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The 2007 MUFON Symposium **By Dick Moss, MN MUFON State Dir.**

The 38th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium will be hosted by MUFON members of Colorado Mufon August 10 - 12 in Denver. This article will concentrate on the credentials of the speakers because their qualifications to speak about UFO issues should determine whether or not the reader might be interesting in listening to them.

The Symposium's emcee, John Greenewald, started his Black Vault web site at age fifteen. This site now has over four hundred thousand pages of declassified government documents. John is an accomplished TV producer and has helped produce programs for the History, Discovery, and National Geographic Channels. He has given a number of lectures on the UFO topic in recent years.

The opening lecture, 60 Years of Roswell, will be delivered by Stanton Friedman. Stan holds degrees in physics from the University of Chicago and has worked for such companies as GE, GM, Westinghouse, TRW, Aerojet General Nucleonics, and McDonnell Douglas. He has lectured on the topic The Flying Saucers Are Real at over 600 colleges and 100 professional groups. He has also published eighty UFO papers and two books and has appeared on literally hundreds of radio and TV programs.

Kathleen Marden will speak of new evidence on the Betty and Barney Hill Case which involved the their simultaneous abduction in 1961. Kathleen has co-authored a new book, Captured!, with Stan Friedman. It happens that Kathleen is a niece of the late Betty Hill.

Michael Nelson will present new information about the Portage County, Ohio UFO chase during the early morning of April 17, 1966. Police officers encountered an apparently structured UFO which they chased after for eighty-five miles and into Pennsylvania. The object played a sort of cat-and-mouse game with them. It then hovered above the two deputies and made a humming sound. The Air force said that the object was a satellite.

Colonel Robert Salas was stationed at Malmstrom AFB in Montana in 1967. One morning he received a call from his NCO in charge of security saying that he and some guards had observed UFOs fly over the Minuteman Launch Facility a few times. A bit later the Minuteman missiles began shutting down from Alert to No-Go status. Colonel Salas will discuss this apparently deliberate episode during his presentation.

Writer Richard Dolan will explain Why the ET Presence on Earth is Revolutionary. He has written a book, UFOs and the National Security



Minnesota Mufon Meetings

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State, which astronaut Edgar Mitchell said was thorough and monumental. Dolan is writing a follow-up book which should be published in about a year. He has spoken many times at UFO symposiums.

Timothy Good was, at one time, a violinist with the London Symphony and freelanced with several others. After developed an interest in UFOs he began his own investigations and was the first western ufologist interviewed on Russian television. Having written seven books on UFOs, Tim has been a consultant for several Congressional investigations.

Robert and Ryan Wood will be conducting a workshop on MJ12. They have a web site titled: www.majesticdocuments.com. Ryan's book, Majic Eyes Only, got high praise from reviewers on Amazon's web site. The book deals with 74 alleged UFO crash/retrievals.

Dr. Rudy Schild is an astronomer at Harvard. His view of the cosmos has been transformed in recent years by new findings in astrophysics and by the inability of his discipline to explain anomalous phenomena. He understands that there are persistent reports that seem to contradict current physical theory. To his surprise, reports from people who claim to have encountered extraterrestrial entities contain facts that can be confirmed scientifically. His presentation at MUFON is titled The University Community Response to UFO Research.

Brad Sparks was a cofounder of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. His presentation is titled Startling New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12.

Sam Maranto prefers to work on mass sighting cases because of the large number of witnesses. He writes that there are 70,000 reported UFO sightings every year and that's something like 192 per day. If only a handful are authentic there is a substantial case for the existence of UFOs. His topic at the MUFON Symposium will be The O'Hare Airport and Tinley Park Sightings.

The Symposium ends with a Speaker's Panel Q&A.

Hopefully, the information given above illustrates that these speakers have each specialized in some aspect of the phenomenon. When they say something about UFOs we can be sure that they

have "done their homework." Hope to see you at the Symposium.

Censorship of Ethical Extraterrestrial intelligences linked to the perpetuation of a greed-driven economy

Compiled by Jim Marrs

<http://www.agoracosmopolitan.com/home/Frontpage/2007/03/30/01463.html>

Censorship of Ethical Extraterrestrial intelligences.

UFOs appeared to utilize advanced technology not only in flight but in energy, metallurgy, computer science and communications. Therefore, they were not only perceived at those high levels as a threat to U.S. and allied defence systems but also a threat to the monopolies in energy, medicine, basic resources and telecommunications enjoyed by these secret society members. I mean, who would meekly continue to pay ever-increasing prices for polluting fossil fuels if they knew for certain that a clean and abundant alternative was available? Why spend billions on cancer research if a cure was already possible?

Hence, from the standpoint of the highest rulers of Western society, it was absolutely necessary to sidetrack any meaningful perception of UFOs on the part of the American public. After all, to have everyone thinking about life on Earth from a overall standpoint might cause many to question conventional politics, foreign policy, organized religion and multinational corporate business. It was a policy needed to maintain the status quo and proved rather effective for more than a half century.

The CE4 Corner (c)2007 by Craig R Lang, MS CHt

May/June, 2007: Notes from the Coast...

