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## 'Alien Mysteries' On TV And A New Book

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National Post - Q&A: Retired McGill University Professor  
Convinced 'Beyond A Reasonable Doubt' That Aliens Exist

<http://tinyurl.com/bgwcmux>

If you want solid facts rather than just more speculation to be convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" that aliens exist, I would then pass on this book by a retired McGill University professor and instead get a copy of the book 'UFOs, Area 51 and Government Informants' that just came out written by Grant Cameron, one of two better informed UFO researchers who work at the University of Manitoba.

Also, check out the scholarly research on the UFO phenomenon and alien abductions by Prof. Nick Spanos, Carleton University.

Finally, don't forget to tune in to the Discovery channel this Sunday, March 3 for the exciting new TV series 'Alien Mysteries' - "They are watching, they are waiting, they are already here".

Nick Balaskas

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## Mother Nature Preparing A New Home For Mankind?

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<http://phys.org/news/2013-02-comet-collision-mars.html>

If this comet does collide with Mars next year, the massive impact crater formed would eject much material into the planet's atmosphere and in space - with more samples from the surface of Mars falling to Earth for us to study for free, saving us the cost of a multi-billion dollar sample return mission to Mars a couple of decades from now.

A collision by such a large comet would also greatly alter the climate on Mars naturally terraforming the planet so that it actually becomes more hospitable for human habitation! Could Mother Nature soon have a second home in our solar system ready for us to colonize? With plans by many countries and private groups to send the first humans to live on Mars in this generation, the increased surface temperatures, thicker atmosphere and new seas of liquid water on Mars created by such a comet collision in 2014 couldn't happen at a better time in human history...

Nick Balaskas

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## It's Not Worth The Risk, Man - Cox

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/13610/its-not-worth-the-risk-man/>

Thursday, February 28, 2013

It's Not Worth The Risk, Man  
by Billy Cox

One of the most brazen UFO demonstrations in the U.S. went down on Nov. 7, 2006, when "a number of highly reliable airline employees and others reported seeing a round, revolving, gray, metallic appearing object" over the congested skies of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. That was the consensus description issued in a study assembled by the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena the following year.

[http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR10\\_Case\\_18a.pdf](http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR10_Case_18a.pdf)

What made this one especially dramatic was the circular hole the thing made in the low cloud layer as it ascended and left the scene. Debunkers tried to ascribe it to a rare meteorological event known as a punch-hole cloud, but the NARCAP analysis revealed the temperatures at that altitude weren't conducive to those conditions.

Even more compelling was the somewhat awkward control-tower chatter about a flying disc in the United Airlines terminal vicinity. Those conversations were recorded by the FAA and acquired through through FOIA.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKfl7ZfFsBw>

There were reportedly more than a dozen witnesses, of whom NARCAP managed to query eight, from airline pilots to ramp mechanics. Significantly, not a one would allow their names to become public.

The wall of anonymity appeared to crack this week, when an ostensible wrestling fan named Sam Peterson told his story to a goofy niche site called Ringside Report. Peterson identified himself as a 29-year-old former O'Hare custodian. He submitted his mug shot for publication, and declared he'd seen the whole thing. He described the UFO as "silver and enormous", and claimed "it was just hovering over the planes that were grounded for minutes." And then: "We had a mandatory meeting and were told that we were not allowed to speak with anyone and that included family and friends!" He stated that photos taken by a colleague were "seized by the goons that we met that day," and that he, Peterson, was fired for speaking against the gag order.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## AI And Pandora's Box

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Subject: AI And Pandora's Box

Hello List,

A thoughtful article in the UK's 'Telegraph' goes into some detail on the Human Brain Project (HBP) which seems to have been underway since about 2005:

<http://tinyurl.com/aot37zx>

"Mind of its own: building a human brain

A machine capable of thinking for itself and expressing emotion is being developed in Switzerland"

Although the article stresses that several breakthroughs will have to be made before the project can even be viable, the writer still felt it necessary to lead off with a re-statement of the danger of a 'machine intelligence explosion' which, in the prophetic words of Jack Good, would be "our last invention".

In fact, as reported in the piece, last year the Cambridge Project for Existential Risk included that danger - of an AI Takeover - in their short-list for study.

And, although the HBP claims to have an ethics division looking at that problem, one member of the Existential Risk group seems to think we may be sleep-walking into a 'Pandora's box moment with artificial intelligence that, if missed, could be catastrophic'.

Cheers

Ray D

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## The Scientific Study Of UFOs

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Subject: The Scientific Study Of UFOs

This is an extract of my college term paper:

Hostile Skeptics and True Believers - A Fortean Approach  
Terry W. Colvin  
Western International University  
CAP 485 Integrated Capstone  
Professor -- Dr. Loyd Ray Ganey Jr. April 29, 2004

I now have a BA in Behavioral Science.

Terry

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### The Scientific Study Of UFOs

Careful reading of the full report reveals that 25-33 percent of the reports remained unsolved. Condon's personal views and his laissez-faire oversight contributed to the personality conflicts, hypocrisy, and incompetence of the work and to the overall negative tone of the report's executive summary (conclusion). Media reviewers read only the conclusion and scanned the numerous technical chapters thereby contributing to downplaying any need for further study. Case studies and a brief history of UFOs lead to the "scientific context" chapters, e.g. perception and reporting, optics, radar, sonic boom, atmospheric electricity and plasma, and balloons. Twenty-four appendices give the flavor of U.S. government handling of UFO reports from the late 1940s through the late 1960s. Critics such as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, USAF consultant on Project Blue Book, and Dr. James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona atmospheric physicist, stated the Condon Report was a setup to rid the USAF of its public relations nightmare and that some allegedly explained cases were actually unknowns, respectively. See web site:

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/>

for the complete study on-line (Condon, 1969). "The 1968 Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects is presented complete with graphics, equations and photographs. This was the final report of a US Air Force-funded university study performed by Edward U. Condon et al. It is sometimes called "Project Blue Book", named after the Air Force structure for handling UFO reports prior to 1966." [Published review of Terry W. Colvin in Fortean Times] The U.S. Air Force beat a hasty retreat out of the official UFO business following an independent evaluation of its work by the University of Colorado. Headed by physicist Edward Condon, the two-year Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects drew three conclusions:

- 1) UFOs didn't represent a technology beyond the 1969 level of understanding;
- 2) they didn't threaten national security; and
- 3) continued study of the phenomenon probably wouldn't

contribute anything to modern science (Condon, 1969).

Statement by Dr. McDonald: "The Condon Report, released in January, 1968, after about two years of Air Force-supported study is, in my opinion, quite inadequate. The sheer bulk of the Report, and the inclusion of much that can only be viewed as "scientific padding", cannot conceal from anyone who studies it closely the salient point that it represents an examination of only a tiny fraction of the most puzzling UFO reports of the past two decades, and that its level of scientific argumentation is wholly unsatisfactory. Further- more, of the roughly 90 cases that it specifically confronts, over 30 are conceded to be unexplained. With so large a fraction of unexplained cases (out of a sample that is by no means limited only to the truly puzzling cases, but includes an objectionably large number of obviously trivial cases), it is far from clear how Dr. Condon felt justified in concluding that the study indicated "that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby (Condon, 1969).

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## Insufficient Data - UFOs

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Subject: Insufficient Data - UFOs

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UPDATE FOR RES 321

UPDATE #6          DATE: 08 December 03          NAME: Terry W. Colvin

Topic: "Insufficient Data - UFOs"  
Chapter 10: Summarizing the Data

Quote: "What I thought at the time to be the only explanation possible - I made the statement it was

'swamp gas', - J. Allen Hynek [The following day eighty-seven women students at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, their dean, and a civil defense director all claimed to have watched for four hours a glowing football-shaped object hovering above a swampy area several hundred yards from the women's dormitory.]

WWW Site #1: Printy, T. (2001). Project Blue Book. Retrieved December 5, 2003 from

<http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/Bluebook.html>

Insufficient information is when one or more elements of information essential for evaluation are missing. UFOlogists complain that the insufficient information and identified categories were lumped together to improve their numbers. This is what happened but it seems for less than sinister reasons. Ruppelt just seemed more interested in weeding out the unidentified cases to study them than wasting effort over reports that could never be solved one way or the other. The lumping together with the identified became policy and, unfortunately, resulted in a somewhat skewed result when examining how many cases were actually unsolved. The United States Air Force saw the greatest number of UFO reports generated in 1952 than in any other year of the project. With such a vast number of reports, Ruppelt, with his small staff, had difficulty in resolving them. They received 1501 reports in 1952 according to USAF records. Of these, 303 were classified as unidentified. Considering the size of his staff, one would think that an 80% solution rate would be impressive but in reality not that many were solved. A significant number of the remaining 1198 were classified as insufficient information (roughly 20% of the total number).

WWW Site #2: Brummett, W.E., Zuick, E.R. (1974, May). Should the USAF Reopen Project Blue Book? Retrieved December 5, 2003 from

<http://www.cufon.org/cufon/afirstdy1.htm>

This study evaluates factors related to the USAF investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects in an attempt to determine whether or not additional UFO investigation is warranted. The approach to analysis taken by this study was twofold: one writer evaluated evidence justifying the closure of Project Blue Book while the other writer evaluated evidence supporting its reopening. Based on the evidence uncovered, the study concludes that there is a definite need for a new

UFO investigation.

The study recommends that such an investigation should be a scientific undertaking free from bias, political pressure, and USAF or DoD (Dept. of Defense) jurisdiction. The official Air Force explanation regarding the Hills' UFO sighting turned out to be almost as erratic as the radar and visual sightings themselves. The official explanations in this particular case included "weather inversion", "the Planet Jupiter", "optical condition", and finally "insufficient data". This study recommends a new UFO study should be initiated under the guidance of a congressional sub-committee.

No Defense Department agencies should be directly involved in the study. A national UFO organization should be created whose membership is comprised of scientists and astronomers with respected professional reputations and proven ability. Fascinating this apparent anti-USAF study was written by a Major and a Captain in the U.S. Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

WWW Site #3: Clemence, G.M., Crane, H.R., Dennison, D.M., Fenn, W.O., Hartline, H.K., Hilgard, E.R.,

Kac, M., Reichelderfer, F.W., Rubey, W.W., Shane, C.D., & Villard, O.G. (1969). Review of the University of Colorado report on unidentified flying objects by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. Retrieved December 5, 2003 from

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/articles/nascu.html>

It was not the task of the Panel to conduct its own study of UFOs or to invite advocates, scientifically trained or not, of various points of view to hearings. The task was to study the University's Report and to assess: First, its scope; namely, did the Report, in the opinion of the Panel, cover those topics that a scientific study of UFO phenomena should have embraced? Second, its methodology; namely, did the Report, in the opinion of the Panel, reveal an acceptable scientific methodology and approach to the subject? Third, its findings; namely, were the conclusions and interpretations warranted by the evidence and analyses as presented in the Report and were they reasonable? Ten chapters are devoted to perceptual problems, processes of perception and reporting, psychological aspects of UFO reports, optics, radar, sonic boom, atmospheric electricity and plasma interpretations, balloons, instrumentation for UFO searches, and statistical analyses. (Twenty-four appendices add detailed technical background to the study). In our opinion the scope of the study was adequate to its purpose: a scientific study of UFO phenomena.

