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Newsletter

From the State Director

This month features a short summary of the presentation *The Ufology Experience: Daring to Study UFOs* given by **Charles Emmons** at the 1995 MUFON symposium in Seattle. Mr. Emmons is a Professor of Sociology at Gettysburg college in Pennsylvania. He has broad interests in the paranormal, has published a book on Chinese ghosts, and produced a video on The Ghosts of Gettysburg. His theme regarded ufologists, the problems they face, and the strategies they use to pursue their interest in UFOs.

Dr. Emmons began by saying that the nonexistent academic and public government support for Ufology goes back to the negative conclusions of the 1969 Condon Report. Well meaning and trained researchers are hampered by lack of funding and anything they write will not be published in academic journals. Those who write books risk not being considered for promotion or tenure, and mass media coverage can be irrelevant or embarrassing. Business, industry, and government do not want workers associated with UFOs in the media. The gist of the entire article suggests that many people in powerful and decision-making positions are aware of the conclusions in the Condon Report.

If a granting agency receives an excellent UFO research proposal, each panel member is likely to give it a bad evaluation because he/she is

afraid other members will consider it flaky, or because the agency will look bad to outsiders if such research is supported. It becomes a matter of "What will people think if I support the proposal?" This, in spite of the fact that some panel members may personally deem such research as important! Emmons interviewed astronomers who thought that UFOs were worth studying but should have no priority in funding.

Nuclear scientist Enrico Fermi, of atomic bomb fame, is said to have asked, "Where are the aliens?" He reasoned that if there had been high tech ETs in the galaxy, they should have been here by now. Since they are not, they must not have existed in the first place. "It should be, but it isn't, therefore it never was." (Fermi died a long time ago and I know nothing about his thinking on UFOs. It is simply interesting how a man of his intellect viewed this particular cause-and-effect scenario. — Moss)

Debunkers have stated that UFOs are a myth because astronomers don't see them. But it has been found that *astronomers do observe UFOs*, yet don't report them to avoid publicity. In other words, it is taboo to see them. This is a reverse of the "Emperor's New Clothes" story where subjects were required to see what did not exist, rather than not seeing what does.

Emmons wonders how people become interested enough to do Ufology in spite of the lack of

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rewards for such research? He found that of the MUFON consultants that he interviewed, the most important single reason for pursuing this seemingly unrewarding work was because they had themselves, had a UFO experience. As one investigator said, *"Once I had this sighting, it was no longer a question of whether or not UFOs existed. I just had to find out what they were."* Many other reasons were also given, including being interested in anything that challenged scientific paradigms.

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These reasons are apparently strong enough to overlook the lack of societal rewards. The social control system in academe, business and industry, government and professional communities often punish those involved in Ufology. As Ufology is usually defined as a *deviant science*, we are not surprised that most ufologists are at least partly "in-the-closet." They cover up their activity, or delay greater involvement until they are more secure in their positions or have retired.

Covering up or delaying involvement helps avoid hassle for studying UFOs, but it is difficult to get much work done this way. Sometimes just one enemy can

cause serious problems. Perhaps the "secret" is told to another colleague, but the interest in UFOs is probably not told to a department head nor the administration! Academics do not include results of UFO research in resumes. Of course, there is a relationship between openness on the part of the ufologist and the amount of harassment. Some will have tested the waters and can see the amount of resistance before proceeding. In other cases, people are so motivated that they are willing to pay the price for coming out of the closet! One astronomer told Emmons that J. Allen Hynek did his career no good by studying UFOs because other astronomers felt he was wasting his time on a low priority subject with a low probability of discovering anything important.

Emmons described one university professor who was doing abduction research. Colleagues in his department considered him "nuts." People in surrounding departments however, were fascinated. His department decided to deny tenure and not to defer the decision for a year. The faculty tenure committee overturned that decision, which was then overturned by the dean, who was overruled by the vice president! In case you're lost here, the decision was deferred for one year!

Ufologists are often suspicious that there may be government groups taking an interest in their work. Even more interesting, some wonder if they are getting special attention from the occupants of the very UFOs they are studying. If humans are rats in an alien lab, ufologists are merely the rats who pay attention to the experimenters.

