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UFOcity.com Report
 By Peter Robbins
 UFOcity.com Editor-In-Chief
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Editor's note: This issue of the UFOcity.com Report has been sent to our regular subscribers, as well as a number of individuals who have not requested it, but whom we felt might find it of interest.

The format of the UFOcity.com Report is editorial content first, followed by information on some of our products. Please note that we consider such "sales pitches" as opportunities to post reviews of current and classic UFO literature, both video and print. We want to make it easy for you to become more aware of the available resources concerning the topics we discuss in our website, and we will do our best to get them to you quickly, should you choose to order from us.

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Sincerely,
Peter Robbins
for the UFOcity.com Report

UFOcity.com Receives Its First Award

UFOcity.com would like to thank "World of the Strange" website <http://www.jb-graphics.com/theStrange> and editor Louise Lowry for our site's first award for excellence. We are fans of the WOTS site and subscribe to their weekly e'zine as well. Thanks Louise, your goodwill and your acknowledgment are very much appreciated!

"World of the Strange would like to honor UFOCITY.COM, with our Award Of Excellence for September, for all their breaking news and storylines they carry...if you haven't been to this site it is a must for all you researchers and just plain folks interested in anything along the paranormal line...topics include The Unexplained, Weird Sciences, Nick Pope Articles, Weird Worlds, Crop Circles, Fortean Articles and a host of other materials...please stop by and bookmark this site for updates. Below is a small article telling you about UFOcity.com and it's Editor Peter Robbins and their host of people that contribute to the on-going search...WOTS is proud to be a small part of their working force..I was shocked to find out that WOTS was the first that came forward to offer such an Award for their hard work!"

NSA in Hot Water With European Parliament

"The National Security Agency is the most secretive, official organization ever created by the United States government. The NSA is accountable to none of us. Its stated purpose and mission were deeply classified at the agency's birth and have never been released to the public. The contents of its charter are similarly unavailable. So is the NSA's annual budget, and budget disbursement. We are not allowed to know anything about its worldwide operations (or) high-tech breakthroughs... Shortly after its inception, the organization began to establish a presence in Great Britain."

Peter Robbins, 1996, Left at East Gate*

America's super-secret National Security Agency may be in for the fight of its institutional life. Its adversary: The European Parliament. So reports the Los Angeles Times in an August 4 article** by Simon Davies.

Ten years after the fall of the Soviet Union, the NSA continues to eavesdrop on the world's communications -- without the world's approval. Their activities include the monitoring of telephone systems in almost every country - friend and foe alike - without any democratic oversight or legal basis.

During the past twelve months however, representatives of the European Parliament (EP) have learned, with more than a little shock and dismay, that the Agency has created, in cooperation with the British government, a method by which it is able to intercept almost every fax, e-mail and telephone call sent or received in greater Europe. Confirmation of this news has angered governments throughout Europe and is currently the subject of an Italian judicial inquiry.

The fact that the National Security Agency has been intercepting European communications for decades is not considered news in Europe, but it has never been officially acknowledged by any of the affected governments. We know for a fact that members of Great Britain's Parliament have been trying for years to get the NSA to fess up to their incessant spying, but all such efforts have been rebuffed or ignored.

It now appears though that this explosive issue is finally getting the attention it deserves. Two studies commissioned by

the European Parliament have confirmed the existence of NSA-controlled and operated communications intelligence facilities in Britain. The first report notes that "...the NSA had established a surveillance capacity over the entire European communications network." It also goes on to describe "...a grid of supercomputers, known as Echelon, capable of scanning vast areas of the communications spectrum to detect keywords."

To complicate matters, the EP has also learned that the NSA has been expanding its efforts at commercial espionage for the benefit of American economic interests.

It was last September that parliamentarians first demanded more openness and accountability on the part of the US spy agency. The EP's second report, "Interception Capabilities 2000," goes on to make public the particulars of a classified plan to create a "...seamless web of telecommunications surveillance across all national boundaries." The plan calls for the merging of two, huge information gathering systems -- one for national security and the other for law enforcement -- which would result in a single operation with the capacity to negate national control of all surveillance activities. The plan has even been approved by the FBI.