Resource Type Selected: Article\_\_\_Book\_\_\_Magazine\_\_\_  
Other\_X (Web Database)

Source Citation: Hatch, L. (2003, December 3). \*U\* UFO Database. Retrieved December 5, 2003, from

<http://www.larryhatch.net/>

Why was this source selected (importance or value/interest to you)? This web site is of interest because it offers maps and statistical analysis in a subject area that is rife with innuendo, skeptics, true believers, and a group of UFO hobbyists and researchers who are better labeled as the "UFO discommunity."

Brief summary of source: The \*U\* UFO DATABASE is a serious 18 year effort to catalog, map, and perform statistical functions on a filtered set of UFO sightings throughout history. Having passed through several platforms, \*U\* is now a large stand-alone DOS application, written in C-language for PC, with data and other supporting files. As of December, 2003 \*U\* holds over 18,120 carefully filtered UFO events distilled from hundreds of books, major journals, catalogs, downloads and other sources. Scope is world-wide, for all dates from antiquity to the present. Junk "UFOs" (night-lights, fireballs, discovered hoaxes

etc.) are systematically filtered out. Otherwise, \*U\* would bloat to several times its present size.

Implications of this information for Behavioral Research Design, Tests, & Measurement: The implication is that anecdotal data is always suspect information. An observation by one "hostile" skeptic of UFO reports in general and alien abduction in particular is "the plural of anecdote is not data." However, the filtered database developed by Larry Hatch is the most reliable statistical review of UFO sightings.

Presentation Strategy: To inform my peers of the need to question statistics and the agenda of the individual or organization presenting the data.

Evaluation: on time\_\_\_\_appropriate topic\_\_\_\_substantive\_\_\_\_summary\_\_\_\_oral\_\_\_\_

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## Mystery SETI Signal Set Rules Of Engagement

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Source: Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cmmskkb>

March 5, 2013

Mystery SETI Signal Set Rules Of Engagement  
By Ray Villard

In the Fall of 1967, a small team of radio astronomers came face-to-face with a profound mystery that they didn't want to be true.

At one point they half-seriously thought about destroying the data and staying stone silent. That's because announcing it to the world could open a Pandora's box for science, and derail at least one astronomer's PhD thesis.

A small group of radio astronomers in the United Kingdom had stumbled upon clock-precision radio pulses coming from deep space. The signal was unlike anything ever seen before or even predicted in astronomy. In the absence of a natural explanation, the researchers pondered, for three long weeks, whether this was really a "hello" from an extraterrestrial civilization.

The team faced a cultural black hole with regard to the public response. How do you verify the signal? How do you announce it to the world? Do you send a reply to the stars, or is that too dangerous?

As is the case in our compulsive universe, nature was cleverer than imagined. This story of mistaken identity, as recently researched by Alan Penny of the University of St. Andrews, set the stage for preparing a SETI protocol for how to announce the discovery of the real deal sometime in the future.

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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## C'mon, Jake... It's Chinatown - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2013 07:37:11 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Mar 2013 07:37:11 -0500  
Subject: C'mon, Jake... It's Chinatown - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/c2o6ndn>

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

C'mon, Jake... It's Chinatown  
by Billy Cox

So yes, it turns out the photo of an on-the-record witness to the 2006 Chicago O'Hare UFO incident isn't a picture of "Sam Peterson" at all. It's a police mug shot of a Florida teenager named Andrew Harris, who was arrested with a buddy three years ago for defecating in a resort swimming pool. And that's just the beginning.

Now, before going any farther, De Void admits De Void must've been out of De Void's ever-lovin' skull to put any stock into a UFO lead coming from an obscure online boxing magazine whose practices - in hindsight - are so deranged they appear to be completely, uh, devoid of logic. I can rationalize it as a consequence of the mainstream media's abdication of the UFO issue to the alternative-press trash heap, but still...

For Frank Warren, however, this baffling entity called Ringside Report began to stink up his radar a couple of years ago. Warren, a long-time researcher and editor of The UFO Chronicles, began to have reservations about a Ringside Report source named Stan Hernandez. Hernandez was initially described in 2011 by RR "reporter" Geno McGahee as an 81-year-old receiving death threats on account of his speaking out as an eyewitness to the 1947 Roswell UFO crash. In later updates, McGahee's byline disappeared altogether in lieu of Hernandez, the alleged octogenarian, who emerged as RR's Jimmy Olsen on the UFO beat. Hernandez harvested blockbuster stories from sources that Warren couldn't verify to save his life.

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## Russell Crowe Conquers Google Snooze - Cox

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Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2013 11:47:40 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 08 Mar 2013 11:47:40 -0500  
Subject: Russell Crowe Conquers Google Snooze - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/c5e3aah>

Friday, March 8, 2013

Russell Crowe Conquers Google Snooze  
by Billy Cox

What's up with the UFO desk at Google News? Do we really need to scroll nine pages deep to get past the redundant references to Russell Crowe's UFO video? At least, that's where the links finally, mercifully, begin to taper off. But this thing stopped being news after about three pages and has transitioned to fetish.

For the record, it's truly cool that RC wasn't afraid of the pix - whatever the thing is, assuming he's not goofing on us - and that he chose to hang it out there. Nothing draws a crowd like an Academy Award winner's idiosyncrasies. Celebs can be as insufferable as anonymous mortals, but underestimate their ability to persuade at your own peril. On the other hand, while it'd be great to think there'd be a way to convert this latest buzz into a larger conversation, that would actually require effort, without any guaranteed returns.

De Void feels a little strange about raising this next point, because it'll sound pathetic and self-serving.

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## Grant Cameron's Research Recognized By IUFOC

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Date: Sat, 09 Mar 2013 19:55:55 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Mar 2013 19:55:55 -0500  
Subject: Grant Cameron's Research Recognized By IUFOC

Source: HuffPo.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/c2sn3ap>

03/09/2013

Grant Cameron's Research On UFOs And U.S. Presidents Gets  
Recognized By International UFO Congress  
by Lee Spiegel

After almost 40 years of investigating the shrouded history of  
UFOs throughout North America, Grant Cameron is getting some  
recognition.

Ever since his own alleged UFO sightings in Manitoba, Canada, in  
1975, Cameron has doggedly researched the subject. Using the  
Freedom of Information Act to obtain documents and information,  
and traveling to many presidential libraries, Cameron became  
focused on the relationship of American presidents and UFOs.

At the recent 22nd annual International UFO Congress in Arizona,  
Cameron - co-author of UFOs, Area 51, And Government Informants  
- was honored with the researcher of the year award for his  
outstanding achievement in the field of UFO studies.

Cameron's websites, [presidentialufo.com](http://presidentialufo.com) and  
[hillaryclintonufo.net](http://hillaryclintonufo.net), offer insight about past leaders'  
interest in the UFO subject. If you're looking for a one-stop  
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## Re: Grant Cameron's Research Recognized By IUFOC

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2013 17:31:14 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Mar 2013 15:01:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Grant Cameron's Research Recognized By IUFOC

UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)> posted:

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>hillaryclintonufo.net, offer insight about past leaders'  
>interest in the UFO subject. If you're looking for a one-stop  
>place for UFO records, Cameron has a trove to sift through:

While the attention is on him, perhaps Cameron would like to bring his website up to date?

hillaryclintonufo.net has on its front page, "then First Lady (now Senator and Presidential Candidate) Hillary Clinton," which is a bit behind the times.

Carol Maltby

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## 13 Ways To Hunt Intelligent Aliens

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2013 15:07:46 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 11 Mar 2013 15:07:46 -0500  
Subject: 13 Ways To Hunt Intelligent Aliens

Source: Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/ah2ytpj>

MAR 8, 2013

13 Ways To Hunt Intelligent Aliens  
By Ian O'Neill

Really. Where are all the aliens? We should have been probed, exterminated, assimilated, infected, invaded or abducted by now, shouldn't we?

The Fermi Paradox ponders the lack of evidence of another transmitting intelligent civilization -- of all the stars and all the galaxies in the universe, you'd think one intelligent alien race would have bothered to call by now? Either we're on the interstellar "do not call" list, or we're the most advanced life form out here (scary thought), or (even scarier) we're the only life form out here.

The search for any extraterrestrial life is one of the most profound things we, as a species, can do. But as any other life beyond Earth's shores has yet to be discovered, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) can be a hard-sell. Still, the search continues and scientists are thinking up more and more extreme ways to fine-tune our high-tech array of astronomical instruments to detect intelligence in the stars.

Here are the weird and wonderful ways scientists hope to snare an intelligent alien.

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## Washington Post Changes UFO 'Objectivity'?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 07:09:02 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 07:09:02 -0500  
Subject: Washington Post Changes UFO 'Objectivity'?

Source: Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicles

<http://tinyurl.com/bs9b4og>

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Front Page News In The Washington Post: UFOs Hovered Over ICBM Sites  
by Robert Hastings

The startling story, titled What Were Those Mysterious Craftt, was published decades ago, on January 19, 1979. Based on declassified U.S. government documents, the objectively-written article by reporters Ward Sinclair and Art Harris - appearing on Page A1 - provided a tantalizing peek at long-suppressed information having national security implications.

In contrast, the absurd article the Post ran in response to my September 27, 2010 UFO-Nukes Connection press conference in Washington D.C. basically ridiculed the whole idea of UFOs monitoring our missile sites and instead extolled the virtues of free cookies.

Let me explain:

The Washington Post, whose Woodward-Bernstein reporting team famously toppled the Nixon presidency with its Watergate scandal coverage in the early 1970s, was sent a press release about the UFO-related event two weeks prior to its occurrence.

So who did this iconic newspaper decide to send to the press conference? Why, the in-house jester, Metro columnist John Kelly, who has written about such lofty subjects as horse masseurs, failed sitcoms, and the Oldest Ham in the World. His article began:

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## Area 51 Declassified Documentary

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 13:14:36 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 10:16:46 -0500  
Subject: Area 51 Declassified Documentary

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(USAF Radar Station Veterans)  
Subj: Area 51 Declassified Documentary  
Mon Mar 11, 2013 12:41 pm (PDT)  
Posted by: "khaoyaiguy" khaoyaiguy

For all who talked about tracking high flyers, this will open your eyes to the real facts.

Listen carefully because it really explains many of the things we have discussed on the board. Especially what is said about Operation Blue Book. Listen carefully.

The credits at the end are from very valid and reliable sources. Not some "wantabe" UFO expert. It's 45 minutes long.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JByUxV1X\\_pg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JByUxV1X_pg)

Enjoy,

Jerry H.

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## We Don't Understand...

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 10:12:09 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 08:20:54 -0500  
Subject: We Don't Understand...

Hello List

The Kepler mission gave some conclusions to the Press the other day, here's an extract from 'The Independent':

<http://tinyurl.com/9wctbfr>

[Quotation Begins]

"We are finding planets that are two or three times the size of Jupiter, and Jupiter is the size of a small star so we are finding planets as big as stars... We have found that planets can get bigger by some process and we don't understand that process" he said. ... "What that tells you is that our concept of how planetary systems, based on how our own Solar System is put together, is probably not applicable for many of these other solar systems" Quotation ends

Which made me recall Halton Arp's opinion: "We are certainly not at the end of science. Most probably we are just at the beginning!"

