

## Dawn of the Atomic Age

# Mystery at San Antonio, New Mexico crash site

by Paola Harris

“The Atomic Age began at exactly 5:30 Mountain War Time on the morning of July 15, 1945, on a stretch of semi-desert land about 5 airline miles from Alamogordo, New Mexico.” And just at that instance there rose from the bowels of the earth a light not of this world, the light of many suns in one.”

*William Laurence  
The New York Times  
September 26, 1945*

During this time in history and around the time of the explosion of the atomic bomb, many UFO crashes were reported in New Mexico - a very dry state where we have White Sands Missile Testing Range and Holloman Air Force Base where President Eisenhower is said to have met with alien beings in 1954. The whole state has military activity, and is ironically where Colonel Philip Corso was stationed at one time in 1957.

White Sands Missile Range, in par-



Crew sets up for a re-creation of UFO recovery from August 18, 1945.

ticular Stallion Site, is near Socorro, New Mexico, a three-hour drive from Roswell, where the atomic bomb was tested on July 16, 1945.

Living in that area in the small town of San Antonio were two little boys. Jose Padilla was almost 9 years old and Remy Baca was 6. These little boys did ranch work for their fathers, and also because of their age, they did what we

today would call very adult activities. Jose and Remy were riding horses at that age. Jose was doing deliveries for the Owl Bar Café. He was driving a truck at 9 years of age.

On the ranch land in that area of New Mexico, children grew up very fast. And if you look at the area, isolat-

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### 2016 SYMPOSIUM FEATURED NEWS



Richard Hoffman

## Puerto Rico UAP Case Study

Rich Hoffman has been investigating the UFO phenomena for over 52 years. He grew up in Dayton, Ohio, the home of Project Blue Book, and at age 15 he appeared on a "Phil Donahue Show" and became known as the local UFO expert. The 2016 MUFON Symposium will feature Hoffman on the 2013 Aguadilla Puerto Rico UAP Case Study. The presentation focuses on the evening of April

25, 2013, in which a set of unusual events took place at the Rafael Hernandez Airport in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, that resulted in a Customs Border Patrol Dash-8 turning on its infrared camera to record an unidentified object that had no transponder and was visible as a light (pink/red) until it came close to the shoreline. See all 2016 Symposium event details at [mufonsymposium.com](http://mufonsymposium.com)

### STATS BAR - through April 30, 2016 - UFO Report Totals

World Wide = 572	United States = 411	Under 500 feet = 169
Entities Reported = 44	Highest Shape Reported = Sphere, 110	Highest Reporting Country = United States
Highest Reporting State = California, 49	2016 To-Date Worldwide = 2,478	2016 To-Date Cases Closed as Unknown = 491

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## UFO Think Tank

Have a new idea involving UFO research or investigation?  
Keep it under 300 words and include a photo or illustration.

# The Phenomenon + Who Are They?

by Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell  
Creator, Extraordinary Beliefs

I believe that when we attempt to convey the unknown, unexplained or un-investigated, that we can generate great power through the words we choose to express our principles and ideas. Below, I have provided some concepts, phrases and questions that are part of my perspective with Extraordinary Beliefs. This information should help define the aim of my endeavor, and indicate my approach towards the subject, the investigation of all that is "Beyond Paranormal" or simply "Extra-Ordinary".

## PHENOMENOLOGY vs UFOLOGY

The term "PHENOMENOLOGY" (or "THE PHENOMENON" as I refer to it), is a superior way of explaining the wide variety of manifestations caused by the non-human intelligence that appears to be presenting itself throughout human history. The big picture is that UFOs seem to be a symptom of a much larger reality. A paradigm populated by entities of high technological advantage.

It is said that, "Truth is perceived in fragments, and from different angles of vision." Study of «The Phenomenon» is tempered by our own human limitations. We humans seem to observe or experience only slight glimpses into this alternate (yet congruent) reality, as by its very nature, it is elusive. And usually... «The Phenomenon» is conveniently just outside of our reach, most likely due to our limited perceptual grasp.

The religious have seen Gods and Devils, while the conspiracy theorist sees elaborate spider webs of deceit and intrigue. Myself, I see an enigma: the silence of "The Phenomenon," interwoven within the mystery of the human psyche.

From the scout ships that constantly show up over protected nuclear military installations and on radar (displaying movements and propulsion mechanisms far beyond human capabilities), to the enigmatic encounters and manipulations of time-space, where experiencers describe fascinating and bizarre information bestowed upon them by "The Visitors," it is certain that our planet has been, and is currently being, engaged by non-humans. What is NOT immediately clear, is the purpose behind these contacts. Even the high ranking military officials who speak directly about "The Phenomenon" (usually off-the-record), are concerned about how little is truly known about these "visitations" and "The Visitors" themselves. From a military perspective, the primary threat is the war on the information crisis... how to handle the truth about UFOs, and more importantly, manage public perception of the problem. This fundamental concern has kept the UFO reality officially behind the opaque veil of secrecy for decades. So much so, that a broad campaign of deception has been generated and

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Jose and Remy were two children who happened to see a UFO crash on August 18, 1945, one month after the atomic bomb blast. Story begins on page 1.

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## director's message

Jan C. Harzan



## Man on Mars - now!

Well, not quite now, but if a few futuristic thinkers have their way – very, very, soon. Last year ended with Charles Bolden, head NASA Administrator, saying that the United States would have men on Mars around 2030, a mere 14 years from now. Then just last month Elon Musk, president and founder of SpaceX, upped the ante declaring that SpaceX would put a lander on Mars by 2018 and hinted at putting men on Mars by 2025. How will they do this? With their little Red Dragon spacecraft of course. Measuring about 20 feet tall and 12 feet wide, the Red Dragon will not carry astronauts when it lands on Mars in 2018, a short two years from now.

It will land on Mars to show the new capsule's ability to reach far-flung destinations throughout our solar system, SpaceX said. Musk plans to unveil SpaceX's concept for sending humans to Mars this September at the 67th International Astronautical Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Sounds like the place to be if you

want a front row seat on how humankind will begin expanding out into the vast universe starting with our solar system and the colonization of Mars. One can only hope that space tourism can't be far behind.

It's been more than 45 years since men walked on another surface other than Earth (the last moon landing was December 1972) and yet now, in less than a decade, we will be wandering around another planet in our solar system.

We of course won't be wandering.

We'll be building the first settlement on another planet in our solar system.

My money is on Musk and his

private space company SpaceX to meet their goals and have men on Mars in less than a decade with the purpose to colonize it.

Wouldn't that be something?

To put this into perspective, if there were intelligent life on Mars, then that would make us the Aliens.

How's that for a change of pace?

We have found the aliens and they are us. Something to think about.



SpaceX Red Dragon landing on MARS sometime in 2018. Credit: Space X



Red Dragon landed on Mars. Credit: SpaceX



Conceptual Drawing of a Mars Colony. Credit: Newscientist.com

## industry notes

Who and what are making headlines?



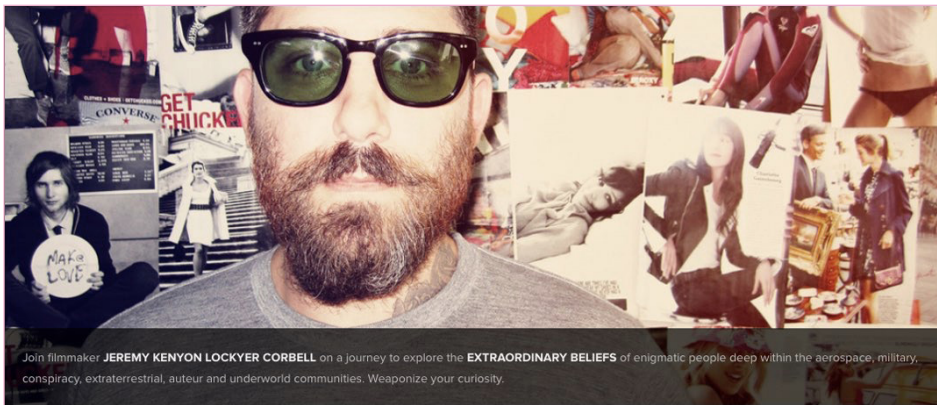
## Corbell film covers Lear story

Photo-journalist Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell recently introduced a new feature film, "Immaculate Deception" - an extraordinary belief, the John Lear story.

Watch the film at [immaculatedeception.com](http://immaculatedeception.com).

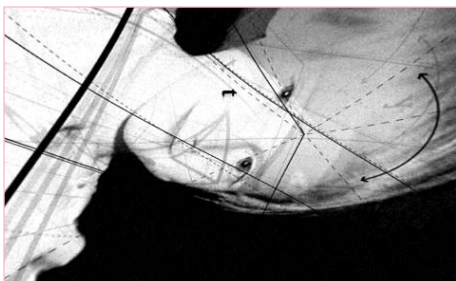
From the website: "Surrounded by TV monitors and cigar smoke at his

sprawling Las Vegas compound, the "Godfather of Conspiracy" and ex-CIA operative, John Lear (disinherited heir to the Lear jet aviation empire) takes us on a journey down the rabbit hole. With unprecedented access to this enigmatic man and those who surround him, the world has yet to hear these philosophies and confessions."



Jeremy Corbell is a neat guy to watch these days as he's out shooting for Ufology and getting up-close with witnesses. The image (top) is from the film - with photo (above) a self-portrait. Credit: Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell.

## Film explores aliens: good or bad?



Credit: Story of Your Life

Let's face it - as the reality of living among aliens becomes stronger with the more we know in Ufology - everyone wants to know: Are they good or bad? No release date yet for the upcoming 2016 film, "Story of Your Life" from the Ted Chiang short story starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner. The military enlists the help of a linguist to understand what they're saying as crafts land around the world.

## UFO-alien films plentiful in 2016

First up is the science fiction thriller, "The 5th Wave" from Director J. Blakeson, release January 22, where an alien invasion is completed in various waves - and apparently part five is pretty bad.

As the plot moves forward, we see the sophistication of the aliens as they take human form and try to turn the survivors against each other. Bad press, but moderate box office returns.



## Independence Day - part 2



Credit: Independence Day: Resurgence

We loved the original - and now "Independence Day: Resurgence" will open in theaters June 24, 2016 - 20 years after the original. Returning for all the fun are actors Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Judd Hirsch, Brent Spiner and Vivca A. Fox.