In Washington, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has ordered the NSA to surrender Echelon-related documents. The agency has responded by claiming attorney-client privilege -- a first in the annals of the House Select Committee.

Although I have my doubts, this response may signal the end of the agency's privileged position in the intelligence community. An amendment has been attached to the fiscal 2000 Intelligence Authorization Act by Representative Bob Barr, a Georgia Republican who is justifiably concerned with a potential breach of constitutional privacy rights. Barr's amendment would require the CIA, the NSA and Attorney General Janet Reno to submit reports describing what legal steps and methods are being taken within Project Echelon to safeguard the privacy rights of American citizens.

Meanwhile, the official Italian inquiry, headed up by Deputy District Attorney Vittorio De Cesare, is looking into NSA violations of Italian law. The country's head privacy commissioner, Stefano Rodota, is quoted in the Italian press as saying that "The U.S. government [has] not replied to the requests for clarifications made explicitly by the European Parliament." Other European privacy officials are following in his footsteps and also beginning to investigate the NSA's Echelon program. If left unchecked, America's top intelligence agency will soon have "a seamless, borderless, surveillance web that touches all facets of our communication," and one which is subject to no congressional oversight mechanisms whatsoever. UFOcity.com will post updates on this extremely important news story as they are received.

*Left at East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, Its Cover-up and Investigation, by Larry Warren & Peter Robbins, Marlowe & Co./Thunders Mouth Press, 1997

** Source: Los Angeles Times, August 4, 1999: "Europe Blows Whistle on That Great Eavesdropper, the NSA -- The top secret agency is spying for the U.S. in ways that other nations find increasingly alarming and intrusive." Copyright 1999. All Rights Reserved - - - Simon Davies is a Visiting Fellow in the Computer Security Research Centre in the London School of Economics and Director of the Human Rights Group, Privacy International

A Washington First: X-PPAC

And its about time! On July 21, the formation of the first Political Action Committee to Target the Politics of UFO's - The Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee, or X-PPAC, was announced by its executive director, Stephen Bassett, on Art Bell's Coast to Coast, the largest late night talk show in America. The paperwork for X-PPAC was filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) on February 13, 1999. The independent committee will be Washington, DC based.

X-PPAC's primary mission is to address and put an end to this government's continued stonewalling of facts which confirm the presence of extraterrestrial life forms on Earth, and to forge a partnership between the government and the people dedicated to creating a policy which will directly address this fact.

X-PPAC will also work to reform the secret-keeping bureaucracy in this country, which has grown steadily since first instituted in 1947. Additionally, the political Action Committee will dedicate some of its efforts to declassifying advanced technology which has could be of help in reversing the destruction of the environment, but which is now cloaked in National Security Act edicts.

Executive Director Bassett notes that X-PPAC will be involved in such pending political activities as the UFO State Ballot Initiative, national Open Congressional Hearing Petition, direct lobbying, newspaper and television ads, direct contributions to candidates, grass roots education, and more. The Committee will also network with established environmental and secrecy reform groups on matters they share in common.

As a group dedicated to open government and secrecy reform, X-PPAC will exceed minimum disclosure requirements. All financial transactions will be posted to the X-PPAC website within 48 hours.

In dedicating himself to this project, Steve Bassett has taken on a major commitment - and one we may all be the beneficiaries of. We at UFOcity.com commend him for this historic undertaking and have already let him know that we stand ready to assist in any manner we are able. If you want to help, or know more about X-PPAC, contact Stephen Bassett. Phone: 301-564-1820; Email: ExPPAC@aol.com

Spectacular French Military Report on UFO's Released (With thanks to Filer's Files #29-1999, Bob Durant and Perry Petrakis)