Cheers

Ray D

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## Science And Aliens

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 17:59:16 +0200  
Archived: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 08:26:12 -0500  
Subject: Science And Aliens

<http://www.space.com/20161-alien-life-rare-universe.html>

Extraterrestrial Life Is Likely Rare, Scientist Says

Alien life could be more difficult to find than some may think, according to a theory presented at a conference sponsored by the Royal Society. While planets with sustainable environments may exist, that may not mean alien life also exists, says Charles Cockell, director of the U.K. Center for Astrobiology at the University of Edinburgh. "It is dangerous to assume life is common across the universe. It encourages people to think that not finding signs of life is a 'failure,' when in fact it would tell us a lot about the origins of life," he said.

<http://www.space.com/20170-giant-radio-telescope-alma-exoplanets.html>

Scientists Expect Powerful Telescope To Unveil More On Alien Planets

Though the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array, dubbed the world's most powerful radio telescope, hasn't officially been introduced to the world, it's already begun to help researchers learn more about the alien planets that surround us. Scientists are still adding additional antennas to the array, but even without full completion, the telescope has captured narrow dust rings around a brown dwarf and helped measure planets around the star Fomalhaut. Scientists expect ALMA at full power to have "a view of the universe that we can't even imagine even now", said Wolfgang Wild, a project manager with ALMA. Space.com

Diana Cammack, Ph.D.

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## Re: Area 51 Declassified Documentary

From: **Geoff Blackmore** <[geoff\\_184.nul](mailto:geoff_184.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 13:51:27 +1300  
Archived: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 08:28:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Area 51 Declassified Documentary

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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"This video contains content from National Geographic, who has  
blocked it in your country on copyright grounds."

Regards,

Geoff

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## Mars Conditions Once Suited For Ancient Life

From: **Stig Agermose** <[stig.agermose.nul](mailto:stig.agermose.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 21:15:29 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 10:09:47 -0500  
Subject: Mars Conditions Once Suited For Ancient Life

Source: NASA

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?release13-092#2>

NASA Rover Finds Conditions Once Suited For Ancient Life On Mars

March 12, 2013

PASADENA, Calif. -- An analysis of a rock sample collected by NASA's Curiosity rover shows ancient Mars could have supported living microbes.

Scientists identified sulfur, nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen, phosphorus and carbon - some of the key chemical ingredients for life - in the powder Curiosity drilled out of a sedimentary rock near an ancient stream bed in Gale Crater on the Red Planet last month.

"A fundamental question for this mission is whether Mars could have supported a habitable environment," said Michael Meyer, lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program at the agency's headquarters in Washington. "From what we know now, the answer is yes."

Clues to this habitable environment come from data returned by the rover's Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) and Chemistry and Mineralogy (CheMin) instruments. The data indicate the Yellowknife Bay area the rover is exploring was the end of an ancient river system or an intermittently wet lake bed that could have provided chemical energy and other favorable conditions for microbes. The rock is made up of a fine-grained mudstone containing clay minerals, sulfate minerals and other chemicals. This ancient wet environment, unlike some others on Mars, was not harshly oxidizing, acidic or extremely salty.

The patch of bedrock where Curiosity drilled for its first sample lies in an ancient network of stream channels descending from the rim of Gale Crater. The bedrock also is fine-grained mudstone and shows evidence of multiple periods of wet conditions, including nodules and veins.

Curiosity's drill collected the sample at a site just a few hundred yards away from where the rover earlier found an ancient streambed in September 2012.

"Clay minerals make up at least 20 percent of the composition of this sample," said David Blake, principal investigator for the CheMin instrument at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif.

These clay minerals are a product of the reaction of relatively fresh water with igneous minerals, such as olivine, also present in the sediment. The reaction could have taken place within the sedimentary deposit, during transport of the sediment, or in the source region of the sediment. The presence of calcium sulfate along with the clay suggests the soil is neutral or mildly alkaline.

Scientists were surprised to find a mixture of oxidized, less-oxidized, and even non-oxidized chemicals, providing an energy gradient of the sort many microbes on Earth exploit to live. This partial oxidation was first hinted at when the drill cuttings were revealed to be gray rather than red.

"The range of chemical ingredients we have identified in the sample is impressive, and it suggests pairings such as sulfates and sulfides that indicate a possible chemical energy source for micro-organisms," said Paul Mahaffy, principal investigator of the SAM suite of instruments at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

An additional drilled sample will be used to help confirm these results for several of the trace gases analyzed by the SAM instrument.

"We have characterized a very ancient, but strangely new 'gray Mars' where conditions once were favorable for life," said John Grotzinger, Mars Science Laboratory project scientist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif. "Curiosity is on a mission of discovery and exploration, and as a team we feel there are many more exciting discoveries ahead of us in the months and years to come."

Scientists plan to work with Curiosity in the "Yellowknife Bay" area for many more weeks before beginning a long drive to Gale Crater's central mound, Mount Sharp. Investigating the stack of layers exposed on Mount Sharp, where clay minerals and sulfate minerals have been identified from orbit, may add information about the duration and diversity of habitable conditions.

NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Project has been using Curiosity to investigate whether an area within Mars' Gale Crater ever has offered an environment favorable for microbial life. Curiosity, carrying 10 science instruments, landed seven months ago to begin its two-year prime mission. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., manages the project for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

For more about the mission, visit:

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/msl>

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/>

and

<http://www.nasa.gov/msl>

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## Plugging The Holes In Radar Coverage - Cox

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

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Plugging The Holes In Radar Coverage  
Billy Cox

De Void will cop to slow-response reflexes but this one probably takes The Clogged Artery Prize, because a nerve ending or a synapse or whatever should've fired back in 2011. That's when, in the aftermath of MUFON's published analysis of the UFO that apparently buzzed President Bush's Texas ranch in 2008, the Federal Aviation Administration decided to exempt ERIT from public scrutiny.

ERIT, or En Route Intelligence Tool, gathers raw data from individual radar sites collecting ping returns on everything that flies in U.S. air space, and sometimes things that don't fly at all. It's a bit of a jumble because it can pick up everything - hills, contrails, storm turbulence, false echoes, birds, etc. In fact, ERIT picks up so much extraneous material that air traffic controllers usually don't see it. What shows up on ATC screens instead are combined subsets of ERIT returns, filtered by the FAA, which focuses largely on planes with transponders. Low-flying helicopters and light aircraft operating away from commercial airports and below the major sky-traffic corridors aren't required to have transponders and therefore don't light up the screens. UFOs aren't known for packing transponder beacons, either.

Anyhow, in 2008, Glen Schulze and Robert Powell filed FOIAs with a number of government acronyms, civilian and military, to establish the UFO's path. The FAA supplied them with unfiltered ERIT returns. The data not only substantiated eyewitness UFO accounts of its southeasterly trajectory, it also confirmed eyewitness reports of jet fighters in the area, which the Air Force initially denied.

Later that same year,

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## Re: We Don't Understand...

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 13:08:29 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 10:22:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: We Don't Understand...

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2013 10:12:09 -0000  
>Subject: We Don't Understand...

>Hello List

>The Kepler mission gave some conclusions to the Press the other  
>day, here's an extract from 'The Independent':

><http://tinyurl.com/9wctbfr>

>[Quotation Begins]

>"We are finding planets that are two or three times the size of  
>Jupiter, and Jupiter is the size of a small star so we are  
>finding planets as big as stars... We have found that planets  
>can get bigger by some process and we don't understand that  
>process" he said. ... "What that tells you is that our concept of  
>how planetary systems, based on how our own Solar System is put  
>together, is probably not applicable for many of these other  
>solar systems"

>[Quotation ends]

>Which made me recall Halton Arp's opinion: "We are certainly not  
>at the end of science. Most probably we are just at the  
>beginning!"

One thing is for certain, Ray. We are only at the very beginning  
of being able to detect what is actually out there. The data is  
skinny and very smart people are doing sterling work on  
unravelling its initial implications, but it is worth keeping in  
mind that the evidence for distance planets is indirect -  
inferences drawn from observations of phenomena other than the  
planets themselves.

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<http://www.saatchionline.com/gacoc>

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## Re: Best Evidence DVD Release

From: Paul Kimball <[paulkimball.nul](mailto:paulkimball.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 09:26:00 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 14 Mar 2013 09:27:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Best Evidence DVD Release

Listers,

Just a note to let you know that my 2007 documentary Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings, has now finally been released on DVD, through UFO TV. The 2-disc set also includes my 2002 documentary Stanton T. Friedman is Real, and my 2006 documentary Fields of Fear (about Canadian cattle mutilation investigator Fern Belzil).

More information available at:

<http://redstarfilmtv.com/redstarfilms/shop/>

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
Redstar Films

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Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 15:02:09 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 14 Mar 2013 09:28:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: We Don't Understand...

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That's an interesting question, Gerald. It does seem to be assumed that these masses are single bodies.

Are there cases where we have a planet detected both gravitationally and optically? In such a case a known brightness and a known mass would limit the surface area and thereby the density for a range of albedos and might serve to discriminate a composite system of many moons (or a cloud of dust etc) from a solid planet. Maybe there is an argument which extrapolates from a few such confirmed cases to the generality?

Note that these superjupiters are in the order of several thousand earth masses, which would imply a heck of a lot of moons. But I suppose we ought to expect moon systems like those we see in our solar system where a number of satellites carry a small fraction of the total mass/momentum, and there might well be more surprising arrangements out there.

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[http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/HEK/about\\_hek.html](http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/HEK/about_hek.html)

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2104376,00.html>

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## 'They' Are Everywhere - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:32:11 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:32:11 -0400  
Subject: 'They' Are Everywhere - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/13636/they-are-everywhere/>

Thursday, March 14, 2013

'They' Are Everywhere  
by Billy Cox

Sixteen years ago this week, the so-called Phoenix Lights phenomenon stunned thousands of Arizonans, eventually attracted global media, evoked a belated eyewitness confession from then-Gov. Fife Symington, prompted the USAF to blow off a tepid query from Sen. John McCain with a flimsy flare-drop storyline, and spun itself into books and televised specials. And although UFO sightings continue to unfurl across Arizona, the trail of clues relating to the 1997 incident grows colder with each passing year.

That's why it's good to see Grand Canyon State media, at least in a token way, still fanning the dying embers every now and then, especially on anniversaries that don't end with a 0 or a 5. At least one station has promoted the screening of an updated documentary at a Scottsdale multiplex on Sunday, where Navajo Nation Rangers are expected to talk up recent developments over their own territory.

It'd be great if those Rangers had some hard data to share, but lacking that, the burden, as usual, shifts to eyewitness credibility. And as the late Sufi philosopher Idries Shah reminds us, "Opinion is usually something which people have when they lack comprehensive information."

Here's an example of where a credible eyewitness had me until he veered into Opinionworld (courtesy of a recent first-person byline in The UFO Chronicles):

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## Some Hynek Books

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2013 16:40:40 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:34:20 -0400  
Subject: Some Hynek Books

Hello List,

just found a couple of sources - the e-book (from Slideshare)  
'The UFO Experience - A Scientific Inquiry' 1972 by Hynek

<http://tinyurl.com/a2q64nx>

and (from Scribd) 'The Hynek UFO  
Report' 1977 again from Hynek

<http://tinyurl.com/agbcx3j>

(you might notice his change of perceptions over time).

As an example of his early comments, on p. 65 of 'The UFO  
Experience' you can find a sample of Radar Operators Reports. As  
he said; most of them were to be officially denied by the Air  
Force or F.A.A within a day or two.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: We Don't Understand...

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2013 17:28:16 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:36:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: We Don't Understand...

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2013 15:02:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: We Don't Understand...