Two clues on the plot - co-writer and Director Roland Emmerich is quoted saying that the entire world is united with advanced alien technology we assume gained from the first, unsuccessful invasion. And second, this time the Mother Ship actually lands - and it's the size of the Atlantic Ocean. These guys aren't fooling around this time.



Credit: Star Trek Beyond

## Star Trek Beyond

This is the sequel to 2013's "Star Trek Into Darkness" and releases July 8, 2016. No plot details yet from Director Justin Lin.



# HELP WANTED

Director of Membership

The Director of Membership might just be one of the most exciting adventures a volunteer could take right now. Imagine MUFON is sitting on about 4,000 members - whose cornerstone annual dues generates funds for all departments. Our goal is 8,000 members.

And we can meet that goal by the end of this year.

A plan?

The Communications team is reviewing concentrated membership exploration areas - like members of paranormal investigation groups around the country - where the total universe is 1,000 or greater.

Using a series of targeted membership areas that align with our goals, MUFON is ready to invest in courting those audiences and challenging them to join us.

The Director will manage the larger plan - and oversee a team of membership managers each with one specific target audience to reach out to.

MUFON management is a team environment joining a larger group for ideas and counsel.

The Director should work well with other team players and be goal and action-oriented.

Further membership development could see 30,000 members by the end of 2017.

Want to work with a team and help accelerate the game plan for the most exciting adventure on the planet?

Email a cover letter and resume to Roger Marsh at [editor@mufon.com](mailto:editor@mufon.com). We need you yesterday.

## editor's notes

Roger Marsh



There is an interesting shift happening in Ufology today that crept up on us all slowly. For decades we defended the idea of alien visitation because there seemed to be no other explanation.

The shift is simply that the serious people studying UFOs are now ignoring the question of whether or not UFOs actually exist. They know the objects exist from the thousands of pieces of witness testimony collected just from the past 70 years.

I personally recall being interviewed just a few years ago where the line of thinking was dominated by the questions surrounding whether or not UFOs existed at all. Now in an interview, I get right to the point - UFOs are real. They are here. And they are not isolated to a few particular regions - they are worldwide.

There are two vast databases to pull from to assess the situation. I can point out the many historical cases involving landings, crashes and drive-bys with excellent witnesses - sometimes even military, police and pilot testimony.

The second resource is the daily reports coming into the MUFON database by the hundreds each month from around the world.

Most journalists or show hosts want those case details and seem to be fascinated by how the objects can move so easily and quickly into and out of our air space.

But the center of the conversation - instead of weighing heavy on existence - is now rooted in where they come from and what their objectives are.

At that point in an interview, I generally say - "Take your pick."

We have all learned to name at least the top 5 or 10 theories behind a UFO's intelligence.

And if I don't say it, the person interviewing me will always ask - what are the chances all of these objects are

merely our own ships created from some secret black-ops program buried deep in our federal government and hidden from us for national security reasons?

At that point in the interview, I acknowledge that the "secret" government program is obviously one of the choices in a long list of ideas behind what the intelligence is. But I love to point out actual global history over the decades and wonder right out loud why these machines were not used to improve our global assets. And then everyone generally laughs at that point because you realize the argument is valid, but the truth still remains one bolt shy of road worthiness.

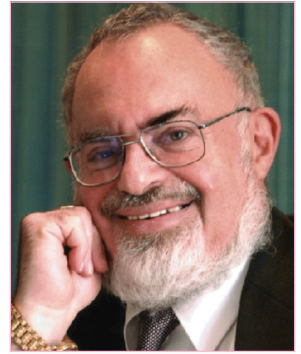
Ufology today remains a most interesting field - and it's fascinating to see the backgrounds of people interacting with MUFON on a daily basis as they do the ground work needed to log in and assess the on-going situation.

Perhaps we are not thinking enough outside of that proverbial box. Jeremy Corbell offers up some interesting thoughts on the subject in this month's "UFO Think Tank."

My world is a steady mix dealing with the "boots on the ground" Field Investigator and managing media inquireries on the state of UFOs.

Once you accept the idea that there is an intelligence behind the objects, and it does not appear to be human, there is a landslide of theories to ponder.

During those moments, I like to reflect back to that early evening in October 1973, standing outside in my southwestern Pennsylvania neighborhood just after dark, when a slow-moving, oval-shaped object moved overhead just 40 feet off of the ground while making no sound. It was the width of the two-lane road and about 10 or 12 feet tall. The memory drives my work daily.



## UFO enthusiasts *Need for educating the younger generations*

I recently was made aware of an excellent example of UFO debunkdom. It was an article entitled, “The UFO Enthusiasts” dated May 9, 2016, in a neo-conservative publication, the weekly *Standard*, which has a circulation of about 100,000. The author is Charlotte Allen. The article is 14 pages long, double-spaced. It is a splendid example of the four rules I have previously noted for Debunkers: 1. Don’t bother me with the facts, my mind is made up. 2. What the public doesn’t know, I won’t tell them. 3. Do one’s research by proclamation. Investigation is too much trouble. 4. If you can’t attack the data, attack the people.

She clearly has an agenda. She attacks Roswell, and McMinnville, The Hill case and Travis Walton. The basic idea is that she attended the McMinnville, Oregon, UFO Festival twice and thinks nothing has happened in ufology for years and the attendance at festivals almost all was stimulated by the “X-Files” TV show which only lasted for six shows in its recent revival. She also, as might be expected, has a particular axe to grind about Hillary Clinton’s recent comments about wanting the government’s UFO documents to be reviewed, and as many as possible to be released. John Podesta’s enthusiasm for such activities is also noted along with the encouragement of billionaire Laurance Rockefeller. Allen has problems getting her facts straight and is guilty of several blatant omissions.

She mentions the Roswell crash in July 1947, saying, “Its myth of origins is an event that had occurred in Roswell in July 1947. The crash of a mysterious object believed by some

to be a UFO at a ranch not far from town” ...myth means an imaginary or unverifiable person or thing. A roughly 75-mile jaunt is actually not exactly down the block. She mentions Jesse Marcel, a former Army Air Force Intelligence Officer. She doesn’t mention that he was a major. Doesn’t mention he was the intelligence officer for the 509th Bomb Group which was based at the Roswell Army Air Field and most importantly was the most elite military group in the world. They dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, 1945, and two more in Operation Crossroads in the Pacific the next year. Nobody else in the world had any contact with nuclear warheads until the Soviet test in August 1949. All the members had very high level security clearances. The Commander at the time, Colonel William Blanchard, went on to be a 4-star General and was Vice-chief of Staff of the USAF when he died of a massive heart attack at the Pentagon in 1965. One would think these facts would help credibility.

She has Jesse saying that he had found the remains of a flying saucer complete with mysterious purple hieroglyphics. But he had been ordered by his superiors to keep mum. She doesn’t seem to understand that once a small amount of the wreckage was brought back to the base, there was no question that all information about it was classified. Just as all the data on nuclear weapons was classified. In actuality he had been ordered to accompany some of the wreckage on a flight to 8th Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, His picture was taken (by the *Ft. Worth Star Telegram*) in the office of 8th Air Force Command-

er General Roger Ramey, along with wreckage substituted for the real material and also with then Colonel Thomas Jefferson Dubose, General Ramey’s Chief of Staff. Many years later I located and met with retired General Dubose and he told me that he took the call from General Ramey’s boss General Clements McMullen who told him to send some of the real wreckage to him in Washington and not talk about it again. She says other witnesses told me they had seen alien bodies amid the wreckage. She doesn’t say where I reported this myth, though she mentions the book by Berlitz and Moore, *The Roswell Incident*. She probably didn’t know about my book, *Crash at Corona* or that I was the one who brought Bill Moore into the Roswell investigation.

She mentions that I had endorsed the Majestic 12 documents that surfaced in 1984 and contained instructions for exploiting the alien’s technology and engaging with extraterrestrial beings in the future. I said no such things and noted that all but four MJ-12 documents were phony. She doesn’t reference my “TOP SECRET/MAJIC” about the MJ-12 documents. She claims that both the FBI and the Air Force’s Office of Special Investigations conducted their own probes of the Majestic 12 Documents and deemed them to be bogus. I wish I could find details of the probes. Yes, USAF Colonel Weaver claimed they were bogus. Unfortunately, no basis was provided. As a matter of fact, the FBI just asked the USAF which said the documents were bogus...no evidence provided.

Allen mentions that the Roswell festival of 2015 drew 10,000 people who despite the hellish heat could listen



to bands, visit a UFO museum, enter their dogs and cats in an alien pet contest and themselves in an alien costume contest, watch fireworks, and, if they wanted to get serious, attend three days' worth of lectures, films and panel discussions. She doesn't bother to mention the International UFO Museum and Research Center by name and that it is open 362 days a year, has loads of educational material and had 184,000 visitors last year despite Roswell being 200 miles from Albuquerque, Amarillo, and El Paso and not on the way to anywhere.

She says Roswell is near the Texas border. Strangely she also says it is very far from "the picturesque adobe, the millionaire-boho art scene, the blue corn tortillas and the spectacular mountain vistas of Northwest New Mexico that most visitors associate with the land of enchantment. Funny, I would say that it is Taos and Santa Fe and Los Alamos

that attracts almost all the interest. They are in the northeastern quadrant. Having been at almost all of the festivals, I would say that a huge number of families visit the museum from all over the world. The children certainly enjoy the parades, the animals and the fireworks. They are not billed as academic seminars. She was upset that she heard some of the same things in McMinnville, the second time she visited. Is the truth supposed to be a variable?

She belittles Travis Walton and is quite negative about him. She takes on the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill and mentions the book by Kathleen Marden and myself, *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Story*. I doubt if she read it. For some reason she makes note of the fact that the TV Movie, "The UFO Incident" "starred a black actor, James Earl Jones as Bar-

ney, and a white actress, Estelle Parsons as Betty. How could they not have? She makes the strange comment that Kathleen Marden had the good luck to be the niece of Betty Hill and her husband Barney. That means she had a chance to see how many times they were attacked by other debunkers who also didn't care about the truth. She also misrepresents Kathy's comments about her criteria for evaluating abductees and their testimony.