As a result of my appearance on the Coast to Coast radio show (www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2007/04/11.html) on the night of 4/11-4/12, I have continued to get a lot of very interesting calls and e-mails. Most of these have been from experiencers describing their own events. So the question for this month's The CE4 Corner is, what are people describing? (http://home.comcast.net/~theCosmicBridge/CE4_Corner/TheCE4Corner.htm)

Most prominent has been the dual themes of consistency and variety. So far, the consistency thread has been very pronounced. Each experiencer has described some very similar themes:

- 1) Missing time,
- 2) The prevalence of UFO sightings,
- 3) A continuous thread of the unexplained in their life,
- 4) The emergence at some point in their life, of significant psychic abilities,
- 5) A powerful theme of personal challenge in their life - often when abductions are most frequent,
- 6) Simultaneous feelings of fear and attraction regarding UFOs & related topics

For most callers and correspondents, this theme has been very pronounced, often striking a personal note. More than one experiencer has shed tears as they described - usually over the long distance phone lines - their lifelong interaction with the phenomenon. In some cases, these tears surprised even them. One woman I interviewed a few days after the broadcast, told me that she didn't remember being abducted and had had no overt UFO sightings, but had a sense that she had been contacted. She described the consistent theme of psychic abilities and anomalous events in her life. She described them as positive, but at the same time, I could hear the trepidation in her voice. She said that she had waited several days to call, feeling a lot of internal debate about whether or not to contact me. When I began to ask her about her "positive" events, she began to cry. In part, they were tears of frustration over a world that couldn't (or didn't want to) understand what she was experiencing. But in another sense, she felt powerless in the face of the phenomenon. In some ways, she was a victim. Yet in other ways, she was a seeker - simply trying to understand the mystery of her experiences. Like so many other experiencers, she was a bridge between the human and phenomenal world.

We talked for at least an hour - pretty much chewing up my lunch break at the day job. 😊 By the time we hung up the phone, I had managed to find the regional MUFON contact (on www.mufon.com) for her, and she seemed to feel quite a bit better about her overall situation.

In the words of Yogi Berra, "Sometimes you can learn a lot just by listening..." This is especially true in the healing process for experiencers. Often times, when the unexplained is so prominent in one's life, the most important thing may be to simply know

that someone believes you. Then, the next step in the healing process is often to take some action - a proactive step that helps one regain a sense of empowerment. Frequently, this may involve contacting someone in MUFON or another organization that is involved in UFO and close encounter research. If there is an active MUFON chapter within reach, often the best course of action may be to attend a meeting (in Minnesota check out the MN MUFON website: www.mnmufon.org). Many times, other experiencers may attend as well, bringing the comforting assurance that "you are not alone."

So far, I've talked about the similarities - but how about the differences between experience accounts? The biggest difference I have noted among accounts of close encounters is in the "additional details." Most descriptions seem to contain similar core events, but additional events often differ. For example, there are nearly always small grays present, but other beings may be present as well - and these are many and varied. These may be described as humanoid beings, hybrids, Nordics, Pleiadeans, etc. There are also insectoid or reptilian beings, as well as a host of other "critters." It must be an incredibly diverse universe out there... 😊

Other details include the agenda(s) of the aliens - whoever they may be. Usually the alien objective is described as reproductive in nature, yet the reasons stated for this activity are many and varied. Why are they doing this? We just don't know.

The aliens frequently express a new-age and environmental theme. They talk about the urgency of saving our planet, the dangers of environmental degradation, etc. They also talk about spiritual growth, and similar metaphysical themes. Are they telling the truth, or is this simply a feel-good cover for some other agenda? Again, I don't know...

In addition, I have never gotten a clear picture of where the aliens come from. Sometimes Zeta Reticuli is mentioned, but in recent times, I have heard this less frequently. More often, I now hear a stony silence when the topic arises. Other times, responses I hear convey the theme of "you wouldn't understand," "we won't tell you" - or something similar. Once again, do we believe them, or is this some kind of prattle to keep us happy (or at least off balance)? And once again, I don't know...

Yet another theme is the duality of good and evil that the phenomenon presents to the experiencer.

For some, alien abduction is a life-long thread of terror. For others, it is a source of wonder and light. Yet we need to ask - is it really either? If so, then how far into the extreme of one or the other is it? For many, simply becoming aware of their experiences can help to reduce the degree of apparent evil in their encounters. With knowledge comes empowerment. Sometimes, even a phone call to someone, describing one's encounters can help bring back some memories - and for many this can help to level the playing field. At the very least, this can help to reduce the feeling isolation that often surrounds the close encounter experience.

Yet for many others, the prevailing theme is a positive one. I have heard the terms "light workers," "space brothers," "Pleiadeans," and/or other highly positive words while describing such encounters. For many, this is reality and there is no desire to change that. For them it works....

But for others, there is a darker underside - suppressed but painful. There may be a thread of unexplained fear, a sense of hidden evil, etc. - a counterpoint to the light. In these cases, it becomes important to resolve the duality. Several e-mails that resulted from the broadcast described such a duality, the hidden menace as a prevailing theme in their lives.

A couple of people also described fighting back, somehow getting out of alien control, while aboard the UFO. One person even described how she destroyed some of the alien equipment near to her. Yet the theme of captivity and menace is common. The aliens are usually in control of the abductee in ways that are, at best, non-positive. It is the darker side of the encounter scenario.

Most correspondents have described psychic gifts - being a healer, a seer, or other gifted individual. This may be accidental - or perhaps it is one key purpose of the phenomenon in our world. It may be the "heads" side of the phenomenal coin. Whatever it's role, it further shows a phenomenon that is central to the experiencer's life in a way that neither experiencer nor researcher understand. Indeed, I suspect none of us understands the true nature of the alien encounter.

For the first several days, calls and e-mails came at light-speed, bringing both variety and consistency. Now, in the last week or two since then, they have tapered off as the Coast-to-Coast interview recedes into the past. However, it was great to be able to

touch so many lives and - hopefully - to help a few people find understanding and healing. Ultimately, the best one can offer is an understanding ear, and for the experiencer, the certain knowledge that "you are not alone..."