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This is a point that I've often wondered about, Martin. It doesn't have to be the planet that hosts life or water but one or more of its satellites. Of course Arthur C. Clarke is well ahead of us on this point having claimed that Jupiter's Europa might be harbouring life and I believe we have Titan as well.

Don Ledger

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Mar 2013 22:16:17 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:38:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: We Don't Understand...

From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2104376,00.html>

You have to hand it to these guys, they really are on the case, despite the fact that they have such slender threads of data from which to extrapolate. I'm trying to get my head around how one might distinguish between transit time variations arising from an exomoon system, and those arising from an elliptical planetary orbit in a system slowly revolving in relation to Kepler...

Gerald O'Connell  
<http://www.saatchionline.com/gacoc>

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## Gov't Ignoring/Hiding Important Scientific Data?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 14:50:12 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Mar 2013 17:44:13 -0400  
Subject: Gov't Ignoring/Hiding Important Scientific Data?

Hello List,

[Quotation Begins]

"One remarkable reported physical effect involves interference in electrical circuits, causing car engines to cease functioning temporarily, radios to cut out or exhibit uncommon static, car headlights to dim or be extinguished for a short while, and, on occasion, car batteries to overheat and deteriorate rapidly.

The significance of such physical interactions is obvious; they offer opportunity for physical measurement and the promise of 'hard data'. Yet the treatment of such reports as 'old wives' tales' or as the product of deranged minds or hoaxes has most unfortunately led to the almost complete absence of serious investigation and to the subsequent loss of the very 'hard data' so tantalizingly accessible."

[Quotation Ends]

p. 145 'The UFO Experience - A Scientific Inquiry'

<http://tinyurl.com/a2q64nx> by J. Allen Hynek

That effect is significant; far as I know we don't have aircraft or vehicles which will so thoroughly damp the electro-magnetic field in their local area.

And maybe Hynek wasn't fully aware of the significance of another, more rarely reported effect: that of a marked change in the inertial field during a close encounter.

See [www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/jul/m01-013.shtml](http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/jul/m01-013.shtml) which I'll give again so you can have the link -

[Quotation Begins]

Perk up Ed,

The 'majority of scientists' have always been wrong. Always, throughout history.

In the 'Black Box' video

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0#t=5m5s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0#t=5m5s)

[link opens about 5 mins in] Dr Richard Haines (ex NASA) admits modern science doesn't know how the inertial compasses (gyros) of an airliner were affected by a nearby UFO.

He said "We can't do that". Apparently 'they' can.

And that means they are not limited to light speed; anyone who can control inertia is immune to the mass-increase effect of Relativity theory.

[Quotation Ends]

BTW - as discussed on List earlier, those two effects, e.m. and inertial, would also strongly affect a human brain in the vicinity; causing mis-perception of sensory inputs: i.e. sound, sight (light, colours etc), balance or sense of gravity, and distorting awareness of the passage of time.

BTW2 Personally think Hynek was a bit naive. I don't believe that Gov't has ignored or neglected the data - it's just that they didn't want anyone else to realise its significance. I.e. not only does inertial control offer f.t.l flight, it also enables impact avoidance.

Cheers

Ray D

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## MUFON On-Line Local USA Chapters

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 12:29:15 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 17:51:30 -0400  
Subject: MUFON On-Line Local USA Chapters

Over here in Europe, some of us sometimes struggle to find contact details for MUFON researchers and investigators.

As one in a series of tools to seek to reduce this problem, I've compiled below a list of each state/territory in the USA in alphabetical order and sought to find the various websites, forums and Facebook pages of each relevant MUFON local chapter.

If there is any interest in this type of resource, I'll compile similar lists of websites, forums and facebook pages associated with MUFON HQ and foreign chapters.

All the best,

Isaac

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Alabama

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/AL.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/MUFONAlabama/>

Alaska

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/AK.html>

<http://www.mufond.org/Alaska.html>

American Samoa

Arizona

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/AZ.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arizona-Mufon/206673659375377>

Arizona (Phoenix): <http://www.phoenixmufon.com/> Arizona (Tucson):

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucson-Mufon/173229572733561>

Arkansas

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/AR.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/arkansas.mufon>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkansas-Mufon/171783829539353>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Arkansas-Chapter-of-Mufon/1>

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California

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/CA.html> California (Los

Angeles): <http://www.mufonla.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/199203316287/> California (Orange

County): <http://www.mufonoc.org/> California (Northern

California): <http://www.northerncaliforniamufon.com/> California

(Sacramento): <http://www.mufonsacramento.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/mufon.sacramento> California (San

Francisco North Bay): <http://www.mufonmarinsonoma.com/> California

(Tri-Counties : Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo):

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/MUFON-Tri-Counties/103667276392404>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/MUFON-Tri-Counties-SLO/112684662133>

084 <http://www.facebook.com/SantaBarbaraCountyUFOFestival>

Colorado

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/CO.html>

<http://www.comufon.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002532432740>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-Mutual-UFO-Network/2437480>

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Connecticut

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/CT.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-Connecticut/370512483014162>

Connecticut (New England Chapter) <http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

Delaware

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/DE.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pennsylvania-West-Virginia-Delaware>

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District of Columbia

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/DC.html>

Florida

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/FL.html>

<http://www.floridamufon.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/mufon.florida>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Florida-MUFON/196071090488778>

<https://twitter.com/FloridaMUFON>

<http://www.meetup.com/Florida-MUFON/>

Georgia

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/GA.html>

<http://www.mufonga.org/>

Guam

Hawaii

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/HI.html>

<http://www.mufonsd.org/>

Idaho

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/ID.html>

Illinois

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/IL.html>

<http://mymufon.com/>

Indiana

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/IN.html>

<http://indianamufon.homestead.com/>

Iowa

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/IA.html>

Kansas

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/KS.html>

Kentucky

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/KY.html>

<http://kymufon.org/>

Louisiana

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/LA.html>

Maine

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/ME.html> Maine (New England

Chapter): <http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

Maryland

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MD.html>

Massachusetts

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MA.html> Massachusetts

(New England Chapter): <http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

Michigan

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MI.html>

<http://mimufon.org/mimufon/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-Mufon/386059268115662>

<http://www.facebook.com/michigan.mufon>

Minnesota

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MN.html>

<http://mnmufon.org/> <http://www.facebook.com/MufonMn>

Mississippi

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MS.html>

Missouri

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MO.html>

<http://missourimufon.org/>

Montana

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MT.html>

Nebraska

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NE.html>

<http://www.mufon-ne.net/>

Nevada

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NV.html>

New Hampshire

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NH.html>

New Hampshire (New England Chapter):

<http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

New Jersey

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NJ.html>

New Mexico

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NM.html>

New York

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NY.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/ny.mufon>

North Carolina

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NC.html>

<http://www.mufon-nc.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-NC/265197703504699>

North Dakota

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/ND.html>

<http://www.mufonnd.webs.com/> <http://www.facebook.com/mufonnd>

Northern Marianas Islands

Ohio

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/OH.html>

<http://www.mufonohio.com/mufono/index.html>

Oklahoma

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/OK.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/mufonok>

Oregon

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/OR.html>

<http://www.oregonmufon.com/>

Pennsylvania

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/PA.html>

<http://mufonpa.com/wordpress/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pennsylvania-West-Virginia-Delaware>

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Puerto Rico

Rhode Island

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/RI.html> Rhode Island

(New England Chapter): <http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

South Carolina

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/SC.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-South-Carolina/20166318987698>

1 <http://www.angelfire.com/sc/scmufon/>

<http://web.archive.org/web/20090616180843/http://www.scmufon.info>

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South Dakota <http://www.mufonsd.org/>

Tennessee

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/TN.html>

<http://www.tnmufon.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tennessee-MUFON/165606760130748>

<http://www.facebook.com/MufonOfEastTennessee>

Texas

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/TX.html> Texas (San Antonio):

<http://mufonsanantonio.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-San-Antonio/378770795535128>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-San-Antonio/370256062985577>

Texas (Austin): <http://www.austinmufon.org/> Texas (Dallas/Fort

Worth, archived website):

<http://web.archive.org/web/20110903140608/http://mufondfw.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/DFW-Mufon-Mutual-UFO-Network/190979>

940965045 Texas (Houston)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Houston-Mufon-Meetup-Group/22573691>

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Utah

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/UT.html>

<http://mufonut.webs.com/>

Vermont

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/NewEngland.html> Vermont

(New England Chapter): <http://www.newenglandmufon.com/>

<http://www.nemufon.proboards.com/>

Virginia

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/VA.html>

Virgin Islands

Washington

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/WA.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mufon-WA-State/139388396128279>

West Virginia

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/WV.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pennsylvania-West-Virginia-Delaware>

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Wisconsin

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/WI.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/mufonwisconsin> Wyoming

<http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/WY.html>

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## MUFON HQ - Websites And Facebook Pages

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 12:41:49 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 17:54:18 -0400  
Subject: MUFON HQ - Websites And Facebook Pages

Due to some confused posts I've seen on the Internet about MUFON's websites (including, frankly, by some of MUFON's leadership - particularly in response to attempts from me to obtain accurate information about MUFON's Pandora Project), I thought I'd compile the list below of websites, Facebook pages and forums associated with MUFON HQ.

I've posted a list of MUFON state websites, Facebook pages and forums separately.

I'll compile a separate list of websites for MUFON's foreign chapter if there is any interest.

All the best,

Isaac

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\*\*\*\*MUFON HQ website:

<http://www.mufon.com/>

\*Official MUFON HQ discussion forum:

<http://mutualufonetwork.proboards.com/>

\*Official MUFON HQ Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/mutualufonetwork>

\*\*\*MUFON Star Team Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/mufon.star.team/>

\*\*\*\*\*MUFON Archive section of Blackvault website (archived):

[http://web.archive.org/web/20120428005048/http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:The\\_MUFON\\_Archive](http://web.archive.org/web/20120428005048/http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:The_MUFON_Archive)

\*MUFON Wikipedia page:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutual\\_UFO\\_Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutual_UFO_Network)

\*MUFON HQ Youtube page:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MUFONHQ>

\*\*MUFON CMS website:

[http://mufoncms.com/cgi-bin/report\\_handler.pl?req=latest\\_reports](http://mufoncms.com/cgi-bin/report_handler.pl?req=latest_reports)

\*\*MUFON Central website (archived):

<http://web.archive.org/web/20110508234120/http://mufoncentral.com>

\*\*MUFON "UFO Connect" App website:

<http://www.ufoconnect.com/>

\*MUFON "UFO Connect" App Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/UFO-Connect/185659578161451>

\*MUFON "UFO Connect" App itunes page:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ufo-connect/id466845780?mt=8>

\*MUFON Symposium website:

<http://www.mufonsymposium.org/>

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## Re: FBI Files - Searchable PDF Archive

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 12:53:33 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 16 Mar 2013 17:56:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: FBI Files - Searchable PDF Archive

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2013 21:12:24 +0000  
>Subject: FBI Files - Searchable PDF Archive

>I've uploaded searchable versions of FBI documents relevant  
>to ufology to a directory at the link below.

<snip>

>Some highlights from that collection are given in my lengthy  
>post at the link below. Various issues requiring follow-up  
>action and research are also indicated (particularly in  
>Part G and Part H).

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread924183/pg1>

I am currently working on a similar searchable archive of CIA  
documents relevant to ufology, and a related rather lengthy  
post.