A committee from the Association of Former Junior Officials from the French Institute for Higher Defense Studies [IHEDN] has released a report claiming UFOs are real and funds should be appropriated for further research. Two years of private hearings were held with military personnel. The title is "UFOs and Defense" -- "What can we do to prepare?" The title infers the UFOs present a security problem to the nation. It contains a preface by French Air Force General Bernard Norlain, the former director. The report does not have official status, but is signed by the association of former executives of IHEDN. It may be unofficial to keep the US and UK governments from protesting. The report is 90 pages long and has been sent to the highest political leaders. Researcher Bob Durant says, "I think these names and titles alone say it all." Chapters: 1. Testimony of French pilots, 2. Worldwide UFO sightings by pilots, 3. Sightings from ground observers, 4. Close encounters in France, 5. Examples of explained cases, 6. Organization of UFO research in France, 7. Methods and results of GEPAN and SEPRA, 8. Hypotheses for UFOs, tests and modeling, 9. Organization of international research, 10. Strategic prospects, 11. Aeronautical implications, 12. Scientific and technical implications, 13. Political and religious implications, 14. Public relations implications. Appendices: 1. Radar detection in France, 2. Observations by astronomers, 3. Life in the universe, 4. The colonization of space, 5. The Roswell Incident - disinformation, 6. History of the UFO phenomenon, 7. Remarks about various psychological, sociological and political aspects of the UFO phenomenon. The report was published in a magazine called VDS on July 17. The document recommends an intensification of UFO investigations by SEPRA, France's official UFO investigative organization headed by scientist Jean-Jacques Velesco. To some the report is disappointing because it fails to mention 1989 Belgian sightings. However, sections covered military sightings at Lakenheath (UK), Teheran and the US. It also backs Lt. Co. Phillip Corso's statements.

Ex-NASA UFO Whistleblower's Background Checks Out

Early in July, UFOcity.com posted an article which had been

forwarded to us by CNI News (See: "NASA Veteran Releases Bombshell Claims On UFO's," posted July 8). The piece concerned one Clark McClelland and his claims of a long-time UFO cover-up at NASA. McClelland alleged that he had been employed at NASA for more than three decades, during which time space agency officials and employees were privy to a number of UFO incidents. Mr. McClelland even stated that he was told by the father of the American rocketry program, Warner Von Brun, that a spacecraft from points unknown had crashed near Roswell NM in 1947.

CNI News and UFOcity.com were both clear in stating that Clark McClelland's claims were as yet unfounded, but felt the story should be run. In the interim, we made a number of calls and inquiries which took us no closer to the truth. We are pleased to report however that after some serious professional digging, CNI has been able to confirm that McClelland's NASA background does check out.

This is not to say that his UFO-related accounts are all guaranteed authentic (although they may well be), but that he is a credible witness. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

2 Excellent UFO Photos Examined

In early August, two extremely provocative UFO photographs were sent to radio host Jeff Rense of "Jeff Rense/Sightings on the Air" radio show (see this week's "Radio & TV Report" on UFOcity.com for show information). The photographer, Mr. Edward F. Slayton of Florida, verified his identity for Mr. Rense and appears to be an upstanding and credible individual who happened to be at the right place at the right time with a camera. Take a few minutes to examine these pictures for yourself at <http://www.jeffrense.com/ufo4/slayton.htm>; they are most compelling..

Source: Jeff Rense/Sightings on the Air <http://sightings.com/>

Special Thanks to Jeff Rense and to Edward F. Slayton
<http://theillusion.com/ufo>

Breaking News..

If you haven't visited UFOcity.com in the past month, here are some of the news stories you missed -- Huge UFO Reported Over Brazil and Nearby Countries; Scientists Warn Of Risk From 'Doomsday' Asteroids; UFO Cult Disappears in Colombia; Giant Crop Circle at Alton Barnes, England; NASA Selects Missions To Mercury And A Comet's Interior As Next Discovery Flights; Citizens Against UFO Secrecy vs. the Department of Defense; Preparing for a Grave New World (Defense Secretary Cohen); A Commercial Return to the Moon; Georgia (UFO) Sect Alarms Neighbors; Shuttle's Fuel Leak Danger Revealed; and, Y2K - State Department Says Failures 'Inevitable'; Exploring Century's Greatest Explosion, and The French Report on UFOs and Defense: All these articles and more are available in our archives. Don't miss out on the breaking news this month!