Some people seem more prone to see UFOs than others, sometimes even having multiple ex-

periences while other have none. This suggests that UFOs will put on displays to selected people. Remembering that it can take a strong motivation to get people to dare to study such a taboo subject, this may be the result of an alien intention to get these people to do Ufology. Some have claimed that strange things started happening to them *after they began their UFO studies* — sightings, abductions, and a wide range of paranormal experiences. They become aware that they are being "chosen" and perhaps directed by the UFO phenomenon. This has been called a "sense of mission." Ufologists on such a mission see themselves as spiritually transformed. This transformation makes them feel instrumental in carrying out the mission of the UFO phenomenon itself. This raises interesting issues concerning objectivity, the scientific method, and the validity of other ways of knowing.

The complete text of this summary is contained in the MUFON 1995 PROCEEDINGS. Members are encouraged to obtain a copy and read all thirteen articles.

Dick Moss



Who in the name of frenzy is Charles Fort?

by Todd Amundson

Anyone interested in the study of UFOs should also be aware of the work of Charles Fort.

He was a pioneer in the study of anomalous phenomena, and cataloged many events that have no explanation today — events such as lights in the sky; ice, stones, manna, or frogs and fishes falling from the sky, esp and psychic phenomena; spontaneous human combustion; and mysterious disappearances.

Charles Hoy Fort was born in 1874 in Albany New York. Throughout his unhappy childhood, Fort suffered at the hands of a domineering and abusive father. His father's punishment soured the young Charles giving him a lifelong distrust of authority.

At the age of 18, Fort escaped his home life and set out on a journey around the world to "Put a little capital into the bank of experience". Upon boasting of his travels to an acquaintance he was advised that only when he was settled would he get the true benefit of his travels. He returned home with a debilitating illness and was nursed back to health by Anna Filing, an Englishwoman he had known for some time.

After his recovery Charles and Anna were married. They survived on the meager earnings from several humorous articles that Charles sold to Smith's Magazine, due to his friendship with the editor, novelist Theodore Dreiser. He began to spend much of his time in the Brooklyn Public Library. At this time Fort also wrote two novels, "X" - about Martians who secretly

control Earth, and "Y" - about a malevolent race living at the South Pole.

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Fort destroyed both novels after they were rejected by publishers. In 1916, following the death of his Uncle and Brother, Charles Fort received a small inheritance. This was to be the turning point in his life. With the means to support himself and his wife now assured, Fort began to indulge his greatest obsession — traveling to London. He collected thousands of small notes written in a shorthand of his own invention. He scoured newspapers, magazines and scientific journals for reports of strange happenings. From this research he produced "*The Book Of The Damned*" which was published in 1919 at the insistence of Theodore Dreiser, who gave his publisher an ultimatum - "*Publish Fort, or you will not publish me*".

The Damned, in Fort's view, refers to scientific data that is excluded by science due to its anomalous nature. He showed that scientists argue for or against a proposition due to their own paradigm rather than the scientific data. He summed up his philosophy of continuity with his dictum "*One measures a circle beginning anywhere*".

To many of the writers of the day the book was like a stroke of lightning. Booth Tarkinton asked, "*Who in the name of frenzy is Charles Fort?*" He

went on... "*People must turn and stare at his head as he walks down the street; I think it's a head that would emit noises and explosions, and copper flames playing out of his ears.*" John Cowper Powys and Ben Hect, who coined the word "*Fortean*", were also admirers of Fort's work.

It was at this time that the Forts moved to London, and Charles resumed his researches in the British Museum. "*New Lands*", Fort's second book was published in 1923. This revived the mysterious airship sightings of the turn of the century. Fort was one of the first to suggest that they were visitors from another planet.

The Forts moved back to the Bronx in 1929 due to Charles failing health. His third book, "*Lo!*" was published in 1931. Tiffany Thayer founded the Fortean Society and its magazine "*Doubt*." Charles Fort refused to join. He was only lured to the founding dinner by a series of misleading telegrams. The society was as much devoted to social change as to the weird phenomena that Fort chronicled. Thayer intended to be the Rush Limbaugh of his day!

