans were apparently so free and easy with the information in relation to the Canadians? Wilbur Smith seemed to have no difficulty, the Canadian embassy seemed to have no difficulty. Is it simply because Canada is perceived, at least geographically as an extension of the United States and would have to know?

DR: There's always been a special relationship with Canada but that's also true with Britain. Got to be our two closest allies and part of it has to be the shared history and language. According to Hill Norton and Tim Good, the British government doesn't get all that much from the United States on the subject.

I think there was a special relationship with Canada. We share a common defence perimeter, we have the radar up there, we share a lot of military information with one another and hold joint exercises and that sort of thing. So Canada is a sort of special situation. I think the UK is too even though people like Lord Hill Norton may have been cut out of it.

SM: I know this is guesswork but do you believe that somebody, somewhere within the UK is kept informed and does know the truth?

DR: Somebody must know there. Again we're on real slippery ground here. When they were grilling Dr. Eric Walker who was supposed to be one of the people closely affiliated with the so called MJ12 group, we have to go back to Wilbur Smith and his briefing to the Canadian embassy back in 1950. Their main contact was Dr. Robert Sarbacher who was a consultant with the Research and Development board which was run by Dr. Vannevar Bush, the so called head of MJ12.

So Sarbacher proceeds to tell him the subject was classified, higher than the H Bomb, and that the saucers are real, so forth and so on, and that started Smith's special relationship with the so called MJ12 group and Bush.

We contacted Sarbacher 30 years later and through Sarbacher we figured out that Walker, who was the Executive Secretary of the R&D board, was part of this. So then they started pestering Eric Walker and what they finally dragged out of him was that this was no longer an American thing. That the members of the control group were international and that it wasn't just Americans. He wasn't more specific than that but it means that there probably is somebody in Great Britain who is a part of this and in control of this information and who knows and who doesn't know.

SM: Do you share Grant's belief that the control group is split and that there is this attempt to very slowly get the truth out in rather convoluted means?

DR: Well that's true of any group. There's going to be a variety of opinion as to how to deal with any situation and there have been numerous leaks that seem to be coming out from the top that seem to be a mixture of truth and disinformation. The idea being that it puts the ideas out into the public record but that it's always deniable because there is always some nonsense mixed in with it.

So I think there is slowly some sort of education effort that's going on and it seems very plausible to me that is partly people within the control group that do want to get this information slowly out to the public and condition people to the idea that yes indeed, we are being visited by Beings from somewhere else.

SM: Do you believe that currently there is an ongoing relationship with non terrestrial Beings? That the American government or governments are in contact and have some sort of relationship with them?

DR: Well I have two things I can think of off the top of my head that I can think of to say about that. One was Wesley Clark, when I briefly spoke with him, in a roundabout way admitting that he had been briefed and that he knew about it. Then he said there are things going on but we'll have to work out our own mathematics. What he's saying there is, "They're not helping us. We have their stuff but they're not going to help us figure out how it works, so we're going to have to figure it out on our own".

Of course that's speculation as well. That's trying to read something into what he said. That's best we can figure out about what he was trying to say.

Another thing is, this happened last year, I forget the group but it was over in Switzerland and a big economic council and the subject got raised about how we had trade agreements with aliens. This was a major economic conference and it was last year. It shocked us and we don't know what to make of that. What exactly are we trading and who with and made the agreements? Who's in charge of this?

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Extraterrestrial edge helps the balance sheet

By A. Craig Copetas
Bloomberg News

A galactic mystery hovers over the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland: How many of the 2,280 global leaders, including 31 heads of state, gathered in this Alpine resort conduct business with extraterrestrials?

This is no whimsy for Davosians.

It's on the agenda of the annual powwow of the influential and affluent who will ask forum participants such as Vice President Dick Cheney, Coca-Cola Chairman Douglas Daft and De La Rue Chief Executive Ian Much if the aliens have landed and are collaborating with them to concoct government policy, brew soda pop and mint Iraq's new bank notes.

"The extraterrestrials have yet to make contact with me," said Much, who will help moderate tonight's dinner seminar (closed except to forum participants) on The Conspiracy Behind Conspiracy Theories: Have Extraterrestrials Made Contact With Government Leaders?

The British money maker is confident =97 at least for now =97 that De La Rue remains the largest non government printer of bank notes in the Milky Way.

"If the aliens are here," Much reckoned, "I'd absolutely expect them to call me to have their currency printed."

Despite the twilight zone topic arching many an eyebrow along the snow-covered strip of fashionable hotel bars, forum officials maintain their five-day program on Partnering for Security and Prosperity requires an unambiguous examination of extraterrestrial presence on Earth.

"The panellists are the best in their domain; they all have expertise in specific fields," explained Philippe Bourguignon, the forum's co-chief executive officer and a former CEO of Club Mediterranee. "The themes and sessions at Davos reflect the global agenda."

And the public's pulse. A 1996 Gallup Poll found that 71 percent of Americans believe the government knows more about UFOs than it has disclosed. A Roper poll found that some 80 percent of those questioned think Wall Street and Washington are hiding knowledge of extraterrestrial contact. And the Internet search engine Google turns up as many Web pages dedicated to UFOs as it does for investment banking.

"It is possible that UFOs really do contain aliens, and the government is hushing it up," Cambridge University physicist Stephen Hawking told British television viewers in a 1998 interview.

President Bush's recent call to put a man on Mars before 2030 has swelled investor interest in exotic technologies, last week boosting the Bloomberg Aerospace Index 1.9 percent, its biggest gain since October.

Earth's leaders prospecting extraterrestrial commerce as part of the forum's agenda has set off anticipation not seen among UFO analysts since Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released on DVD.

Richard Boylan, a retired professor of behavioural science at the University of California, couldn't be more gleeful if Capt. Kirk had beamed him aboard the Enterprise.

"The Davos dinner may represent the great leap forward we need to unravel the fact that corporations and governments are doing business with star visitors," says Boylan, widely regarded by ufologists as a specialist in intergalactic mergers and acquisitions.

Boylan says he isn't surprised the forum neglected to invite him and his colleagues to Davos for the first significant, high-level discussion on emerging alien markets and other popular conspiracy theories that stretch from whether the U.S. government was behind the attacks of Sept. 11 to the question of whether Humpty Dumpty fell or was pushed off the wall.

"I've learned to live with insults," the 64-year-old psychologist says from his home in California. "Billions of dollars have been spent to intimidate witnesses and use the giggle factor to put in a funny farm anyone who suggests corporations have privatized extraterrestrial technology."

According to the calmly resolute Boylan, more than 100 extraterrestrial races are in cahoots with companies including IBM, Ford, Lucent Technologies, Northrop Grumman, Dow Corning, Monsanto, Boeing and European Aeronautic, Defence & Space Co.

"Most Earth corporations are working with visitors from the Altair star system," Boylan says.

Altair is the brightest star in the constellation Aquila, 15.7 light-years from Wall Street.

Forum participant Martin Reese, Britain's royal astronomer, says, "There is no logical or illogical reason why Earth corporations would be doing business with Altair."

Although Altairian executives were unavailable for comment, Francois Auque, a managing director at EADS, says he's eager to hear from them.

"I'd love to establish links with extraterrestrials," says Auque, one of the businessmen behind the Aurora Project to discover if there's water on Mars. "So far, no messages on my cell phone."

Rattling off lists of purported government documents and first-person testimonies, Boylan says star visitors have instructed global leaders to publicly reveal the intergalactic mergers by 2007.

Still, the American academic frets that the politicians of Earth won't honour the deal and that the forum's conspiracy dinner may be part of the conspiracy.

"If all the extraterrestrial technology came out at once," Boylan reasons, "it would hurt stockholders in obsolescent industries, and the multinationals don't want to lose their power."

As Boylan tells it, the extraterrestrials first came to Wall Street in 1947 by way of Roswell, N.M. It was that year when U.S. Army Col. Philip Corso said he found five aliens amid the buzzards and rattlesnakes at a UFO crash site in the desert.

The new arrivals were just over 4 feet tall, with greyish-brown skin, four-fingered hands and watermelon-size heads without hair.

In his book *The Day After Roswell*, Corso says he salvaged parts from the downed UFO and managed a government-sponsored reverse-engineering program that decanted the technology to IBM, Bell Labs and Dow Corning. The flotsam of Roswell and other UFO encounters, Boylan adds, was used to formulate laser beams, fibre optics and Microsoft Corp.

SM: Is it reasonable to assume after this length of time that alien intent is benign or do factors like alien abductions and cattle mutilations, if that is something you can attribute to aliens, indicate otherwise?

DR: I certainly think they seem to be keeping us under their thumb. There doesn't seem to be any eminent War of The Worlds type scenario. Linda Howe at her talk in Vegas was saying they do indeed seem to be hostile to some extent. If we try and defend ourselves, they show us whose boss. She also said that one of Corso's stories was that they knew not only about cattle mutilations but human mutilations going clear back to 1950, if not earlier.

You've got to realise from their standpoint this could be something like scientists going out and tagging bears or something like that. They shoot them with a tranquiliser gun, they stick some radio transmitter on them, stick needles into them and as far as they're concerned this is all part of caring for the livestock and trying to find out more about them. Maybe that's the way they view us. So it may not be so much hostile so much as indifference to how we might feel about it.

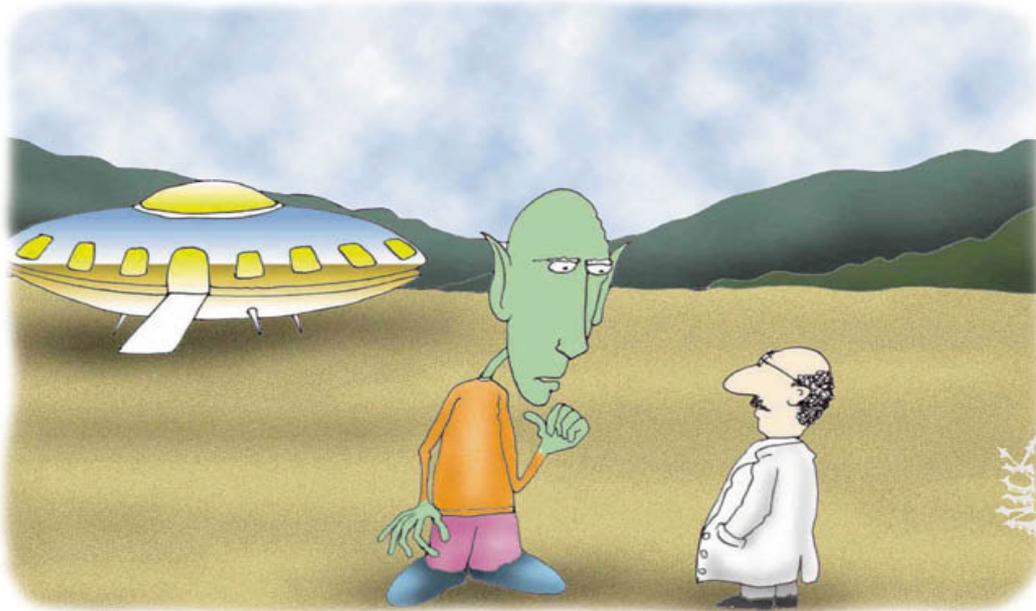
There's a further complication in that there may be several different civilisations and some of them may be somewhat hostile and some aren't. Some might be benign. It's hard to know exactly what's been going on. It could be a very, very complex situation. I do comfort my self in that if they did want to take over they could do it in a flash. There wouldn't be much we could do about it.

SM: Do you think within your lifetime you'll ever find out the truth?

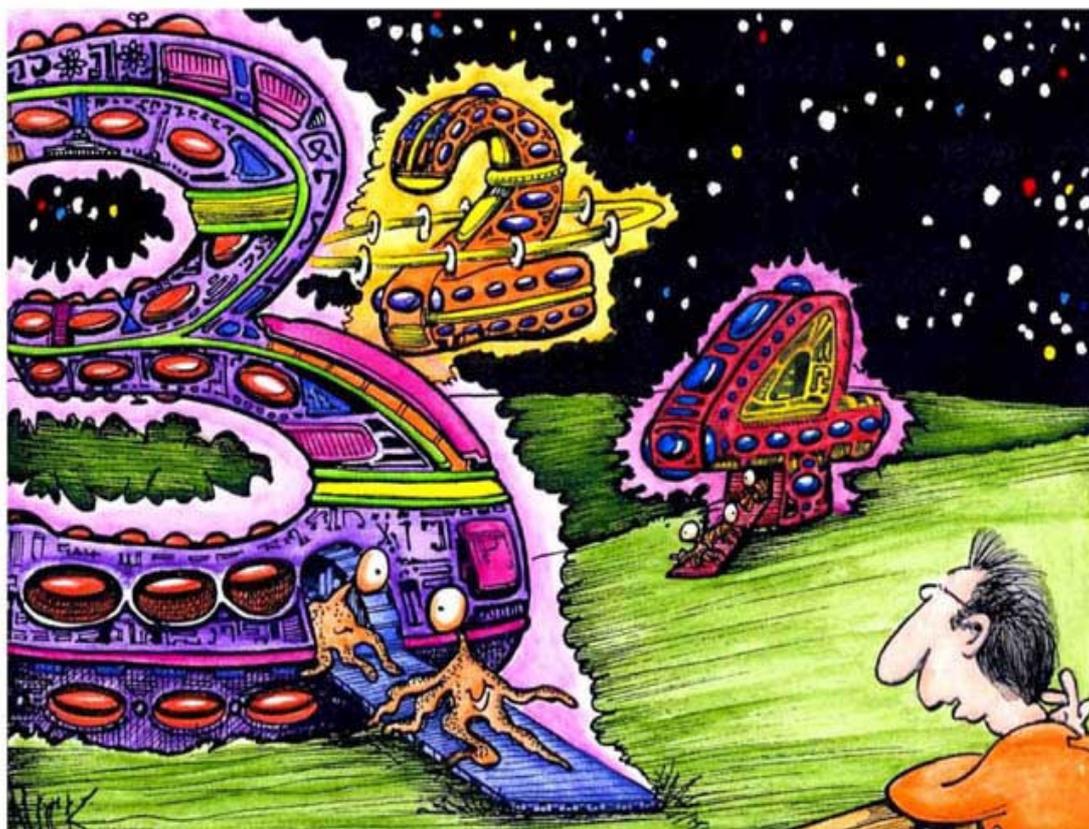
DR: Well I didn't think in my lifetime that the Berlin Wall would ever come down or there would be the end of the Cold war but it just suddenly happened. If this happens, it will happen in a flash. There will be something that will precipitate it and then it will all just come out.

Or it could be 30 years from now when I'll be on my death bed that it will be the same situation that it's always been. There have been rumours for decades that the government was about to release this information and it has certainly never come about. At the moment I'm not too optimistic. If it does come out there will be some very, very compelling reason that it does have to come out. It will serve some sort of greater agenda for whoever is in charge of all this.

SM: David, I am extremely grateful for your time.

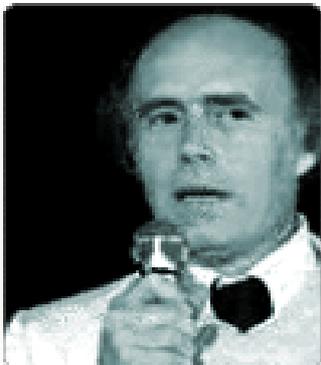


"That? No, that isn't a U.F.O. It's on the ground now, and you've identified it. That makes it an I.G.O."



Dirk gasped in surprise. Aliens had landed in his paddock before, but never before in such numbers.