She mentions MUFON, but doesn't mention that it has 4,000 members

the fact that when the NSA released 156 TOP SECRET UMBRA NSA UFO documents on which one could read one sentence per page with everything else whited out, that proved there is a cover-up. That was all old stuff at that, of course, the CIA also withheld loads of pages which were all blacked out. I am sure she doesn't seem to be aware of USAF General Carroll Bolender's statement about sightings which effect National Security not being part of the Blue Book system and would continue to be investigated even when Blue Book was closed.

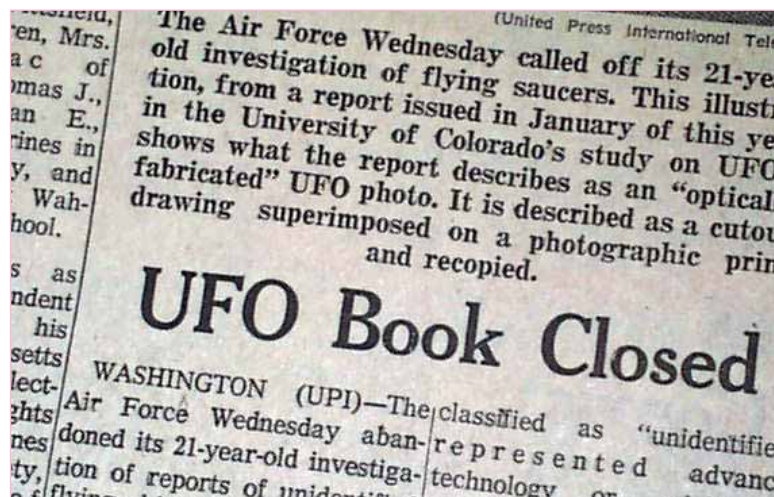
Maybe she believes that the reason Blue Book was closed was that there were no UFOs being seen and nobody being abducted. She would really benefit from reading some of the many PhD theses that have been done about flying saucers. One of particular interest would be, "A Survey of Press Coverage of Unidentified Flying Objects" (1947—1966) by Dr. Herbert Strentz, which had some very strong comments about the inadequacy of the coverage. He became

the Dean of the School of Journalism at Drake University. It is easy to establish that most (typically 90 percent in my experience) of UFO sightings don't get reported and an even lower percentage of abductions are.

Allen seemed surprised at how much attention was given to the debunking of debunker Phil Klass at the Conferences. Apparently she has no idea how his irrational attacks have been so important in getting journalists and scientists to avoid digging deeply into the question of UFOs. She also misquoted what I said about Carl Sagan as she would have known if she had read my book, *Flying Saucers and Science*.

We can't eliminate debunkers, but we can expose them.

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spread all over the world and last year alone received more than 8,000 sighting reports and publishes a colorful monthly Journal. She tries to give the impression that nothing much is happening on the UFO scene and there have been no abductions, only old ones like the Hill case. As somebody once said, Charlotte "seek and ye shall find." And somehow all is just the result of the "X-Files program." She doesn't mention that MUFON has a well attended symposium every year with papers being presented and available in a Proceedings. Most of the papers are by professional people such as myself and other scientists.

Except for mocking conspiracy believers, she seems to be totally unaware of proof of the cover-up by government agencies such as the NSA and CIA. Yes, I am indeed convinced that

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## observations

Nick Redfern on the many shades of ufology

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# UFO Disclosure: Yawn...

*Rumors of governments coming clean are endless*

One question I'm often asked at conferences and on radio-shows is: "When do you think UFO Disclosure is coming?" Well, the answer to this particularly thorny question is pretty much dependent upon two assumptions: (A) That someone within government, the military, the intelligence community, or a murky combination of all three, actually has an agenda to spill the alien beans in the first place; and (B) That there really is something worth disclosing! Many researchers accept – utterly without question at times – points A and B as being entirely valid. But let's see what we really know, what we can ascertain about this situation, and the ever-controversial issue of Disclosure. Or, as I like to call it, "The truth is coming next Thursday. Honest, it is!"-syndrome. As I see it, at least there's a tendency on the part of whole swathes of the UFO research community to imagine and conclude that if the world of officialdom is hiding startling data on UFOs (and, perhaps, even recovered craft and bodies), then this somehow means officialdom has all the answers as to who is visiting us, and the nature of their agenda. But, is such credit due? I most strongly suggest not. What does having in their possession the wreckage of a UFO that may have crashed outside of Roswell, New Mexico, in the summer of 1947, tell those tasked with examining it? And if that same craft was piloted

by diminutive, large-headed aliens from some far-away world, and their pummeled corpses are, today, held in cryogenic storage deep below Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, or at Area 51, what does that tell them? I'll put you out of your misery: It tells them...not very much at all.

Being in possession of an alien spacecraft would surely be amazing, incredible even. And to actually get to see the preserved remains of entities born on another world must be a jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring – perhaps even fear-inducing – sight. But, being in possession of technology and lifeforms from another star-system tells us absolutely nothing about the agenda of those same entities. All it really tells us is that someone – from somewhere far away – is skulking around in the dead of night, spying on us, watching us, and maybe even abducting us. And, of course, occasionally crashing and inadvertently revealing themselves to us in the process.

But, unless there has been some form of up close and personal and one-to-one relationship between the humorless, bug-eyed little grey things and elements of the government, then the reality of the situation may well be that officialdom has no more idea of the actual agenda behind the UFO entities' presence here than does the big-toe on my right-foot! Many people in Ufology

expect governments to come clean because they assume those same governments have all the answers, and one day we will know those same answers when – finally – someone at an official level develops what is generally known as a conscience.

You should consider the following possibility, instead: Officialdom almost certainly has a lot of profound UFO reports that have never, ever seen the light of day. And, maybe, they even have bodies and craft. But perhaps that's all they have. The significant answers to "who, why, what, and from where?" may still utterly elude them – totally. Do you really think any elected official, influential religious figure, or well-known king or queen is one day going to stand up before the entire world and say something like: "Yes, aliens really did crash at Roswell. But we have no idea of their origin, intent, or long-term agenda. We suspect they are kidnapping citizens, and their program seems to have a genetic link to it. But, we have no real answers. None. We're as in the dark as you are. Thanks for listening. Good night." It's utterly ludicrous to imagine such a scenario. Governments will only disclose if (A) they have a substantial body of answers (not just a pile of debris and a few decaying corpses); (B) they have good news; and (C) it's in their interests (not in our interests) to disclose. Bad news, no substantial answers, and no advantage gained



by disclosing, will ensure one thing, and one thing only: No disclosure.

And, there's another reason why I doubt disclosure is on the horizon: we've seen and heard all these claims before. That's right: for decades people have claimed "the truth is coming." And you know what? It never, ever does. The problem, today, is that so many people in Ufology simply aren't aware that we've gone through all this time and again. I could reel off literally a dozen or so examples dating back to the early 1950s. But, for space purposes, I'll focus on a couple of perfect examples from the 1970s.

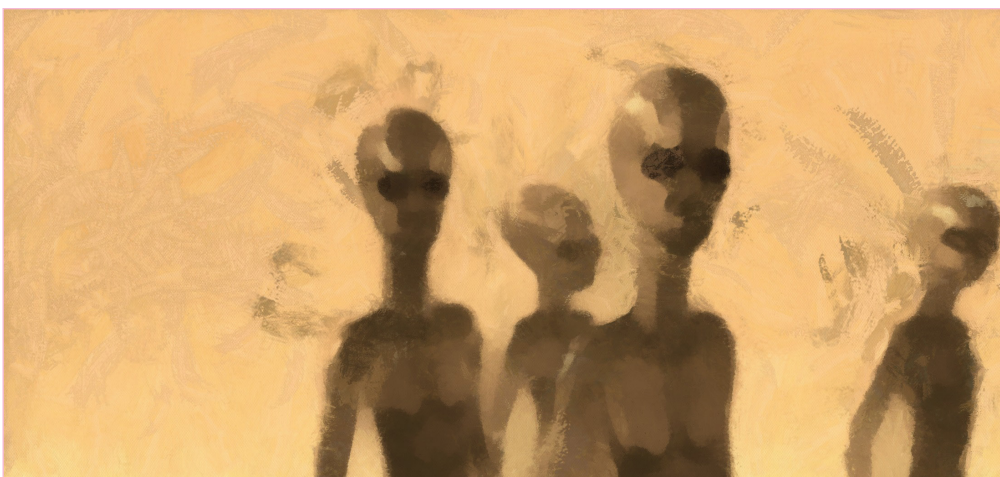
Midway through 1971, an

anonymous letter was mailed to the Pentagon by a source who claimed that sensitive UFO data originating within the U.S. Government was to be turned over to elements of the U.S. media. In other words, someone on the inside was going to take a proactive approach and initiate UFO disclosure. A copy of the letter was turned over to the FBI – and you can find it at the FBI's website, The Vault (in the UFO portion of the site). The letter reads as follows:

"In approximately seven months or January, 1972, certain copies of top-secret documents shall be sent to the *New York Times* as well as two other newspapers. These documents are related to and will be an ostentation of the involvement of the Pentagon in the controversial 'Unidentified Flying Objects' or

'Flying Saucer' subject. It will show that not only the U.S. Air Force was involved in UFO research but the other military branches as well."

The anonymous letter-writer continued: "Analysis and the actual conclusions of the classic UFO cases shall be revealed. This shall be accomplished by zeroxed [sic] documents and photographs that General Wolfe had reviewed when he was head of the Army's UFO support program in the Pentagon during the Eisenhower years."



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And the letter came to an end like this: "Sorry, but it is concluded here that this is the best course to take because we feel that the secret UFO investigations are parallel in nature to the Times-Pentagon-Vietnam controversy. If we are wrong in taking this action, time will tell."

Time told, alright. Nothing happened. No disclosure. No big release of material. Those claimed "zeroxed documents" turned out to be zero documents.

Now, let's move on three years, to 1974, and to a certain, very well-known Ufologist who was active from the 1950s to the 1990s.

His name was Leonard Stringfield. It was in 1974 that Stringfield heard rumors the U.S. Government was possibly on the verge of disclosing. And maybe in conjunction with the government of France.