The two major events of 1932 were the publication of Fort's final book "*Wild Talents*" devoted to Psychic Phenomena. The second was the death of Charles Fort on May 3.

Although Fort himself is gone his work continues to this day. *INFO, the International Fortean Organization*, was founded after the demise of the Fortean Society. They can be reached at Box 367 Arlington VA 22210.

Fortean Times, a magazine devoted to the reporting of strange phenomena, is available

by subscription (\$54 per year) by contacting Fenner, Reed, & Jackson, Box 754 Manhasset N.Y. 11030. If you're interested in a good magazine for research as well as reporting, contact *Strange Magazine* at Box 2246 Rockville MD 20847.

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There's a new world a'comin'!

Gordon-Michael Scallion, an internationally-known futurist and author of the *Earth Changes Report*, has predicted that the United States will experience devastating Earth changes in the nineties. (Disney Land's in trouble...) Scallion has produced a full-sized (22" x 34") four-color wall map to depict such things as how and where California will fracture and become known as The Isles of California; how Phoenix will become a seaport after a fracture in the North American tectonic plate; how the Mississippi River will become an inland seaway; and other such cheerful predictions. Interested?

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COSMIC VOYAGE

A Book Review

William I. McNeff

Cosmic Voyage — A Scientific Discovery of Extraterrestrials Visiting Earth by Courtney Brown, Ph.D. is one of those books that comes along once in a lifetime. First of all, I must say that you shouldn't read this book unless you are well grounded in the available information on UFOs and parapsychology, otherwise you will not appreciate this book and will probably reject it. Having said that, I can't prove that the things in this book are true. The only way to do that is to learn the technique of scientific remote viewing (SRV) one's self (an expensive proposition), or possibly, visit some of the locations mentioned in the book.

The dust jacket says "Rarely has a distinguished professor risked so much to reveal to the world information that could radically alter the course of history." That is a fair statement.

Over the past 25 years, the CIA sponsored research in remote viewing, mostly at Stanford Research Institute (later to be known as SRI International). This research, by many accounts, had some remarkable successes, both in proving the ~~remarkable successes, both in~~ ~~proving the validity of remote~~ viewing and in gaining some intelligence information of value to the U.S. government. Since much of the research is still classified, exactly how

successful is not publicly known. Just to give one example, a remote viewer keeping watch over Soviet nuclear subs reported that he saw a disc shaped craft [presumably an extraterrestrial space craft—WIM], hovering over the ocean above the location of a Soviet sub.

Brown was trained in SRV by a former member of the military unit that specialized in the technique. The practitioner of SRV must follow a rigid protocol that minimizes distractions and permits concentration on the viewing itself. The "target" being viewed by this technique allegedly becomes not only visible to a surprising degree but smells, heat, cold and chemical composition can be sensed to an extent.

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Brown sought to answer some of the cosmic questions about life on other planets, the origin of the human race, Roswell, the UFO abduction phenomenon, and Earth's future. And his answers to these questions either are consistent with the best evidence that scientists and ufologists, in particular, have gathered, or his answers illuminate puzzles that this

evidence has raised. There are a number of what will be big surprises in the book for some people but they all dovetail with things I already know or have suspected. From what I think I know about remote viewing, I would estimate Brown's accuracy to be at least 90 – 95%. That's close enough for government work or just about anything else! Therefore, from this point on, I will treat what Brown says as highly accurate.

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Why does the treatment of people during abductions vary in the degree of sensitivity shown toward human emotions and feelings? Brown explains that we are dealing with three genetic variations of the familiar "Greys," and tells why.

What is the goal of the Greys? — to add the human capabilities of individuality, independent action and spiritual sensitivity to the qualities that their own race possesses.

The human race in its infancy was the subject of genetic manipulation by extra-terrestrial beings.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the results of Brown's investigation of intelligent life on Mars. He discovered that

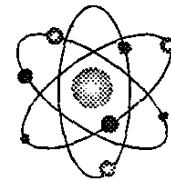
there is a *Martian race*; that they were almost destroyed by an ancient natural catastrophe but were rescued by the Greys. The topper is that some of them are here on Earth in hidden retreats, and Brown names one of the places!