Dr. Bruce writes



Dr. Bruce is a well known and respected doctor. We are pleased to announce that he has agreed to answer reader's questions. You can contact him via UFO Review at <http://www.uratwerp4tryingthisurl.com>

Dear Dr. Bruce,

Recently my wife became pregnant and has had a hard time carrying the baby. I've noticed that I've started to mimic her symptoms, with sever backache, extreme nausea, and immense fatigue. I have heard of sympathetic symptoms before but was never convinced they really existed. Is this what's happening to me?

Christopher

Hello Chris,

I cannot help you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a physicist.

But you might try bed rest and a visit to your gyn is never a bad idea. Don't you just love those stirrups? So ungainly and yet so.....*gurdienstafengingle* if you get my drift!

Now don't bother me again.

Bruce.

Dear Dr. Bruce,

I have a wart on my left finger that irritates me. Can I get it cut off?

Grizzly

Dear Grizzly,

I cannot help you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a physicist.

But you might try cutting it off yourself. It's a bloody exercise but fun. Any old knife will do – don't listen to folk who prattle on about "hygiene" – it's a fallacy. It's a "sexy" thing to do with your girlfriend but you must ask her first.

Now don't bother me again.

Bruce.

Dear Dr. Bruce,

I am getting into trouble with the school psychiatrist and think I'm in danger of being "sedated". You see, I believe in the existence of intelligent life elsewhere and of UFOs and all that stuff. The shrink thinks I'm mad. What should I do to avoid being put on diazepam?

Nervous

Dear Nervous,

I cannot help you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a physicist.

However, I think your school psychiatrist may have a point. I have come across a number of people during the course of my work who believe the same thing you do and they've all been utterly bonkers. Besides, diazepam is fun! Enjoy!!

Now don't bother me again.

Bruce

Dear Dr. Bruce,

There's not much space left at the end of this page. What should I do?

Bobbycharlton

Dear Bobbycharlton,

I cannot help you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a physicist.

But you might try writing shorter letters.

Now don't bother me again.

Bruce.

WHO IS KITHRA?

Ever since issue 1 of UFO Review, our pages have been graced with delightful articles by Kithra about all manner of things, many centred in and around the area where she lives in the Deep South west of England.

Who is this mysterious woman? She's right under your nose at this moment on the right, getting her claws on to a much appreciated Christmas hamper. Real name (or at least the one she uses to dodge the taxman) is Liz Randall. She never offered me anything out of that hamper and scoffed the lot herself! Liz is a recovering agoraphobic which means she has a fear of going outside but now goes outside, sometimes. The opening line of the article below is amusing in that she went out to the local newsagent to get her copy of the paper. Congrats Liz!



Elizabeth Randall, right, is presented with her gift as the 1,000th person to join the Cornwall Home Library Service. Also pictured are, from left, Doris Ansari (of Cornwall County Council), Jayne Cardew and Alison Gunderson, both of the Home Library Service. Picture by Colin Ross

Library service reaches its target

A HOUSEBOUND Falmouth woman who was the 1,000th person to join a Home Library Service has been given a special gift to mark the occasion.

Elizabeth Randall was the guest of honour at a ceremony in her own home when Doris Ansari, the County Council's executive member for lifelong learning, paid a visit.

The Cornwall Library Service set itself a target of 1,000 customers in 2001, when it was barely serving a quarter of that number.

Since then it has given high priority to promoting the service all over the county and has reached its ambitious target.

The Home Library Service is designed to ensure housebound people have access to books and all the other resources available from the library.

It is operated in partnership with Social Services and the WRVS and it allows people to decide what books they would like to reach which are then chosen by either library staff in branches or WRVS volunteers and delivered to them at home by the volunteers.

Mrs Ansari said: "As well as contributing to improving the quality of life for people who are housebound, it also establishes a useful point of contact through the WRVS to Social Services so that any concerns about the wellbeing of a customer can be picked up at the very early stage."

Chris Ramsey, head of Cornwall Library Service said: "This target has only been reached as a result of the dedication and commitment of very many staff in our branches working with the WRVS to identify potential customers and volunteers." Anyone wanting to take advantage of this service, either for themselves or a friend or relative, should contact their local library or free-phone 0800 032 2345.

Personal Reflections on a Disaster

By

Kithra

As you read this, the S. E. Asian Tsunami disaster will have almost disappeared from the news headlines. But I suspect that, like me, some of the images will stay in your mind for a very long time, if not for the rest of your life. Some will have moved you to tears on many occasions, especially the utter misery in the eyes of the orphaned children. The pictures of the missing, and the total devastation for as far as the eye could see.



Child in Sri Lanka

Picture Credit: BBC News Online

I was lucky; I didn't have any family or friends caught up in this tragedy. Even so I still have trouble trying to assimilate the enormity of what happened – despite the fact that I've been studying what are loosely termed Earth Changes for a few

years now. Having that knowledge I should have been prepared for what a large tsunami is capable of doing, but I wasn't. Instead, I was completely stunned.



Devastation in Banda Aceh

Picture Credit: BBC News Online

Many will be asking: "Why, and What Next?" Well, on a practical level we know why, we know all about the geological causes, we know the survivors are being helped and will eventually start to re-build their lives and their shattered communities. But not without the aftermath becoming politicized, and we've already seen minor conflict breaking out. In the first couple of weeks we realised what a global society we really are, and we all wanted to do something to help.

But for many it has been a huge test of faith, regardless of what religious conviction we may hold, be it a recognised, mainstream faith, or atheism or paganism. The event has served as a global "wake-up" call, and it has also highlighted the fact that we now outpace our government in how we respond – it's they who had to play catch-up.



"Missing" notices in Khao Lak

Picture Credit: BBC News Online

As for the "Why" in terms of the loss of life, we can only see that through our own personal prism of belief. I can only speak for myself, but from my belief perspective – being a believer in reincarnation – I see that all those who died did so to show us that we are all one, all inter-connected. I think it was Socrates who said: "Look at the end before you look at the beginning." Thus, from what appears to us, on simply a human level, to be such a waste of life at the end, I hope that the beginning, from a spiritual level, will serve to make all of us more loving, caring, and considerate of our fellow humans; be they those who live right next door to us, or those who live thousands of miles away. Let's work together to make the world a better place for the souls of all those who were lost to return to.



Some of The Dead

Picture Credit: BBC News Online

My New Year's wish from this disaster is that it will serve to make all of us do more on a permanent basis, rather than when we just see these things on the news. This year I intend to stop smoking and to donate the cost of a couple of packs of cigarettes each week to disaster relief and other types of help around the world.

A list of all the global organisations making appeals for donations can be found at this BBC page, including links to the various web sites:

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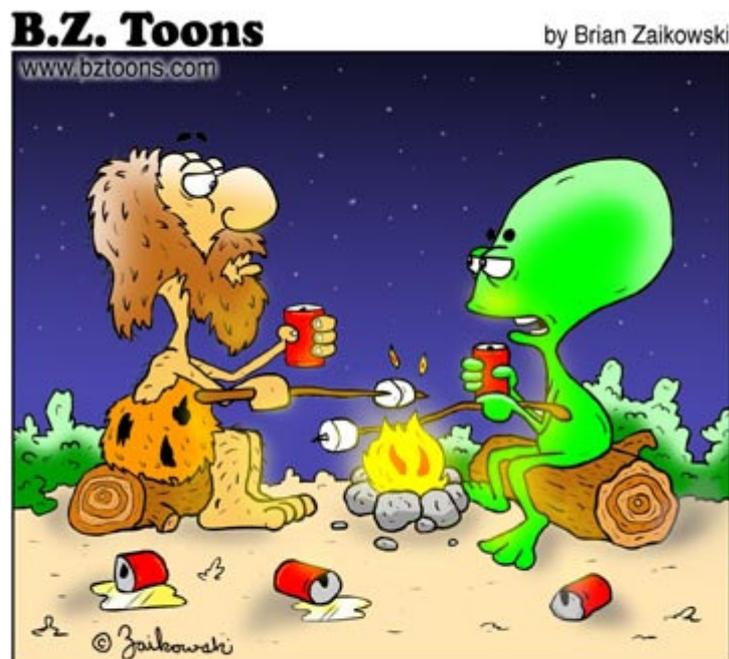
The DEC appeal may have closed, but the page lists many other charities to which you might like to donate.

The tsunami disaster may be out of the headlines, and off our TV screens, but let's remember it in our hearts and do what we can to keep helping.

Kithra

<http://kithraskrystalkave.org.uk>

www.kithraskrystalkave.org.uk/forum



If I show you humans how to make fire, I want you to promise me that you will only use it for toasting marshmallows while getting drunk.

Author Will Hart kindly contacted us with the offer of the following article.

UFOs: Proving the Phenomenon is Real - The Case against Debunkers

By Will Hart

In a recent exchange with a UFO lawyer I was assured that he could prove the existence of UFOs in a court of law. This brings up a very important point regarding the history of UFO investigations that raises questions about the rules of evidence used to judge whether UFOs are a real phenomenon or not. The lawyer could justifiably make that claim. However, scientists routinely say there is not enough evidence to prove the existence of the phenomenon. What gives?

The problem has to do with the way the phenomenon has been classified and defined or rather not clearly or correctly classified or defined. Most of the time UFOs have been studied as if they were a natural phenomenon and the rules of evidence that apply to the physical sciences have been applied. Those rules are stringent as they involve such subjects as chemical and atomic structures. When placed in this category, the UFO phenomenon fails to meet the criteria of scientific proof, for obvious reasons. The phenomenon is not a natural one. We have no control over it and scientists cannot perform repeatable experiments to ascertain its nature.

It is a matter of classification and that is why a lawyer can accurately make the claim that sufficient evidence does exist to prove it in a court of law. Physical scientists do not consider things like eyewitness reports and circumstantial or anecdotal evidence. A court of law does. There is no single set of standards that can be applied across the board to define what scientific evidence is. Physical scientists cannot deny the veracity of sociological or psychological theories simply because the evidence to support them is based upon a different degree of rigor.

There is an acknowledged division between the hard and soft sciences, for example, chemistry and sociology. You don't approach the two disciplines in the same way.

Now, let us compare apples to apples instead of apples to oranges to gain some insight into why there is such a divergence of opinion about the UFO phenomenon. First we have to ask, would it be fair to let a chemist evaluate the credibility of a sociological theory using the standards of evidence and protocols that he normally uses in his chemistry investigations? No, that is apples and oranges. That is exactly what has happened in the history of UFO investigations. Skeptical scientists have consistently claimed that the phenomenon cannot be proven and by their standards they have been right.

But those are the wrong standards to apply because UFOs are not natural events or processes and the preponderance of evidence suggests this is the case. So we have this historical split and ongoing ambiguity with highly credible witnesses reporting sightings and encounters with UFOs that are followed by routine dismissals from scientists that are reported in the media in a variety of UFO articles. What is the general public's reaction? The public is quite naturally torn and confused.

Most people do not want to think of pilots, policemen and radar operators as well

as various military personnel as being incapable of distinguishing between a UFO and swamp gas or a UFO and a weather balloon. These are trained professionals that we depend upon for our safety. Yet thousands upon thousands of reports by such individuals have been rejected or downgraded because there is no scientific proof and therefore they must be treated as nothing more than anecdotal reports.

As we noted above, hard scientists do not have much use for such evidence and yet these are the kinds of factual observations made by credible witnesses that legal cases and sociology are built upon. People also want to have confidence in science and as we have seen, scientists have not been wrong. But neither have they made it clear just what they mean by scientific proof in the context of UFOs and the media has not picked up on this subtle, confusing issue.

No, there is not enough physical hard science evidence to prove the phenomena is real in this context. Yes, there is enough legal and soft science type evidence to prove the phenomenon is real in this context. How do we resolve the resultant ambiguity and ascertain the ultimate reality of the phenomenon? Put it in its proper classification and definition as an unnatural phenomenon under the purview of such disciplines as sociology, cultural anthropology, social psychology, etc.

While the skeptical scientists and debunkers have been correct, to a degree, their assertion that there is no hard evidence is incorrect. Radar operators have observed them, photographs and video clips containing recorded sound have all been documented and they corroborate UFO sightings. This is hard evidence that substantiates the reality of the phenomenon.

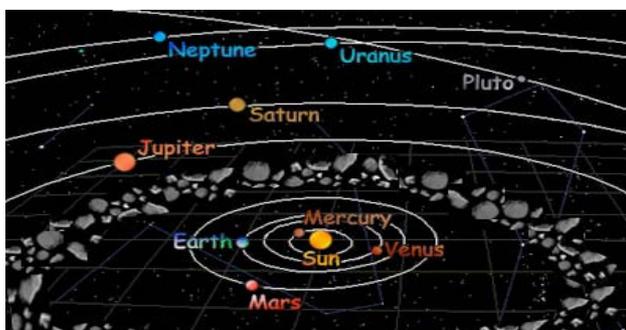
Does it matter? How we classify the phenomenon makes all the difference in the world. Accepting that it is an established scientifically proven reality under the less stringent rules of soft science would remove the stigma from witnesses. Removing the stigma is important because as Stanton Friedman has pointed out, it is a taboo subject in academia. But more importantly, classifying it correctly as a non-natural phenomenon allows investigators to start focusing on the right questions instead of looking for hard evidence among the ever-increasing amount of data that they have accumulated.

911 taught us a lesson about not connecting dots and not making the cogent inferences and acting on them. The data was there and several analysts were correctly interpreting it. But the executive part of the organizational brain of the FBI and CIA did not cooperate with the data collection and analysis part, which resulted in an intelligence breakdown.

We have to take the UFO phenomenon seriously until we have ascertained whether it poses a threat or not. We cannot allow the government to withhold important information and we cannot continue to come at the phenomenon from the wrong angle. Individual UFO investigators and organizations need to cooperate and share information just as much as government intelligence agencies do because there is no official (overt) investigation being conducted into the phenomenon at present, which could be the biggest intelligence blunder of all!

If debunkers want to argue against these propositions they should do so using a cost/benefit scenario. What do we have to lose by accepting the premise that the evidence proving UFOs is real? I submit we have nothing to lose. But what do we have to lose by accepting the premise that it is not real? We have nothing to gain and everything to lose if we are proven wrong and the worst case scenario emerges.

Question and answer session with Uncle Seth Shostak



All the boys and girls in the world wrote in by way of response to our request for questions to put to the great ostrich, and with a bag of sweets in one hand and a cheeky smile in the other, Uncle Seth replies.

From Jessica in Barbados;

Dear Uncle Seth,

My pal "Big" Stan Friedman says you're a wuzzock 'cos all you blab on about are finding weird sounding signals from outer space and you ignore evidence that Mr. ET has come here already. What do you say to that?

Uncle Seth replies:

It's quite simple Jessica. If I acknowledged that big Stan was right, I'd be out of a job. No salary, no prestige, no big tube like telescopes to peer through, nothing. So it's got to be this way Jess, it's got to be this way.

From Michael in Oman;

Dear Uncle Seth,

Can I have one of those sweets please?

Uncle Seth replies;

Piss off you little runt.

From Peter in Poland;

Dear Uncle Seth,

Why have you got hair growing out of your nose?

Uncle Seth replies;

It's all to do with the Milky Way Peter. There are black holes there and they swallow up dark matter and bits of litter that children drop. Then they turn into stars and become famous on the TV. I like Britney Spears personally.

From Gustav in America

Dear Uncle Seth

Have you got a girlfriend and is she pretty?

Uncle Seth replies;

Her name is Venus and she's really hot. She has a lot of wind though and I find when I get near her that she takes my breath away.