Major Discovery: New Planet Could Harbor Water and Life

By Ker Than, Staff Writer Space.Com
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An Earth-like planet spotted outside our solar system is the first found that could support liquid water and harbor life, scientists announced today.

Liquid water is a key ingredient for life as we know it. The newfound planet is located at the "Goldilocks" distance-not too close and not too far from its star to keep water on its surface from freezing or vaporizing away. And while astronomers are not yet able to look for signs of biology on the planet, the discovery is a milestone in planet detection and the search for extraterrestrial life, one with the potential to profoundly change our outlook on the universe.

"The goal is to find life on a planet like the Earth around a star like the Sun. This is a step in that direction," said study leader Stephane Udry of the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland. "Each time you go one step forward you are very happy." The new planet is about 50 percent bigger than Earth and about five times more massive. The new "super-Earth" is called Gliese 581 C, after its star, Gliese 581, a diminutive red dwarf star located 20.5 light-years away that is about one-third as massive as the Sun.

Smallest to date

Gliese 581 C is the smallest extrasolar planet, or "exoplanet," discovered to date. It is located about 15 times closer to its star than Earth is to the Sun; one year on the planet is equal to 13 Earth days. Because red dwarfs, also known as M dwarfs, are about 50 times dimmer than the Sun and much cooler, their planets can orbit much closer to them while still remaining within their habitable zones, the spherical region around a star within which a planet's temperature can sustain liquid water on its surface.

Because it lies within its star's habitable zone and is relatively close to Earth, Gliese 581 C could be a very important target for future space missions dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial life, said study team member Xavier Delfosse of Grenoble University in France. "On the treasure map of the universe, one would be tempted to mark this planet with an X," Delfosse said.

Two other planets are known to inhabit the red dwarf system. One is a 15 Earth-mass "hot-Jupiter" gas planet discovered by the same team two years ago, which orbits even closer to its star than does Gliese 581 C. Another is an 8 Earth-mass planet discovered at the same time as Gliese 581 C, but which lies outside its star's habitable zone.

Possible waterworld

Computer models predict Gliese 581 C is either a rocky planet like Earth or a waterworld covered by oceans. "We have estimated that the mean temperature of this super-Earth lies between 0 and 40 degrees Celsius [32 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit], and water would thus be liquid," Udry said.

The scientists discovered the new world using the HARP instrument on the European Southern Observatory 3.6 meter telescope in La Sille, Chile. They employed the so-called radial velocity, or "wobble," technique, in which the size and mass of a planet are determined based on small perturbations it induces in its parent star's orbit via gravity.

Udry said there was a fair amount of time between the calculation of Gliese 581 C's size and the realization it was within its star's habitable zone. "That came at the end," Udry said. When it did hit him, Udry knew he would be spending time fielding phone calls from the media. "You right away think about the journalists who will like it very much," he told SPACE.com.

More to come

David Charbonneau, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) who was not involved in the study, said the new finding is an "absolutely fantastic discovery."

"It means there probably are many more such planets out there," Charbonneau said in a telephone interview. Whether Gliese 581 C harbors life is still unknown, but "it satisfies for the first time a key

requirement." Charbonneau also praised the team's technical skills. "The wobble induced on the star by each of these planets is really tiny - it's just a few meters a second. That means their measurement precision is exquisite," he said.

David Latham, another astronomer at Harvard-Smithsonian CfA, echoed other scientists' praise of the discovery but said the next step is to find a similar world where the orbit of the habitable planet carries it between Earth and its parent star. This will allow scientists to observe it using the transit

technique, whereby the small dimming starlight caused by the planet's passage across the face of its sun can be used to calculate its size.

Only then can scientists determine for certain whether the world is a rocky planet or a water world with deep global oceans, Latham said.

Alan Boss, a planetary theorist at Harvard-Smithsonian CfA, said the new planet's potential for liquid water made it "fascinating." Gliese 581 C "is the closest planet to another Earth that has been found to date. I hope the SETI folks are listening," Boss said.

Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer at the SETI institute, said the Gliese 581 system has in fact been looked at twice before for signs of intelligent life. The first time was in 1995 using the Parks Radio Telescope in Australia; the second time was using the Greenbank Radio Telescope in West Virginia. Both times revealed nothing.

"It has been looked at twice, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't look at it again," Shostak said. "And indeed we should because this is the best candidate the solar planet guys have come up with yet."

Shostak said he was "jazzed" by the discovery. "This is pointing to something that in the past has only been an assumption, namely that Earth-sized worlds are not rare," he said. "We know of only two [planets in the habitable zone]. We know this one and we know our own. But two is better than one."

Shostak said the Gliese 581 system might be looked at again when the new Allen Telescope Array begins operations this summer. "You could say it's going to the head of the class," he said.

The Other Side of Truth
by Paul Kimball, Tuesday, April 24, 2007
<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2007/04/best-evidence-canadian-premiere.html>

Best Evidence - Canadian premiere

The accompanying blurb reads as follows:

Best Evidence

Whether they believe or not, people all over the world are fascinated by the subject of UFOs. Best Evidence, a SPACE supported documentary, looks at the 10 best UFO cases to date. Many are unknown to the general public, who for years have been fed tales of crashed flying saucers and government cover-ups at the expense of real evidence that shows that there is something unexplained happening in the sky.