Early in my study of UFOs, I graphed all of the reports I could gather for the years of 1944 through 1971. I discovered that most of the peaks for sightings during that period corresponded within one to three months with the close approaches of Mars. This lead me to suspect that Mars might be either the home of the UFOs or a way station for them. Subsequent scientific discoveries seemed to make it unlikely that there was intelligent or even primitive life on Mars, although the way station hypothesis was not ruled out. Now, of course, we have the pictures taken by space probes which seem to show a mile-and-a-half-long face and a patterned array of pyramids in one area of Mars — so Brown's findings are believable to me.

Brown also discovered the existence of a galactic federation, and was able to interact with this body. He even touched on matters that have to do with important religious questions and came up with some data that support to some degree three of the world's major religions: Animism, Buddhism, and Christianity. I will let the reader make up his or her own mind about what Brown discovered, but I will say that the communications

from at least one major religious figure are consistent with the thinking recorded in certain ancient tests.

As has been surmised by some, the Greys almost destroyed themselves by wanton abuse of their planetary environment. Now, Brown tells us, we face similar catastrophes here on Earth, in which the Greys will be able to give us assistance. But Brown says the future can be changed. The most important thing I got out of this book is a renewed zeal to try to do something about the environmental catastrophes we are moving toward. I hope that those of you who read this book will gain a similar desire.



Wes Crum©

The Greatest Story Never Told by Donna Higbee

The Cold War was raging in the late 50s and early 60s. Nuclear war was a serious threat and tensions ran high between the NATO member countries and the Soviet Union. To make things even worse during these years, large numbers of metallic circular objects were flying from the Soviet Union west to Europe. Of special concern was an event that transpired in 1961, when large numbers of these objects flew in formation over the Soviet Union, over the Warsaw Pact section of Central Europe, over France, Germany, the English Channel, and finally disappeared off our radar out over the Norwegian Sea.

As they flew over the Soviet Union, the Soviets went to red alert, closing Berlin and amassing tanks and arms in the field in preparation for war. The Allied Powers also went on red alert and a serious situation seemed imminent. Each side thought these metallic objects belonged to their enemy. What was even more frightening was the fact that these objects could fly circles around the best jets in existence anywhere in the world and could disappear in a flash. They flew at speeds up to 5000 miles per hour and made turns that would kill a human pilot. The Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) tried to get information from London and Washington, DC but because of a sophisticated French spy ring operating in Paris, neither country would send information to SHAPE in France for fear of it being intercepted.

With no information to go on and a serious situation developing, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Pike of NATO/SHAPE established a

study of these flying objects, calling upon the best scientists, historians and thinkers in all Europe. The study was called *The Assessment: An Evaluation of a Possible Military Threat to Allied Forces in Europe*, and ran from 1961 – 1964.

While this study was in progress, Major Robert O. Dean, United States Army, was assigned to SHAPE in France. This highly decorated combat veteran served at SHAPE from 1963 to 1967 as an intelligence analyst with a Cosmic Top Secret clearance (the highest given at NATO) and was a member of the inner Command Staff of the Operations Division. Because of his level of clearance, Robert Dean had access to the vault in the Operations Division where a copy of the super-secret document, *The Assessment*, was kept. He used to sign himself into the vault every evening for several hours so he could read the document. This was no quick read, as the formal document was about one and one-half inches thick and the supporting documentation was about eight inches thick. There were ten separate annexes making up the supporting information: 1) radar and electromagnetic effects; 2) optical and light analysis; 3) photographic and holographic analysis; 4) historical research and evidence; 5) metallurgic and technical analysis; 6) analysis and autopsies; 7) biological psychological studies and their impact; 9) sociological effects and their implications, and 10) theological implications and their impact.