Stringfield noted, in his 1982 status report on crashed UFOs, that: "I was alerted by Walter Andrus, Director of MUFON [the Mutual UFO Network] to be prepared as Public Relations Director, to rush to Chicago, joining he and Dr. [J. Allen] Hynek in a press conference if official word was released." Needless to say, even though Stringfield prepared what he termed a "tentative press release," the "official word" was not released.

Stringfield also said: "In my UFOlog for December 16, 1974, I noted, 'Wonder what President Ford and Giscard d'Estang, President of France, are discussing in Martinique besides the oil problem?' If UFOs were on the agenda we can only guess. The Martinique meeting ended with nothing said about UFOs.

The biggest story ever, was never told."

And it still hasn't been told! One of these days I'll do articles on very similar situations and rumors from the 1950s, 1960s, 1980s, and 1990s. But, you get the point: we've been hearing rumors of disclosure for decades and decades. It didn't happen.

Why should today – and endless tomorrows – be any different?

And before anyone accuses me of being cynical on the matter of UFO disclosure, I'll save you the bother:

Yes, I'm cynical! And you should be, too. To the disclosure movement I say this: put up and give us a date.

Or shut up and...well...just shut up.

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# New Mexico 1945 UFO crash site revisited

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ed and desolate, you can see why. Jose and Remy were two children who happened to see a UFO crash on August 18, 1945, one month after the atomic bomb blast. They were sent to look for a cow that had just calved. These cows came from Spain and were a special breed. Jose's father asked the boys to get on their horses and go and check the fences and look for the cow. It was while doing this, that they witnessed a UFO crash. They saw the craft, they saw the hole that had been ripped into the craft from the force of the crash, and they saw little beings running around scared on the craft. After several days, they saw the soldiers picking up pieces from the craft and throwing them into a trench. That's what they saw. It took a long time to clean this crash site, almost eight days after they cut the cattle guard to take out the supposed weather balloon. During that period of time there was a thunderstorm. Thunder and lightning storms in New Mexico are very well known to happen almost every afternoon. The electromagnetic anomalies are very well known too. Even Colonel Corso talked about it when he was stationed at a site called Red Canyon in 1957. He basically said that there was such an anomaly in New Mexico that often paranormal phenomena would happen. They would lose some of their missiles.

On this particular occasion in August of 1945, there was a terrible electric storm and Jose says that the craft that they saw came in and took out what he called "the Italian radio tower." I think the radio tower was called the Italian Towers with reference either to Enrico Fermi, who was part of the Manhattan Project, or Marconi, who worked with radio – both Italian. These radio towers and radar towers alike were put up not only for communication on very prominent land, but radar towers in particular were able to be moved from one place to another. They were there



Crew at crash site 13 miles from Trinity Bomb site.

so that they could detect when the Russians were spying on this particular Top Secret project. Radar towers would let the people in the area near San Antonio/Socorro know if there was any intrusion.

On that particular afternoon a craft came in. It took out the metal radio tower. It crashed in a half-mile kind of stretch on the ground. When it landed it was an avocado-shaped craft with a small dome. A piece was broken off and the two boys were extremely curious. They went down about 500 feet from the craft. With the burning mesquite and burning trees around there, they saw small beings through the hole, sliding back and forth, very shaken up and scared by what had happened.

This is the background of the 1945 crash. It was covered for the Italian Magazine *XTIMES* in two parts, which contained the actual word-for-word story from Jose Padilla and Remy Baca.

In that time, about 2012 or so, I could not go down to the crash site because Remy Baca did not want me to and he basically was looking for funding to do the story big-time. Remy has since passed away and Jose Padilla wants to release his story to the out-

side world. He is very, very anxious to tell people what happened there because at that time, his family did not understand what exploded in July of 1945. His mother was blinded when she opened the door and saw the light. She thought it was the end of the world and so did many unprepared people in the town of San Antonio. Jose said it happened around 4 in the morning. Also the consequences were of historic significance.

The scientists and everyone working at White Sands, which is 13 miles away from San Antonio, New Mexico, told the citizens that it was an explosion of an ammunition dump. They did not tell the citizens what it was. In those days, the only place that everyone gathered was a bar called the Owl Bar and Café. It was much smaller than it is today. It was a place where a person could buy groceries, and was a place where you could get drinks. It also had a soda fountain and what Jose stresses is that there were girls there. So that is why the military men, the seven boys, who dealt with cleaning up the crash, went there on the last day after seven days of the recovery. Those

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# Original witness returns to visit UFO crash site

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little boys knew many of the men and watched the recovery of the craft.

Then on the last day, the men left the area so that Remy and Jose had free reign to jump on the flat truck. That is when Jose snuck inside. There was a canvas tarp over the craft and he crawled under it and went inside, went around the corner and saw up against the wall a metal plate with a spinning piece of metal attached to it. Basically, he took a crowbar, a cheater bar, and he pried it off. He pulled it off with this metal bar. It had a pin in the middle which fell on the floor, he said. It was the spinning piece that the MUFON team and the research crew has several pieces of to analyze as part of this research project.

We are doing metal analysis and so far we have learned that it is an aluminum casting piece. It has silicon and I think it has some magnesium, but we have to have more tests done. There seems to be nothing unusual about the metal which presents us with a problem. If that craft that crashed was our manufactured craft, then that was our material that Jose took off the wall. But to complicate matters, both boys said they saw beings; they saw very small beings that looked like children with long arms. Jose Padilla described them as looking like a fire ant or mantis standing up because they had big insectoid kind of eyes. Jose wanted to go in and help them because they were injured from the crash. He resisted doing this because Remy, being 6 years old, started to cry and wanted to

go home. So they left to go tell Jose's father what they had just witnessed.

So what we have is a piece of metal. We have the area. And we have the tes-

Café. I interviewed Rowena Meira, who owns the Owl Bar and Café. She said she didn't know what these men did. They saw them with leather briefcases and they thought they were prospectors. Jose thought they were traveling salesmen. It was a such a Top Secret project to develop the atomic bomb. Nobody knew what was happening in that area. At that time there was the Army Air Force because they had not split into separate units yet until 1948. The Army Air Force was one unit.

This also explains that when they did split up into the Army and the Air Force, they had probably back-engineered materials that were taken by both branches of the Armed Forces, and the Army had Colonel Corso, who was the main whistleblower. But the Air Force did not talk about what it could take away from this. So this could explain the criticism that most of the technology was in the mainstream because there were two branches together that were involved in the recoveries.

There were many recoveries, not only at Roswell. There was the plains of St. Augustine. There was Aztec. There was Corona. There was even said to be a crash at Magdalena. We knew this was all essentially in the same area. Now we know for sure there was a crash at San Antonio.

Whoever was interested in this location, was interested because of the atomic bomb explosion. If one finds the crash site, one will see past history. I have now been there at least five times. It was a perfectly round oval in the soil where the craft crashed in 1945. It was about



*Jan Harzan and Jose Padilla in front of the Cattle Guard fence cut by the Military in 1945 to remove the Weather Balloon. The access road was also created by them.*



*Jan Harzan and Paola Harris at Very Large Array of radio telescopes in Dool.*

timonies of the two boys. We also have the Owl Bar and Café and the ruins of the scientist's quarters.

The Manhattan Project scientists were housed behind the Owl Bar and



30 feet in diameter. For 70 years, nothing would grow in the center and there were tiny little flowers around the edges. In my research we decided to take soil samples in the center last year and we had those soil samples which all dried out. Nothing significant was in those samples then.

What is significant by July of 2015 is the location is transformed. We needed to bring in the big guns.

We assembled an expert team. The team consisted of Jan Harzan, who is the Executive Director of MUFON; myself, Paola Harris, an international investigative journalist; Chase Kloetzke, forensic researcher who meticulously does the forensics and heads up MUFON's SAT team; David Garcia, who was involved in collecting samples; and Tom Hamelin, who was the first researcher

assistant to work with me on the case in 2012. This is very important because they were a team who worked together trying to get forensics and the specimens seen in these photos with witness Jose Padilla.

The initial oval landing site that was there that was the exact crash location has dried up soil from the last 70 years. It does collect water, but dries up immediately. The four previous times I've been there it was very barren looking. There was nothing growing in the middle. This year for some reason there were these unusual-looking plants in the middle, plants that are not seen anywhere else, neither on the Bureau of Land Management fields, on the land that is leased to Jose Padilla and his family, nor on their 80,000 acres. Nowhere near the Owl Bar and Café or

anywhere nearby have we seen those plants. The plants are poisonous and very, very irritating. My assistant, Tom Hamblin, picked up the plants with his hands and had a cortisol reaction immediately.

His face became red and irritated. Areas on both of his hands and arms developed hive-like irritations on them, and we very quickly saw that we couldn't



*Paola Harris, Jose Padilla, Jan Harzan, and David Garcia in the park in Socorro where Reme and Jose discovered this piece of bomb casing. They tried to bring it into town with horse and rope, but other citizens retrieved it.*

touch these plants. The irony is that the plants are only within that circle. They are only within that 30-foot diameter circle where the craft landed. The assignment was to go back to the location to take the plants out and that entailed both Garcia and Chase Kloetzke wearing Hazmat suits covering every part of their body with tape and gloves and coverings. They also wore protective boots and gloves. They had their faces completely covered and wore protective glasses. Chase does the kind of work where she takes a sterile bag, places the sample in it and then closes it with identifying tape. They proceeded to pull out the plants and then they took water samples because those plants were sitting in water and the site had not dried up. In the past the water would dry up after a couple of days

and the area would return to a desert-type environment. Since this time Park Rangers have identified these plants as *Night Shade and Xanthium strumarium (cocklebur)*, just from the photos we took. We are still waiting for formal analysis.

This is fine field research and I am grateful that we were able to assemble this team. From the history of the site

and its current appearance, it seems they were planted there purposely. Those plants were only in that circle. I believe it was done to keep people away—it is obviously intentional.

What is underneath the soil in that 30-foot diameter? In the original story Jose and Remy said that seven young military men who were cleaning the crash did a very bad job of it because there were such small pieces that they

would take their feet and throw them into a kind of berm on the ground—kind of a berm that they had made. They did not pick up the small pieces. Remy and Jose even found pieces there and they were covered up which means that the big pieces were taken out and the small pieces remained. All it would take is a bulldozer and digging 20 feet down beneath the ground, but for that you need a permit from the Bureau of Land Management because it is part of the BLM land which the ranchers lease.