Warning: There are no crazy aliens in the film, and no goofy backdrops to interviewees, or anything like that. In fact, to the best of my recollection, aliens aren't mentioned once, at least not directly. There is animation, but it's of the Discovery-channel variety, i.e. serious, and not of the Plan 9 From Outer Space variety, i.e. not serious.

As some UFO researchers are busy these days bashing UFO documentaries and networks and producers at UFO Updates, I'd like to take a moment to thank the good folks at Space for giving me the opportunity to try something a bit different - a serious film about serious UFO cases. It's a risk for them, and they deserve all the credit in the world (and beyond) for taking it, especially Charlotte Engel, who heads up their independent production section, and greenlit the film over two years ago.

The next UFO-related film I make, assuming I ever make another, which is at best a 50 / 50 proposition, would probably focus on the tongue-in-cheek, weird and wacky world of ufology (where truth really is stranger than fiction). Something where I head out with my pals Nick Redfern, Mac Tonnies, Tim Binnall and Greg Bishop on a ufoological road trip across America maybe - definitely in an RV. Kris Lee McBride will be tagging along as well. At the end we meet the Court Jester of Ufoology, the one and only Jim Moseley. I've earned the right to look at the lighter side of it all.

But for the moment, I'm Mr. Serious, and if Best Evidence isn't quite Dick Hall's The UFO Evidence (and I never claimed it would be, knowing full well that no documentary can match a book for detail), Dick was still smart enough to see the merit in the project, and contribute, as were a lot of others.

And unlike Peter Jennings and his team, I was smart enough to recognize the contribution that Dick has and continues to make - he's in the film, along with Nick Pope, Stan Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, Mac Tonnies, Don Ledger, and our chief consultant and my good friend, Brad Sparks - as well as witnesses Colonel Charles Halt, Captain Robert Salas, and Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bailey.

Is it the greatest film ever made? Hardly - that would be Lust for a Vampire.* But is it a film you're going to want to see?

I hope so.

You can keep an eye on developments at the Best Evidence blog site.

Paul Kimball

* Just kidding. The greatest film ever made is clearly Dying Fall.**

** Still kidding. Obviously, it's Do You Believe in Majic?***

*** Okay, okay... I'll be serious this time. The greatest film ever made was...

Possible alien stone found near Seattle
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University of Washington research engineer Bill Beaty is set to test a piece of stone purported to have fallen from an alien spacecraft 60 years ago.

Philip Lipson and Charlette LeFevre, who run the Seattle Museum of the Mysteries, have been researching for years a story that began in June 1947 when a government employee swore he saw flying saucers three days after a Tacoma man said similar UFOs had dropped metal and lava onto his boat, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Monday.

You don't want to know how complicated and bizarre this is, said LeFevre.

Lipson and LeFevre said they believe that 60 years ago a B-52 bomber crashed while carrying slag from a UFO.

They now have a black chunk of rock that may be their best clue, and Beaty will test the rock this week.

You can tell it's been liquid because it's all full of bubbles, said Beaty. We have to look at the bedrock in the hill and see what's there. If it looks like that, then it's probably the same.

If this is totally different than the bedrock that's there, then this will be very interesting, he added.
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France opens secret UFO files covering 50 years

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http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=070322143210.0y201j5u&show_article=1

France became the first country to open its files on UFOs Thursday when the national space agency unveiled a website documenting more than 1,600 sightings spanning five decades.

The online archives, which will be updated as new cases are reported, catalogues in minute detail cases ranging from the easily dismissed to a handful that continue to perplex even hard-nosed scientists.

"It is a world first," said Jacques Patenet, the aeronautical engineer who heads the office for the study of "non-identified aerospace phenomena."

Known as OVNIs in French, UFOs have always generated intense interest along with countless conspiracy theories about secretive government cover-ups of findings deemed too sensitive or alarming for public consumption.

"Cases such as the lady who reported seeing an object that looked like a flying roll of toilet paper" are clearly not worth investigating, said Patenet.

But many others involving multiple sightings -- in at least one case involving thousands of people across France -- and evidence such as burn marks and radar trackings showing flight patterns or accelerations that defy the laws of physics are taken very seriously.

A phalanx of beefy security guards formed a barrier in front of the space agency (CNES) headquarters

where the announcement was made, "to screen out uninvited UFOlogists," an official explained.

Of the 1,600 cases registered since 1954, nearly 25 percent are classified as "type D", meaning that "despite good or very good data and credible witnesses, we are confronted with something we can't explain," Patenet said.

On January 8, 1981 outside the town of Trans-en-Provence in southern France, for example, a man working in a field reported hearing a strange whistling sound and seeing a saucer-like object about 2.5 meters (eight feet) in diameter land in his field about 50 meters (yards) away.

A dull-zinc grey, the saucer took off, he told police, almost immediately, leaving burn marks. Investigators took photos, and then collected and analyzed samples, and to this day no satisfactory explanation has been made.

The nearly 1,000 witness who said they saw flashing lights in the sky on November 5, 1990, by contrast, had simply seen a rocket fragment falling back into earth's atmosphere.

Patenet's answer to questions about evidence of life beyond Earth was sure to inflame the suspicions of those convinced the government is holding back: "We do not have the least proof that extra-terrestrials are behind the unexplained phenomena."

But then he added: "Nor do we have the least proof that they aren't."

The CNES fields between 50 and 100 UFO reports ever year, usually written up by police. Of these, 10 percent are the object of on-site investigations, Patenet said.

Other countries collect data more or less systematically about unidentified flying objects, notably in Britain and in the United States, where information can be requested on a case-by-case basis under the Freedom of Information Act.

