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James Oberg

UFO Skeptic

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Profile

1. **UFO Role:** *CSICOP Fellow and Manned Space Flight Specialist, Oberg counters many claims made concerning UFOs and the US Space Program.*
2. **Editor's Choice:** "[In Search Of Gordon Cooper's UFOs](#)". *Article on the problems with the Gordon Cooper UFO story. Original research by Oberg. [Previously unpublished.]*
3. **Contact**
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 - **Newsgroups:** Often monitors [alt.paranet.ufo](#), [alt.alien.visitors](#), [sci.space.policy](#).
4. **Biography**
 - **Born:** Nov. 7, 1944, NYC, NY.
 - **Occupation:** Manned Spaceflight Operations Specialist (Past, Present, and Future)
 - **Education:** Per personal correspondence.
 - B.A.-- mathematics (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), Ohio Wesleyan University, 1966, departmental honors in math (orbital rendezvous), honors in Russian.
 - M.S. (plus additional Ph.D. coursework), Applied Mathematics (Astrodynamics), Northwestern University, 1969
 - M.S. Computing Sciences (compiler design), University of New Mexico, 1972.
 - **Military Service:** US Air Force
 - USAF Squadron Officer School
 - Command and Staff College
 - DoD Computer Institute faculty
 - **Married:** 1969
 - **Children**Two sons (b. 1977, 1984).
 - **Languages:** English, Russian, French. Medium German and Latin.
5. **Works**
 - **Articles:** *Author over 400 magazine articles on spaceflight.*
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 - **Books:** *Author of eight books.*
 - *Uncovering Soviet Disasters*, (Random House)
 - *Red Star in Orbit*, (Random House)
 - *Pioneering Space*, (McGraw-Hill)
 - *Mission to Mars*, (New American Library)
 - **Upcoming Books**
 - *Space Age Folklore*
 - *Russian Secrets*
 - *Future of the Russian Space Program*
 - *Climate Engineering on Earth*
6. **Positions**

Opposes most claims regarding astronaut UFO sightings.

Topics

The following are professional credentials provided by James Oberg in personal correspondence.

1. **Avocation:** Expert in Russian Space Technology, Operations, History, and Policy.
2. **Professional Honors**
 - American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
 - National Space Society
 - British Interplanetary Society
 - Clear Lake Council of Technical Societies
 - Russian Academy of Cosmonautics (Nov 12, 1993)
3. **Sample Specialties**
 - Space Station Habitability
 - Role of Man-in-Space
 - Technology Transfer Vulnerabilities/Opportunities
 - Space Hardware and Facilities Assessment
 - Accurate Policy Options Analysis
 - Problems of high-tech complex systems control center operations and decision-making
 - International Cooperation & Competition
 - "Lessons Learned" Overviews
 - Russian military/civil aerospace operations, accidents, historical controversies
 - Divergent, Innovative Alternative Approaches to Complex Technical Problems
 - Technological Defenses Against Biosphere Threats ("Planetary Engineering")
4. **Recent consultees on Soviet/Russian spaceflight**
 - **Commercial, Governmental, Organizational**
 - NASA -- (Johnson Space Center, NASA Headquarters, Marshall Spaceflight Center and JPL)
 - Rockwell Space Operations Company
 - National Air and Space Museum Fairchild Space Company (Germantown, MD)
 - TRW Corporation (Redondo Beach) Hamilton Standard
 - McDonnell Douglas Space Station Office (Washington, DC)
 - Office of Technology Assessment (OTA)
 - Government Accounting Office (GAO) National Science Foundation
 - U.S. Army Engineering Center (Fort Leonard Wood, MO)
 - Association of Space Explorers
 - United States Information Agency
 - United Nations Outer Space Affairs Division
 - British Interplanetary Society
 - RAND Corporation
 - International Space Hall of Fame (Alamogordo)
 - Space Commerce Corporation (Houston)
 - Sotheby's of New York
 - George Marshall Institute (Washington,DC)
 - Boston Museum of Science
 - Teledyne Brown Engineering (Colorado Springs)
 - U.S. Library of Congress Federal Research Division
 - Science Applications International Corporation (New York City)
 - AT&T Bell Labs (Whippany, NJ)
 - **Television**
 - ABC News (including Evening News, Nightline, Good Morning America)
 - CBS News(including 60 Minutes, CBS Evening News, Morning News)

- CNN News (including News, Crossfire)
- NBC News (including Evening News)
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- PBS NOVA Russian space miniseries "The Russian Right Stuff" (WGBH)
- **Radio**
 - Voice of America
 - Radio Free Europe
 - Radio Liberty
 - BBC
 - CBC
 - NPR "As It Happens"
- **Print Media:**
 - Most major U.S. newspapers, newsmagazines, wire services.

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