What Mr. Dean read literally changed his life. According to him, nothing was ever the same again and his new, greatly broadened awareness of the universe and our place in it forced him to entertain

ideas and theories that he never would have dared consider just months before. Because of the tremendous importance of the findings of this study, Mr. Dean knowingly violates his security oath, in this one area only, in sharing this information openly with the American people. He believes that the truth of the extraterrestrial situation must be told to the people at all costs because it is the single most important issue of our time.

Now, the conclusions of *The Assessment*:

- 1) The planet Earth is and has been the subject of an extensive, massive and very thorough and detailed survey by several extraterrestrial civilizations.
- 2) These civilizations have demonstrated an extremely advanced technology, possibly hundreds or even thousands of years beyond ours.
- 3) There seems to be a process or plan of some kind unfolding. "They" have demonstrated that a development of some kind of program was underway.
- 4) Evidence is clear that this program has been going on for a very long time, possibly hundreds or even thousands of years.
- 5) There does not appear to be a major military threat involved. If "they" were malevolent or hostile, there was absolutely nothing we could do about it anyway.

By 1976 our government knew that at least four separate civilizations were coming here and were intimately involved with us. What

really shook up the NATO officials was the fact that one of the groups looks enough like us that they could dress as we do and walk into a restaurant and we would never know the difference. Mr. Dean says that today we know there are a lot more than four separate groups coming here.

Mr. Dean is corresponding with an office in Washington DC in an attempt to get immunity for those officials who speak openly of what they know about the UFO situation. There presently are eleven astronauts, six cosmonauts, numerous scientists and educators, three admirals and two generals who have said that they will speak openly about what they know if they can only get a guarantee that their pensions and careers won't be destroyed in the process.

The governments of the world, with the exception of the Mexican government and possibly a few others, are still trying to cover up the truth. In fact, an article came out in the Washington Post and the New York Times stating that "For the last twenty-five years, there have been CIA agents in place in every major media outlet in the US. Not only have they been successful in having certain stories rewritten, they have been successful in having certain stories killed entirely." They kill stories, they eliminate stories, they rewrite stories that they feel you do not need to know. One CIA agent said in an interview, "If we are lying to you, it is for your own good."

To quote James MacDonald, the past Chairman of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, "If you are not interested or concerned about the UFO matter, you are simply uninformed." Mr. Dean agrees with this statement completely and tells people that the evidence is overwhelming and is

out there to be discovered — you must do your own homework.

If the truth were completely out in the open, there would be changes in the sciences, in physics and astronomy, in our social structures, and big changes in religion. But it is time that we were allowed to know the facts and learn how to deal with them. It is only a matter of time before the cover-up unravels and the truth becomes known to the public. That is why I strongly urge all of you to learn what you can about the UFO situation and you will at least be somewhat prepared for future events.

I welcome your questions and comments. I can be reached at the following address: **Donna Higbee, P.O. Box 6404, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.** I can be reached through American OnLine at the following online address:

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About Donna Higbee...

Donna Higbee has always been interested in the paranormal, metaphysics, esoteric studies and religion. She's a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara with high honors and a BA in Religious studies. Her interest in UFOs began in 1993, when she began working as an assistant and public relations agent for a nationally known UFO researcher. During that time, she went back to school and received certification as a clinical hypnotherapist, specializing in working with people who feel they have had non-human encounters.

Higbee is the Founder and Director of CEIT (Contact Encounters Investigation Team), a research organization studying abduction encounters and trends. Her articles have appeared in The Bulletin of

Anomalous Experience (Canada), Frontier 2000 (Belgium), The Flying Saucer Review (England), The MUFON UFO Journal, The Anomalist, National UFO News (United States), The "X" Chronicles (England) and a number of other publications. She writes a column on UFOs for a local Santa Barbara newspaper and works with groups on America Online to help abductees with referrals to qualified hypnotherapists in their own part of the country.