"But we decided to do it the other way around and made everything available to the public," Patenet said.

The aim was to make it easier for scientists and other UFO buffs to access the data for research.

The website itself -- which crashed host servers hours after it was unveiled due to heavy traffic -- is extremely well organized and complete, even including scanned copies of police reports. To visit the website: www.cnes-geipan.fr. Copyright AFP 2005

TED PHILLIPS

By William I. McNeff

On April 14, Minnesota MUFON was privileged to receive a presentation by Ted Phillips, the preeminent UFO physical trace case researcher. He first told us that in 1998 he had decided to get back into UFO research after being out nine years. He had worked for many years with J. Allen Hynek, PhD, who had been the Air Forces chief scientific consultant on UFOs for two decades. It had stopped being fun after his close friend Hynek died. But his wife reminded him that he had promised Hynek that he had finished the Delphos, Kansas case. This important case, one of the few written up in Readers Digest, featured a farm youth's close encounter with a cylindrical UFO which left a brightly glowing ring on the ground, and temporarily blinded the witness. Jacques Vallee warned him, "You'll be disappointed in the [UFO research] climate." Ufology, unfortunately, has its feuds and sometimes bitter differences of opinion. Ted Phillips is to be commended in that he has seemingly avoided such feuds, and does his best to make the data he uncovers as widely available as possible, in the best spirit of science.

One of the cases studied by Phillips was a French case in which a farmer was immobilized by an unknown craft 35 ft. away. Scientist Claude Poher told Phillips "It [the UFO phenomenon] is real!" One important trace case took place at Medford, MN a few miles south of the Twin Cities. A scientist who studied soil samples from the site found that those taken from under where the UFO landed fluoresced, while control samples did not.

There are three main types of landing sites, in which the site has been burnt, depressed [compacted] or dehydrated. Phillips has studied 3189 physical trace cases. He cited one in which a farmer in Missouri saw a craft on the ground close by. He picked up two rocks and approached the UFO, but 15 ft. from the craft, he ran into an invisible wall. Dehydrated soil was found under where the UFO had landed.

Phillips recounted several other landing trace cases, including one in which a husband and wife were nearly immobilized by a mysterious force which was discovered after the UFO left.

In more recent years, Phillips has discovered a case which is potentially of the greatest importance, because it could forever settle the question of whether Earth has been visited by extraterrestrial beings. In the mountains on the border of Slovakia and Poland there is a cave which has become known as the "Cave of the Half-Moon". This is because in this cave there is a shaft going down thru the rock which is crescent in cross-section. The shaft is said to be surrounded by some unknown material that is harder than rock. The prime witness, Tony Houran, before he died, gave Ted a map showing the passages in the cave. Tony had squirmed into the shaft through a crack, reaching dirt at what he thought was the bottom, but upon digging down through the dirt discovered the remains of a type of cave bear which has been extinct for 6,000 years. Further digging disclosed a metal grill, and from below the grill Tony heard what sounded like the whine of a large turbine. This artifact is 2700 feet below the mountain top. All this would imply that the shaft, grill and any machine below it, are at least 6,000 years old, implying extraterrestrial technology. There is other evidence that this is an unusual location: There is a place at ground level near the suspected artifact where there are magnetic pulses every two seconds, and battery-powered equipment quickly dies. Phillips hopes to investigate this site with the cooperation of the Slovakian government. The potential importance of this case cannot be overemphasized, in my opinion. For more information, see: www.moonshaftartifact.com.

Phillips stated that J. Allen Hynek knew more about UFOs than anyone living. Phillips was asked if there was any one case which changed Hynek's mind about UFOs. Phillips replied, "Socorro." The Socorro, NM case involved a highly respected law officer who reported seeing a landed craft at close range. The craft left four landing marks and a smoking mesquite bush, with whitish "icicles" hanging down from low branches. The officer told of seeing two small humanoid beings near the craft. Hynek later stated that these were not "small men" but rather "small beings!"

Ufology is indeed fortunate to have a researcher of the caliber of Ted Phillips.

What Do You Do with a Strange Encounter?

by Bigfoot researcher & author Lisa A. Shiel—author of Backyard Bigfoot

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

<http://bigfootquest.blogspot.com/2007/04/what-do-you-do-with-strange-encounter.html>

Yesterday, I described the strange encounter two Ohio women had with a white Bigfoot. After running over the creature with their car, the women experienced missing time, a phenomenon well known to UFO researchers. High strangeness of that sort shouldn't happen with a Bigfoot encounter. After all, Bigfoots represent nothing more than giant apes. Right?

If only the simple explanation fit the facts. Even if you forget that not all hairy hominids are giants, you must dismiss a wealth of strange sightings in order to squash the phenomenon into the giant-ape shoebox. Take the Ohio incident I just mentioned. What should a researcher do with a sighting like that?

First, you must talk to the witness. You could read the raw report submitted by the witness and then delete it because events like that should not happen. A truly objective researcher will do no such thing. You must interview the witness, giving her opportunities to embellish. In this case, the witness failed to take the bait. Her story has remained the same each time she related it to me. Her original report, which she submitted online, made no mention of missing time. Angela initially reported a normal sighting which occurred here in the UP of Michigan; only after speaking with me on the phone did she feel comfortable enough to relate her other experiences.

With a witness like Angela, you have three options to consider:

1. The witness is crazy.
2. The witness is lying.
3. The witness is being truthful.

Can I prove Angela is not crazy or lying? Of course not. No one can prove that any witness is sane and/or honest, no matter what the witness claims to have experienced. The researcher must form an opinion based on an interview of the witness. After talking with Angela at length, I believe she is both sane and truthful.