Greater Challenges for the Volunteer

Ufologist



by **Sheryl Gottschall** © 2005

Over the decades many UFO researchers have worked very hard to bring UFO information to public awareness. This work has often been garnished with their blood, sweat and tears before being added to the ever increasing smorgasbord of evidence that the public can "sample" before "buying". However, much to researcher's dismay there have been far fewer "sales" from their efforts than they would have liked. This has caused much scratching of heads, disillusionment and sometimes abandonment of the UFO subject entirely by those who logically thought

that knowledge brought enlightenment. What UFO researchers did not factor into their thinking, and still don't to a large degree, is the immense challenge the UFO subject brings to the conditioned public mind and the fact that our society and individuals will deny anything that has the potential to destabilize it, however slightly, even at the cost of truth.

Conditioning

When researchers hand the public a "serving" of information about the UFO subject then stand back waiting for the walls of Jericho to come crashing down, we are clearly demonstrating our naiveté and lack of comprehension as to what it takes to change an individual's opinion, regardless of how much hard evidence they might be presented with. Generally, people will not change from one world view to another in a flash, if at all, and to think they do shows a clear lack of understanding of the process of change. Bringing about a change in a person's perspective takes time, time, and then more time. This is why people who attend therapy can have many sessions before the new way of thinking, believing and behaving firmly establishes itself within their psyche.

Generally the more educated or older people are the longer it takes for them to accept something outside their normal paradigm, because they have undergone more conditioning than others. This is why we see examples of very intelligent scientists denying a subject that should have them upturning every stone until they find answers. They have been conditioned over a period of time to think within the boundaries of a particular framework and to do otherwise would mean to go beyond our present scientific understanding, thereby challenging the very foundations of our modern science. To step into that arena would mean a destabilization of a world view that reputations, opinions, status, beliefs and funding is based on. Hence the great hesitation for a scientist to go down that path.

However scientists are not all to blame for our current situation. They are, after all, "home grown" having been cultivated in a "garden" where the western world view is to fully accept scientific viewpoints as all-knowing and omnipotent. This conditioning has been passed on from previous generations just like racism,

religious beliefs and social attitudes, and presents our society and scientists themselves, albeit unknowingly, with a tremendous hurdle. The challenge of breaking through conditioning that has rusted minds shut is what the UFO community is up against, and to be armed with weapons to combat that "foe" we need to be able to understand more of its processes.

Denial

Added to the conditioning process is the challenge of denial. The knee-jerk rejection of the UFO subject by scientists, scholars and the public at large warns us that the human psyche is extremely clever and has an acute subconscious radar to anything that may cause it to waver. It will go to great lengths to avoid upset to the human mental and emotional equilibrium protecting itself from any challenges that may cause it to admit that it may be living under an illusion. It will do anything to remain cemented in the notion that it knows "the truth" while all else around remain self-deluded. Unfortunately the end result is that our western society has ended up living with only an impoverished and abstract reality at best.

T.S. Elliot recognised this human trait of denial when he said, "humankind cannot bear very much reality". Inherent in this statement is the idea that humanity will deny itself anything, including truth, in order to remain oblivious of something that creates discomfort, for whatever reason. Consequently, the evidence for something other than what's generally accepted by society remains wafting in the breeze unseen, unacknowledged yet right under the public nose everywhere, such as the UFO subject.

You may ask how we came to live in such a state of denial? An interesting approach to this subject is explored in the book, *Species In Denial* by Australian biologist Jeremy Griffith. (1) Griffith proposes that earlier in mankind's evolution humans operated with an instinctual mind only. It was purely biological in nature and responded to protect us instinctively in an unsafe environment. As man progressed he eventually developed an intellectual aspect to his mind. Unfortunately the instinctive mind and the intellectual mind found themselves at odds with each other, for the instinctive mind had a natural mechanical role to perform while the intellectual mind questioned that role. This split created great confusion and threw a spanner in the works of survival. The only way to continue to survive was for the intellectual mind to be suppressed while the instinctive mind continued to run on auto-pilot.

Consequently, humanity today finds itself in a quandary. Instinctively we want to survive in our dog-eat-dog world, yet question how we and others do this. Our instinctive mind knows that to endure an often uninspirational job, mortgage repayments, traffic jams, pollution effects, environmental degradation, war and social hypocrisy, the intellectual mind that questions why we partake of such craziness must be suppressed at all costs, even if it means fooling ourselves.

"On the one hand we aspire to goodness in its purest form and on the other we are competitive, aggressive and selfish. In human evolution when the intellect evolved to the level where it could take control from the instincts, the two systems clashed", states Griffith. We see this arise within the UFO phenomenon when we are faced with the denial of the subject. Although UFO researchers' hopes rise when they read of the latest polls' newest revelation claiming that today's western world far more readily accepts an extraterrestrial reality, it appears that this is only an arm's length acceptance of that reality. Our society is still only accepting of extraterrestrials as long as they are "out there" and remain in a distant galaxy far, far away from us. This is acceptable, for then we remain

safely cocooned in our little corner of the galaxy without disturbance. To suggest that society accepts extraterrestrials may be visiting planet Earth right under our very noses is another matter all together.

Unfortunately, those who deny this possibility, the majority in our western society, create stagnation within our society as they look on with disapproval at those who question the status quo. They continue to live with a twisted reality full of untruths and in so doing restrain our cultural and social progress and possible cosmic status.

Competing Emotional Commitments

Competing emotional commitments are one of the most common causes of mediocrity within a society. When the emotional component of a choice competes against another it is the choice that has the most emotional fulfillment that will win. This is the reason why some people will never be able to give up smoking, drinking, excess food intake or remain in an unhappy relationship. They are much more emotionally invested in one choice than another, whether this choice is made consciously or subconsciously.

Likewise, when an individual is asked to accept an extraterrestrial reality as being a very real part of their existence, they are faced with the emotional implications of doing so with one choice emotionally outweighing the other. For example, there is the fear of criticism from loved ones, friends and colleagues, feelings about loss of status and social standing that chomps away at the very core of our self-identity, and feelings of isolation as we become part of a minority group and the perceived fringe element of our society, all of which we weigh up emotionally. There is usually much more positive emotional investment for individuals to deny the UFO subject by filing it away as incredible nonsense, than there is to meet the colossal request to accept it as part of reality.

Expanding on this notion, when this emotional request is made of a society it has far more emotional impact than that of just one individual. To accept a reality replete with the existence of alien life challenges the very heart of a social structure that has been based on our scientific, religious and social viewpoint for generations. The implications of going down this yellow brick road are enormous, so is it any wonder then that society chooses to do otherwise? Of course accepting the notion of extraterrestrial life possibly visiting Earth may have very little impact on society, although I personally doubt it. Yet while there is an underlying belief that it will, rightly or wrongly, we will remain firmly rooted in our evolution of consciousness right where we are.

Ufology – Presenting A New Panorama

Windows of opportunity into the human psyche are fleeting at best. When they open in the public mind the UFO community needs to be ready. Some suggestions towards this might be:

- (1) To educate ourselves about the triggers that shut people down towards the UFO subject so that we might then understand what will open the public mind to the subject;
- (2) To change public perception from the notion that if one goes down the UFO track one will have everything to lose, to the idea that one will have everything to gain;
- (3) To understand that peer group pressure never ceases no matter what age or status we attain in life;

- (4) To help individuals to bravely transcend the status quo;
- (5) To cease perpetuating an "us versus them" attitude towards society. Create a compassionate approach to ignorance and fear of the UFO subject rather than intolerance. We are all in this together and great change will not come about until more bring it about together;
- (6) To help those who are ready for change find a "new home" and place to belong in an inclusive and friendly environment.

The gaps in knowledge the UFO community has are far greater than what any government or cover-up merchants suppress. We have greatly underestimated what needs to be done in order to bring about a true and lasting change of attitude towards the UFO subject including educating ourselves about the human psyche, particularly if we are ever going to break through it. We need to do some changing ourselves and accept that the UFO phenomenon is just as much about humanity as it is about ETs. Doing so might just throw some light on the real barriers we are up against. As Griffiths says "the problem may very well be the need for psychological rehabilitation of the western mind" and that might just be the real challenge after all.

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Flying saucer? No, it's a load of Plonkers!

THE X FILEYS: The Yorkshire resort is UK No 1 for Plonkers

by Howard Williamson

THE genteel east coast resort of Filey has been named as the unlikely plonking hot spot of the British Isles.

The claim is made by an independent research group called the BUP – British United Plonkers.

They say more sightings of mysterious plonking looking objects are made there than anywhere else in Britain - with Selby and Fife as distant runners-up.

The Plonker Hunters base their findings on evidence from The Filey Professor, "Mad" Russell Watkins the Salford based opera singer. Watkins founded the International Plonker Network eight years ago.

"Yes, this is the plonking capital," he said, "and it's been invaded by us plonkers. It has taken over from Bonnybridge, near Falkirk in Scotland, though it must be admitted that there are an awful lot of plonkers in Bonnybridge.

"So far we have 48 recorded sightings in Filey this year. The next nearest is Selby with 20.

"People are coming here from places like Newcastle, Leeds and Hull because they have heard about its reputation.

"Some people think that because researchers like me are active in these towns, we attract these mysterious objects in the sky. We are like conduits for them. Well it's true. One plonker tends to attract another and Filey is full of plonkers and also complete twats as well."

Mr Watkins said the most spectacular sighting in Filey this year was late at night in June when a couple walking their dog saw a flying plonker soar out of the sea and up into the sky. Five minutes later it returned trailing a banner that read, "Give your missus one from me!"

He said: "I have also been in touch with a young woman living on the outskirts of the town. That's it. I just like touching her. Oh, she also said she met a tall alien in her home. He impregnated her and she gave birth to an onion. It's a sign"

The Plonker Hunters claim that the North Sea is an experimental area for top-secret US aircraft. Mr. Watkins alleges that the RAF and the Americans regularly pour large amounts of seasoning and other vegetables into the sea and then stir it up so as to make a gigantic soup. They then drink it. "That's why the Earth's weather is in such a mess. The North Sea is slowly disappearing because the authorities are drinking it as a soup and it affects everything. Absolutely everything man!"

But Mr Watkins dismisses the idea that plonker sightings near the coast are of man-made craft.

"They would not come so close to the town," he said. "The US Government does not like people to see its new technology. Odd that though 'cos the aliens don't seem to mind"

Mr Watkins has a large library of plonker video footage - the biggest and best in the world - some of which will be included in a documentary being made for the Cans Film Festival.

He and his fellow researcher, Jody Holden, of Selby will be featured on the Bravo TV channel next month in Video Vigilantes, a programme about their work.

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RUSSEL CALLAGHAN. "For almost 10 years Russel was responsible for the overseeing of photographs & video tape of alleged unidentified flying objects that were sent to UFO Magazine. He was also, along with the late Graham W.Birdsall responsible for sharing such information with the UFO community on both video & DVD in the production of such titles as UFOs Hard Evidence (7) volumes, The Secret NASA Transmissions & several other unique titles. In this fully illustrated talk Russel will share with you some of the more interesting material that crossed his desk & put some well known cases under the microscope" Video footage will be shown.

ALAN F. ALFORD. "Secret Chambers of the Great Pyramid". Why was the Great Pyramid built? Many writers have attempted to answer this conundrum by removing the Pyramid from its historical contexts. In contrast, Alan in his new books Pyramid of Secrets (2003) & the Midnight Sun (2004) has reinterpreted the Pyramid's architecture in the light of the Egyptian creation myth. Taking this approach, Alan has argued that the body of the king was buried beneath the Pyramid, & that the sarcophagus in the King's Chamber enshrined the material of creation (meteoritic iron). His presentation will explore the purposes of all the known chambers as well as the possibility of undiscovered chambers, incl. The intact burial place of Cheops. This is a great opportunity to reacquaint you with the mysterious design of the Great Pyramid ahead of further robotic explorations scheduled for Sept/Oct 2005. Still footage to be shown.

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"She was beautiful but volatile. Her blood was gasoline."



UFO Recognition

Part 1

By

Bill Hamilton

(Some of the material on aerodynamics and aircraft stress is pieced together from material found on the WWW)

I thought I would start a discussion on UFO recognition in order to better assess sighting and sighting reports and yield more information from field investigators so that we may further validate a genuine phenomenon that will attract more interest from the scientific community and apply more political pressure to obtain more research monies. I, for one, would like to see a network of skywatch stations established at strategic locations throughout the world.

Flying aircraft of various types have certain characteristics that distinguish them and allow for identification as aircraft. All conventional aircraft depend on aerodynamics, a branch of fluid mechanics that deals with the motion of air other gaseous fluids, and with forces acting on bodies in motion relative to such fluids. Aircraft move through air in a fairly uniform linear path at a fairly uniform speed until they turn, dive, or roll as they do in airshows.

One of the fundamental forces studied in aerodynamics is lift, or the force that keeps an airplane in the air. Airplanes fly because they push air down. The leading edge of an airplane wing is higher than the trailing edge. All aircraft have wings or lifting bodies or rotating blades as their lift depends on them. UFOs may not have wings and may even have some un aerodynamic configuration. Lift is often explained using Bernoulli's principle, which relates an increase in the velocity of a flow of fluid (such as air) to a decrease in pressure and vice versa. The air pressure on the upper side of an airplane wing is lower than that on the lower side giving a resultant net force upward.

Another important aspect of aerodynamics is the drag, or resistance, acting on solid bodies moving through air. The thrust force developed by either the jet engine or the propellers, for example, must overcome the drag forces exerted by the air flowing over the airplane. Streamlining the body can significantly reduce these drag forces. For bodies that are not fully streamlined, the drag force increases approximately with the square of the speed as they move rapidly through the air. The power required, for example, to drive an automobile steadily at medium or high speeds is primarily absorbed in overcoming air resistance.

Supersonics, an important branch of aerodynamics, concerns phenomena that arise when the velocity of a solid body exceeds the speed of sound in the medium, usually air, in which it is traveling. The speed of sound in the atmosphere varies with humidity, temperature, and pressure. Because the speed of sound, being thus variable, is a critical factor in aerodynamic equations, a so-called Mach number, named after the Austrian physicist and philosopher Ernst Mach, who pioneered the study of ballistics, represents it. The Mach number is the speed of the projectile or aircraft with reference to the ambient atmosphere, divided by the speed of sound in the same medium and under the same conditions. Thus at sea level, under standard conditions of humidity and temperature, a speed of about 1220 km/h (about 760 mph) represents a Mach number of one, that is, M-1. The same speed in the stratosphere, because of differences in density, pressure, and temperature, would correspond to a Mach number of M-1.16. By designating speeds by Mach number, rather than by kilometers or miles per hour, a more accurate representation of the actual conditions encountered in flight can be obtained.

Another factor, long known to rocket designers, is the direct influence of ambient atmospheric pressures on the efficiency of the flight of planes in supersonic speed ranges. That is, the closer the surrounding medium is to a perfect vacuum, the more efficient is the power plant of the plane. Reducing the area, or cross section, displacing atmosphere, can also increase the range of the supersonic plane. Increasing the weight by increasing the length, but at the same time making the plane more slender and equipping it with a needle nose, are necessary features of design for planes operating in the supersonic range in the atmosphere.

Generally, UFOs seem to bend the rules when it comes to aerodynamics. The maneuverability of discs seen in flight is such that the UFO accelerates so quickly that it seems to overcome any forces of drag that would retard its movement. Discs have been seen to make 90-degree turns instantly, and in some rare cases, instantly reverse their direction of travel. When accelerating to speeds estimated to be supersonic, no shock wave seems to be generated and no sonic boom is heard. Some maneuvers accomplished by UFOs would place extraordinary stress on the airframe if flying like conventional aircraft. Coming in contact with the surrounding atmosphere at high rates of acceleration would challenge the structural integrity of the vehicle, would induce enormous drag and heat the skin of the craft to glowing temperatures. Perhaps the UFO does not come into direct contact with the atmosphere, but actually repels the atmospheric boundary layer surrounding its form. This would account for how they can move quickly without encountering air resistance and thermal stress.