PSYCHIATRY — THE DARK SCIENCE

In 1995, the New Mexico Legislature passed a bill that set limits on the testimony of psychologists. It included the following language, quoted in the newsletter **Dispatches**: "*When a psychologist or psychiatrist testifies during a defendant's competency hearing, the psychologist or psychiatrist shall wear a cone-shaped hat that is not less than two feet tall. The surface of the hat shall be imprinted with stars and lightning bolts. Additionally, a psychologist or psychiatrist shall be required to don a white beard...and shall punctuate crucial elements of his testimony by stabbing the air with a wand.*" Before the expert's testimony about competency, the bill specified, "*the bailiff shall contemporaneously dim the courtroom lights and administer two strikes to a Chinese gong.*"

The Senate passed the bill by a voice vote, and the House voted 46 to 14 to make it official. But Governor Gary Johnson vetoed it!

Minnesota Star Tribune, Variety section, 02/25/96

Contributed by Peter Morris.

"Independence Day" Exploits UFO Community *by Glenn Campbell*

The Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. is currently spreading cash around the UFO community trying to build pre-release interest for their upcoming movie, **"Independence Day."** They are implying that the movie is going to be some kind of E.T. breakthrough along the lines of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Fox has cut a questionable deal with the State of Nevada to promote its movie at the unveiling of the new *"Extraterrestrial Highway"* through Rachel, Nevada. This consists of new road signs for Route 375, accompanied by tons of publicity. Fox funded the lavish two-day unveiling ceremonies on April 17 and 18, under an agreement with the state. In effect, they have purchased the official endorsement of the governor of Nevada, who hosted their events.

[Fox recruited a number of well-known names for their UFO panel which was held at the unveiling, including Walt Andrus of MUFON, Vicki Cooper and Don Ecker of UFO Magazine and Las Vegas newsman George Knapp.] Fox is also patronizing UFO publications and radio shows with more advertising money than these operations normally see.

One wonders if these respectable ufologists know the contents of the movie they are supporting. "Independence Day" is a remake of "War of the Worlds."

The script has been floating around the Hollywood under-ground for a while. Here's the story in a nutshell, from the original script:

>>>FADE IN. After being detected by radiotelescopes, a huge alien ship approaches Earth and is at first thought to be benign. It splits into multiple ships which hover above Earth's major cities. Naive UFO buffs gather on rooftops with signs

welcoming the aliens, but a computer nerd sees danger in the signals emanating from the otherwise silent ships. He manages to alert the President, who immediately orders evacuation of the cities. Just then, the ships unleash the WALL OF DESTRUCTION — the main character in the movie. After many futile attempts to stop it, the WALL decimates most of the world's metropolises. Billions killed. The President and a few other survivors take refuge at Area 51. In a final all-or-nothing battle, the computer nerd joins forces with a fighter jock to fly a captured alien scout craft back to its orbiting mothership. The President, piloting a fighter jet, provides air support. A computer virus, designed by the nerd, is delivered to the mothership. Mothership explodes. Earth saved. Heroines fall into arms of heroes, as pieces of the mothership rain down in "Fourth of July" fireworks. **FADE OUT.**

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UFO buffs are portrayed as buffoons who fail to recognize the threat. They are the first ones blown away by the evil aliens. It is surprising to see the representatives of MUFON and UFO Magazine and the respected Knapp buying into this. They might claim, *"We don't really endorse the movie; we're only here for the highway,"* but the

movie is paying their way, and the credibility of their presence alone is exactly what Fox is seeking.

Fox has also purchased an "E.T.-Governor," Bob Miller. Miller never visited the highway [Route 375] and never consulted with local residents or county officials before he re-named it, but he did fly to Los Angeles to finalize the unusual deal with Fox. Miller apparently never considered the legal and political implications of turning a state-sponsored event over to private enterprise. [The Fox] deal with the state appears to have been initiated before the designation "Extraterrestrial Highway" was passed, so the question arises, "Whose highway is it?"

The "E.T.Highway" does not advance the UFO movement because the state is endorsing only the weakest of the UFO claims: the lights in the sky seen from the highway. Being in the middle of the nation's most intense military war games area means there are plenty of "UFOs" in the sky — which turn into "IFOs" as soon as you understand the exercises. Bob Lazar, who inadvertently started the Area 51 phenomenon with more tangible claims of a government saucer program, says he thinks the UFO watchers are "nuts." Eventually, the world will look at this circus on the highway and make the same conclusion. As Area 51 turns into a cliché, the more credible claims will be dismissed along with the ridiculous ones.