Just to check I'm not reinventing the wheel, has anyone already  
collated details of:

- (1) Relevant CIA documents available online on the CIA website?
- (2) Relevant documents on other websites purporting to be CIA  
releases?
- (3) CIA documents not online purportedly released to some  
researchers?

All the best,

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## David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2013 18:20:25 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 08:07:20 -0400  
Subject: David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

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Eleanor White

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## UFO Themed SSE Meeting

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 08:13:28 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 08:13:28 -0400  
Subject: UFO Themed SSE Meeting

Source: Society For Scientific Exploration

<http://www.scientificexploration.org/meetings/>

2013

### SSE Meetings

The SSE holds annual meetings in North America, and biennial meetings in Europe. Admission is open to the public. Full members may present on any topic; presentations by Associate, Student, and non-members must be sponsored by a Full member.

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration will be held in Dearborn, Michigan, June 6-8, 2013 (Thursday through Saturday). Local arrangements are being co-ordinated by Carl Medwedeff. Patrick Huyghe chairs the Program Committee.

### Hotel

The conference will take place at The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 271-2700. Located about 12 miles from the Detroit Metro Airport (DTW), the Dearborn Inn with its spacious manicured grounds offers a beautiful and unique historic ambiance with easy access to the nearby Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village complex. The Inn offers a free shuttle bus service to nearby restaurants.

A large block of rooms has been reserved for the SSE at a special conference rate of \$110/night. Reservations must be made by April 27, 2013 to receive this rate. Ask for the SSE block when making reservations, or use "SSESSEA." as a recent

[More at site... Thanks to Diana Cammack]

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## Re: Washington Post Changes UFO 'Objectivity'?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 20:32:53 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 20:32:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Washington Post Changes UFO 'Objectivity'?

Source: Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles

<http://tinyurl.com/bs9b4og>

Mon, 18 Mar 2013

2 comments:

Archie19549:57 PM

The parties directly involved and prohibited from telling about it, such as Hastings, may not codemn the US government agencies withthe knowledge for not releasing it to the public but any right thinking civilian would, and I certainly do condemn the whole lot of them. There is nothing worse than being lied to repeatedly by your own government. It is dangerous for democray and derails any possibility of reconciling government and its voters.

Reply

Robert Hastings10:51 AM  
Hi archie1954,

I broke my arm last week so I am typing with one finger.

First, i am not a "party" to anyone or any group and i am not "prohibited" from speaking about anything. go to my website and view cnn's coverage of my press conference if you doubt that. i'm sure that the pentagon views me as a real pain in the ass, because i am not afraid to speak my mind and because i have been so successful in getting usaf veterans to go public with their ufo experiences at nuke sites.

I have publicly pushed for disclosure-specifically regarding ufos' monitoring and tampering with american and russian nuclear weapons-since 1981, while on the u.s. college lecture circuit, years before the big-name disclosure advocates one hears about nowadays ever raised their voices.

My point about "not condemning" the government for their longstanding censorship on the ufo reality merely acknowledges the fact that they have legitimate concerns about possible public panic-worldwide and related concerns, should they come clean with us.

Are some of the U.S. government's actions self-serving? you betcha. so what's new? all governments cover their asses, relating to all manner of situations, on a regular basis. that will never change.

My point is that, as regards the announcement about the reality of UFOS, the stakes are so high-unparalleled in human history-that washington, moscow, and other key players must proceed with some degree of caution before making the Big Announcement, and any mature, thoughtful person understands that.

That is not to say, however, that each of us should just sit back and wait. no, each of us should continue to raise our voices, and prod the powers-that-be to be candid with us. but persons who outright \*condemn\* those in government who are concerned about unforeseen and potentially disastrous consequences associated with disclosure are being unfair and naive, IMO.

[Thanks to Robert Hastings for the lead]

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## Searchable Translation "UFOs In The USSR"

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2013 20:09:25 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 19 Mar 2013 08:37:25 -0400  
Subject: Searchable Translation "UFOs In The USSR"

"Observations Of UFOs In The USSR" Volume 3 - Searchable English Translation

Greetings all,

I have uploaded a searchable copy of a 160 page long English translation of Felix Zigel's book "Observations of UFO's In The USSR : Volume 3"(1978) to the link below:

<http://isaackoi.minus.com/lDnEYtq4mo3Bq>

Russian ufologist Mikhail Gershtein has previously mentioned having been repeatedly told by Tatyana Felix'ovna Zigel (Zigel's widow and keeper of Zigel's archive) that she only want to see her husband's works published and doesn't want any money.

A copy of this translation was included in the middle of one of a number of PDF files released online jointly by MUFON and Blackvault.com a few years ago (apparently as part of MUFON's Pandora Project, although I can't be sure as I still haven't obtained reliable detailed information on that project...). That file was labelled on the relevant Blackvault webpage (apparently no longer available other than via the Wayback Machine's Internet Archive) as being "Case File #2: DIA Documents released during this case" under "Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) v. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) File". I don't recall anyone mentioning this translation appearing in that PDF file.

From material I posted a few months ago from Skylook and MUFON's Journal about prior translations of some of Zigel's books, it seems that MUFON has been involved in generating two (apparently separate) translations of Volume 1 of Zigel's "Observations of UFOs in the USSR", one in the early 1970s and another one in the early 1990s. When it published information about the second translation of Volume 1, MUFON's Journal didn't refer to the earlier translation that MUFON had been involved in producing of that volume. Indeed, an article in MUFON's Journals about that second translation stated that Zigel's writings had previously been unavailable to Westerners and not previously translated. That's the sort of thing I have in mind when I keep going on (and on and on...) about reinvention of the wheel within ufology. I've posted on one of MUFON's Facebook pages that I hope that posting Volume 3 will result in Volume 1 (in any of its translations) being made available online so that it doesn't have to be translated yet again!

All the best,

Isaac

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## Re: David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2013 08:36:25 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 19 Mar 2013 19:01:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>whether the two toroids have the flux 'circulating' in the same  
>direction, versus 'circulating' in the opposite direction?

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>with?

This experiment was described by Ben Rich, former Head of  
Lockheed Skunkworks, in the following video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzwOFCSFms4>

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## Re: David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

From: David Biedny <[dbiedny.nul](mailto:dbiedny.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Mar 2013 20:12:33 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 18:25:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: David Sereda's Diminished Gravity Demo?

Folks,

David Sereda also claimed that one could somehow get from Earth to the Andromeda galaxy in mere minutes. Why does anyone take him seriously? If he can back such claims up, fine, if not, why would anyone pay attention to him? Because he created a terrible UFO "documentary" with one of the Blues Brothers?

Oy.

dB

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## Scanned KGB Blue Folder?

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 13:25:49 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 18:26:43 -0400  
Subject: Scanned KGB Blue Folder?

A few years ago, Russian researcher Mikhail Gershtein shared scans of the KGB's 124 page "Blue Folder" with various Western researchers.

Josh Harding, for example, wrote an article at the link below about the documents distributed by Mikhail:

<http://tinyurl.com/bra6clg>

Further details of the Blue Folder can be found (in Russian) on Mikhail's website at:

[http://miger.ru/blue\\_folder.htm](http://miger.ru/blue_folder.htm)

Unfortunately, Mikhail's own scans of the Blue Folder have been lost due to a crashed computer disc.

Does anyone still have a scanned copy saved on their computer?

Kind Regards,

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## Alien Planets More Habitable?

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 17:10:01 +0200  
Archived: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 20:09:46 -0400  
Subject: Alien Planets More Habitable?

Source: Space.Com

<http://www.space.com/20282-alien-planets-habitable-oceans.html>

3/19/13

Are Alien Planets More Habitable Than We Thought?

Alien planets capable of supporting life are more common than believed, since most rocky planets develop some kind of oceanic water after forming, says researcher Lindy Elkins-Tanton of the Carnegie Institution for Science. "The ramifications of this are that, in any exoplanet system anywhere in our universe, if it's made of rocky materials with similar water contents to ours, every rocky planet would be expected to start with a water ocean," Elkins-Tanton said.

<snip>

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## What Our Memories Tell Us About Ourselves

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2013 05:51:47 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Mar 2013 05:51:47 -0400  
Subject: What Our Memories Tell Us About Ourselves

Source: Time.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/abx5vdy>

March 20, 2013

What Our Memories Tell Us About Ourselves  
By Charles Fernyhough

Do you remember the time President Obama shook hands with Iranian president Ahmadinejad? If you took part in a recent psychological study, it's possible that you will. More than 5,000 participants were presented with doctored photographs representing fabricated political events, with around half claiming to have memories for the false scenarios (Obama has, of course, never shaken hands with the Iranian president). Part of a decades-long program of research by psychologist Elizabeth Loftus, the latest study provides a neat demonstration of how our memories are created in the present rather than being faithful records of the past.

The popular perception of memory shows a considerable lag with the new scientific consensus. The psychologists Daniel J. Simons and Christopher Chabris have conducted two large-scale surveys showing that roughly half of respondents thought that memory works like a video recorder. And although many people do recognize that their memories are fallible, there is much less understanding of precisely how and why they fail us.

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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## Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose.nul](mailto:stig.agermose.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2013 23:33:25 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Fri, 22 Mar 2013 06:02:52 -0400  
Subject: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

Source: The John Hopkins News-Letter

<http://tinyurl.com/cpsug86>

March 14th, 2013

Organic Molecule Detected In Space  
By Tony Wu

For many years, scientists have speculated when and where life originated on Earth. Diverse theories range from cosmic deliveries of organic compounds to local synthesis of amino acids in the Primordial Soup of a young Earth. Some theories settle with a compromise between the two. The most popular idea suggests an Earth bombarded by comets and asteroids which brought building blocks of life onto the planet. This notion hinges on one important premise: that there are organic compounds in outer space.

As telescope technologies have vastly diversified since Galileo's age, we have come to analyze specific wavelengths of light that characterize the various phenomena of space, like supernovas and solar activities. Recently, scientists have developed a technique to analyze new type of data; namely, the chemical composition of space to detect organic molecules. The astrochemists - the combined profession of an astronomer and a chemist - uses radio frequencies to classify various molecules, which inherently have different atomic compositions and structures which alter radio waves that reach the telescope.

Astronomers turned their focus to one of the giant gas clouds near the center of the galaxy to analyze the identities of molecules that compose it. By analyzing the radio frequencies gathered by the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia, astrochemists determined that a molecule called cyanomethanimine is present in the cloud of gases.

Anthony Remijan, a researcher at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, explained that cyanomethanimine is a precursor of adenin, one of the four building blocks of DNA. Scientists believe that the detection of cyanomethanimine encourages the theory that there are organic compounds in space. In addition to cyanomethanimine, scientists also found a compound called ethanamine which is a key component in the formation of alanine, an amino acid that is crucial in genetic coding.

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Secrecy News -- 03/21/13

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2013 07:06:10 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 22 Mar 2013 06:07:39 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/21/13

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2013, Issue No. 31  
March 21, 2013

Secrecy News Blog: <http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

\*\* NASA TECHNICAL REPORTS DATABASE GOES DARK  
\*\* A STUDY OF PUBLIC MASS SHOOTINGS, AND MORE FROM CRS

NASA TECHNICAL REPORTS DATABASE GOES DARK

This week NASA abruptly took the massive NASA Technical Reports Server (NTRS) offline. Though no explanation for the removal was offered, it appeared to be in response to concerns that export controlled information was contained in the collection.