Structural integrity is a major factor in aircraft design and construction. No production airplane leaves the ground before undergoing extensive analysis of how it will fly, the stresses it will tolerate and its maximum safe capability.

Every airplane is subject to structural stress. Stress acts on an airplane whether on the ground or in flight. Stress is defined as a load applied to a unit area of material. Stress produces a deflection or deformation in the material called strain. Stress is always accompanied by strain.

Current production general aviation aircraft are constructed of various materials, the primary being aluminum alloys. Rivets, bolts, screws and special bonding adhesives are used to hold the sheet metal in place. Regardless of the method of attachment of the material, every part of the fuselage must carry a load, or resist a stress placed on it. Design of interior supporting and forming pieces, and the outside metal skin all have a role to play in assuring an overall safe structure capable of withstanding expected loads and stresses.

Engineers carefully calculate the stress a particular part must withstand. Also, the material a part is made from is extremely important and is selected by designers based on its known properties. Aluminum alloy is the primary material for the exterior skin on modern aircraft. This material possesses a good strength to weight ratio, is easy to form, resists corrosion, and is relatively inexpensive.

Fittings must be made of carefully selected materials because of their importance of holding the aircraft together under expected stress and loading. The same holds true for important fasteners such as bolts and rivets. It is essential that these parts not fail under stress. It is also essential that these parts not weaken with exposure to stress and weather elements.

UFOS have been observed that seem to have seamless, rivetless hulls which could give such a craft high structural integrity.

Corrosion is also a consideration. A fitting made of one metal cannot be secured to the structure with a bolt or fastener made of another metal. This situation may result in "dissimilar metal corrosion" over a period of time and result in a weakening of the assembly to the extent that the assembly is rendered unsafe.

Types Of Structural Stress

The five basic structural stresses to which aircraft are subject are:

1. Tension
2. Compression
3. Torsion
4. Shear
5. Bending

While there are many other ways to describe the actual stresses, which an aircraft undergoes in normal (or abnormal) operation, they are special arrangements of these basic ones.

"Tension" is the stress acting against another force that is trying to pull something apart. For example, while in straight and level flight the engine power and propeller are pulling the airplane forward. The wings, tail section and fuselage, however, resist that movement because of the airflow around them. The result is a stretching effect on the airframe. Bracing wires in an aircraft are usually in tension.

"Compression" is a squeezing or crushing force that tries to make parts smaller. Anti-compression design resists an inward or crushing force applied to a piece or assembly. Aircraft wings are subjected to

compression stresses. The ability of a material to meet compression requirements is measured in pounds per square inch (psi).

"Torsion" is a twisting force. Because aluminum is used almost exclusively for the outside, and, to a large extent, inside fabrication of parts and covering, its tensile strength (capability of being stretched) under torsion is very important. Tensile strength refers to the measure of strength in pounds per square inch (psi) of the metal. Torque (also a twisting force) works against torsion. The torsional strength of a material is its ability to resist torque. While in flight, the engine power and propeller twist the forward fuselage. The force, however, is resisted by the assemblies of the fuselage. The airframe is subjected to variable torsional stresses during turns and other maneuvers.

"Shear" stress tends to slide one piece of material over another. Consider the aircraft fuselage. The aluminum skin panels are riveted to one another. Shear forces try to make the rivets fail under flight loads; therefore, selection of rivets with adequate shear resistance is critical. Bolts and other fasteners are often loaded in shear, an example being bolts that fasten the wing to the spar or carry-through structure. Although other forces may also be present, shear forces try to rip the bolt in two. Generally, shear strength is less than tensile or compressive strength in a particular material.

"Bending" is a combination of two forces, compression and tension. During bending stress, the material on the inside of the bend is compressed and the outside material is stretched in tension. An example of this is the G-loading an airplane structure experiences during maneuvering. During an abrupt pull-up, the airplane's wing spars, wing skin and fuselage undergo positive loading and the upper surfaces are subject to compression, while the lower wing skin experiences tension loads. There are many other areas of the airframe structure that experience bending forces during normal flight.

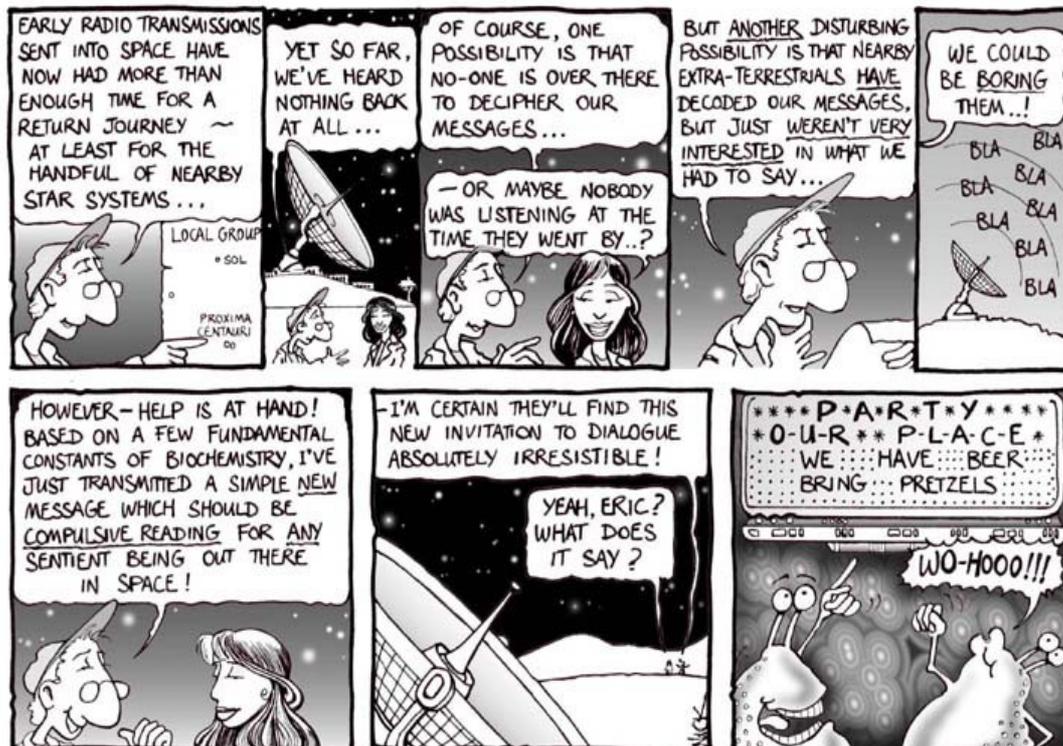
An airplane structure in flight is subjected to many and varying stresses due to the varying loads that may be imposed. The designer's problem is trying to anticipate the possible stresses that the structure will have to endure, and to build it sufficiently strong to withstand these. The problem is complicated by the fact that an airplane structure must be light as well as strong. The manufacturer states upon certification that the design meets or exceeds all FAR requirements for the category of aircraft being produced. However, hard landings, gust loads caused by extreme turbulence, performing aerobatic maneuvers in a non-aerobatic airplane, etc, can affect the airworthiness of one or more major airframe assemblies to the extent that the airplane is no longer airworthy. This reiterates the necessity of operating the aircraft within the limitations outlined by the manufacturer. Every flight imposes loads and stresses on the aircraft. How carefully it is flown, therefore, will have an effect on the service life of its assemblies.

It is the UFO's ability to withstand or defy the normal loads and stresses of our conventional aircraft that allows them to fly in such erratic modes as zigzag flight, instantaneous decelerations, and instantaneous accelerations. The type of flight pattern makes a UFO stand out from the aerobatic performances of conventional aircraft.

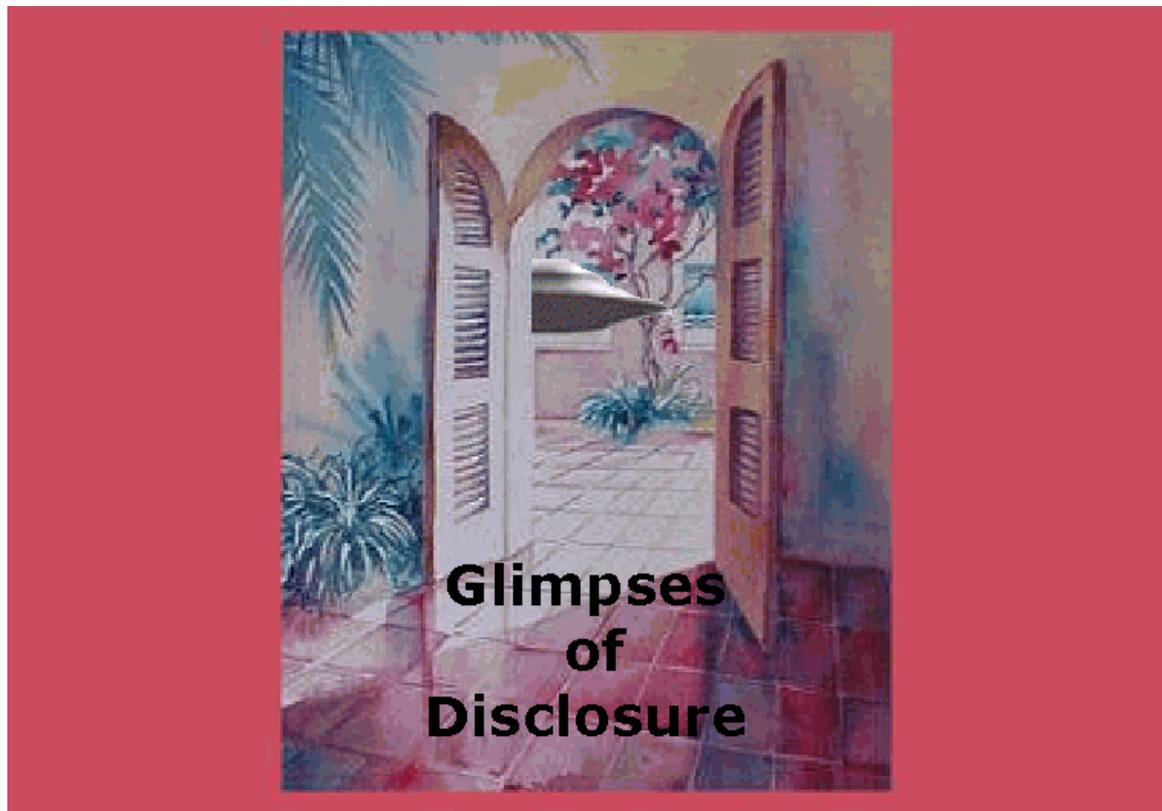
This is only a small part of a subject that could fill a textbook. It is by capturing these details of UFO flight dynamics for the record that adds weight to the evidence that unconventional flying objects have been cavorting around the earth for decades.



At a resolution of 10^{-24} metres, isolated clumps of Strange Matter pop briefly out of the quantum foam to debate the possible existence of Particle Physicists.



Grant Cameron's Washington Presentation paper



Since the modern age of Ufology began in 1947 there have been a number of occasions when people representing various segments of the government have approached people in the media and in the UFO community. They have offered up clear glimpses of information that indicate the UFO phenomenon is and extraterrestrial phenomena and that the government has known it right from the beginning.

The importance of these government approaches is that the government was not required to do it. They simply could have continued to carry on as if nothing had happened.

I am not going to spend my time dwelling on the possible government motives for these glimpses. My intention is simply to list the examples and allow interested people to discuss it later. The possible reasons for what is going on include,

- Steering investigators away from the truth.
- Undermining the credibility of subject and researcher.
- Controlling the researcher and the flow of leaks on UFOs.

Finally, before I begin I would like to mention that I think they are two different methods used by government to get the information out. The Democrats appeared to make direct efforts to force out the documents and stories. The Republicans, on the other hand, appeared to use back door cloak and dagger methods to get out the word.

Now, let me move on to brief glimpses of disclosure that began to appear at the end of the Truman and beginning of the Eisenhower administration.

The first person to be closely tied into government for glimpses into what was going on was the famous contactee George Adamski. He claimed to have had a number of contacts inside government who helped "cooperate in the collection attempt to get photographs of the strange craft moving through space." Adamski listed a group of government contacts and special government privileges he had been granted.

- An association with 4 U.S government scientists from Point Loma Naval Electronic Laboratory.
- An association with a similar group of scientists in Pasadena.
- Adamski's key contact outside the United States was a former intelligence officer with the British Army.
- According to a source of Jacques Vallee's - in Australia Adamski was traveling on a passport bearing special privileges.
- Adamski claimed he had a pass to enter the White House.

Very clearly involved in this early disclosure initiative was movie producer Walt Disney. The story of the incident was told by one of his key animators Ward Kimball.

At the 1979 MUFON UFO symposium in San Francisco, Kimball told how the American government had approached Walt Disney, prior to the Soviet Sputnik launch, to make a UFO documentary. The reason given to Disney for the documentary was to help acclimatize the American people to the reality of extraterrestrials.

Kimball stated in the speech that around 1955 or 1956 the USAF contacted Walt Disney. They asked him to cooperate on a documentary about UFOs. As a part of the deal, the USAF offered to supply actual UFO footage, which Disney would be allowed to use in his film.

According to Kimball's account of events Disney went along with the USAF plan, which was not that unusual. The use of Walt Disney cartoons, after all had been suggested by the 1953 CIA Robertson UFO panel as part of a public-education program involving the mass media to "strip the UFO phenomenon of its special status and eliminate the aura of mystery it has acquired."

Once Walt Disney had finished his meetings with the USAF, he began to work on the requested UFO documentary for the public. He asked his animators to think up what an alien would look like. Meanwhile, he waited for the Air Force to deliver on the promised film.

After some period of time the Air Force re-contacted Disney and told him the film offer had to be withdrawn. There would be no UFO footage as promised.

Kimball told researcher Stanton Friedman that once he found out there would be no delivery of UFO film; he personally spoke with an Air Force Colonel who told him, "There indeed was plenty of UFO footage, but that neither Ward, nor anyone else, was going to get access to it." This caused Disney to end the UFO documentary project.

Recent information indicates that Disney may actually have gotten some film and didn't use it. This story comes from a prominent UK photographer Mike Maloney. Mike Maloney is the Group Chief Photographer at Mirror Group Newspapers, a fellow with both the Royal Photographic Society and the British Institute of Professional Photographers. Maloney has won many awards, 96 by one count, including Press Photographer of the Year three times.

In the 1970s, Maloney was dining with the head of Disney, and four of the original nine Disney animators while on a trip to the Disney Corporation in Los Angeles. While this was going on Maloney was introduced to another man, identified in one account a "well-known Disney employee."

The man offered to show Maloney some unusual film footage at his house. When Maloney saw it he described it as "old footage of UFOs," and "two beings that he was told were aliens."

UFO investigator Georgina Bruni interviewed Mike Maloney about his early 1970s encounter at Disney. She described what Maloney told her about the aliens he had been shown on the film:

One, which appeared to be dead, was laid out on a table - or slab, the other was clearly alive and moving around on the floor. He was given no information as to the source of the footage, which he was told was "top secret", but he was in no doubt that it was a genuine piece of old film. Mike described it as being similar to the alien autopsy footage that had been shown on television. At no time did he say it was the same, just similar. Of the footage he personally viewed, he said: 'If the film that I saw was a fake, it was a brilliant fake.'

At exactly the same time as Disney was being offered his UFO film for a documentary the USAF was busy helping Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse to produce a 92-minute documentary titled "UFO" was released in May 1956.