Does that mean events happened exactly as she says? Of course not. Each one of us can do nothing more than relate our experiences as we remember them, colored by our individual expectations and perceptions. The same goes for the researcher. A witness who claims he saw a Bigfoot walk across the road in front of his car seems more credible only because the researcher believes this type of sighting has more merit than a stranger sighting.

A researcher must take risks. You must examine the evidence, interview the witnesses, and then be willing to state your conclusions emphatically in spite of the possibility that one day you might be proven wrong.

What should we do with strange sightings? Exactly what we do with "normal" sightings—investigate, assess, and conclude.

Public Believes Governments Suppressing Evidence of Extraterrestrial Visitation

<http://www.newswiretoday.com/news/16004/>

NewswireToday - Kealakekua, HI, United States, 03/31/2007 - Almost 1100 individuals participated in an online survey on possible extraterrestrial visitation to Earth. The survey was conducted over a twelve month period from March 17, 2006 to March 19, 2007 by the Hawaii based Exopolitics Institute.

Key survey results are the following:

1. 85% of respondents believe that extraterrestrial civilizations are visiting the Earth;
2. 86% believe that the U.S. and other national governments are "covering up information about extraterrestrial visitors;"
3. 73% of respondents would be "excited and hopeful" if national governments announced the existence of extraterrestrial visitors;
4. 57% of respondents said they "would understand" an official policy of covering up extraterrestrial visitation on national security grounds and would request "information on why it was adopted;"
5. 48% of respondents said they would be "very angry and call for the punishment of responsible officials" if it were learned that agreements with some extraterrestrial visitors had been reached that were outside of constitutional processes;

6. Almost 62% did not support the development of space weapons that might be used against extraterrestrial visitors;

7. And, over 85% wished for extraterrestrials to "show up" and "indisputably prove their existence to the world".

According to the survey organizer, Dr Michael Salla, the survey demonstrates that "individuals are eager to have governments disclose the truth about extraterrestrial visitation, and to deal with the policy implications of the cover up in a manner that respects national security concerns." He further concludes that that "the general public is ready to play a more active role in ensuring greater transparency and accountability regarding government policy on extraterrestrial visitation."

The survey report was published in the April addition of the Exopolitics Journal and is available online.

The Exopolitics Institute is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to scholarly analysis of the individuals, actors and political processes associated with extraterrestrial life.

**Annual UFO Survey Records 736
Reported Sightings Across Canada Last
Year - Source: The Brooks Bulletin -
Alberta, Canada, April 09, 2007**

http://www.brooksbulletin.com/news/national_news.asp?itemid=61852

WINNIPEG (CP) - Aliens and spaceships are a bit passe these days, but 736 reported UFO sightings across Canada last year shows an "underlying, real phenomenon" going on, says one of the country's top UFO researchers.

"It's true, we don't have as many aliens on TV as we used to - they used to be on commercials selling us everything from Pepsi to decongestants," says Chris Rutkowski, director of the Winnipeg-based Ufology Research institute.

"And yet the phenomenon persists, which to me says there is a basic underlying, real phenomenon that extends beyond media and pop culture."

Rutkowski's annual Canadian UFO Survey last year recorded the third-largest number of sightings in its 17-year history - down from a record of 882 sightings in 2004.

British Columbia and Ontario had the highest number of recorded cases, but Saskatchewan posted an all-time record of 98 sightings.

The tiny community of Maidstone just east of the Alberta boundary accounted for more than half of the reports from Saskatchewan.

Barb Campbell, who now lives farther down the Yellowhead highway in Paynton, Sask., says she saw a dark triangle larger than a helicopter hovering in the sky above Maidstone last year.

"It was just above the glare of the street light, so you couldn't quite make out the whole thing, but it had a very unusual, strobing, eerie kind of light in the middle," she says.

"It made absolutely no sound whatsoever - it was just really mind-boggling."

Campbell doesn't believe there's anything particularly alluring for extraterrestrials in Maidstone and says there's likely far more UFO sightings right across Canada each year that don't get reported.

Rutkowski, who wrote a book last year on Canadian UFO sightings, is quick to point out that no incontrovertible proof exists that any of the UFO cases involve aliens.

Most of the sightings are of strange lights in the night sky, with close encounters and reports of "classic" flying saucer shapes being relatively rare.

"It would be difficult to conceive of how aliens could travel here from out there."

Still, he says earthlings are a "relatively young civilization" surrounded by stars and planets that are older and potentially have civilizations that are much further evolved than us.

"Perhaps if we hang around another hundred, thousand or ten thousand years we might come up with a way to travel between the stars."

Of all the reports included in the 2006 UFO Survey, the most mysterious include the sighting of a huge, black, V-shaped object moving slowly out over the Newfoundland coastline last August.

Another incident was reported by a motorist outside of North Bay, Ont., who saw a cluster of

blue-glowing orbs that zipped closely past his car and then hovered in some nearby trees.

Disappointingly enough, one of the biggest problems that Rutkowski and other ufologists face in their study of unidentified flying object reports is not a shadowy group of powerful people trying to obscure the truth. It's actually the Internet.

With no Canadian government department officially recording UFOs, there's no central authority to keep track. And more websites are appearing all the time.

"There's so many people interested right now and they're setting up their own websites - there's a confusion now. There's no one central place to report UFOs anymore."

Last month, the French government created a world-wide stir when its space agency published more than 100,000 documents online from its secret "X-files" relating to UFOs and sightings of other unexplained phenomena.