"Until further notice, the NTRS system will be unavailable for public access. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and anticipate that this site will return to service in the near future," the NTRS homepage now states.

<http://ntrs.nasa.gov/>

NASA Public Affairs did not respond yesterday to an inquiry about the status of the site, the reason for its suspension, or the timeline for its return.

NASA Watch linked the move to a statement from Rep. Frank Wolf on Monday concerning alleged security violations at NASA Langley Research Center.

<http://nasawatch.com/archives/2013/03/nasa-technical.html>

"NASA should immediately take down all publicly available technical data sources until all documents that have not been subjected to export control review have received such a review and all controlled documents are removed from the system," Rep. Wolf said.

<http://spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=40365>

In other words, all NASA technical documents, no matter how voluminous and valuable they are, should cease to be publicly available in order to prevent the continued disclosure of any restricted documents, no matter how limited or insignificant they may be.

"There is a HUGE amount of material on NTRS," said space policy analyst Dwayne Day. "If NASA is forced to review it all, it will never go back online."

Essentially, the mindset represented by Rep. Wolf and embraced by NASA fears the consequences of unauthorized disclosure more than it values the benefits of openness. It is a familiar outlook that has wreaked havoc with the nation's historical declassification program, and has periodically disrupted routine

access to record collections at the National Archives, as well as online collections at the CIA, the Los Alamos technical report library, and elsewhere.

"I'd also note that a large amount of historical Mercury/Gemini/Apollo documents that were previously available at NARA Fort Worth is now apparently withdrawn due to ITAR [export controls]," said Dr. Day.

The upshot is that the government is not an altogether reliable repository of official records. Members of the public who depend on access to such records should endeavor to make and preserve their own copies whenever possible.

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## Geipan Documents - Searchable PDF Database

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2013 13:56:24 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 23 Mar 2013 06:12:01 -0400  
Subject: Geipan Documents - Searchable PDF Database

I'm sure other researchers have already converted Geipan's two CSV database files into better looking Excel/PDF files than me but, since I haven't seen anyone post them, I've uploaded my own fast and rudimentary conversions at the link below:

<https://www.box.com/s/86zhz0z00yn4d6c33q08>

I think that (in particular) the two PDF spreadsheets may be useful to some researchers.

I understand from Edoardo Russo that Robert Alessandri has previously created some form of spreadsheet and circulated it on French mailing list (but I've not seen it posted on English language forums).

Also, Jerome Beau has previously imported the Geipan CSV files into Google Spreadsheets, then included the result in

<http://rr0.org/org/eu/fr/cnes/geipan>

My own quick and dirty conversions are all I need for my purposes, so I haven't sought to resolve a few issues with them (e.g. the importing of about 20 of the rows resulted in information being in the wrong columns, which I could resolve manually by searching for the "|" character). Since I'm sure this has all been done by other researchers already, I haven't sought to do this. Anyway, I thought these Excel and PDF versions of the Geipan databases (and the two combined searchable case files) might be useful to some others.

The process I used to create the Excel and PDF files was to:

(1) Download the two relevant CSV files using the links below:

<http://tinyurl.com/ce3cjgr>

<http://tinyurl.com/bqp9bqr>

(2) Open Excel

(3) Create a new blank document in Excel

(4) Click on import from text file and load one of the CSV database

(5) Set the options to indicate use of a delimiter and set the delimiter to be "Other" and input |

(6) Set cell alignment formatting options to wrap text

(7) Alter column widths to narrow each of them

(8) Save the Excel file

(9) Print as PDF, setting option to landscape, no margins and fit all columns on page

I've also uploaded a searchable PDF version of the Geipan files on the Trans-En-Provence (January 1981) incident for an item I'm

writing about the Rockefeller Briefing Document (which has a chapter devoted to that incident).

Incidentally, the relevant chapter of the Rockefeller Briefing Document (a document endorsed by CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON as including "the best available evidence from open sources") devoted to the Trans-En-Provence incident is at pages 65-70 of the version available online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/aq26gsf>

Since I happened to be looking at the Geipan website for files on the Trans-En-Provence incident, I also created a searchable PDF version of the documents relating to the Cegry-Pontiose (November 1979) "abduction"/hoax (which I have also uploaded to the link above).

Kind Regards,

Isaac

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## You Might Be A Martian

From: **Diana Cammack** <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2013 11:35:12 +0200  
Archived: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 07:48:08 -0400  
Subject: You Might Be A Martian

You Might Be A Martian

The Curiosity rover found gray mud on the red planet, suggesting that there may have been life and that we might be descended from it. Lawrence Krauss explains how it could have happened.

Read it at The Daily Beast

Are We All Martians? How Recent Discoveries Raise That Possibility

<http://tinyurl.com/cf5k3jt>

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## Re: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2013 13:57:56 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 07:49:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2013 17:05:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

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John Harney

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## Re: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 12:05:06 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 09:14:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Essential DNA-Precursors Detected In Space

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organic\\_molecule](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organic_molecule)

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## UFOs And The Guy Hottel Memo - FBI

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose.nul](mailto:stig.agermose.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 13:25:15 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 26 Mar 2013 04:47:32 -0400  
Subject: UFOs And The Guy Hottel Memo - FBI

Just released on FBI's website on the occasion of the anniversary of the famous memo of March 22, 1950.

Stig Agermose

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Source: FBI.Gov

<http://tinyurl.com/ctlq252>

03/24/13

[The article starts with a photograph of the memo and continues:]

UFOs Or No?  
The Guy Hottel Memo

It's the most popular file in the FBI Vault - our high-tech electronic reading room housing various Bureau records released under the Freedom of Information Act. Over the past two years, this file has been viewed nearly a million times. Yet, it is only a single page, relaying an unconfirmed report that the FBI never even followed up on.

The file in question is a memo dated March 22, 1950 - 63 years ago last week. It was authored by Guy Hottel, then head of our field office in Washington, D.C. (see sidebar below for a brief biography). Like all memos to FBI Headquarters at that time, it was addressed to Director J. Edgar Hoover and recorded and indexed in FBI records.

The subject of the memo was anything but ordinary. It related a story told to one of our agents by a third party who said an Air Force investigator had reported that three "flying saucers" were recovered in New Mexico. The memo provided the following detail:

"They [the saucers] were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed fliers and test pilots."

After relaying an informant's claim that the saucers had been found because the government's "high-powered radar" in the area had interfered with "the controlling mechanism of the saucers," the memo ends simply by saying that "[n]o further evaluation was attempted" concerning the matter by the FBI agent.

That might have been the end of this particular story, just another informational dead end in the FBI files. But when we launched the Vault in April 2011, some media outlets noticed the Hottel memo and erroneously reported that the FBI had posted proof of a UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico and the recovery of wreckage and alien corpses. The resulting stories went viral, and traffic to the new Vault soared.

So what's the real story? A few facts to keep in mind:

First, the Hottel memo isn't new. It was first released publicly in the late 1970s and had been posted on the FBI website for several years prior to the launch of the Vault.

Second, the Hottel memo is dated nearly three years after the infamous events in Roswell in July 1947. There is no reason to believe the two are connected. The FBI file on Roswell (another popular page) is posted elsewhere on the Vault [link].

Third, as noted in an earlier story [link], the FBI has only occasionally been involved in investigating reports of UFOs and extraterrestrials. For a few years after the Roswell incident, Director Hoover did order his agents - at the request of the Air Force - to verify any UFO sightings. That practice ended in July 1950, four months after the Hottel memo, suggesting that our Washington Field Office didn't think enough of that flying saucer story to look into it.

Finally, the Hottel memo does not prove the existence of UFOs; it is simply a second- or third-hand claim that we never investigated. Some people believe the memo repeats a hoax that was circulating at that time, but the Bureau's files have no information to verify that theory.

Sorry, no smoking gun on UFOs. The mystery remains=E2=80=A6

Resources:

- The Guy Hottel memo
- Records on other unexplained phenomenon

[The article is accompanied by a photograph of Guy Hottel and a]

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Sidebar:

[Guy Hottel Biography](#)

Guy L. Hottel was born around 1902. He was a graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he was a star football player. He was later inducted into the university's athletic hall of fame. He entered the FBI as a special agent in 1934. In December 1936, he was named acting head of the FBI's Washington Field Office; he was appointed special agent in charge the following May and served until March 1941. Hottel was re-appointed special agent in charge in February 1943 and served until 1951, when he took a position in the Identification Division. He retired in 1955. Hottel was married three times and had two sons. Following his FBI career, Hottel served as executive secretary of the Horseman's Benevolent Association. He died in June 1990.

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## Good Advice From Jacques Vallee

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2013 22:15:33 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 26 Mar 2013 04:51:32 -0400  
Subject: Good Advice From Jacques Vallee

[Quotation begins]

"First, it is a mistake to believe in Authority, or to put blind faith in official reports, scientific theses, or the theory of a particular author, whenever a point of research is discussed. As objective as my reader perhaps thinks I am, I cannot help but have a general image in mind as I write this book, and so do all writers, even writers on subjects as amenable to objective analysis as chemistry or geometry - no matter how loudly they deny being biased. Therefore one must borrow from books only those elements that appear properly documented, and they must be confronted with a larger human context.

A good researcher should not be afraid to change his mind; he should not feel desperate because his comforting beliefs leave him as soon as he begins to think critically. If he applies these rules, he may not solve all the problems he attacks, but at least he will be less likely to fall victim of every delusion or fad that is associated with them.

Just as some cheap magazines are deliberately written to generate fear in the public and to capitalize on that fear, some scientific reports are deliberate hoaxes designed to reinforce the credibility of our scientific, political, or military establishments. This is a fact of life, and it should not discourage one from the study of science. It does not necessarily mean that anybody is hiding some formidable truth. <i>If the idea that science knows nothing about certain phenomena is unacceptable to the public, why should it be more easily acceptable to professional scientists?</i>  
[his stress]

For a scientist, the only valid question, in this context, is to decide whether the phenomenon can be studied by itself, or whether it is an instance of a deeper problem."

--Jacques Vallee - 'Passport to Magonia'

[Quotation Ends]

Think that's excellent advice, both general and particular, from Gov't abuse of science misquotes and downright lies - on GM foods, drugs policy, and "prison works" etc (mostly since proven to be lies, but that's not publicised), to Big Science's present failure to address its total ignorance of the cause(s) of mass / inertia / half-life etc - which absence, if you peer back through the structure of Relativity and Quantum theories, leaves a gaping chasm under all of modern physics.

Einstein had that foreboding, way back in '55 - see [www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#ein](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#ein) - and, if you read his paper 'The Foundation of the General Theory of Relativity' (1916) you might see why. He followed Mach in saying the secret of inertia/mass (centrifugal force in his terms) lay in the "fixed stars" - which are distant by at least half the radius of the observable universe but somehow conspire to keep a uni-cyclist - or a spinning coin - upright INSTANTANEOUSLY from moment to moment.

Yup, that's not "easily acceptable to professional scientists", nor is the fact that any primal "force" involved can be seen have variable effects - i.e. 'half-life' is not a constant - although mainstream science thought - and swore - it was.