Although it has been struggling for years to gain official recognition, the UFO movement does not need this kind of attention. The tone of the state is more of ridicule than acknowledgement, and the last thing we need is more politicians telling "little green men" jokes.

Birds of a Feather: *by Richard J. Boylan, Ph.D*

Sometime in the 1970s, a small group of individuals with extremely high security clearances, who were working on various aspects of UFO research and policy, began to interact unofficially on a regular basis to pool information. Their objectives were to coordinate data, see the big picture, analyze the meaning of UFOs and extraterrestrial contact with Earth, use this knowledge to gain access to additional information on the hyper secret Majestic-12 (MJ-12), the government's ultimate UFO information control and policy group) and gain special influence through their collective power. Their elite group of roughly a dozen individuals working on national security assignments gave themselves code names, using mostly *bird names*. Collectively, they came to be called the "Aviary."

Leaked reports...suggest ...a split. On one side are Aviary members who feel that information about UFO and ET contacts should be broadly disclosed...the public is ready for this information and generally, can handle it.

The relationship of Aviary members to the MJ-12 is murky. More than one UFO researcher estimates that some overlap in membership has occurred, in other words, that MJ-12 has quietly infiltrated the Aviary to keep it under control. Dr. Steven Greer, Director of CSETI, has reported that *the MJ-12 Group is now designated PI-40*. This hyper classified groups deals with the most sensitive information regarding extraterrestrials and is so covert a

special-access program that, reportedly, the President and Congress exercise no control over it and only know of it through rumor.

Dick D'Amato, National and International Security Specialist for Sen. Robert Byrd and a member of the NSC, stated in 1991 that an incredibly powerful "black arm" of the government has been keeping UFO information secret and has also been illegally spending enormous sums of money in this operation. D'Amato said that the NSC is trying to identify them.

Ironically, the answer may be right under their noses. While there may be some overlap between the Aviary and the PI-40 group, they remain two separate entities. PI-40 is clearly at the top; it is the policy and decision group which has orchestrated the UFO cover-up since 1947, simultaneously releasing little fragments of UFO/ET information to gradually condition the American public to the slowly-dawning realization of UFO reality.

Leaked reports from sources close to some Aviary members suggest that there is a split within the group (which may mirror a split within PI-40). On one side are Aviary members who feel that information about UFO and ET contacts should be broadly disclosed. They feel that the public is ready for this information and generally can handle it. Others within the Aviary resist such disclosure. They do not want to lose the power their "information monopoly" gives them.

Some have reportedly engaged in illegal and sometimes injurious projects and operations. The split over disclosure is creating a climate in which leaks are increasing, as some try to force disclosure and establish a track record for themselves of (belated) candor with the American public. Most Aviary members appear to be well-

intentioned scientists or former military or intelligence officers who no doubt, sincerely believe that secrecy about UFOs was once vital.

Following is a *partial list* of reported Aviary members.

SEA GULL: Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., research scientist in optical physics & laser weapons applications at the US Naval Surface Weapons Lab; MUFON physics/photo-interpretive consultant and author of, and consultant expert, on selected "leaked" or disinformational UFO cases/topics.

PELICAN: Ron Pandolfi, CIA Dep. Director for the Div. of Science & Technology and current custodian of UFO files at the "Weird Desk," may be involved in the White House initiative to promptly release UFO info to the public.

PENGUIN: John Alexander, Ph.D. in Death Sciences; Lt Col. US Army Intelligence & Security Command, (undoubtedly the military cover for the NSA. He is director of the Non-Lethal Weapons dept., Los Alamos Nat'l Laboratory, and has been reportedly involved in counter intelligence remote viewing, psychic warfare, psychotronic and mind-control projects with military and security applications.

CONDOR: Capt. Bob Collins, USAF (Ret.); Special Agent, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, engaged in UFO related intelligence operations, reportedly appeared clandestinely on the 1988 Kodak-produced network television disinformation program "UFO Cover-Up Live."

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