The space agency said it made the documents public to draw the scientific community's attention to unexplained cases and because their secrecy generated suspicions that officials were hiding something.

-By James Stevenson in Calgary.
c. The Canadian Press, 2007

ARMY CLAMPS DOWN WITH NEW OPSEC POLICY by SECRECY NEWS Vol. 2007, Iss. No. 46, May 2, 2007 <http://www.fas.org/>

A new U.S. Army regulation on Operations Security (OPSEC) would sharply restrict the ability of soldiers to participate in public life without supervision and authorization from superior officers.

The regulation also encourages Army personnel to view attempts by unauthorized persons to gather restricted information as an act of subversion against the United States.

"All Department of the Army personnel and DoD contractors will... consider handling attempts by unauthorized personnel to solicit critical information or sensitive information as a

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army (SAEDA) incident," the regulation states (at section 2-1).

"Sensitive" information is defined here (at section 1-5(c)(3)(e)) to include not just vital details of military operations and technologies but also documents marked "For Official Use Only" (FOUO) that may be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

It follows that inquisitive members of the press or the public who actively pursue such FOUO records may be deemed enemies of the United States.

In what seems to be a serious conceptual muddle, the new regulation conflates OPSEC, which is supposed to be a defense against adversaries of the United States, with FOIA restrictions, which regulate public access to government information. As a result, it appears that OPSEC procedures are now to be used to control access to predecisional documents, copyrighted or proprietary material, and other FOIA-exempt records.

A copy of the new regulation, dated April 19 and itself marked For Official Use Only, was obtained by Wired News and is posted here:
http://blog.wired.com/defense/files/army_reg_530_1_updated.pdf

Taken at face value, the regulation would spell the end of military blogging and would severely curtail military participation in public life. It imposes a non-discretionary pre-publication review requirement, stating that "all Department of the Army personnel... will... consult with their immediate supervisor... prior to publishing or posting information in a public forum." (sec. 2-1).

It was reported by Noah Shachtman in "New Army Rules Could Kill G.I. Blogs (Maybe E-mail, Too)," Danger Room, May 2:
http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/05/new_army_rules_.html

The terms of the Army regulation are so expansive as to create innumerable new opportunities for violations and infractions.

Just this week, for example, the Army's own 1st Information Operations Command ironically posted a briefing on "OPSEC in the Blogosphere," marked For Official Use Only:
<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/opsec-blog.pdf>
(Thanks, again, to Entropic Memes at www.slugsite.com.)

How to prepare for alien invasion

By Scott Hillis, Wed 25 Apr 2007

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SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - When the aliens finally invade Earth, you may wish you had listened to Travis Taylor and Bob Boan.

And if the invasion follows the plot of a typical Hollywood blockbuster, they might also be the guys called in at the last minute to save the day.

After all, they have written "An Introduction to Planetary Defense", a primer on how humanity can defend itself if little green men wielding death rays show up at our cosmic doorstep.

And yes, they're serious.

"The probability really is there that aliens exist and are old enough to have technology to enable them to come here," Taylor said in an interview.

Taylor and Boan are hardly basement-dwelling paranoids obsessed with tinfoil hats and Area 51. Taylor holds advanced degrees in astronomy and physics, and is an associate at consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. He and Boan have done consulting work for the Defense Department and the U.S. space agency NASA.

But their views have won few audiences outside of science fiction conventions, and their book is published by BrownWalker Press, which specializes in fringe topics and books with titles like "The Science and Lore of the Plant Cell Wall" and "ESP and Psychokinesis".

Taylor acknowledged alien invasion is hardly a mainstream concern but said it is naive to assume - as scientists like the late Carl Sagan did -- that any beings advanced enough to master star travel will have evolved beyond war.

"It's a wonderful idea that has no basis in reality," Taylor said.

FERMI'S BLUNDER?

Taylor and Boan -- along with co-authors R.C. Anding and T. Conley Powell -- revisit two issues that frequently pop up in the debate about whether homo sapiens is alone in the universe: Drake's Equation and Fermi's Paradox.

The formula drawn up by U.S. astronomer Frank Drake in 1960 tries to estimate how likely contact with an alien civilization is given factors such as the number of habitable planets.

Taylor and Boan plugged in what they felt were conservative estimates, such as that aliens cannot travel faster than 10 percent of the speed of light.

After crunching the numbers, they say it is possible that our Milky Way galaxy harbors thousands of intelligent alien species and that there is a "high probability" that one or two of them visit Earth every century.

But if there are so many aliens out there, why haven't we heard from them already?

That is the question famously posed by the physicist Enrico Fermi in 1950 to dismiss speculation by his colleagues that intelligent life should be routine.

Taylor and Boan are convinced Fermi got it wrong. Even if aliens used Godlike technology to jump across thousands of light years in a single day, they would still need millions of years to explore all the star systems in the galaxy.

They simply may not have stumbled across our neck of the woods yet.

MUJAHIDEEN-STYLE RESISTANCE

Taylor and Boan started thinking about how to respond to an aggressive extraterrestrial attack during a 2001 discussion about defending against terrorist attacks.

"One thing that popped into my mind was that the only way Americans would be in an asymmetric war on the other side would be if we were attacked by aliens. Everyone chuckled, but then after a minute the comments started setting in," Taylor said.

"Then we really got to talking about it and we thought, well, you know, we really might need this contingency plan anyway," Taylor said.