So the question we have is why were those plants planted there? What is underneath them? And how can we get the machinery to dig up that whole site to see what we can find? It is part of the

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# Plants collected at crash site go out for analysis

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research project on which we will keep working and requires funding.

However, what I find most important is the implications that there was first a crash at San Antonio around August 18, one month after the atomic bomb test and before Roswell. There was a craft and there were beings and someone was interested in our nuclear capacity, someone interested in our ability to destroy. And then there is, ironically, two years later, another crash where the 501<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron, stationed in Roswell, New Mexico, intervenes. We had entered the Nuclear Age. We had opened Pandora's Box.

Ironically upon witnessing the first atomic detonation by mankind, the thoughts of Robert Oppenheimer, Manhattan Project Supervising Scientist, are captured on a plaque that reads, "...now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds..."

I think Einstein and Oppenheimer both were very upset with the use of this destructive technology. This plaque is right there when you go into White Sands, when you go into the Trinity site there, and you can see the entire field, and you can see the field of destruction. There was a town that they built to see how the bomb would affect the construction. It's there. It has become a tourist attraction. Open House visitations are April 4th and October 3 every year, and there is a black monolith where the bomb exploded. I went there with Tom Hamblin. On the ground near the monolith there is glassy, green sand that I think is probably very radioactive. They lodged the bomb in a container on the gantry which was up in the air.

The timing of the ET visitations in the New Mexico area and subsequent crashes is of some interest. It is essential to note that New Mexico in general has thunder and lightning storms that could cause that one such incident; that this was something of a weather phe-



David Garcia in Hazmet suit getting plant sample.

graphic memory. It is satisfying for me, the researcher, to have MUFON Executive Director Jan Harzan question Jose Padilla on camera because Jose tells the exact same details. He said it took roughly eight days to remove the craft after the Army-Air Force cut the cattle guard and asked his father permission to take out the "weather balloon." The cattle guard was a barbed wire fence that was not big enough to let the truck go by. They had to, in fact, build a special road to go down there and take the craft out. We saw the road. The road that we saw was not built by Jose's father; it was built by the military.

This is a very important case and the photos provided show us trying to solve the mystery of the irritating



The plant, *Xanthium strumarium* (cocklebur), caused an allergic reaction to one of the team members who pulled it up with his bare hands. His face and body developed a rash and swelling occurred.

nomenon that could interfere with off the world navigational systems. It is too coincidental also in the 1945 incident that there was a thunderstorm just like at Roswell—that something happened and these beings crashed right at the site 13 miles away from Trinity on the Padilla Ranch.

Jose Padilla recounts the same detailed story because he has a photo-

plants that were planted on this site. This is a site that should not become a tourist attraction—this is a site that should only have access available to serious researchers. The irony is that I've been working on this story for six years and there are no other researchers in the field who are interested except for two and one is Timothy Good; and the other Ryan Wood who included





Panorama of crash site with plants visible in water.

this crash in his book *Majic Eyes Only*.

Timothy Good, in his book, *Need to Know*, covers two pages of this 1955-1957 case. Good traveled to Washington state to see Remy Baca when he was alive. Good, like me, is a field researcher and is trying to connect the dots. We're trying to see why we've had these incidents that are hidden. Why is only Roswell the only focus of research? Why did these events happen? Why are sites altered? Disinformation is clouding the true history of the American discoveries of the nuclear potential. But most of all, the disinformation diminishes its consequences, which seem to implicate serious extra-terrestrial interference.

**Results of Metal Analysis: To be Determined.**

**Results of Plant Analysis from Rangers in Socorro:**

I think the plants in your photos are *Xanthium strumarium* (cocklebur). In order to be sure I would need a flower, fruit or seed, or perhaps be there in person. This species is poisonous if ingested and can cause skin irritation in some but not all people.

A couple more things. You may want to try finding the nearest herbarium (often affiliated with a university) to this location by Internet search and send the photos to the curator. Local knowl-



Jan Harzan and crew filmed for a documentary as they are looking at plant forensics. Left to right: Cameraman Alan, Jan Harzan, Tom Hamblin, Jose Padilla, Chase Kloetzke and David Garcia.

edge of the flora is a great resource.

Where this plant is growing in your photos looks like a seasonal stream bed (the standing water strengthens this thought), which would explain why there is not much growing there most years. It is certainly possible in a year with much rain like we've had to have some unusual growth like this. What often happens is seeds from the surrounding landscape are washed down to a stream (particularly in heavy rains) with the rain and deposited there where they germinate. By taking a look at the local topography you may be able to

gain a better idea if this is possible for the area in question.

If you have some photos with fruit or flower you can send them to me. That would help.

The species I mention is common in North America. I sent a couple of the images to the range specialist at the BLM office in Socorro. Below is his reply. So he verified what I thought about the green plant. The second silvery plant in one of your photos is the nightshade he mentioned. Both are poisonous. You can take a look online for specifics.



# MUFON University launched in May

by Kenneth St. John  
Director of Training

May 9, 2016, marked an important day in the history of MUFON with the announcement that MUFON University was open for enrollment. The kick-off represented the beginning of a new and exciting educational benefit for Field Investigators and staff. This online Center for Excellence in Education will provide best practice distance learning for role specific and personal development.

In the fall of 2015 the Learning & Development team was appointed by the Director of Training to assist in the development of online course content for a new learning management system which is now known as MUFON University (MU). Guided by a needs analysis based on input from local chapters and general staff, an initial course catalog was defined and development began.

During the interim period of construction and prior to open enrollment, several needs were identified as particularly important priorities. Among these were to provide an alternative delivery method for the Field Investigator Certification Examination currently included with the FI Manual, and to assist in the dissemination of the new State Director Handbook. Traditionally the FI Exam and its answer sheet were in hard copy form and bound with the Manual. This approach inherently created issues with revisions and security. The State Director Handbook shared a similar revision issue and also needed an improved method of distribution. The Handbook was deemed to



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be of such critical educational importance that an additional need to confirm its review by State and Assistant State Directors was identified. MU provided the solution to the needs associated with both the FI Exam and the Handbook by developing an interactive course for each.

The hard copy FI Exam formerly included with the FI Manual has been moved online which now provides for instant grade results for the student



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and HQ as well as a greatly simplified revision process. Additionally, exam questions are randomly pulled from an extremely large question pool making each examination uniquely different for each assessment session. Upon successful completion of the Exam, a color Certificate of Completion suitable for framing is available for printing by the student.

Coincident with the publishing of a new State Director Handbook, in April of this year a requirement was issued by the Executive Director and the Director of Investigations which required all State and Assistant State Directors to review the new Handbook within a 30-day period. Completion tracking of the State Director Handbook course on MU facilitated confirmation as to SD and ASD compliance with this requirement. Although not specifically required, Chief Investigators and State Section Directors are encouraged to complete the Handbook course as well. As is the case with the FI Exam, a Certificate of Completion is available for printing upon successful completion of the course.

The two development projects above serve as two great examples of the flexibility and benefits of MUFON University. However, the primary objective of MU is to provide channels and methodologies for role specific and personal development. To this end the initial offerings in the course catalog were chosen as broadly as possible to maximize their application. Course development is an ongoing process and new courses are constantly being added to the development schedule. Now that MU is officially open, here is



# MUFON UNIVERSITY

a sampling of the courses available in the initial catalog:

- Volunteer Onboarding Program – orientation for volunteers fulfilling specific chapter or staff assignments, FIs, and FI candidates
- Field Investigator Onboarding Program – orientation for FIs and FI candidates
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- Case Management and Basic Investigation – details policies and procedures for the working FI
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design of your presentation

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- Introduction to Computer Technology – a survey course covering

file. Social media style blogs and site news forums will provide for real time interaction between students, teachers, and mentors. Up to the minute notices of new course additions, site status, maintenance issues, etc., are available through RSS broadcasts.

Future plans call for the availability of complete kits to facilitate delivery of training or presentation programs at the local chapter level. These packages will include an instructor or presenter guide, printable attendee handout, and

PowerPoint® slide deck. An additional distance learning tool is planned which will provide for live instruction by MU staff and guest instructors.

Enrollment at MUFON University is limited to MUFON Field Investigators and Staff. Contact your local State Director or Assistant State Director for details on how to enroll. If you are not a certified investigator, why not consider becoming one? Doing so will allow you to take advantage of this educational program which is unique in the field.



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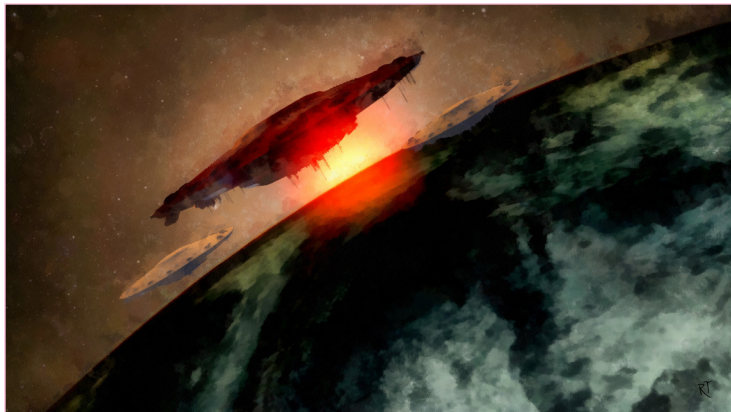
- State Director's Meetings – selected replays of broadcasts
- Courses on MU utilize various methods of content presentation including interactive text, video, audio, and text-book style readers. MU also acts as a repository for documents which are available for download as a complete

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## Tennessee witness describes UFOs as 'snake-like'



The Knoxville witness described the object as snake-like. Pictured: Knoxville, TN. (Wikimedia Commons)

A Tennessee witness at Knoxville reported watching black, snake-like objects moving slowly across the sky at 100 feet about 7:45 p.m. on March 26, 2016, according to testimony in Case 75447.

The witness was sitting outside on a deck observing the sky.

"I watched four very high planes go by, with no sound, and emitting trails," the witness stated. "Two of them went from north to southeast. Two went west to east. I thought that was very strange."

But a few minutes later, the witness reported watching a black, solid, snake-like object move over the trees to the east.