Three top Air Force USAF officials Albert M. Chop, Major Dewey J. Fournet, Captain Edward Ruppelt, provided technical assistance to Greene and Rouse. The three key officials had many meetings with the producers. Greene told researcher Robert Barrow:

"Together we went into a lengthy and exhaustive study of reports, various documents and affidavits of UFO sightings and reports from radar experts which, with some heretofore top secret motion pictures, in color, of flying saucers, form the basis of the film."

Most importantly Greene and Rouse obtained two key UFO films. The two films, both showing daytime UFOs in flight were the Great Falls (Montana film which showed two objects) and the Tremonton (Utah film which showed 12 objects). The films had been analyzed and presented to the CIA Robertson UFO Panel in January 1953 as the best photographic evidence held by the USAF related to UFOs. Following their appearance at the Robertson panel the Air Force chose to keep the two films classified. Just in time for the documentary the films were suddenly declassified.

Nixon Administration

Let me set the scene. In December 1969 the United States government officially pulled out of UFO investigation, by shutting down Project Blue Book. For the Air

Force, who had run the investigation, it was the end to the worse public relations issue they had to deal with.

Every time the newspaper wrote a UFO story, an Air Force spokesman had been forced to go in front of the media microphones and make up some bizarre new natural phenomena to explain the reported UFO. It was something that the Air Force dreaded.

Lt. Colonel Hector Quintanilla Jr., a former Chief of Project Blue Book, for example wrote a manuscript on his days investigating UFOs for the Air Force. He called it "UFOs: An Air Force Dilemma." He had wanted to call it "UFOs: A \$20,000,000 Fiasco."

The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) had concerned itself with real technical problems dealing with real technical problems dealing with our national security. Their engineers and scientists are top shelf and a very proud group. Little did they know that a pseudo scientific project was about to be dropped in their laps...on a long term basis it turned out to be a monumental headache for all its Commanders...at times it was just pure hell...ATIC Commanders would cringe on hearing the term "Flying Saucers."

When the project was shut down, this PR nightmare was over. Never again would the Air Force be forced to explain UFOs by putting an officer in front of media microphones to explain the latest reported sighting. If they wanted to investigate UFOs, they could now do so in absolute secrecy without the unwanted publicity.

In Canada, the government officially shut down the military involvement with UFOs about the same time as in the United States. There has not been a peep from them on the subject since. A UFO researcher looking for UFO answers inside the Canadian government files wouldn't even know where to start.

So it is extremely important to note that the Pentagon OFFICIALLY contacted producers Robert Emenegger and Allan Sandler in 1973 to do a documentary on UFOs. I consider the Emenegger story to be perhaps the most important case in ufology.

This approach by the Pentagon was extremely important because they didn't have to do it. It is extremely important because by doing so they risked ending up in front of media microphones again explaining their interest and involvement into UFOs.

Why after getting out of the UFO nightmare in 1969, did the government jump back in with both feet in 1973?

The 1973 event began when Emenegger was working as the creative director for Grey Advertising in Los Angeles. He and his partner Allen Sandler were invited to Norton Air Force Base to discuss a series of documentaries film on advanced research projects. As the negotiations continued it became apparent that the two military officials wanted one to be a documentary on UFOs.

"We went to Norton Air Force Base to discuss other things, among them 3-D moving holography, laser and cancer all of the R&D advance research - ARPA kind of projects, and the UFO thing was brought up to us, which I just couldn't believe, but said "Oh, we'll just go along with it." And one conversation led to another, a contact with the Pentagon. Everyone couldn't have been more open about what we were doing. Anyone along

the line could have questioned, and said – and I expected them to say, "Like – what the hell are you guys talking about."

On the 1988 UFO documentary "UFO Cover-up Live" Emenegger said that Paul Shartle, Security Manager and Chief of Requirements for the Audio-Visual Program at the base was the first to describe a film of a filmed encounter between aliens and base officials at Holloman Air Force base.

"While discussing several of the subjects, UFOs came up. Paul here told us about a film of an alien craft at Holloman Air Force Base three years earlier."

Shartle described what was on the film during his appearance on the documentary,

Shartle: *I saw footage of three disc shaped crafts. One of the crafts landed and two went away.*

Question: *Why did it land?*

Shartle: *It appeared to be in trouble because it oscillated all the way down to the ground. However, it did land on three pods. A sliding door opened. A ramp was extended and out came three aliens.*

Question: *What did they look like?*

Shartle: *Well, they were human size, had an odd gray complexion and a pronounced nose. They wore tight fitting jump suits, thin headdresses that appeared to be communications devices, and in their hand they held a translator, I was told. A Holloman base commander and other Air Force officials went out to greet them.*

Emenegger and Sandler were offered the film of the alien base encounter for the documentary that they had been asked to make for the Pentagon. Negotiations ensued and involved meetings right in the Pentagon where Emenegger and Sandler did not even have to sign in. Emenegger described the situation in a 1994 Texas presentation for the Electric Viewpoint.

We headed for the Pentagon and we walked into the building – I remember the two of us, and for some reason we were herded by two plain clothes men into a little narrow room with fluorescent lights over it and I just remember, and some man sitting behind a desk and he pointed at us and he said "We're very concerned about you bringing up the subject of UFOs. He said it causes, when people like you put these things on the air, it causes the phone lines – it ties up our phone lines. It is not part of our duty, our national defense", and on and on. I was under these fluorescent lights watching these three plain clothes men. I thought I was going to die there for a minute.

But again my partner had enough sense to say "Heh! We were invited by Mr. Hatch by Colonel Coleman, and they said "Okay, well just a warning." So we went off to meet Colonel Coleman. Now he's the one that looks like Hemmingway with the beard walking through the E-ring at the Pentagon. The first thing he says to us was, "You know if you come across

information or technology which is against the interest of our national defense- you can be fined and imprisoned." So it was like warning #2.

Then we went into his inner office, and a strange thing happened. He said, "Come on boys. Sit down. Let me tell you something."

Everyone in these Pentagon production meetings had a chance to protest the idea but no one did. Emenegger explained,

Well, they all had a chance. As a matter of fact, you know, one of our agreements was to go over the script at the Pentagon, and if there was any question about anything that they had the right to ask about it. Strangely enough, no one even questioned the whole thing about the landing at Holloman Air Force Base - like, "Well OK."

It all unfolded. One would call another. For instance Coleman said, "Hold on" as we were sitting in his office. He would put a call into (General) George (Weinbrenner) and say. "Do you want to talk to these guys?" A day later I think we went down into the bunker, and there confronted George. We couldn't have - I think I was pretty straightforward. My first question was, "What about the landing at Holloman Air Force Base." He kind of said, "Well, I'll tell you."

The two men were told of a film that had been shot at Holloman Air Force Base where an alien ship had landed. An alien got out of the crafts and met with officials at the base. The group then moved down the tarmac to a base building.

Emenegger was promised 3200 feet of film from this film that could be placed in his documentary to help make the people aware of that fact that UFOs did exist and there had been official contact between the government and the extraterrestrials.

Emenegger and Sandler were offered other UFO film for the documentary. One example was a Top Secret film involving a missile launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base that was tracked by UFOs.

We were given a film - Top Secret- it was still Top Secret on it - Quintanilla's name was on it, of a launching at Vandenberg of which three cameras followed the one missile take-off. Behind it you saw two little white - looked like transparent moons sort of just trailing and following it their way but from every camera - no matter what position - so it wasn't a reflection. We had Bob Baker who was the guy who did the 1952 Robertson Panel guy. Anyway Bob Baker was very well known at that time. So he came in and analyzed it and said it's a million to one that it's anything but - its not Venus - it's not a reflection - it's this - it's unknown stuff.

The documentary and book went ahead but in a move that would become a pattern for all future glimpses of disclosure, the Holloman film was withdrawn at the last minute. Coleman recalled the film, and a man was forced to drive the film back across the country in his car. Emenegger and Sandler were forced to use recreations to talk about a possible encounter between the government and the aliens.

The Carter Administration

Carter as probably everyone in the room knows saw a UFO prior to becoming Governor of Georgia. In 1976 the National Enquirer interviewed Carter about the incident, and about what he would do about UFOs if elected to the White House. Carter made a promise to release all the sighting data.

Enquirer: *Governor, when you once saw a UFO. If you were President, would you reopen inquiry into UFOs?*

Carter: *Well - No what I would make the information we have about those sightings available to the public, and let them decide. I never have tried to identify what I saw. It was - you know- a light in the western sky. It was very unique. I had never seen it before. There were about 20 of us who saw it. None of us could figure out what it was. Well, I don't think it was anything solid. It looked just like a light. It was a very peculiar aberration. I don't make fun of people who say they have seen unidentified objects in the sky.*

Enquirer: *The United States used to have a body that investigated UFOs. That was discontinued. Would you reopen that?*

Carter: *I don't know yet.*

Disclosure seemed only moments away. A President was in the White House who had experienced the phenomena, and who believed a well-informed public had the right to know. What many don't realize is that Carter did place some conditions on his UFO promise.

I don't see any reason to keep information like that secret but there may be some aspect of the UFO information with which I am not familiar that might be related to some secret experiments that we're doing that might involve our national security -our new weapons systems. I certainly wouldn't release that. But if it was something removed from our national security, in my opinion as President I would go ahead and release that. I see nothing wrong with that.

Many of the UFO accounts I have heard concerning the Carter administration state that Carter backed away from his promise to disclose and did nothing about UFOs while in the White House. This is not true at all. Carter did push hard on disclosure and did achieve a great deal.

Jimmy Carter started to push for the UFO answer even before he was president. During his president elect briefing given by President Ford's Director of Central Intelligence George Bush, Carter demanded the files on UFOs.

Bush told Carter that he could not provide the requested documents. He stated Carter did not have a "need - to - know" and that curiosity on the part of the President was not sufficient reason to be told about UFOs.

Now Ronald Pandolfi, who is rumored to run the weird desk at the CIA, has expressed his doubts that George Bush even denied UFO information to the president-elect because it would have gotten him fired. The fact of the matter is, however, that Carter removed Bush. In fact Bush never served a single day as DCI under President Carter.

Once in office Carter continued to push for UFO disclosure. Those who elected him did not forget the UFO promise because the White House received 9,000 UFO letters.

Carter's promise to release was stalled by more than just the pledge Carter had made not to release information tied into the national security. It was limited by who Carter was. Carter had run as a Washington insider. He had campaigned in short sleeves to put across the idea that he was a common man running for the nation's highest office.

Carter was a Washington outsider running against the Washington insiders who controlled the UFO secret. He should not have been surprised that they didn't run to support his UFO disclosure initiative.

He came in at the time of the CIA scandal revelations which were exposed by the Church committee in 1976. The CIA was in a bad way, and when Carter came in he fired hundreds of CIA agents. Now they didn't trust him, and any chance he had to get them to reveal their closest guarded secret was gone.

Carter also got into trouble with the military industrial complex, often rumored to be a controlling factor in the UFO cover-up, by cutting \$5 billion from the defense budget. He also cancelled the B-1 bomber, shelved the neutron bomb, vetoed a nuclear aircraft carrier, and disassembled the draft machinery. In the end he was run over.

Carter made a number of efforts to shake the federal agencies for any information they might have on UFOs, or for any secret system that existed for coordinating information on UFOs. His trusted Press Secretary Jody Powell took on this task. Powell contacted agencies such as the FBI and NASA.

The FBI said they "had no authorization or reason for conducting any inquiries on this subject" and that they turned everything over to the Air Force "without taking any action on it."

NASA knew that the UFO issue was a no-win situation, and would be a severe strain on their budget, which Carter had just cut. They agreed to answer UFO mail sent to the White House and investigate any "bona fide physical evidence from credible sources".

The Carter administration did much more towards UFO disclosure than it has been given credit for. A good number of the declassified government UFO documents we have today were released under the Carter administration. During the four Carter years approximately 3,000 pages were released including big collections from the CIA, FBI, and NSA.

Carter met openly with UFO personalities such as Grenada Prime Minister Eric Gary. They met in the Oval Office, and according to NRC notes UFOs were discussed in the meeting.

Stories told by attorney Daniel Sheehan clearly showed that Jimmy Carter did call for a collection of UFO information once he became president. Sheehan, a prominent civil rights attorney had been called as a consultant to two studies being done for the president. One of the studies was on UFOs, and one was on extraterrestrial intelligence. Sheehan described how he was contacted to obtain the Vatican library UFO files for the reports.

I was contacted by Marcia Smith, the head of the Science and Technology Division of the Congressional Research Service, to see if I as chief counsel

for the United States Jesuit Headquarters in Washington D.C. International Social Ministry Office could obtain access to the Vatican Library section that had the information about extraterrestrial intelligence and the UFOs in the Vatican Library in Rome. I agreed to do that as a special consultant to the Congressional Research Service.

As part of his work, Sheehan asked Marcia Smith to see the classified sections of Project Blue Book. Someone up high aided Marcia Smith, the author of the reports from the Library of Congress, and Sheehan was asked to go to the Madison Building to view the records. Sheehan described what happened,

Back in 1977, when I was asked to participate as a special consultant to the Library of Congress research group analysis for President Carter, I was given access to the Project Blue Book files – the classified sections of them during the preparation for a seminar which I was asked to present to the top 50 scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California in the SETI program. In that context I was allowed to review the classified sections of the Blue Book Project. In that section I came across absolutely clear pictures - photographs -of a UFO that was on the ground. It had apparently crashed. It was stuck in the side of an embankment. There was snow all around in the photographs, and there were United States Air Force personnel in the photograph measuring this particular craft - taking photographs of it.

You could see them in a number of these photographs. Then there were actual close up photos from different perspectives of the vehicle, and they actually had insignia on the side of the vehicle that they had taken close up pictures of. So when I saw this, in the context, where I had been allowed into this room downstairs in the new building of the Library of Congress that had not even been opened yet. This was a brand new building. They had a big special room downstairs. There were Air Force guards at the doors. When I actually saw these photographs in the files I said "Well, Now that I have seen this, and I know that the United States Air Force has these photographs – that they've got this vehicle. They've obviously got it. Here are these photographs.

Sheehan further reported that Carter did get the two reports and that they had stunning information in them.

She went forward and supervised two of the final studies. The first study reached the conclusion – this was an official United States government Congressional Research Service report that was prepared by the Congressional Research Service Science and Technology Division and sent to the Science and Technology Committee of the House of Representatives, who in turn sent it to the President. In this report they concluded that there were from two to six – at least- from two to six highly technological intelligent civilizations other than on our planet here in our galaxy.

And secondly, they prepared a full report on the UFO phenomena. It actually had diagrams of all the different shaped UFO craft that were there, and in fact projected that it appeared to be that in a certain number of cases, and they indicated that from 5% to 6% of these cases – of these sightings – that there was absolutely no other rational explanation for these phenomena, given the caliber of the witnesses, the caliber of the collaboration of the sightings, to lead to any other conclusion than the fact

that they appeared to be coming from one or more of these two to six extraterrestrial civilizations in our galaxy.

Another indication that Carter did gain knowledge about the true nature of the UFO phenomena and tried to disclose it came from a story told by actress Shirley MacLaine. MacLaine was responding to a question put to her by UFO researcher Art Greenfield on the Larry King Show. The question was based on what actor Nicholas Cage had stated a couple weeks earlier during an appearance on the David Letterman show.

