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----- MESSAGE area51.v001.n001.1 -----

From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Subject: Area 51 Mailing List Welcome
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WELCOME TO THE AREA 51 MAILING LIST

For our still evolving charter, see
<http://www.ufomind.com/area51/list>

As with other startup operations, it may take a while for things to get moving. In the meantime we are working out the bugs and figuring out what the moderation standards should be.

For startup purposes I have set up myself as the moderator, but it probably shouldn't be me in the long run, for obvious political reasons. The moderator shouldn't be seen as a partisan of any particular UFO camp, and as soon as I reject some message, I am bound to be accused of favoring my own viewpoint. (In fact, anyone who moderates the list will be accused of that, but some more than others.)

The success of this list depends on effective moderation. This list is designed for "high end" subscribers who already know the outline of the various Area 51 stories and who have something intelligent to contribute. This list is not intended to educate the masses or answer naive questions the rest of the group already knows the answers to. If we pass along too many low quality posts, our high-end users will unsubscribe, and the purpose of the list will be defeated.

We would rather send out no messages at all than distribute a lot of low quality posts. People can go to alt.conspiracy.area51 for this. This list should contain only the "good stuff" that a well-informed Area 51 watcher would find worth reading and discussing and that won't seem like clutter in his mailbox.

THIS IS A WEB-SAVVY LIST

It is assumed that everyone on the list has web access, so any lengthy documents that are already on the web should be referred by URL, with only a short message sent to the list to describe why this URL is worthwhile.

This list will supplement, but not duplicate, the Research Center's What's New page at <http://www.ufomind.com/new/current>. The difference is, What's New contains complete documents we have already posted to our web structure, whereas the mailing list is more of a "work space" where discussions and investigations are conducted before they are posted to the web.

It is assumed that readers of this list also look in on What's New occasionally; therefore, there is no reason to re-post most items added to What's New. However, if some particular timely or time-critical item is added to What's New it can be re-posted to the list in abbreviated form. (E.g. a "TV alert" or some significant research breakthrough).

THIS LIST IS A PERMANENT ARCHIVE

Everything sent out on this list will be permanently archived on our server (linked to <http://www.ufomind.com/area51/list>). Therefore, you should watch your spelling and not say anything you don't want preserved forever. History is the final moderator.

In effect, sending something to this list is an easy way to add it to the web, since each digest will be stored at a permanent URL that anyone can link to. We will also add html labels (names) to each message so it can be accessed directly.

THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE NEWSGROUPS OR PERSONAL EMAIL

Before submitting a message to this list, you should think about the alternatives:

(1) Posting to alt.conspiracy.area51 or another newsgroup. Here you will get a huge but low-quality audience. Until our list reaches critical mass, it might be useful for you to re-post to a.c.a51 any messages you send to the Area 51 list. Any posting to a.c.a51 produces a lot of useless replies, but it could also produce a useful reply from someone who isn't on the list. a.c.a51 is the place for mass appeals and political statements and for background questions that the rest of the mailing list subscribers already know the answers to.

(2) Personal email to another subscriber. You should submit to the list only those messages that you feel that subscribers would want to know about. You can also use the list to ask questions of another member of the list if you think that the answer would be interesting to everyone. However, you should not use the list to communicate something to another person that is not useful to the rest of the membership. Use direct email for this.

STARTUP WILL TAKE TIME

Don't expect many messages at first. Perhaps many days will go by without any list messages or digests. This is normal and at least proves we aren't sending out any junk.

NOTE ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Remember that if you subscribed to this list using the word "subscribe" you will receive only the digest version, which comes out every day or two. To receive individual messages as soon as they are approved, use "subsingle". (Send to area51-request@lists.best.com)

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