"It was spinning very slowly to make a spiral-like shape. Appeared to be close, maybe 100 feet from me. It was making its way very slowly toward the southeast."

The witness then called for his wife to come outside.

"During the couple of seconds that I looked away to get my wife's attention, the object had gone from maybe 100 feet away to extremely high in the

sky, maybe 500 feet. It took my wife and 4-year-old daughter about five seconds to make it to the deck. By the time they made it outside, a second object had appeared near the first object."

The second object was exactly like the first object.

"The two objects slowly ascended out of sight toward the southeast. All three of us watched the objects until they were out of sight. During the sighting, a fifth plane went by, from east to west, very high in the sky, with no sound."

Tennessee MUFON is investigating. Knoxville is the county seat of Knox County, TN, population 183,270.

## UFOs reported moving in low formation over Ohio



Cropped and enlarged still frame from witness video. (MUFON)

An Ohio witness at West Carrollton reported watching and videotaping two spinning UFOs with a gem shape that appeared to move in formation, according to testimony in Case 72295.

The witness was outside smoking when two lights were noticed rising above the tree line about 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2015.

"The two craft traveled a straight and level flight path from northwest to southeast," the witness stated. "They

appeared to be a spinning gem shape, with no sound. Both were spinning in unison, and appeared to be flying in formation. Recon definitely came to mind."

The witness with a military background could not identify the objects.

"They were not traveling at an unusual speed, or did not make any abnormal maneuvers. They did, however, disappear shortly after passing my position as I faced south. I have been an aircraft mechanic for over 30 years, including four years in the USAF at Edwards AFB. These were absolutely not aircraft that I know of, and unlike any of the unusual things I saw at Edwards. I live about a 15-minute drive from Wright Patterson AFB."

The witness used the only video resource on hand at the time.

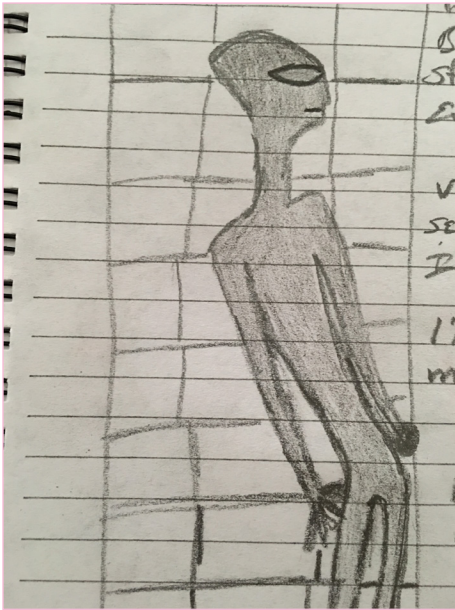
"In the short video I managed to get on my phone, I tried zooming in and out a little to maintain focus. I didn't have my reading glasses on. You will note towards the end, as tree branches become visible, the lead craft disappears, the second one travels a little further, and then disappears as well. One thing I noted was the spinning in unison."

The case was reported to MUFON on November 8, 2015. Ohio MUFON Field Investigator Tom Smith investigated and closed this case as an Unknown. West Carrollton is a city in Montgomery County, Ohio, population 13,143.

## Virginia witness reports possible alien abduction

A Virginia witness at Norfolk reports





Witness sketch of the alien. (MUFON)

a possible alien abduction after experiencing lost time and personal items that were moved, according to testimony in Case 75365.

The witness was in her bedroom at 1:47 a.m. on March 3, 2016, preparing to go to sleep, when the incident began.

“I know the exact time because I told myself that I was still going to be able to get up early despite the time,” the witness stated. “I was sitting on my bed, then the next thing I know I am walking from my kitchen to the bathroom. I remember thinking to myself, ‘Why was I in the kitchen?’ I didn’t have food or anything in my hands.”

Events continued to be out of the ordinary.

“On the way down the hall to the bathroom I passed my bedroom door. And as I walked past I looked in the room as I always do passing doors, took two more steps, then stepped backward and looked in the room again.”

The witness may have seen an alien being.

“There it was standing in front of my patio door almost as tall as the door. I froze and my jaw dropped. It turned its head, looked at me, and vanished through the door. I shook my head and went to the bathroom.”

The witness then realized there was a loss of time.

“When I walked back into the bed-

room I looked at the clock and it was after 3 a.m. I sat on the bed and tried to recall walking to my kitchen or what I had been doing this whole time, but couldn’t remember anything except a strange bracelet.”

The witness then felt compelled to draw the creature and the bracelet in hopes of clearing her mind and getting back to sleep.

“I told my husband about this in the morning. That’s when we noticed the furniture. I have my heavy jewelry box and it had been pushed away from the wall right where the creature had been standing. My husband and I felt that the stand having been moved was extremely odd. There would be no reason for us to have done it nor would either of us do it at random.”

The witnesses husband felt somewhat unusual too.

“My husband also recalled having slept heavier than normal that night. Though many things of this nature have occurred throughout my life I have never spoken out about them for fear of ridicule. I have many experiences, but only recently began to document what I remember as it happens currently. I hope by sharing this I can inspire others to come forward, or spark a memory of a similar event in someone else.”

The case was reported to MUFON on March 23, 2016. MUFON Virginia Field Investigator Robin Hills is investigating.

### Rectangle UFO noticed over Georgia as it blocked the stars



As the object moved closer to the witness, a detailed observation of the UFO was able to be made. Pictured: Cumming, GA. (Credit: Google)

A Georgia witness at Cumming recalled a UFO event from 2013 where

a black, rectangular-shaped object was seen flying low and blocking out the stars, according to testimony in Case.

The witness was outside talking on a cell phone about 2:15 a.m. on November 4, 2013, on a clear night with good weather when something unusual was noticed in the night sky.

“I noticed first off - the fact I could not see any stars in an area,” the witness stated. “The fact I could see some stars, but in an area I could not see any - it did not seem right at all.”

The witness was puzzled as to why some of the sky was blocked from seeing the stars.

“I did not think at that moment I was looking at anything. I kept looking and then realized when the end of this ‘area’ was, then allowing me to see the stars. At that moment I realized something was in front of me and it was large. I could then see the size due to the area I could not see.”

At this point, the witness was very close to the object.

“It was black but not shiny, but not a dull surface. It was approximately three stories tall, approximately 300 feet long, and approximately 75 feet wide. It traveled from north to south. I saw the entire west side of the craft. I did not see the front at all. I could see part of the back end, but limited due to the dark color craft at night time.”

The witness was able to see lights on the bottom of the craft.

“I did not notice the bottom of the craft until it was a light blue/white or white/light blue light. It was a softer than normal LED light. This light appeared to run the width of the craft. The height of the bottom of the craft to the ground was approximately 15 feet above the trees. I did notice that the trees did not move. When I realized there was a large craft not very far from me, I did not move. I knew that this was not anything I had seen, heard of or thought should be flying!”

The witness did not understand what was being seen.

“It did not make any sense that it

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could be moving. It looked heavy and not a way to stay in the air, no wings, etc. With no sound at all, it did bother me that I was in possible danger when I saw the light. It was only traveling approximately 2 mph and continued south until I could not see it any longer. I did not want to follow the craft down the road. I didn't want the craft to notice me and I figured it could leave fast if need be. I can show you the exact spot I was sitting, where the craft was - I will never forget that."

Cumming is a city in Forsyth County, Georgia, population 5,430. The report was filed with MUFON on March 15, 2016. Georgia MUFON Chief Investigator Mark C. Ausmus is investigating.

### Alabama cylinder UFO caught briefly on witness video



*Cropped and enlarged version of the still frame taken from the witness video. (Credit: MUFON)*

An Alabama witness at Pell City reported watching and videotaping a large, black, cylinder-shaped UFO hovering over a highway, according to testimony in Case 71724.

The witness was driving eastbound along I-20 just west of Pell City at 12:02 p.m. on October 21, 2015, when a large, black, hovering object was noticed over the interstate.

"I whipped out my camera and tried to record it," the witness stated. "I estimate the object to be around 80 feet long and approximately 300 feet off of the deck. I observed it for about two miles of interstate before passing un-

derneath it."

The witness described the object.

"I could not see any windows or features to the object, and it appeared stationary."

The witness asked his wife if she saw the object as she was traveling behind him.

"My wife was traveling less than 10 minutes behind me and was not able to positively ID the object as it had moved away by then."

The witness included a short video of the object and a still image taken from the video.

"I looked at what I had recorded and did a screen grab of the object zoomed in. I will attach both files. Unfortunately, the video makes it appear much smaller than what I was observing. Anyways, I don't know what it was, thought maybe you would be interested."

The object is hard to see in the video and is only briefly captured near the end. The still frame taken from the video shows the object very well.

Alabama MUFON Field Investigator Michael Haynes investigated and closed this case as an Unknown. Pell City is a city in St. Clair County, Alabama, population 9,565.

### Georgia witness watches UFO moving through woods



*The witness first thought someone was in the woods with a flashlight. Pictured: Sylvester, GA. (Credit: Google)*

A Georgia witness at Sylvester reported watching a sphere-shaped UFO that was less than 100 feet away, according to testimony in Case 75433.

The witness was outside sitting in a truck in his backyard about 10 p.m. on January 7, 2016, on his 100-acre land parcel smoking a cigar.

"What seemed to be a dull light in front of me slowly increasing in intensity, I thought was someone in the woods with a flashlight," the witness stated. "But it increased in brightness to a brilliant white light."

The witness continued to watch the light as it was very close.

"As I sat there I saw it slowly rise to around 10, maybe 20 feet high. I'm not sure. It sat there for a moment and then started to move left of me. Through a path through the trees in my woods I could see it flashing through the woods between the trees. It came out the other end near my pond. It rose up and disappeared. I was amazed at what happened.

The witness looked again about five seconds later and it reappeared and went back into the tree line

"It went through the trees and started to rise at a 45-degree angle after it got above the trees. It accelerated rapidly at a 45-degree angle into the sky heading southwest and disappeared. I've never seen anything like this before."

The witness looked for evidence the following day.