Question: *Hello, Good evening **Larry** and **Shirley**, About two weeks ago, Nicholas Cage was on the Letterman Show and said **Shirley** had told him that President Carter had told her he had seen recovered alien spacecraft and aliens in a hanger. Can you tell me exactly what President Carter said?*

Shirley: *"He didn't tell me that, but he told me many times that when I first wrote "Out On A Limb" that he would support me, that it was true, that there were occupants. Why should we be the only people in the universe? He wanted to shine the sunshine laws on intelligence, to expose it, to see how the people would react, but he didn't and wouldn't and couldn't, as he explained to me."*

Reagan Administration

The first disclosure initiative within the Reagan administration came only days after Ronald Reagan came into office. The offer to provide pieces of the UFO mystery was made to researcher Bill Moore. Moore had made a name for himself in the UFO community with co-authorships in two best selling books "The Philadelphia Experience" and "The Roswell Incident."

During a book tour for "The Roswell Incident" Moore was contacted twice with an offer "to help." It was a story that went on for ten years. Greg Bishop, a researcher and close friend of Moore, described how the story began,

As a result of these books, and him going on some kind of publicity tour for them, he was called at a couple places on his trip by somebody at a nearby Air Force Base. Once in Omaha Nebraska, and once when he was in Albuquerque. And it turns out that the person who called him when he was in Albuquerque and said "You know we think you really know what you are talking about and we would like to talk to you." -that person was Richard Doty it turns out to be. He set up a meeting with Bill Moore. What a lot of people don't know is that the first time they met. He met in an Albuquerque restaurant with this guy that became known as the Falcon, and he will still not divulge this person's real name. Neither will Richard Doty or anyone else.

This guy (Falcon) who turns out to have worked for the DIA – Defense Intelligence Agency which is like the military CIA. He presented Moore with a deal. He said, "If you will cooperate with us," (and he didn't tell him what that cooperation was- the nature of it) "then we will give you what you are looking for which is UFO information from the government – as much as we can release to you, and we will do that over a period of years if you cooperate with us."

And he (Moore) said "well OK, I guess so - it sounds good – sure."

For the next 10 years Moore ran around meeting intelligence and military people. They offered him information that sometimes, in the end, appeared to be a mixture of good and bad information. It became almost impossible to distinguish what was the truth. Moore left the field figuring he had gotten as far towards solving the mystery as anyone would get.

Some researchers rejected Moore and everything he said after he admitted in a July 1989 speech that he had helped the Air Force Office of Special Investigation provide disinformation to Dr. Paul Bennewitz, a physicist who lived just outside of Kirkland Air Force Base. Bennewitz believed that he had made contact with aliens and had detected an underground base they were using at Dulce, New Mexico.

Moore introduced a number of new concepts into the UFO community, such as the idea that a live alien had been recovered in a crash and held by the American government, that there had been an interaction between the government and the aliens, that the Air Force was only a pawn in the UFO game and that the real players were in the NSA and DIA. The most important concept that was introduced by Moore was the concept of a group known as MJ-12 that controlled everything to do with UFOs.

This Moore did by releasing the MJ-12 document that had been mailed to his partner Jamie Shandera in December 1984. In the end the document was generally rejected within the UFO community as flawed, but the concept of MJ-12 and almost everything else in the document became a part of the ufological interpretations of historical events.

It is my interpretation that this is what was supposed to happen. Liberals within the control group in 1973 decided that they wanted material released in order to acclimatize the UFO community and the public to an alien presence. They however, realized that the information could quickly get out of hand, and therefore chose the method of mixing chaff with the wheat so it would not be taken seriously by media or congressional sources who could force the entire story out into the open.

The MJ-12 document was a major piece of the disclosure puzzle, and its release was done perfectly. Many UFO researchers have come forward with evidence supporting the existence of the group, but none have found the piece to start the avalanche of knowledge demanded by the UFO community. The MJ-12 concept got out, and the cover-up remained intact. That was the plan, and it worked.

In 1985, during the same time as Moore was receiving information from Falcon about the inner working of the UFO cover-up, Robert Emenegger was again being contacted by Bill Coleman, now retired, about doing another UFO documentary for the government.

Two key officials at the Defense Audiovisual Agency (DAVA) unit at Norton Air Force Base fronted for the project this time. They were quite eager to get some classified UFO film into the public. Strangely, according to Emenegger, the UFO films being offered did not include the Holloman film that was being pushed during the Nixon administration. Emenegger recounted the encounter,

You do now – I don't know if it was in the book maybe not – that during the Reagan administration I met with Bob Scott and Miller at Norton, and they wanted another program like we had done, and we spent a lot of time discussing it. Bob Scott was a Reagan appointee. He was the head of USIA when I first met him – Bruce Hershenson – I don't know if you know who Bruce was in Washington. That's how I knew him. Then he popped up as

the head of DAVA – that film repository. He had a Glen E. Millar retired General as his aide, or second in command. We spent a lot of discussion. There was a lot of stuff in the vault that he wanted to get out. I even had General Miller come to our house to meet Hynek and his group to take them out to Norton so they could look around. Miller, interestingly enough, was head of one of the first studios in Hollywood – one of the old ones, and got Reagan his first contract.

Anyway, after Hynek came here, and he wanted to see UFO footage, and I think they started pulling it out, and Shartle came in, stepped in – now I hope you have the characters correct. Miller said to him, "I want you to show Hynek all the UFO footage." *Shartle told me that he said, "I'm sorry, Sir, you know – you will have to give me a written request for that.*

The answer came back, "Listen, I'll have your ass. You're going to do it." I was not there to know all the craziness that went on, but I do know that three months later Casper Weinberger sent a telegram relieving both Scott and Miller of their posts. Why I don't know. I don't even know if it was related.

Just after Emenegger, Jacques Vallee, and Hynek were contacted, a source inside the NSA was leaking another UFO story to a key investigative reporter at the New York Times. Howard Blum, who was working on a book about the Walker spy case, related how his NSA contact was very concerned that he look into UFOs. While on the Larry King show Blum described the NSA leak.

I stumbled on to this really by accident. I am a reporter as you said by training, and by personality I am a skeptic and a cynic. I was working on the Walker spy case – a book on that and I was meeting with a man from the National Security Agency and I was trying to interview him and he was trying not to talk too much, trying to distract me and say "What you really should look into is this hot shot group of experts who are looking into UFOs. The government is back in the UFO business."

Blum did investigate the UFO lead and produced a book called "Out There." In the book Blum told about a group known as the UFO Working Group, who had been brought in to try and get to the bottom of the UFO mystery.

Actually the group was known as the Advanced Theoretical Physics Conference. It was held at the EDM McLean Secure Facility in May 1985. It was classified Top Secret. A number of prominent scientists and intelligence people were involved.

The story created a great stir when it came out. However, like every other glimpse of disclosure, it lacked the concrete proof that was needed for an open disclosure. Like all efforts that preceded it, the story died when some inconsistencies were discovered in Blum's facts. As had happened with other UFO glimpses of the past, new facts about the cover-up were released, and the cover-up remained intact.

In April, 1983, *Linda Moulton Howe*, who had just produced an excellent documentary about cattle mutilations called *Strange Harvest*, was contacted. At the time she was working on a new script for Home Box Office on UFOs.

The night before the contact she met with researcher and attorney Peter Gersten. Gersten, who had played a prominent role as an attorney forcing out UFO

documents using the Freedom of Information Act, told Howe that he had met with the same person that she would meet with - Richard C. Doty, an AFOSI agent at Kirtland AFB.

When Howe got to Kirtland, Doty took her to a small office where he handed her a brown envelope and said, "My superiors have asked me to show you this." He withdrew several sheets of white paper from an envelope, and handed them to her. She could not keep them or take notes, but she could read the pages and ask questions.

The document was titled *Briefing Paper for the President of the United States of America*. It described UFO crashes, alien bodies, and an alien who survived one of the crashes. The paper listed several government UFO projects. Linda described being given the document to read,

He (Doty) said my superiors have asked me to show you a document that you can read. You cannot take notes, and I want you to move from the chair you are sitting in - I want you to move to the chair in the center of the room...but as I look at that page which was dramatically all caps, typing where the type is in the paper. It said - each line was centered on the page- "BRIEFING FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE SUBJECT OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL VEHICLES."

In addition to showing her the document, Doty said he and his superiors were willing to release several thousand feet of government held UFO footage for the HBO UFO documentary she was working on. Included with the footage was the Holloman Air Force Base film where the aliens had landed and met with base officials. In the late 1980s Linda told me,

The government intended to release to me several thousand feet of color and black and white film taken between 1947 and 1964 showing crashed UFO discs and extraterrestrial bodies in historic footage to be included in the HBO documentary supported with official government confirmation.

Linda, like Bill Moore had made a name for herself in Ufology with a documentary called "A Strange Harvest." It had won a local Emmy in Denver, and dealt with the large rash of cattle mutilations that had been occurring for years in Colorado and other western states. It was partly for this reason that I believe the government chose to talk to Linda.

Like all the other glimpses of disclosure Linda never did get the UFO footage from Richard Doty and the others she dealt with. There were many excuses for the delays and in the end no film was turned over. The HBO documentary she was working on shut down.

As soon as the HBO documentary was put on hold, Doty and his superiors made a new offer to Linda. They stated that they wanted a documentary through PBS rather than HBO because they had more control over PBS. Linda described part of what was involved in this offer.

They don't want me to go forward with HBO. They want me to go forward with PBS. Well in this process he is saying how much would you take, and would you be willing to work exclusively on a military base?

And I remember saying, "Look, if you guys want to hire me to edit film and be part of a production that says this is a production of the United States government, I'm happy to do that. But I'm not going to put my name on a film that I have done if everything about it is 100% controlled by the United States government. I can't do that."

Not only was Linda Howe offered movie footage for public documentaries, she was even offered an interview with Jerome Hunsacker, the last living member of the MJ-12 committee, a group rumored to be in control of the UFO situation.

Well I think he was an original MJ-12er, and I believe he would have been the last on the list of the original twelve. That is my understanding of who somebody was trying to get me to meet with. I am saying I was supposed to have had a dialogue with one of the original MJ-12.

In addition to this historic invitation, Linda was offered a chance to interview a U.S.A.F. Captain who had lived with a captured live alien. The alien had supposedly been captured in a 1949 crash, and the Captain lived with the alien, (known as an extraterrestrial biological entity (EBE), until 1952 when the alien died. Linda recalled the event,

It was in all these discussions about my being able to go to where this man was in a hospital in Texas with prostrate cancer to talk with him directly, because I said even if I could tape record him, this is too valuable. Those were real discussions. In that process this man was identified as one of the people so valuable because he was able to get these telepathic thoughts.

Q: This was an offer made to you. Is Richard Doty making you this offer?

No it came in a completely different way. It came in a Fedex proposal to me – where I would go – who would meet me – How I would be able to interview a man who was dying and who had stayed with the Eben at Los Alamos.

I got an airline ticket! I had an airline ticket!

Q: You bought it or they bought it?

*I bought it. He was dying of prostrate cancer in a hospital in Texas, and I was so serious from this communication that I got an airline ticket – paid for it to go. It was I think the night before the morning I was to leave I got a call that said "We're sorry – he says it's off."
And I said "Why?"*

And he says "He just says it's off."

Another prominent UFO researcher who was approached and given a glimpse of disclosure was Whitley Strieber, a prominent novelist, who had entered the UFO field after having abduction type experiences which led him to write the book *Communion* in 1988. He like Howe, Moore, Emenegger, Vallee, and Hynek was offered a whole range of UFO disclosure offers.

I was approached by a retired officer from the Air Force Office of Secret Intelligence with all kinds of stories, about how the government had taken 16mm film of an alien that they had done an operation on in 1952 which enabled it to talk through otherwise atrophied vocal cords. A story that struck me as . . . I wouldn't have written it as fiction because it was too ridiculous. They tried to make me believe that aliens had claimed that they had something to do with the creation of Jesus Christ and all sorts of ridiculous things which if I had gone out into the public with would have made me look like a fool.

Strieber's story paralleled the offer that Linda Howe had described about getting an interview with the captured alien's keeper. It also paralleled an offer that had been made to him by Paul Shartle who had been the keeper of the Holloman and other UFO films at Norton Air Force Base. In a phone interview Emenegger told me about the offer made to him by Shartle to actually meet the alien himself.

That's not right. You're right. Someone did say you can meet an alien down in New Mexico.

Paul Shartle once asked me if I would be interested in going down to like New Mexico, to meet with, you know, some alien. This sounds like what you are talking about, although it never came about.

Bill Moore was also talking about the alien, and a videotape was being sold purporting to be an interview with the alien. Just before Reagan left office a leak surfaced stating Reagan was going to make the big disclosure in a live TV broadcast. The rumor went on to say that the live alien would appear with him. It was a wild time in the UFO community.

The Alien Invasion

Some have interpreted President Reagan's constant statements about the alien invasion as an attempt to disclose by Reagan. I feel that these statements were simply statements made by a president who was fascinated with the paranormal, and who loved to tell stories. They are interesting and numerous so I will quickly review them.

The Reagan presidential records show many times when the Reagan talked about UFOs and other paranormal items. For example, Steven Spielberg gave a White House screening of "E.T. -The Extraterrestrial" in late June 1982. Near the end of the movie Reagan leaned over to Steven Spielberg and shocked him by saying, "I bet there aren't six people in this whole room who know how true this whole thing is."

A few months later Reagan appeared at the old Roswell Army Air Base, and there outside the famous west hanger, where it is rumored the 1947 alien bodies were stored prior to the flight out, gave a speech in which he made a joking reference to E.T.

As well as talking about aliens Reagan often talked about the White House ghost and Armageddon. Judi Buckalew, a White House aid actually stated that there were people whose job it was to keep the president away from school kids who would ask the president all manner of questions following speeches to schools. The staff was very afraid of what the president would say in answers to questions directed his way. As Marlin Fitzwater, Reagan's Press Secretary stated, "The goddamndest things would come out of his mouth."

Lt. Gen. Colin Powell was Reagan's last National Security advisor. He told presidential biographer Lou Cannon that it was his job to keep the alien invasion remarks out of Reagan's speech.

Despite this many alien remarks got into speeches, starting with a toast in Geneva during the November 1985 Summit. Reagan raised his glass and said,

"If the people of the world were to find out that there was some alien life form that was going to attack the Earth approaching on Halley's Comet, then that knowledge would unite all the peoples of the world."

Reagan adlibbed the same remark at the end of a speech to Fallston High School in Fallston, Maryland just after returning home from Geneva.

In 1987, Reagan added the alien invasion remark to a speech that was being made to the United Nations General Assembly. Possibly embarrassed by aliens at the U.N. Reagan speech writers took it out of the speech, only to have Reagan request that it be put back in.

I think there is too much anti-Soviet preaching in view of what we are trying to achieve right now. And toward the end perhaps I still would like my "fantasy" - how quickly our differences would melt away if creatures from another planet should threaten this world. RR

The writers complied. The line was put back in with only a couple changes. The stage was set for the President of the United States to stand up in front of the United Nations and say,

"I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside of this world. And yet I ask - is not an alien force already among us? "

Lastly in 1988, Reagan took a question at a speech in Chicago and again adlibbed the alien invasion remark. It was a concept that Reagan believed in strongly, and was not afraid to talk about. The Chicago alien invasion remark, for example, was made the day after the story broke in the Washington Post about the Reagan White House using astrology to set up the president's schedule.

Clinton Administration Effort

Like Jimmy Carter before him, Bill Clinton ran for president as a Washington outsider. His campaign established him as running against the Washington insiders who had caused all the evils within government.

Bill and Hillary did not even hide the fact that they were standing up against the insiders. If you read "Inventing Al Gore" you will see that Clinton referred to them as the "Fucking Washington Crowd". It may have been the same crowd that Hillary referred to as the right wing conspiracy.

Like Jimmy Carter, both Bill and Hillary were interested in UFOs. The word inside the CIA was that they "were looking".