Failure to prepare may mean mankind will have to dig in and fight with improvised weapons and hit-and-run tactics, much the same way Islamic extremists have battled the U.S. military in Iraq, Taylor said.

"You'd have to create an insurgency, a mujahideen-type resistance," Taylor said. "The insurgents know how to win this war against us. It also tells us that if we were attacked by aliens, this is our best defense." © Reuters 2007. All Rights Reserved.

Local UFO Report

City: Bemidji, MN
Date of Event: 2007-04-15 - exact
Time of Event (Local Time): 12:02:00 - approx.

I was standing outside with a group of friends and family. We were all standing around my dad's friends van. Well I happened to turn around. And look to my right. I look in the sky every night just to look up there. I love the stars. I thought when I first seen it. "This is not normal!" I told my cousin "Do you see that out there?" He said "Yea!" I said "I wonder what that is." Everyone seen it too. I knew than it couldn't be no airplane or anything like that. I went closer to the road to look. And you can see a red light flashing on it. My cousin got some binoculars, being that he's taller than me. He went stood on the road to get a better look. And he said it had a cone. So we knew it was triangular. And he also said he can see that red light flashing clearly. I could too. Because when we'd just stare at it. That little part would really light up into red. This thing was orange, or it almost look like a car light with a red light blinking under it. When I first seen it I was amazed, wasn't scared or anything.

I kept a real close eye on it. I remember as we walked to the road, that's when it start fading away. I was thinking whatever it was, knew were watching it out there. Somebody said this might be a local satellite from a military base. But who knows. I don't know what this object was, but it sure was interesting. I watched this thing slowly fade away till it was a little dot in the sky, & I couldn't see it no more, So I jus came inside for the rest of the night. That was amazing whatever it was.

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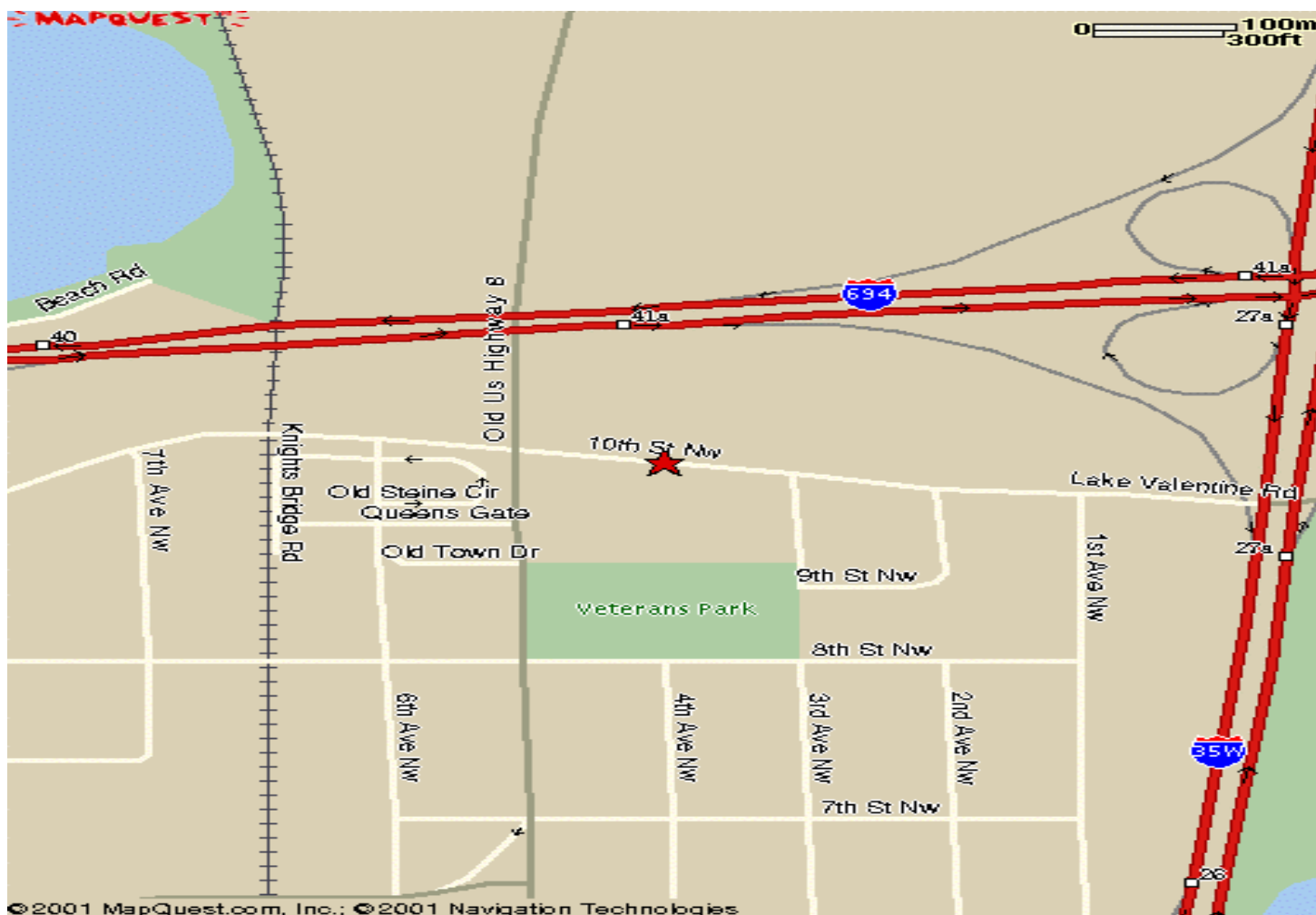
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