"The next morning I went out into my backyard where I saw it appear and I noticed about an eight-foot, dark greenish, brown circle in the ground. I looked at it for a while. I started to go back to my house and I noticed another one, 800 feet away approximately, so I walked to it and it was identical. Then I noticed another one towards my house. And it was almost in a perfect triangle. One hundred foot apart. It stayed there for several weeks. Even after repeated mowing it stayed there and did not disappear until after the first winter frost. I have never seen anything like this before. It was amazing."

Georgia State Director Ralph Howard is investigating. Sylvester is the county seat of Worth County, Georgia, population 5,990.

### West Virginia witness describes grapefruit-sized UFO

A West Virginia witness at Mullens recalled a UFO event from 1967 where





The witness first noticed the UFO when light was shining into their home window. Pictured: Mullens, WV. (Credit: Google)

three family members encountered a disc-shaped object the size of a grapefruit that shown light into their home, according to testimony in Case 75258.

The reporting witness was 16 years old and was doing his homework just after 9 p.m. on an October night in 1967 when light was first noticed.

“A light came through the window,” the witness stated. “I looked up and a grapefruit-sized object was casting a light into our living room. I knew it was an object not of our present Earth. It followed a path across the picture window casting a light and a ‘Doppler effect’ of heat.”

The child’s parents were in the room with him.

“When the light reached the corner of our house it cast a light in on my father. He said, ‘What was that?’ I said, ‘Dad, I just think I saw a flying saucer.’ About five minutes later my mother exclaimed, ‘I want to know what is going on around here?’ I repeated what I have just said above. No one moved. My parents went to bed at 10 p.m. No one moved. At 11:30 p.m. Johnny Carson did his second joke, and my father said, ‘Well, we are going to bed.’ I said, ‘Wait a minute, I am scared. I will sleep on the floor.’ My father answered almost mechanically said, ‘Don’t worry, you will be alright, just go down the hall and sleep.’ I said, ‘I still don’t like it.’ I don’t sleep without a TV and light on.”

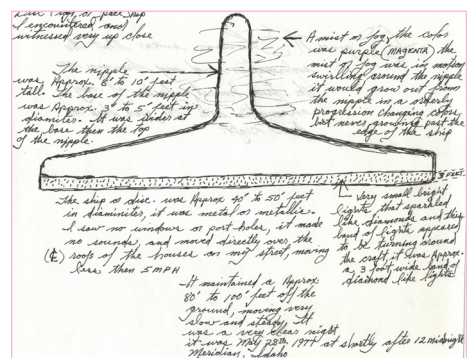
The witness does not feel as though he or his family members were abducted.

“I do not feel like I was contacted or abducted. It happened over 45 years ago. If my father and I don’t tell the

story it will die with us. My Mother passed away in January. The object I have referred to above travelled outside of my line of sight.”

No images or video were included with the MUFON report, which was filed on March 18, 2016. West Virginia State Director Fred Saluga is investigating. Mullens is a city in Wyoming County, West Virginia, population 1,559.

### Idaho witness sketches details from low hovering UFO



Witness illustration. (Credit: MUFON)

An Idaho witness at Meridian recalled a UFO event from 1977 when a disc-shaped craft hovered over a nearby home and moved towards him, according to testimony in Case 75381.

The witness was driving home in his truck late at night on May 5, 1977, and noticed the UFO hovering just above a neighbor’s roof as he pulled into his driveway. The case was reported to MUFON on March 23, 2016, and is under investigation by Idaho STAR Team Investigator Charles Stansburge who provides the account details.

“As he looked up from the road ahead to view it he seemed to ‘hear in his mind’ an authoritative male voice saying, ‘This is not of this world,’” Stansburge reported. “He stopped the truck, got out and watched for 20 to 30 minutes. His passenger did not stay outside with him. She went immediately into their home, as she was concerned for the safety of the children there.”

The witness continued to watch the craft as it silently and slowly approached where he was standing.

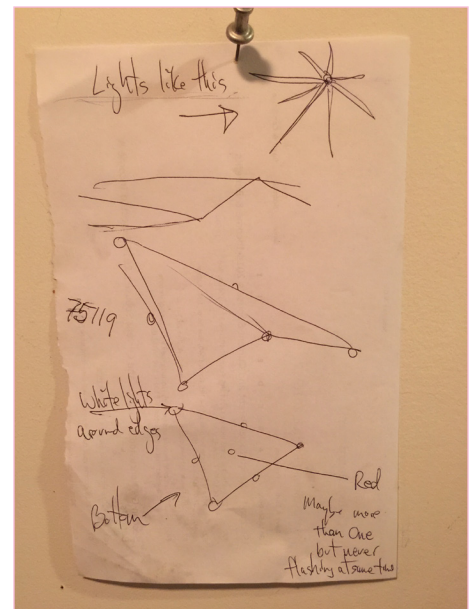
“Drawings are attached showing the shape of the craft from the side. It had a ‘nipple’-shaped dome on top which was shrouded in a swirling vaporous cloud which changed colors. A sparkly zone shown ‘like diamonds’ around the perimeter of the disc.”

At first the witness did not see any detail under the craft, but when it passed nearer to him he saw pulsating, colored lights in rectangular panels on the underside of the craft.

“There was no noise, emission of any kind from the craft and the lights from it were very bright, but did not seem to illuminate the ground or adjacent buildings. The disc was still in the sky over the homes when the witness eventually tired and went inside.”

The witness provided three illustrations with the report. Meridian is a city located in Ada County, Idaho, population 75,092.

### Cleveland witness reports close encounter with triangle UFO



Witness illustration. (Credit: MUFON)

An Ohio witness at Cleveland reported a close encounter with a triangle-shaped UFO, according to testimony in Case 75119.

The event occurred beginning about 10:21 p.m. on March 8, 2016, with the object heading south, and the witness soon dictated details into a telephone

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as he is a lifelong visual artist.

“At first I saw it coming,” the witness stated. “It was traveling slowly. It was not that high up in the air and it was an unusual constellation of lights so I grab my iPhone and I thought I should take a picture of whatever it is. And then it got closer and I got closer. We were converging right over Interstate 90.”

The witness first thought the object was something that could be identified.

“As it got closer and closer I thought it might be a group of helicopters. But they were in too tight of a cluster. I saw a constellation of lights that were in an abstract sort of triangular form. As the craft got closer, I kept looking up and I saw that there was a slightly lighter color to the body than the dark sky.”

The witness described the lighting on the objects.

“There were lights on all three corners and in between the corners with a dazzling white very, very white, bright, bright light. On the bottom there was a flashing red light. At least one. Maybe they were alternating from different positions on the bottom.”

The craft was traveling very slow and low to the ground.

“The craft was traveling very slowly. It was probably four to six telephone poles off of the ground. Not regular telephone poles, but the kind of tall ones that are along the interstate. If this craft was indeed triangular, it appeared to be traveling backwards away from the point.”

There was an aspect of this triangular pattern that was hard for the witness to comprehend.

“The lights seemed to be pointing toward me, not so much at me, but so bright that it looked like they were pointed at me, although it was not pointed at me at all. That’s how dazzling the lights were.”

As the object moved overhead, the witness thought there was structure to the object.

“As the craft approached the highway before it crossed over me, I

thought it could be a structure, a linear structure like I-beams or something that have lights along it and it was not a flat triangle. It appeared to have a flat aspect, but the front seemed to be folded a little making it like two long, skinny triangles, but only in the front.”

The witness was not afraid.

“I did not feel any unusual feelings outside of disbelief. I racked my mind trying to figure out what it could be other than a craft. It was not that high off the ground. As an artist my life profession is about looking and seeing. I’m very articulate and I’m able to describe things well. I worked as a carpenter for 30 years and I have a pretty good sense of dimension. I would guess this craft was between 40 and 60 feet long. Of course perspective could have thrown all of this off. Of course everything about this could be incorrect. But if it was what it appeared to be, I saw something quite remarkable and would like to know if anybody else saw the same damn thing.”

The witness provided an exact location for the sighting.

“It was west of exit 169 on Interstate 90 – that was what I dictated (with only punctuation changes). I am most curious if there were other reports of this thing. It had to have been seen by many others because it was so low and moved so slowly and was over a very, very populated area – along the edge of Cleveland. And lastly, and strangely enough, I have been struggling to photograph my drawings and for some reason they will not photograph. I have never had a problem with taking photos on my phone. Very strange. And I am not even suggesting that they are related at all.”

Ohio MUFON Field Investigator Joseph Pavlansky closed this case as an Unknown.

### Costa Rica witness captures disc UFO over volcano

A Costa Rica witness at Cartago reported watching and photographing a saucer-shaped UFO near the Irazú Volcano National Park, according to testi-



*Cropped and enlarged portion of witness image. (Credit: MUFON)*

mony in Case 74756.

The witness was outside in the park area with a girlfriend in good weather with sunlight and no clouds when the incident occurred at 11:06 a.m. on February 24, 2016.

“This volcano is 3,400 meters of altitude above sea level (11,260 feet) close to the biosphere, so we were above the clouds,” the witness stated. “Like when you fly on an airplane, the sky was really clear so at 11 a.m. at that altitude part of the sky was light black.”

The witness was taking pictures of the volcano and the landscape.

“The clouds looked like a white sea, but I noticed close to one of the mountains some clouds with different forms, so I started to take pictures there.”

The witness then finished the tour and began to head home.

“While I was checking the pictures, I noticed one black circle above the mountains I noticed before. It looked like a circular saucer with two little antennas – one on the top of it and like one on its tail. On the moment while taking the pictures, I did not see it. I took the pictures in a burst. On one picture you can see the object completely clear. On the next one it vanished – almost in seconds. All the pictures have less than one-minute difference. I will attach the pictures guys. Thanks for your time. Greetings from Costa Rica.”

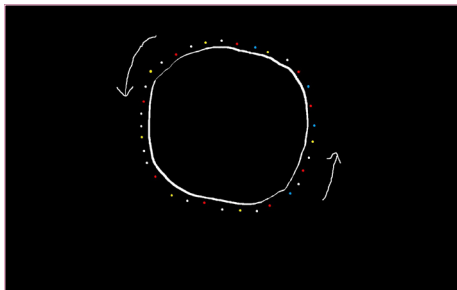
The witness included three images with the report, which was filed on February 5, 2016. MUFON SAT Group Director Chase Kloetzke is investigating.