Cheers

Ray D

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apparently, by "fringe morons and intellectual lightweights," is  
a massive evidentiary pathway known across seven categories to  
include:

- (1) the Historical textual documents glyphed in soot and cut  
into stone, or otherwise writ in ancient inks on cracking  
vellum,
- (2) the extant Artistic Historical from primitives on the walls  
of their caves, through Middle-Age wood-cuts, to the  
masterpieces of the masters on rough canvas and slick gesso  
later on
- (3) the quality Anecdotal reports backed up by multiple vetted  
witnesses and corresponding radar
- (4) genuine Photographic efforts prior to digital photography  
provided by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, et sig al
- (5) extant Physical Traces of landing UFOs as laboriously  
outlined by Ted Phillips and others
- (6) the "wholly Personal" evidence, if you have any as I do and
- (7) even the Mathematical, reader, as it is described in modern  
physics regarding the consequences of satisfying requirements  
accounting for "the formality of the actual occurrence" of  
something physical in this multi-verse (humanity "happened" so  
"others" must) but, specifically, as it is described in  
Probability One by Amir D. Aczel, PhD.

Alien intelligence, it would seem, is a certainty! Moreover,  
the evidence, entirely if ironically in concert with Fermi, is  
that they are here! Pack that pipe and spark it, eh? "Where  
are they," indeed.

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[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)  
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We can add a couple more assumptions...

4) that the 'explorers' have physical forms and live in the  
observable physical universe;

5) that our consciousness is an epiphenomenon arising from  
complex processes in the brain.

These let us reject a priori the possible independent existence  
of non-physical intelligent entities that have been experienced  
by the consciousness of otherwise rational people.

William

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## Unidentified Airborne Objects

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 14:44:26 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 28 Mar 2013 18:01:52 -0400  
Subject: Unidentified Airborne Objects

These were the opening lines in a National Post article today  
(March 27, 2013).

It was Canada's turn to provide air protection for Iceland which  
has no military but is still part of NATO.

Note the last line. I didn't add the quote marks; they were  
already in the article. I did add the underline re DND however.

Don Ledger

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With no air force of its own, for the next five weeks the only  
thing guarding Iceland from air invasion will be a sextet of  
Canadian fighter planes.

In mid-March, six CF-18s and more than 160 Canadian Forces  
personnel\* bunked down at a Cold War-era base just outside  
Reykjavik to kick off Operation Ignition, a periodic mission in  
which Canada takes its turn defending the island nation, which  
is the only NATO member without a single soldier or pilot on the  
payroll.

Canadians will monitor radar, escort "unauthorized" aircraft out  
of Icelandic airspace and practice scrambling jets to "intercept  
and identify unknown airborne objects", according to a statement  
by the Department of National Defense.

\* Lee Childs, a British author of the popular Jack Reacher books  
about a Retired American Military MP remarks in one of his  
books that the Canadian Army is four guys with a dog. I stopped  
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## Re: Fermi's Paradox Again

From: Jim Deardorff <[jimdeardorff.nul](mailto:jimdeardorff.nul)>  
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Archived: Thu, 28 Mar 2013 18:04:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox Again

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Ray,

Assumption 3) above, 2nd part, is unduly limited but is on the right track. In a galaxy with billions of planets, a tiny fraction of which could have spawned intelligent life hundreds of millions of years ahead of us in evolution, and with telescopic means (only now becoming apparent to us) of detecting from afar which planets have atmospheres containing oxygen and life, and with methods of interstellar travel many millennia beyond our present restrictions of rocketry and relativity, any such "messages" from ETs could be very frequent, not at intervals of millions of years.

So, why not allow that these "messages" could be in the form of

brief UFO sightings, crop-circle formations, hole-punch clouds, etc.? These would then be products of an alien strategy of making themselves and their capabilities known to us only gradually and covertly, since WWII and up to the present. There's now been enough time to conclude such aliens are not around to destroy or subjugate us. Instead, it seems that the policy of those in charge of the UFO sightings is to allow their presence to become known beyond all doubt to those with curiosity who can accept it, while remaining fictional or imaginary to others (e.g., mainstream scientists and religious fundamentalists). This in turn indicates, at least to me, their exercise of favorable though neutral morality, and an ethic of not forcing their presence upon society.

This theme is included in the 2005 paper by me, Haisch, Maccabee and Puthoff at:

<http://www.ufoskeptic.org/JBIS.pdf>

By 1950 Enrico should have been aware of all the UFO reports of the preceding 3 or 4 years. Perhaps he had them in the back of his mind when asking his question.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: UFOs And The Guy Hottel Memo - FBI

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose.nul](mailto:stig.agermose.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 04:29:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 07:49:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Guy Hottel Memo - FBI

CNN has interviewed FBI historian John Fox on the memo. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/chsm8xw>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53s8amrBfMs>

Stig Agermose

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## American UFO Reports Down 36% After 2012 Spike

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 07:53:27 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 07:53:27 -0400  
Subject: American UFO Reports Down 36% After 2012 Spike

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/c4a5ehp>

March 25, 2013

American UFO Reports Down 36 Percent After 2012 Spike  
Roger Marsh

UFO reporting in the United States appeared to spike during the summer of 2012 with higher numbers continuing until a significant drop in February 2013 in a trend that appears to remain currently in March, according to UFO report statistics from both the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC).

MUFON Executive Director David MacDonald said the increase in UFO reports occurred in July 2012 when 850 domestic cases were filed compared to 625 the previous month.

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## The End of Ufology & Anomalies Studies?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 08:02:26 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 08:02:26 -0400  
Subject: The End of Ufology & Anomalies Studies?

Source: Michael Swords' Biggest Study Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/c6uzmvx>

Saturday, March 23, 2013

The Big Study

The Communications Revolution: The End of Ufology & Anomalies Studies?

People have mixed opinions on the impact of the Internet but most modern attitudes are that "just give it time, the Internet will make everything better". That if true would be a very great anomaly indeed - nothing, save Love Itself, makes everything better. But could it make our study and understanding of UFOs better? Opinions are easily created; is there any reason to say one way or another?

Who knows? This post is one way of tossing something factual into that stewpot.

I was idly wondering whether it might be worth someday writing a small regional UFO casebook on Michigan UFOs. Michigan tends to burp up a good UFO case rather regularly, even when the rest of the country is relatively silent, so maybe such a study would be interesting. Without {yet} being at all serious about doing such a book, I decided to make a simple-minded surface survey of what was out there as far as reports were concerned.

I chose the extremely valuable site "UFO DNA- The UFO Code" to take a look at. It is not a "comprehensive" case listing [nothing is] but it has a large number of cases to say the least. The producer[s] of the site surveyed a tremendous amount of UFO literature to compile this. Not wanting to grow too old in my quest, picking Michigan lessened the extensiveness of my search, and the site helped out further by having regional listings of cases divided by Hynekian categories.

Now....

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Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 08:23:29 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 12:38:13 -0400  
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>\* Lee Childs, a British author of the popular Jack Reacher books  
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>books that the Canadian Army is four guys with a dog. I stopped  
>reading his books after that. A Brit ought to know better than  
>that. 160 troops is less than the number of Canadian soldiers  
>killed in Afghanistan so far.

Hi, Don,

I think you missed the joke. You're confusing the author with his character. \_Of course\_ Childs knows better about your country's military. Having followed his Reacher series for a while (I quit reading it for reasons different from yours, namely their repellent, over-the-top violence), I believe I can assert confidently that the wisecrack you mention is consistent with the character's mordant, cynical sense of humor.

Actually, the world would be better off if all our militaries (including America's) were significantly reduced. Maybe not to four guys with a dog - there's a venerable British folk band, by the way, called Four Men and a Dog, to which Childs's joke is no doubt an allusion - but rather closer to it than they are now.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The End of Ufology & Anomalies Studies?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 12:03:28 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 30 Mar 2013 07:49:32 -0400  
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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>Date: Friday, March 29, 2013 8:02 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The End of Ufology & Anomalies Studies?

>Source: Michael Swords' Biggest Study Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/c6uzmvx>

>Saturday, March 23, 2013

>The Big Study

>The Communications Revolution: The End of Ufology & Anomalies  
>Studies?

Well written and thought out. The Internet has become a blessing  
and a CURSE for ufology, IMO.

Steve

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Er, sorry for the error, as usual occasioned by my writing  
before I've finished my first cup of coffee of the day. You'd  
think I'd learn.

The author's name (albeit in fact a pseudonym) is Lee Child,  
not Childs.

Jerry Clark

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## UFOs And Hollywood

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I only share some of Dr. Clarke's views. By way of example I may mention that a calculation of probability according to current astronomical, astrobiological, astrophysical and astrochemical knowledge undermines his cock-sure claim that: "...in all of human history we might expect one single visit. If we're lucky..." But he makes some interesting points.

Stig Agermose

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Thu, Mar 28, 2013

The Will Smith Effect: UFOs And Hollywood  
By Mark Lankester

The connection between what we watch on our screens, and see in the skies.

By Mark Lankester | Yahoo UK Movies Features =E2=80=93 Thu, Mar 28, 2013 18:07 GMT

In 1996 something strange happened in the UK. From out of nowhere our fair island was swarmed with reports of strange lights in the sky, mysterious craft and flying saucers. The Ministry Of Defence's UFO desk was inundated with almost six times as many sightings as the year before.

Was it an invasion? Was E.T. finally here? Well, no... it was Will Smith.

"Popular culture informs what we see in the sky, and then how we interpret it," says UFO expert Dr. David Clarke, "You can't help but absorb it."

"We've grown up with science fiction movies like 'Independence Day', and no one can divorce themselves from it. Not that people were seeing that one movie, and then going out to look for UFOs - It simply raised their awareness, and they became more likely to report things," he says.

David is a Sheffield based journalist, folklore expert, and official consultant to MOD's Classified UFO files at The National Archives. Think Fox Mulder with a South Yorkshire accent.

Roland Emmerich's alien-invasion spectacular 'Independence Day' was 1996's summer blockbuster and it sent the world extraterrestrial mad. "Newspapers even began running UFO campaigns," says David, "and the figures leapt from 117 sightings in 1995 to 609 in 1996"

"People would write in with sightings from decades before, encouraged to do so by the craze. It's the power of popular

culture."

This phenomena of a film affecting UFO reports led to the coining of endearing term "The Will Smith Effect", but it's not all down to the Fresh Prince.

"The biggest spike was around 1977/8 - around the time we got 'Star Wars' and 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind'," says David, "But there are also anomalies: 1982 for example, when 'E.T.' was released was a particularly quiet year."

"You couldn't look at it scientifically and say 'Right, this film is coming out =E2=80=93 therefore we should expect this many sightings'. It doesn't work like that. But by-and-large there is a strong relationship between aliens on screen, and UFOs in our skies.

"It's not mass hysteria, and it's not just movies - TV, books and comics contribute too - it's just a zeitgeist. When UFOs are popular, people see them."

To David, explaining UFO sightings is all down to trends:

"People's descriptions alter with time," he says. "In the 50s it was all flying saucers, and right now it's big black triangles. Largely influenced by Stealth aircraft sightings. That's then echoed in our media, and people largely begin to see only what it's popular to see."

There's two explanations for this, says David: "Either aliens are very fashion conscious and move with the times, or people interpret their experience through what's going on around them.

"Quite often we see what we believe, and not believe what we see."

A man dedicated to explaining the unexplainable, David doesn't stop with the crafts themselves - he says there's a problem with cinema's depiction of aliens too:

"The image of the little grey alien with the big black eyes seems to be endemic in our culture," he begins, "but there's lots of other types of 'aliens' that people see. There are reptilians, and even cat-people. But the interesting thing is how prevalent that one image is in the West. If you go to parts of South America, they tend to have very different 'aliens'. Their experiences are a mix of their own indigenous beliefs, and parts of Western cinema."