UFO-Related CD-ROM's Now Available at Reduced Price!

UFOcity.com Report is excited to announce that the CD-ROM versions of BEYOND ROSWELL, LEFT AT EAST GATE and PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES are now on sale! Instead of paying the list price of \$29.95 each, all three titles can now be had for the price of two - \$59.90! These extraordinary CD-ROM's are packed with information, documents and video clips and are all designed to play on both PC's and Macs. All contain the full text of the books they are based on (with PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES containing 2 complete books). For ordering information, click on <http://www.ufocity.com/shop/cdroms.html>. Particulars on all three follow:

Beyond Roswell The crash at Roswell is the best-known UFO incident in the world. Beyond Roswell examines all of the facts from that day in July 1947 and brings forth the proof that aliens had crash landed on this earth. Many of the people involved in the cover-up of the crash came forward, at great personal risk, to speak about what they witnessed. Features

digital footage of the alleged alien autopsy film, a fully searchable text, hundreds of indexed pages of supporting photos, documentation, video clips, a screensaver and much more.

Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO incident, Its Cover-up and Investigation. With more evidence than was ever found at Roswell, the events chronicled in this book constitute the best-documented UFO incident in the history of Great Britain, and in the annals of the United States Air Force. Contains the complete text of the five hundred page British best-seller, search engine, supporting documents, military records, letters, maps, color photographs, UFO information databases, screensaver and almost fifty minutes of location video and interview footage.

Psychic Discoveries

Includes the complete text of the two definitive books on psychic breakthroughs in the Soviet Union: the international best-seller, Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain, and The Iron Curtain Lifted. These books reveal the "inner-space-race" that raged during the Cold War and was won by the Soviets. Here are the startling revelations of how Soviet scientists succeeded in harnessing psychic weapons. Also contains search capacities, photographs, screensaver, selected articles from the ESP Papers: Soviet Scientists Speak Out. and rare video footage of psychokinesis (mind over manner)

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And our video pick of the month is: The Secret of Nikola Tesla Unlike any Tesla documentary or lecture tape you may have seen previously, this item is completely unique. The Secret of Nikola Tesla is nothing less than a feature-length film biography of one of the most brilliant and enigmatic figures of all time, with the legendary Orson Wells playing the role of financier J.P. Morgan!

More than even Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla was truly the father of our modern technological age. He was, among other things, the inventor of the AC (alternate current) induction motor, which made the universal transmission and distribution of electricity possible. His achievements led to the development of radio, television, remote control, radar and the hydroelectric dam. Tesla's discoveries are also the basis for the emerging science of free energy.

As both a film fanatic and a long-time student of Tesla's work, I was not even aware that this movie existed until our distributor told me about it. It has been almost impossible to find until now, so treat yourself to a copy or surprise a friend with one. A unique addition to any video library and available from UFOcity.com's online video store.

Summer reading from Arcturus Online

For many of us on busy schedules, summer is one of the few times of the year when we can get in some reading for pleasure, and Arcturus Books, "the Amazon.com of UFO books," continues to offer the best selection of UFO and paranormal titles we know of. I know I have harped on this point in the past, but we Americans are reading less and less, which, I must say, I find somewhat scary. No amount of TV, films or Internet surfing can take the place of books, especially in an area as complex as UFO

studies. Anyone seriously interested in this fascinating subject should be building their libraries, as well as their video collections, and Arcturus is just the place to do it. The following selections are from their July catalogue and are easily ordered online by clicking on <http://www.ufocity.com/arcturus/index.html>. You can find the August catalogue on this webpage as well.

2. Appleby, Nigel. HALL OF THE GODS. Heinemann, 1998. HC, 1st ed., 420pp. This book, which deals with the search for a "Hall of Records" in the Giza complex, was no sooner published last June, when it was abruptly withdrawn from the market by its publisher (alleged copyright infringements), and all unsold copies destroyed. All, that is, except one lot which had been set aside for author signings--apparently nobody was paying attention to that stash. I got lucky one day recently, cornered a good part of the lot and bought as many as I dared. These are likely the last freely available copies in the U.S., and possibly in the world! It's a great read, and already about half the copies are gone. Plain copies, \$39.95, and 8 signed copies remaining, at \$49.95. They'll be selling this for hundreds in 20 years!