The Clinton administration role in disclosure was not one of leaking elements of the UFO story into the UFO community as had been done in the Nixon and Reagan administration. This was because the Clinton administration was cut off just like the UFO community.

A prime example of this came when White House reporter Sarah McClendon asked Bill Clinton why he didn't do something about the UFO phenomena. Steven Greer gave Clinton's reply in a conversation with radio host Art Bell.

You know, Bill Clinton leaned over and told Sarah McClendon, who hosted up at the National Press Club on May 9th – this is a story I haven't told, and I'm going to tell you now. She told me this. Bill Clinton leaned over to her and said, because she brought up this issue to Bill Clinton saying "Why don't you do something about what Dr. Greer and this group are trying to do?" He bent over and he said, "Sarah, there's a secret government within the government, and I don't control it.

The way the Clinton administration approached UFO disclosure was to open up all government files to disclosure. His chief of staff John Podesta, known while he was in the White House as the X-files man, led the fight.

The effort was extremely successful for document disclosure and not so successful for UFO disclosure. Over the five years the Clinton Executive Order was in place, 800 million pages of classified documents were released. This was compared to 150 million pages of documents declassified in the 15 years previous. No significant UFO documents however were part of the 800 million pages of declassified files.

There were examples where Clinton officials did attempt to specifically shake loose UFOs documents. According to 1,000 pages of documents that were released by the Office of Science and Technology Policy inside the Clinton White House Melvin Laird, former Secretary of Defense under President Nixon, was called in to brief Clinton's first Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin on UFOs.

One of these was an effort by his first CIA director James Woolsey to get some answers on UFOs. Woolsey and his wife Suzanne (at the time a ranking official at the National Academy of Sciences) had in the late 1960s reportedly had a daylight UFO sighting in New Hampshire. If true, they were naturally interested.

In December 1993, only months after Clinton took office, Dr. Steven Greer sat with the CIA director, his wife, and another couple and discussed UFO and disclosure. According to Greer, John Petersen, a close friend of Woolsey's had followed Greer for four lectures listening to his presentation. This, according to Greer, had been done at Woolsey's request.

Finally, at a presentation in Fort Collins, Colorado, Petersen approached Greer and said, "I know a few folks in Washington who I think you need to meet with." When Greer asked whom in particular, Petersen mentioned Woolsey.

Greer was asked to provide information to Woolsey that would help Woolsey on a search through the CIA files looking for UFO documents. He also got the opportunity to talk to Woolsey on December 13th for three hours.

Most people know the story of how Woolsey and Petersen denied Greer's version of events. This denial, however, didn't come until almost 5 years after the event when Greer published a book which referred to the event.

Rather than rehashing the story and reviewing the definition of briefing let me mention a couple points that clearly show that an attempt was being made from within to get UFO information out.

1. Greer did meet with James Woolsey and John Petersen, and it probably was for three hours as no one has denied the length of the meeting. Meeting privately with the Director of all of the United States Intelligence agencies is no small feat. Most people, no matter how powerful, would be lucky to get the DCI to answer a letter. If the CIA Director meets with a member of the public it is at the bequest of the director and not the member of the public. The tail does not wag the dog when it comes to the CIA Director.
2. Woolsey did order a study of all UFO files. This supports Greer's story that he was asked to provide information to aid in a search. I have unquestionable evidence that both the classified and unclassified records were checked. Once Woolsey left, the CIA did put out a new report on their involvement in the UFO mystery.
3. Greer was not the only member of the public who was contacted by Petersen and Woolsey in connection with an attempt to get information moved into the public forum. C. Austin Fitts, a former Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Bush administration has also come forward claiming that she had contacts with Petersen and Woolsey. She was to aid with a project set up "to help the Navy adjust their operations for a world in which it was commonly known that aliens exist and live among us."

Petersen denied the Fitts story when he learned that I might put it on my website. Months later I sent the denial to Fitts for her comment and she replied in length that she stood behind her story on every point. It appeared to be one of those Holloman stories that seemed to disappear when you tried to grab it.

The first of the attempts to disclose UFO documents came when Laurance Rockefeller approached the Clinton White House to get all UFO documents declassified. Laurance, who had graduated with a philosophy degree from Princeton, became very interested in UFOs after seeing a documentary on the supposed crash of a UFO at Roswell New Mexico.

Rockefeller's attempt to bring the issue to the President was handled by Clinton's Science Advisor and by Hillary Clinton.

Gibbons told Rockefeller that the request to declassify all UFO files would be impossible if the cover-up was as widespread as Rockefeller was claiming. Gibbons proposed taking one case and trying to get it declassified. They would then have a pattern to follow.

Rockefeller thought about it and said that this idea would be fine. He told Gibbons that he was choosing the Roswell case as the test case. Thus began a move to get the facts on Roswell. Gibbons passed on the request and the USAF began their study on what really happened in 1947.

When the Air Force was done, they were unable to come up with anything new except to discover that a bunch of the original Roswell documents were missing.

They filed their report "The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert." with the White House stating that there was nothing to the alien spaceship theory.

President Clinton was not amused. In a speech on November 30, 1995 he answered back to the USAF. It was a speech given in Belfast Northern Ireland in front of 80,000 people, and I can assure you after a couple weeks at the Reagan Library studying how presidential speeches are put together, the reference to Roswell was intentional. Nothing gets in a presidential speech that is not there for a specific reason.

There had been a letter writing competition in Northern Ireland. School children wrote letters to the visiting U.S. president and the two winning letter writers were on the stage with Clinton during his speech. Neither of their letters, however, was read. Instead, Clinton answered a letter from Ryan who was asking about Roswell. This is what Clinton stated,

I got a letter from 13-year-old Ryan from Belfast. Now, Ryan, if you're out in the crowd tonight, here's the answer to your question. No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. And, Ryan, if the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know.

With his public rebuke, Clinton effectively forced the USAF to go back and reinvestigate the question of the bodies.

It didn't help much because in 1997 the USAF decided to screw the President with yet another Roswell report, this one called "The Roswell Report: Case Closed."

Answering the President's order that he wanted to know about the bodies, the Air Force spent much of the report dreaming up the bizarre notion that dummies dropped in 1953 clearly explained why people in 1947 were reporting bodies in connection with the Roswell crash.

Conclusion

These are the key glimpses of disclosure that have occurred over the past fifty-seven years. There are dozens of other examples that I could have used but left out for the sake of time.

Once Clinton left office, there were some strong indications that George W. Bush might make further UFO disclosures. These hopes faded shortly after he entered office, and after 911 it appeared that the complex issue of disclosure may have been put on the back burner while other issues dealing with terrorism were dealt with. At the present time, the only effort I see to provide glimpses of disclosure is the material being provided to Bob and Ryan Wood through the many documents they are still receiving. This is a complex story that I will allow them to tell in their own way.



Reader submitted article

You can send one in too!

I am 45 years old and I am a biology teacher by profession. I have a keen interest in the UFO phenomenon. I have never experienced it first hand but I feel that there are so many down to earth ordinary people who have witnessed UFOs or experienced alien abduction that the phenomenon cannot be dismissed as fantasy or hallucination. The indications are that it is, in many cases if not all, a real experience and if that is the case, it has huge consequences to all of us. That is why I feel compelled to look into the subject as thoroughly as I can.

THE SONG OF THE GREYS

THE BOOK THAT MIGHT FINALLY HAVE SOLVED THE RIDDLE OF THE UFO PHENOMENON AND ALIEN ABDUCTION - article by **Robbie Jameson**

I first read 'THE SONG OF THE GREYS' some time ago. Since then I have re-read it five times. Kerner's insights have a bewildering logic. In fact, it presents the most logical theory of alien abduction I've read so far (and I've read most of

them). This book is a stunning piece of research and its conclusions are so disturbing that history as we know it will have to be rewritten if they are true. I was so fascinated by this book that I contacted the author to find out if there will be a sequel. His secretary told me that the book is actually part of a trilogy discussing the big issues in science today as they relate to religion and politics and what might lie beyond the realms of the purely physical.

It seems that owing to popular demand following an interview given by the author Nigel Kerner to Belgian journalist Alain Gossens on the website www.karmapolis.be, the book has been reprinted by Hodder & Stoughton (December 2004). The book offers startling insights into the frightening phenomenon of alien abduction in which abductees report the removal of sperm and ova and the making of hybrid babies.

Are we a farmed species, part of an experiment conducted by the Grey alien creatures reportedly seen by so many reliable witnesses (– among them doctors, teachers, policemen, pilots)? The abduction phenomenon cannot, it seems, be explained away as the aberration of an unbalanced mind or the result of a state of 'sleep paralysis'. Over a million people in the United States alone report the same experiences with the same key factors present. The book takes a serious look at the situation in terms of the sociological consequences of this profound threat to our humanity with strict recourse to purely scientific rather than mystical paradigms. The position is taken that this is a purely physical phenomenon – the Grey aliens are similar to the probes we send to hostile planets like Mars. They were sent out by civilisations in the ancient past, civilisations that came perhaps from other planets to explore a hostile universe.

Hitler reportedly saw these beings who then showed him their ideal future man – blonde and blue-eyed, the Aryan ideal. The book proposes that racism, and other forms of discrimination, might well have their origins in the programming of humanity by an alien species trying to protect the experimental integrity of specific isolated groups of humanity by preventing interbreeding. The properties of the skin pigment melanin in surrounding the cell nucleus and thus protecting the DNA of those who have darker skins against alien interference, is discussed as a plausible theory. This would explain why Alien abduction is far more prevalent in the Northern Hemisphere than anywhere else on the planet.

The book suggests an explanation for the origins of intelligent life that lends the lie both to Creationism and classical evolutionary theory. This includes a documentation of the involvement of Grey four fingered hands in genetic engineering and modifying our species for their own purposes throughout our 'evolutionary' history.

In order to understand the origins of the Greys in the first place, and indeed our own origins in the physical universe, Nigel Kerner presents a logical justification for the supremacy of free will as the decider of our individual destinies in which

God is defined as the implicate centre of all existence rather than the puppet master that he is so often taken to be.

Godhead is understood as an intimately personal expression for all of us, with an implicate, non - intrusive, yet absolutely and implicitly devoted reach into each of our lives. Our emergence is described from the timeless, infinite, limitless extent of Godhead into the limits of a finite physical universe through the stages from zero-dimensionality (Godhead) to the third/fourth dimension we now inhabit.

The author suggests that scientists chase knowledge in the blinkered tunnel vision of their specific disciplines with little or no insight and sanction into the internecine consequences of their efforts on the general welfare of Man. (The atom bomb was just one deadly legacy we have been left with as a result of such lethal narrow vision). We as a species have been blundering around dispossessed of a sense of our origins and nature and haven't been able to see the wood for the trees. Blinkers forbid the crucial overall view that provides holistic contexts that might warn of grand scale detriment to the welfare of us all as a species. It is an awesome warning that Man has never heeded despite the glorious wisdom given to us by our 'redeemers' be they Hindu, Buddhist, Judaic, Jain, Christian or Islamic. Could it be that we might have been prevented from listening to and carrying out the behests of wisdom because we have had something implanted in the common psyche of Man through perhaps genetic interception, thousands of years ago that forbids us from listening enough to a part of us that came from outside the atom and the Universe of enforced parts. A part we might, for want of a better word, call GODHEAD.

The book introduces the revolutionary idea that "devolution" rather than "evolution" is the governing principle of existence in the physical universe. Devolution into lesser and lesser states of expression caused by the entropic drift (defined by the Second law of Thermodynamics) into greater and greater states of chaotic dismemberment. We as Homo sapiens are the ends of the descendant lines of a prior type of Being far superior to us in knowledge and scope. Those prior beings were less physical, less substantial than us and thus left no fossil record.

Here's an extract from the preface to give you some idea:

It seems they are everywhere in the Occidental world calling the children of Cain to the behest of what might well be a Trojan Horse that will claim all humanity. They are the most dangerous phenomena this world has ever known. So dangerous that it might just be that THEY are the reason that the great 'redeemers' that have come upon humanity came claiming to 'save' MAN. So who and what are THEY?

They are grey in colour. Their skin is sallow and smooth and formed in scaly patterns. Their eyes are huge almonds that wrap around their faces. Their bodies are small in stature, spindly and thin. Their heads are very large in proportion to

their bodies, their chins narrow and pointed with tiny mouths and nostrils that merge into their faces. They are the 'GREYS', and their hands reach out urgently to seek their purposes in and within the bodies and body of all Humanity.

They are more. Much more. They are the tentacles of doom. They are the arms of Satan; for so long the talisman of all wrongs, of all evil all sin, in the history of Men. They creep wilfully, inexorably into the parlours of the damned and the innocent alike with a technology undreamed of on this Earth. They are GODHEAD to some among Man. They play with an unsuspecting world with castings of sugared contrivance, of coated reassuring sweetness. They form their armies, their spokesmen out of the body of our very humanity and they are placing their spawn among the disbelieving legions of our world, unsuspected.

Flashes of rounded symmetry dance in a clear blue sky, announcing the demon's forms in the geomancy of doom. Our doom. The doom of the human family. Homo Sapiens Sapiens. Hungry relentless shadows of grey, running in lighted discs, poised ready to feed on the souls of Mankind. Hidden routes, written in a wheat field, a corn field here and there, boiling the collective mind of Mankind, silently fixing the places of God's most salient touch - the wombs of womankind. Here they dally, womb upon womb, rifling the most precious locations in all the Universe with their dead spawn. Here they lie within the ignorance of an entire species, to write with their portions the schemes of an alien design that it might live again renewed.

Within their singular centred curiosity they scale and scan the margins of Man with the measures of Secubi and Incubi - to transpose their fever in alien ways, and survive upon the blood of innocent human children born, and yet to be born.

'There is something out there' they exclaim. These agents that speak for them among Man. Inviting our disbelief. Yet not quite wanting to believe it themselves. Something inside them whispering that they dare not believe lest they see the horror of their predicament. 'We don't know what, or who they are' they say. They stand as blind guides that stare at a disc and swallow our humanity. It is all a salutation for fools. And so as fools, they stand their New Age resolves in the make-believe buffoonery of empty minds.

They draw the blinds over our collective eyes and we all see darkly through the fog of their ignorance, and worst of all, their pretence and their subterfuge.