"Ever since H.G Well's early work, we've had this idea of the big-headed, big-eyed, tiny-bodied creature. Cinema picked it up, and it's never changed."

He summarises: "There's not a single story in the current UFO literature that hasn't been anticipated by science fiction, somewhere along the way."

To David, the very nature of the word "alien" shows the problem with how the movies do it: "The fact that we've evolved like we have, with a body, two arms, and a head, is an outcome of a billion different chance-like things. And the probability of those same chances occurring on a different planet, with a different set of rules and conditions, in another solar system: It just wouldn't happen"

"The bottom line is, there's just too many extra-terrestrial experiences for them to all be true," says David. "In reality, in all of human history we might expect one single visit. If we're lucky. But in the absence of evidence, there are far more rational explanations in human belief, psychology, sociology, folklore and culture.

"I'm completely open to the prospect of life on other planets," he adds, "but the movies tell it a different way. And they change how we think about aliens. There are genuine experiences, but they tend to be so un-generic and weird, that they get forgotten. They just don't fit with the Hollywood ideal."

David, whose favourite movie is actually 'Close Encounters', has of course faced criticism for his seemingly skeptical approach, and even accusations of "government collaboration" -

but as he points out, even the movies that he singles out come under fire from conspiracy theorists:

"Some people genuinely believe that Hollywood is doing the bidding of the US Government," he says, "and that blockbuster sci-fi is actually a slow drip-feed of alien exposure, to get us all used to the idea:

"There's this great anecdote about President Ronald Regan, who was a great believer in UFOs himself. Regan invited Steven Spielberg to the White House for special screening of 'E.T.' =E2=80=93 then halfway through the movie, he turned to director and said: 'You'll never believe this Steven, but there are people in this room, who know that all the things in your movie are perfectly true:'"

You can find out more about David's work on his blog, here [link] - and for more information about The National Archives' UFO files, visit their website here [link].

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>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 14:12:59 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox Again

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 13:08:24 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox Again

>From: Jim Deardorff <[jimdeardorff.nul](mailto:jimdeardorff.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 14:25:56 -0700  
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>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 12:13:29 -0000  
>>Subject: Fermi's Paradox Again

Hi Jim, William and Albert,

Forgive me if I summarize your gists as i) Jim's conclusions from 20th Cent. sightings; ii) William's flagging-up of non-corporeal possibilities; and Albert's knowledge of earlier evidence.

Have to agree that Fermi was out of his depth, either not being aware of reports or choosing to ignore them. Looking at the evidence it seems to divide into qualitatively different groups:

Astronomical reports by scientists and other qualified observers up to the early 20th Cent. - i.e. before governments had the need and power to suppress them (maybe seen in the work of Charles Fort). I'm referring to reports of large - sometimes very large - physical "things" seen above the atmosphere, often passing in front of the Moon or Sun. They're reported factually and prosaically and seemed to obey the laws of physics as far as motion and appearance goes - although many clearly exceeded our own capabilities, even now.

Sightings below the atmosphere, again from ancient times onwards (also featured by Fort) of many different 'craft' - some huge. There's a tinge of 'strangeness' to many, with reports of 'impossible' movements and actions, 'instant' disappearances etc. A case can be made - and is by Vallee et al - that these appearances shift to fit the human pre-conceptions of the day, with mythological entities in the ancient past, complicated mechanical airships seen in the 1800's, and sleek futuristic saucers in the 20th Cent. Where the sightings are also of beings, again they seem to change to suit contemporary expectations - i.e. pantheonic types in ancient times, while more recently (like at Fatima) folk saw religious icons and personages.

Lastly there's a huge modern mess of 'weirdness' involving entities at close range - either humanoid or more or less 'alien monsters'. These often seem to disobey the laws of physics, materializing and disappearing, easily passing through walls,

barriers etc. They also seem to have psychic effects on witnesses, many reporting a 'life-changing experience' and in fact the event often seems to cause long-term mental and character change in witnesses.

I get the impression that folk 'choose to believe in' one of those groups and exclude or ignore the others. What if they're all more or less 'real' perceptions?

Fermi - although a gifted physicist, was necessarily a materialistic & deterministic thinker and, as far as these phenomena are concerned, would probably be even more out of his depth today.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Stanford Engineers Create Biological Transistor

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One theory about the so-called greys is that they are biological robots build to withstand the stress factors of interstellar travel, so I found this achievement particularly interesting.

Stig Agermose

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Source "io 9 - We Come From The Future"

<http://tinyurl.com/cfkhh9g>

This New Discovery Will Finally Allow Us To Build Biological Computers

The dawn of biological computers is at hand. In a major first for synthetic biology, Stanford engineers have used genetic material to create a biological transistor. Called the "transcriptor," the creation is the final, missing component necessary for the creation of a biological computer that could enable researchers to program functions into living cells.

Modern computers rely on three standard functions. One: they must be able to store information. Two: they have to be able to transmit information. Three: they need a basic system of logic =E2=80=93 a set of rules that governs how they should function given one or more forms of input. A biological computer would implement all three on a cellular level, using proteins and DNA in place of silicon chips.

The first two functions have been demonstrated with cellular materials before. Several labs have now demonstrated the ability to store digital data in DNA, some of them at jaw-dropping densities [link]; and last year, a team led by Stanford bioengineer Drew Endy developed a system for transmitting genetic information between cells. Now, in a study recounted in the latest issue of Science [link], Endy's team has developed what it calls a "transcriptor" =E2=80=93 the biological equivalent of a digital transistor =E2=80=93 and with it a system of logic that can control cellular function.

In your standard computer, transistors govern the flow of electricity by playing red light/green light with electrons along a circuit. Similarly, a transcriptor regulates the flow of a protein called RNA polymerase along a strand of DNA. Transistors and transcriptors are, at their most basic, on/off switches =E2=80=93 the gatekeepers of information transmission, storage, amplification, and so forth.

The rules that these gatekeepers follow give rise to the logic systems that dictate what problems a computer can solve. A transcriptor gatekeeper that lives by a code of "AND," for example, might allow RNA polymerase to continue along a strand of DNA when two predetermined conditions are "true" =E2=80=93 if, for example, the transcriptor detects the presence of Enzyme-A AND Enzyme-B inside the cell.

A transistor that abides by the code of "OR," on the other hand, would allow RNA polymerase to continue when either or both of the enzymes are present. In computer science, transistors that abide by AND-/NAND-/OR-/XOR-/NOR-/XNOR-rules (which you can read all about here) [link] are called Boolean logic gates. Endy calls his transistor equivalents Boolean Integrase Logic gates. Or "BIL" gates, for short [link]. Below, Endy provides an in-depth explanation of Transistors and BIL gates.

Here's the takeaway: if you line a bunch of these logic gates up, you form a logic circuit. Get enough logic circuits together, and you have a computer that can handle just about any computation you throw at it =E2=80=93 whether it's addition and subtraction on a calculator, or gene expression inside a cell.

Endy plans on starting small. For now, he's working with bacteria, helping other researchers use his BIL gates to engineer E. coli that can be programmed to change color. And in a refreshingly practical take on the potential applications of his team's creation, Endy told NPR's Morning Edition [link] that he doubts these DNA computers will ever outwit your iPhone; but this, he said, is missing the point.

"We're building computers that will operate in a place where your cellphone isn't going to work."

Endy's team's research is published in the latest issue of Science [link]. For a fantastic animated explanation of Transistors, check out this series of graphics created by Adam Cole for NPR [link].

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03/27/2013

Peaceful Movie Aliens: 15 Visitors That Proved No Threat To Mankind  
By Christopher Campbell

Stephen Hawking is right. Alien visitors to Earth would likely be hostile. But that shouldn't stop us from fantasizing about the alternative. Who doesn't like to dream of a day when extraterrestrials arrive and only want to communicate, provide us with renewable energy alternatives, and be our best friends.

Instead, we tend to get movies about nasty, ugly, lethal aliens, especially because they better represent our fears in times of red scares and terrorist threats. Even the new movie "The Host" is about an alien race claiming to be peace-loving, while taking over human bodies in order to defeat our planet.

In response, we'd like to spotlight a number of legitimately peaceful aliens, most of whom are unsurprisingly from the fantastically Spielbergian 1980s.

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I suspect that's precisely what Child was making a mordant joke  
about. I'm pretty sure he's on your side, my friend.

If it's any comfort to you, I've met fellow Americans who  
couldn't locate Minnesota, where I've lived most of my life, on  
a map. Along the same line, I recall a conversation with a guy  
who opined that Israel is located "somewhere near Guatemala".  
Actually, I was surprised he'd heard of Guatemala.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Unidentified Airborne Objects

From: Ray Boeche <[rayboeche.nul](mailto:rayboeche.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Mar 2013 10:51:57 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 31 Mar 2013 22:27:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Unidentified Airborne Objects

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Sat, 30 Mar 2013 09:35:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Unidentified Airborne Objects

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 14:27:39 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Unidentified Airborne Objects

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 08:23:29 -0500  
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Jerry, I think you're pulling our collective leg.

I've always been led to believe that Minnesota was a mythical  
lost continent, so it would make sense no "establishment" map  
would show it.

From the mythical land of Those Who Husk Corn

Ray

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Hi Jerry,

You would think people would get a bit smarter with the info  
available on search engines.

Dumb marketing move on Child's part. Canada is Americas largest  
trading partner and buyer of American product over the next  
largest trading partner, China (yeah, China) by \$220  
billion. Strange his publisher didn't catch that-but it's likely  
Child's editor editor didn't know any better.

Check the Economist for standings:

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/31064179/page/11>

But this is not the forum for this, Jerry. My fault for starting  
it.

The last burp from me.

Don Ledger

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Chicago X-files: Center Studies UFOs  
by Ryan Smith

"A lot of people think we're this massive lab with these huge tentacles reaching out everywhere, but that's not really true. We're a fairly small enterprise," said Mark Rodeghier, CUFOS scientific director.

Indeed, "center" may not be as applicable of a word to describe the organization these days as "network". Though there are a handful of volunteers in the city, most of CUFOS' several hundred members are scientists and academics scattered throughout the world. And in 2010, difficult economic times forced the UFOlogists to close the doors of its longtime headquarters on Peterson Street in Chicago's northern Arcadia Terrace neighborhood. More than 70,000 case files, journals and scientific papers are now split between the Skokie home of the organization's archivist and the basement of Rodeghier's ultra-modern house in Norwood Park.

Dispersed or not, CUFOS remains one of only two major organizations in the U.S. dedicated to the serious (yes, serious) academic and scientific study of UFO activity. Its primary focus is to be something of a think tank of unexplained phenomena--focusing on collecting and documenting information on reported sightings, producing reports and journals and assisting researchers around the world with their own investigations.

Columbia College professor Tony Trigilio made a recent visit to CUFOS to browse through the center's archives. The creative writing professor is working on a book of historical poetry about a UFO abduction case and found a file at CUFOS to be invaluable.

"I was doing a lot of research on people who claim to be abducted, and CUFOS kept coming up in the research I was doing," Trigilio said. "I wish knew about it before because it's such a great archive."

The last report of a sighting recorded by CUFOS was a claim about two months ago of a strange aircraft with orange lights flying over Chicago's northern suburbs, allegedly too close to the ground to be a plane.

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