13. Buckley, Christopher. LITTLE GREEN MEN. RH, 1999. HC, 301pp. Oh dear, another skewering of the UFO/conspiratorial mentality. In this send-up, John Oliver Banion, a George Wills-like talk show host, is abducted by aliens and thrown totally out of sync with respect to his cushy former existence. He comes to believe that ETs have chosen him to "champion the most important cause in the millennium" and this sets up within him a personal crisis: to fake continuing his establishment celebrity or become the leader of his "impassioned and somewhat scruffy new friends" who want to expose government UFO secrecy. Satire abounds....but of course the next thing we will read in the UFO press is that the government has found a New way to time-release its secrets to us....as comedy. \$24.95

24. Fort, Charles. THE BOOK OF THE DAMNED. Prometheus, 1999. Qual. soft, 310pp. Reprint of 1919 ed. One of the best things that could happen to the Fortean reader is this nice softcover format of Fort's great classic--upgrade your crummy paperback while you're waiting for that first edition! \$19.95. (THE COMPLETE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT is also available at \$29.95)

27. Hall, Michael D. UFOS: A CENTURY OF SIGHTINGS. 1999, 8 _ x 11, 416pp, photos, index. A history, but different from other UFO histories, in that it is wave-oriented as opposed to case-oriented. Coverage of the waves of 1947, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1965-6 and 1973 are emphasized, and there is coverage of continuing developments right to our own times. It is clear that Hall prefers writing about the earlier UFO Age, for the book is top-heavy with that coverage to the point where the reader might feel short-changed with the coverage given to post-1960 events. On the other hand, the more recent material is subject to much social and ufological contamination--so if Hall's forte is the purer and more innocent era of ufology, then let us rejoice in the amount of space he gives to it. Excellent book, \$39.95

79. Blevins, David. INTERNATIONAL UFO DIRECTORY, 5TH EDITION. Phaedra Enterprises, 1998. 48pp, spiral bound, with over 550 worldwide groups & publications! \$20.00

83. Haines, Dr. Richard F. CE-5: THE CHRONICLE OF HUMAN-INITIATED CONTACT. 1998, large softbound, 435pp. Text illustrations, bibliography, index, 20 tables. 242 cases of UFO encounters which involve some kind of alien-human contact (responses to overtly friendly human behavior, responses to human thought, responses to overtly hostile human behavior) are described here, and are given a "probability" rating. Excellent science, \$24.95

84. Hall, Michael D., and Wendy A. Connors. ALFRED LOEDDING AND THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER WAVE OF 1947. 1998, lg format softbound, 192pp. This work surveys the many hundreds of 1947 UFO cases (including many never before published), and introduces the UFO world to Dr. Alfred Loedding, whose role in designing the secret Project Sign and whose work with that project must rank him with one of those few scientists who play an important part in shaping our government's original UFO policies. A cornerstone in a good UFO library, \$21.95

85. Hesemann, Michael. UFOs: THE SECRET HISTORY. 1998, qual. soft, 536pp, chronology, index. A book jam-packed with everything that any ufologist could want: history (including the ancient history of UFOs), classic cases, contactee retrospectives, lots of '50s nostalgia, hundreds of illustrations (over 80 in color). An extra bonus is a generous serving of recent European developments and cases--something often lacking in U.S. ufology. \$18.95.

91. Leir, Dr. Roger K. THE ALIENS AND THE SCALPEL: SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF ET IMPLANTS IN HUMANS. 1998, qual. soft, 240pp. 37 pages of biological and metallurgical analysis reports. Well, on the NBC documentary, all they got were a shard of glass and a piece of rust. It's a big stretch from those to "alien monitoring devices," but perhaps you should have the information from the recognized (and qualified) authority on the matter in hand before you write off implanted alien devices as just another ufological dead end. \$18.95; SIGNED HARDCOVERS, \$24.95

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