They have been with us from the beginning. these creatures of the dead Universe. Their bedding places were once upon a time the Learning Cradles of all our yesterdays - long before the present histories of Humankind. They have slept in these cradles - in our centres of civilisation, uninvited parasites festering upon our flesh for their place in an eternity beyond the atom. A place now long lost, their quest for a soul gone with the last of their once biologically living species. They now linger in a kind of permanence as machines, yearning to sleep in the

Upcoming Conferences

14th ANNUAL International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival

March 6 - 12, 2005 - Flamingo Resort - Laughlin, Nevada USA

INVITED SPEAKERS

Sunday; **Dr. Thomas Van Flandern** - Author of "Dark Matter, Missing Planets and New Comets"

Monday: **Donald Ware** - Rising Consciousness of World Leaders
 Freddy Silva - Crop Circles, Cathedrals and Sacred Spaces: The Energy Connection.
Tom Valone, PhD - New Energy

TUESDAY; **Dr. Rudy Schild** - Dark Matter and Dark Planets
Dr. Simeon Hein & Ron Russell - Remote Viewing, including a mini training session
Jim Marrs - "Inside Job: Unmasking the 9/11 Conspiracies".
Sean Morton - "Future Prospects of the World According to the Bible Code" by Joseph Noah

Wednesday; **William Henry** - Stargates of the Gods
Michael Salla, PhD - Legacy of the Nazi Germany - Extraterrestrial Connection.
Budd Hopkins & Dr. David Jacobs - Transgenic Beings
Dolores Cannon - Medical Cures by Aliens, and "The Convoluted Universe, Book 2"

Thursday; Open Mic Session For Experiencers - Led by Barbara Lamb
Ann & Jason Andrews (U.K.) - A lifelong abduction case
Steve Jones (U.K.) - An Abductee comes forward
Joe Lewels & Barbara Lamb - Joint presentation of their research, as well as research of the late Dr. John Mack, into the Reptilian phenomena

Friday; **Wendelle Stevens** - UFO Contact from the Planet Korendor
A. J. Gevaerd (Brazil) - Top researcher from Brazil brings new cases from South America
Dr. Roger Leir - Will also present his medically based research into the Varginha case
Paola Harris (Italy) - From Phil Corso to Charles Hall: The need for witness testimony

Charles Hall - Author of "Millennial Hospitality" – an account of one man's experiences with ETs

Saturday; **Jaime Maussan** (Mexico) - UFO update from South of the Border

Whitley Strieber – Topic to be announced. (* Tentatively confirmed)

Jim Marrs – Update on the Redgate Case

Dr. Nick Begich – The next challenge for our generation – How we use new technologies

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LAPIS conference

YMCA in St Annes

Speakers TBA

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X-Conference April 22nd – 24th 2005 Press Release

Washington, DC - PRG is announcing four more speakers for the 2nd Annual Exopolitics Expo (X-Conference), scheduled for April 22-24, 2005 at the Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg. These are researcher/activist John Greenwald, Jr., government witness Charles James Hall, researcher Ann Druffel and researcher, Richard Sauder, PhD. The conference website is: www.x-conference.com.

The X-Conference is a unique event which focuses on the political, governmental and social aspects relating to extraterrestrial-related phenomena. It is produced by PRG as part of the ongoing activist movement seeking to end the truth embargo. Topics in 2005 will include: impact of the film industry, the destruction of NICAP, MKULTRA, underground bases, the role of science in the exopolitics of disclosure, ET studies during the Carter administration, and much more. Attendees are signing up from the US, Canada, Europe and Mexico.

Approximately 28 lecturers and panellists will present. Four speakers are being announced. New for this year:

John Greenwald, Jnr. - is a research/activist prodigy. He began researching government conspiracies at the age of 15, wrote his first book Beyond UFO Secrecy at 20, developed his own radio show at 22 and now is developing a television series at 23.

Along the way he built one of the largest online communities of its kind in the world with almost 25,000 volunteer members, over 300,000 posts on its forums,

over 149,000 government documents, over 10,000 archived news articles, and over 14,000 photographs of military aircraft, UFOs, and much more. The Black Vault has been referenced as one of the largest technological achievements on the internet. His website has won over 60 awards. The full potential of the Black Vault is yet to be reached. It's eventual impact on a number of the most controversial issues of our time can only be estimated. To accomplish this feat John became an expert on the use of the Freedom of Information Act, and, if such statistics were known, may have filed more FOIA requests than any other individual.

But his most powerful influence may yet be as an example to the rest of the Echo Boomers. As thousands of his generation follow his lead and begin challenging the structures of the emerging national security state with the aid of sophisticated technologies they have mastered as no other generation has, the extraterrestrial truth embargo, and many other embargoes, must surely collapse.

Charles James Hall - One of the most difficult challenges facing researchers and activists during the exopolitical transition underway is how to deal with emerging witnesses. By witness what is meant is individuals who intersected issues and evidence pertaining to extraterrestrial-related phenomena while in the employ of the government - military or civilian - and wish to come forward publicly and tell what they know. From 1947 forward thousands of government employees have become involved with these issues either directly through their work or indirectly via chance of time and place. The further back in time and the deeper within classified facilities and programs the more difficult it become to verify stories and personal history when and if they come forward. Also of note, the deeper witnesses were in the classified realms the more extraordinary their stories. The funding required to properly prepare an objective, outside structure for witnesses to engage, be vetted, and relate their information is not available to the research/activist community at this time, and that is an understatement. Of course, a single wealthy American could change all that with a stroke of a pen, but as yet no one has put that pen to a large enough check. Not surprisingly, those who do come forward face difficult challenges and are often treated very poorly. While this process is difficult but necessary, PRG believes it is essential that all emerging witnesses be given respect and considerations. If not, others will simply refuse to come forward at all.

Charles Hall was a weather observer in the United States Air Force during the mid-sixties. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base and the Indian Springs gunnery ranges outside Las Vegas, followed by a year in Viet Nam. After the service, Charles married and earned a Masters degree in Nuclear Physics at San Diego State University. He also did post graduate work at the University of Maine at Bangor. The necessities of life and family pushed memories of the terror and unprecedented experiences on the Indian Springs gunnery ranges into the background, but they couldn't be forgotten. Charles James Hall has come forward with an extraordinary story. He has written three fact-as-fiction books,

the Millennial Hospitality series and recently began speaking publicly. He is being engaged by researcher and journalist, Paola Harris, researcher David Coote and others. The process is underway.

Returning from last year:

Ann Druffel - In her recently published book *Firestorm*, a biography of scientist and extraterrestrial phenomena researcher Dr. James E. McDonald, she details a very important episode in the history of the citizen/science movement - the orchestrated dismantlement of NICAP. She returns to talk about this important series of events, the turn around of Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter and the destruction of James McDonald.

Ann Druffel began investigating sighting reports in the Southern California area in April 1957 with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which was directed by research pioneer Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.). She became acquainted with Dr. James E. McDonald through his contacts with the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee from 1966 to 1971. After NICAP's demise in 1970, she joined the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and the then newly-formed Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS.)

She has researched over 2,000 Los Angeles Basin reports, including alleged landings, photo cases, close encounters with physical effects on witnesses and terrain, alleged "abduction" reports and other extraterrestrial related phenomena. A prolific writer, Druffel has contributed over 180 articles to numerous journals and magazines. She wrote the book *How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions* and co-authored *Tujunga Canyon Contacts* with parapsychologist, D. Scott Rogo.

Richard Sauder, PhD - In order to fully appreciate the power of the United States government to make and keep secrets, conduct sequestered research on extraordinary technologies and control material and personnel throughout a five decade cover-up, it is extremely helpful to understand the extent of underground facilities which have been constructed within and without the U.S. Dr. Sauder is perhaps the leading researcher in this important area. He is the author of three books: the "underground" (pun intended) bestseller, *Underground Bases and Tunnels: What is the Government Trying to Hide?* which represents his first substantial work on the underground bases issue, the esoteric *Kundalini Tales*, which deals with paranormal and mind control themes, and his latest book, *Underwater and Underground Bases*, which expands the scope of his earlier work to include military plans for manned bases and tunnels beneath the sea floor. He was the first person to systematically popularize the mysterious topic of underground bases and tunnels by delving into the open literature, government and industry paper trail.

Richard has discussed his work on numerous radio and television programs including Art Bell's *Dreamland*, *Coast to Coast AM* with George Noory, *Lo u Gentile Show*, *Laura Lee Show*, *Strange Daze* with Don Ecker, *Jeff Rense's*

Sightings on the Radio, Zoh Hieronimus Show, Uri Geller Show, BBC, FOX News (Phoenix) and Ted Loman's UFOAZ Talks. He has presented at the Whole Life Expos in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, the International UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada, the Leeds (U.K.) International UFO Conference, the National UFO Conference in Bordentown, New Jersey, HUFON (Houston MUFON) and Orange County MUFON.

His writings and interviews have appeared in such diverse hard copy and electronic publications as NEXUS Magazine, UFO Magazine (U.S. and U.K.), Atlantis Rising, UFO Universe and on the Rense.com website. His underground bases research commenced in 1992 and continues to the present day. He has a B.A. in sociology, an M.A. in Latin American studies, an M.S. in forestry and a Ph.D. in political science. He currently resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Walter H. Andrus, Jr. - At the Saturday evening banquet, Walter H. Andrus, Jr. will receive the PRG Hall of Fame Award. This is the only PRG Award being announced in advance out of courtesy to the many MUFON members who may wish to make plans to join him in April at the X-Conference.

After 57 years of dedicated interest in extraterrestrial-related phenomena, Walt Andrus is a legend. As with so many others, that interest was precipitated in August 15, 1948, when he and his wife and son had a daylight sighting of four objects flying in formation over downtown Phoenix, Arizona (49 years later lights in formation would once again be seen over Phoenix, Arizona). The rest is history. He went on to be a founding member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in 1969 and the International Director of the MUFON from 1970 to July 16, 2000 when he was succeeded by John F. Schuessler. He also served on the staff of Skylook, as Editor in Chief of the MUFON UFO Journal and Editor or Co-editor of the annual MUFON International UFO Symposium Proceedings. MUFON became the largest and best known organization in the world addressing the science of extraterrestrial-related phenomena and took up the mantle of NICAP as it was slowly dissembled by intelligence agency plants during the 1970's. MUFON International Director John F. Schuessler will join Walt in giving a presentation on 30 years of engagement.

Pilots Panel

One of the most trusted segments of our society are the civilian pilots who transport millions of Americans safely every year and the military pilots who defend the country. In the early years they reported many sightings, and such reports were eventually suppressed and discouraged. Some pilots began researching the issues, many have learned much over the years and all have risked some personal discomfort by seeking the truth of these matters. After civilian and military pilots were strongly discouraged from publicly reporting unusual sightings, thousands of pilot reports were collected over many years by researchers.

This database now forms the core of the work of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP) and is one of the most important evidence compilations for the ETH in the world. Stephen Bassett will moderate a panel of six senior pilots who have engaged the most important issue of our time.

This panel will include: Cmdr. Graham Bethune, Navy pilot; Robert Brown, senior cooperate pilot; David Coote, airline captain; Don Daniels, airline captain; Robert Durant, airline captain; and Jim Courant, airline captain.

Returning from last year:

Cheryll Jones - This former CNN News anchor will again co-host the X-Conference along with Stephen Bassett. She is a polished professional journalist with extensive experience covering a broad range of national and international issues. Her accomplished TV broadcasting career includes extensive experience on both sides of the camera. Starting as a weather reporter, Cheryll quickly extended her skills and credentials to include talk show host / producer / field reporter / writer and network news anchor. She is uniquely distinguished as the only TV broadcaster to be both a news anchor and degreed meteorologist at the network level. Her career has taken her from her hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee to major markets including Miami, Atlanta, New York, Denver, Kansas City and West Palm Beach. Through Cheryll's prime time broadcasts on CNN and The Weather Channel, her face and voice became familiar to viewers in millions of homes around the world. Cheryll's numerous professional awards include being named "Woman of the Year" by Women in Communications and "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" by Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

Stanton T. Friedman (PRG 2004 Hall of Fame inductee), may well be the most recognized researcher in the field of extraterrestrial-related phenomena in the world. He has been making the case for the ETH for over three decades. And he makes it very well. His work intersects many of the core themes of exopolitics. Stanton Friedman spent two years at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey before switching to the University of Chicago in 1953. He received BS and MS degrees in Physics from UC in 1955 and 1956, where Carl Sagan was a classmate. He worked for fourteen years as a nuclear physicist for such companies as General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse, TRW, Aerojet General Nucleonics, and McDonnell Douglas on such advanced, highly classified, eventually canceled projects as nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets, and nuclear power plants for space.

Since 1967 he has lectured on the topic Flying Saucers ARE Real at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in fifty states, nine Canadian provinces, most of Europe, Brazil, Australia, Korea, Mexico, Turkey, Argentina, and Israel. He has published more than 70 papers on extraterrestrial-related phenomena besides his dozens of conventional articles and appeared on hundreds of radio and TV shows. These include the TNT Larry King UFO Special on Oct.1, 1994; Nightline; Sally Jessie Raphael; Unsolved Mysteries; Entertainment

Tonight; Leeza; Sightings; Canada AM; Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell and many more. Stan is the original civilian investigator of the Roswell incident, who co-authored Crash at Corona and instigated the Unsolved Mysteries Roswell program. He was heavily involved in both the 1979 documentary UFOs are Real and the 1993 & 1996 videos Flying Saucers Are Real. His new interactive CD ROM, UFOs: The Real Story, was published in 1996. TOP SECRET/MAJIC (Marlowe and Co., NY, 1996), his explosive book about the Majestic 12 group established in 1947 by President Truman to deal with crashed saucers, includes classified documents never before published. It is already in its 6th printing.

Other speakers already announced include:

Dr. Lynne Kitei, MD, Alfred L. Webre, JD, Paul Davids, Michael S. Heiser, PhD, Jaime Maussan and Richard Dolan.

Speaker information will be posted in the Speaker section at:
www.x-conference.com.

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40th Annual Conference on Anomalous Phenomena

THE INTERNATIONAL FORTEAN ORGANIZATION (INFO) presents #147; INTO THE DEEP#148; FortNite '05!

American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM), Baltimore, MD,
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SATURDAY at AVAM:

LECTURE PROGRAM IN THE LOVE SCULPTURE BARN, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

J. P. O#146;Neill, author of The Great New England Sea Serpent: An Account of Unknown Creatures Sighted by Many Responsible Persons Between 1638 and the Present Day with fabulous #147;Fish Stories from the Cryptozoo.#148;

William Sullivan, PhD,

ethnoastronomer/archaeoastronomer, acclaimed author of The Secret of the Incas: Myth, Astronomy and the War Against Time and Consultant in Astronomy and Mythology to the Human Journey Project of the Center for the World Mythology (St. Paul, MN) with an amazing discussion and slides on #147;The Invisible Pyramid of Ollantaytambo#148;.

John Michell, philosopher, the world's pre-eminent scholar on the sacred mysteries and powers of the Living Universe & the renowned Fortean author (Eccentric Lives & Peculiar Notions, City of Revelation, Ancient Metrology,

Dimensions of Paradise, View Over Atlantis, Twelve Tribe Nations And The Science of Enchanting The Landscape and more) with a not-to-be-missed illustrated talk, "Crop Circles: Bearers of Knowledge". A must.

Phyllis Benjamin, journalist/artist/poet, President of the International Fortean Organization (INFO) and Chair of over twenty years of FortFest and FortNite Conferences on "I think, therefore I had breakfast", a short discussion of America's Twentieth Century Outsider Philosopher and Father of the Study of Anomalistics, Charles Fort.

Doug Skinner, Fortean writer/artist/ Off-Broadway (with Bill Irwin) performer extraordinaire on "The Amazing Stories of Richard Shaver". Skinner continues his research into the strange and moving career of Richard Shaver, whose tales of underground caverns, and the rock books of the sea people (who may have been from Atlantis) convinced thousands of readers in the '40s and '50s.

Phyllis Galde, Editor of Fate Magazine and Publisher of Galde Press, will invite the audience to jump off the deep end with tales of "Ghastly Ghosts of the Sea: Watery Graves, Haunted Ships and Strange Disappearances".

Antonio Huneus, Chilean science journalist on "Aqua UFO: astounding reports, worldwide, on Unidentified Submarine Objects (USOs) including Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia, the mother of all underwater anomalies".

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SUNDAY SEMINARS at the CARLYLE: 10 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Doug Rogers, of MUFON, "The Dilemma of Forbidden Knowledge vs the Status Quo regarding UFOs".

Sarah Estep, Founder of the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena (AAEVP), author of "Roads to Eternity" with electronic voice phenomena tapes and stories from Spirit and Space. Bring a tape recorder if you want to tape voices from Beyond during the lunch break.

Phyllis Galde, "The Most Haunting Stories" from the files of Fate Magazine, a nostalgic, ghostly slide show.

Tom Howell, Filmmaker and Psychic Investigator on "Psychokinesis Research in the States and Abroad: Energy Fields of Life";.

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As usual, all submissions, articles welcome.

Stuart