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A petition sent to NASA requesting the re-imaging of Cydonia by the Mars Global Surveyor on the May 7th overflight got 2,910 signatures in only one week. This suggests that JPL's attempt to manipulate public opinion with their phony Catbox "enhancement" of the 1998 Face image has failed.

According to John Mercica, it took several months for him to get only 1000 signatures on a petition to image Cydonia back before the MGS mission. So it appears there may be more people interested in Cydonia now than ever before. The latest petition was initiated by a newly-formed Formal Action Committee for Extra-Terrestrial Studies (FACETS) . Davic Jenks, who started the group, directed me to a web site giving the results of the petition at:

<http://www.infosourceresearch.com/current/occupations.html>

There is also an article on the petition drive at:

<http://www.caus.org/pn051100.htm>

What is even more encouraging than the number of signatures is the backgrounds of the people who signed. There were significant percentages of people in technical professions, including astronomy and aerospace. While I'm sure that the petition drew its fair share of "New Agers," the signatories came from all walks of life.

Naturally, JPL has not acknowledged the petition or said whether an image was acquired at all, consistent with their usual furtiveness and the now-routine violation of their stated "position" on Cydonia to announce all imaging opportunities in advance. This must be making some of the politicized scientists at JPL sweat, after thinking they had "scotched this thing for good," as one of them said triumphantly after they dumped the Catbox on the public in 1998. So many lies. So little to show for it.

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