Irazu Volcano National Park is a national park in the Central Volcanic



Conservation Area of Costa Rica that encompasses the area around the Irazú Volcano in Cartago Province which incorporates what used to be the Ruben Torres Rojas Forest Reserve now called the Prusia Forest Reserve. The volcano is still active although the last major eruptions were between 1963 and 1965, with occasional minor eruptions and some small lava flows since that time.

### Netherlands UFO witness recounts military encounter



Witness illustration of the object seen on February 17, 1991. (Credit: MUFON)

A Netherlands witness at Soesterberg recalled a UFO encounter in the military from 1991 that left him traumatized, according to testimony in Case 74907.

The witness was outside walking during a night shift watch at a military base near Soesterberg, Netherlands, about 3 a.m. on February 17, 1991, when the incident occurred.

“Along with another cadet I came at the central parking lot at 3 a.m. and saw a big circle in the sky straight on top off us,” the witness stated. “It had no shape, but only bright lights slowly rotating anti-clockwise and the light points itself didn’t rotate. The colors were in a liquid manner.”

The object was large and the witness wondered exactly what it was.

“I estimate the object about 30 to 50 meters in diameter. The first thing we both thought was a blimp, a zeppelin, the one like Goodyear has with the light screens on the sides. But the fact that it was very low and absolutely stationary and silent made it very, very odd.”

Soon the object began to rotate.

“After some minutes the lights

started to rotate faster and suddenly it took off at really incredible speed to the west. A couple of seconds later we felt a short, hard wind blowing which stayed on top of us like a downwash from a helicopter.”

The witness had a clear view of the object.

“If there was a way to describe the speed this thing was going, but I can’t. We had a clear view for over 30 km – that’s 20 miles-plus. This thing covered that distance from stationary in something like 0.10 seconds. I know aviation and have flying experience and I am very technical. This kind of extreme acceleration turns humans into liquid.”

The witness waited 25 years to come forward with the story.

“For many years this has been an unspoken chapter in my life. I didn’t want to speak about the incident because instantly after the encounter, me and the other cadet, became unexplainably very, very ill, and for days suffered a high fever and extreme vomiting. The illness was so bad that it left me traumatized and not able to speak about it for years.”

Soesterberg is a town in the Dutch province of Utrecht, part of the municipality of Soest, population 5,798. Soesterberg Air Base was a Royal Netherlands Air Force military airbase located in Soesterberg, first established as an airfield in 1911. For almost 40 years, United States Air Force facilities at Soesterberg, named Camp New Amsterdam was a major front line USAF airbase during the Cold War. The base was closed on December 31, 2008, due to budget cuts in the Dutch Army.

Robert Kouba is investigating for MUFON International.

### New Zealand witness thinks UFO may have landed

A New Zealand witness at Tauranga Bay of Plenty reported watching a large, glowing object approach swiftly, light up the community and abruptly descend as though landing, according



Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty region. (Wikimedia Commons)

to testimony in Case 74972.

The incident occurred on March 5, 2016, and was reported to MUFON the same day.

“I couldn’t sleep as I had several coffees with friends in the afternoon and so was still wide awake as I lay in bed,” the witness stated. “I noticed a shimmering star changing colors in the distance so went and got my binoculars to look at it more closely.”

The witness thought it was only a star when viewed through the binoculars.

“However as I returned to my bed after putting the binoculars away, my whole room lit up and I thought, ‘What the hell?’ and as I looked out from my two-story window I saw a huge glowing, bright, lime, greenish yellow orb coming up from a southeast direction.”

The witness noticed that the object was growing larger and larger as it approached very fast.

“Then inexplicably it suddenly left its horizontal trajectory and without a pause, it changed its direction and descended vertically and slightly sloping trajectory. It descended rapidly and in a peculiar momentum unknown to any other craft that I have seen descend.”

The witness noticed that as it rapidly descended, the suburb was full of light.

“I lost sight of it as it dropped below the roof lines of neighboring houses. Its descent trajectory would have put it on course with the larger of the lakes a block away from the house. I did not see it ascend even though I sat up for about an hour after the event with binoculars at the ready just in case.”

MUFON International is investigating.

## Trending Now

What's everyone talking about?

by Lee Speigel  
Writer, Editor, The Huffington Post

As the presidential campaign heats up, with many across the country speculating about a possible Hillary Clinton-Donald Trump face-off, Clinton stopped by “Jimmy Kimmel Live” March 22 to discuss a variety of things — including UFOs.

We can't say for sure that Clinton expected the topic would come up (as seen in the video of the show), but it couldn't have been that much of a surprise, given the late night talk show host has asked both President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton about it before.

“When we had your husband, President Clinton, on this show [in 2014], I asked him about UFOs and Area 51,” Kimmel reminded Clinton. “If I was president, that's the first thing I'd do. I'd go right into those files and see what was going on. And he said that he did do that, and that he didn't find anything.”

Clinton offered this provocative response: “Yes...well, I'm gonna do it, again. And you know, there's a new name,” Clinton added. “It's unexplained aerial phenomenon — UAP — that's the latest nomenclature.”

When Kimmel countered that he prefers the “old” acronym — UFO — Clinton said, “Well, I think we can use them interchangeably, but I would like

# Hillary Clinton: ‘I’ll Make UFO Files Public’

*‘If there is something there, unless it’s a threat to national security, I think we ought to share it with the public.’*



JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE / ABC

us to go into those files and, hopefully, make as much of that public as possible. If there's nothing there, let's tell people there's nothing there.”

“What if there is something there?” Kimmel retorted.

“Well, if there is something there,” the Democratic front-runner suggested, “Unless it's a threat to national security, I think we ought to share it with the public.”

Share what, exactly? Is Clinton fueling speculation that some UFOs might

be — dare we say it — extra-terrestrial?

Earlier this month, Clinton campaign chairman — former Bill Clinton White House chief of staff and UFO disclosure advocate — John Podesta told KLAS-TV in Las Vegas that he had convinced Hillary to declassify UFO files if

she becomes president.

And in late December 2015, while on a campaign stop in New Hampshire, the former first lady-secretary of state told a reporter she was going to “get to the bottom” of the UFO issue.

So far, not a peep about UFOs from Donald Trump. Maybe that will change over the next few months.

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## Field Investigation Short Form

Just the skinny from MUFON Field Investigators

# Portuguese pilot reports UFO from ground level

based on investigations  
by Monique Lessan

A Portuguese witness at Faro who is a pilot reported a cross-shaped UFO crossing the sky, according to Case 74679 from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witness was outside near his home at 3 p.m. on September 13, 2015, when the incident occurred.

“The Algarve, Portugal, sighting was a clear UFO,” the witness stated. “I am using aviation phrases to describe conditions. I am flying for more than 15 years.”

The witness described the object.

“No noise, no directional change, straight line path flying over the coastline on approximately track 270 magnetic course. The sun at the day in early September was shining bright conditions CAVOK. From the side where the sun lighted the object it was white and had a shape like a Katana micro plane – the school two-seater, but was built up in two levels. On the backside there raged out a hockey stick-like aileron which was not moving.”

The witness reviewed the object’s position and ground speed.

“The object was flying direction west parallel to the eastwards right-hand up-wind of FAO airport (the usual commercial outbound) routing. This means

against the direction of commercial traffic and a bit above the route. The object was moving with approximately 250 KTS steadily.”

The witness tried to keep the object in sight as it moved.

“As I ran behind the next building to follow it up, it was out of my sight at approximately 60 degrees angle from the horizon directly over the city center of Quarteira, Portugal, direction Albufeira.”



A boat stranded on the coast of Ria Formosa in Faro. (Credit: Wikimedia Commons)

The witness is certain the object was nothing he has ever seen.

“Conclusion: We have a small house in the area which I have been visiting since 25 years. In this time there I have never witnessed such an object flying in the area. Also there was sure no educated pilot in charge, because flying an object in a departure area of an international airport would be suicidal.”

Monique Lessan for MUFON International investigated and closed this case as an Unknown. The case was reported to MUFON on February 23, 2016.

“The ceiling and visibility was okay,” Lessan wrote in her report.

“This means that in a range of 10 nautical miles around the spot there wasn’t any clouds or cloud ceiling up to 10,000 feet/ground. According to the witness, the object came from the east and headed straight towards the west in steady altitude. No position lights, no noise, no glow-- nothing. The witness stated that as it passed over the building to the left of the umbrella, he was running around the house, to follow it, but he couldn’t find the object anymore

in the sky. The witness was stunned! The witness said that the object was flying either really high or it wasn’t so large, but he could clearly see it with his eyes. If he wasn’t watching the sky or if his eyes were not good, he wouldn’t have accidentally seen the ob-

ject. The witness also thought if it was the ISS, a Satellite or similar, but those kind of objects, you wouldn’t be able to see it in such bright daylight with naked eyes.”

The investigator concluded the case. “The witness appears to be professional and reliable.

“Having been a long time pilot – over 15 years – he is very specific with his calculation and conclusions. After my investigation I came to conclude the disposition of UAV.”

Faro is a municipality, southernmost city and seat of the district of the same name, in the Algarve region of southern Portugal, population 64,560.

## Looking Back

John Ventre presents the best from our Journal archives

# Bob Gribble UFO report column

Reprinted from June 1988 Journal, #242

by Bob Gribble

### **FORTY YEARS AGO - June 1948:**

At approximately 11 pm on the 29th, a luminous oval-shaped object similar to a meat platter was seen rolling along on its edge over Uniontown, Pennsylvania. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about five to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witnesses saw a second object and after another five minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the southwest and flew to the northeast. The objects passed over the Oakland Street area or just to the side of it. They traveled at about 1000 feet and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witnesses.

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### **THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO -**

**June 1953:** At 11:10 pm on the 10th, an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, observed a large bright object that was white or light yellow in color, round in shape and larger than a star. This object moved from a high westerly position in a falling arc toward the north, and then leveled off, and proceeded at a high rate of speed to the north in a straight line. The object was visible for a period of 60 seconds and disappeared over the northern horizon. There was no sound, trail, or exhaust. Several airmen in the control tower at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, observed a UFO at 7:45 pm on the 16th for approximately five

minutes. The object was elliptical in shape, and appeared to be the size of a 4 x by 9-inch envelope held at arm's length. No aerodynamic features, trail, exhaust, or propulsion system were noted. The object disappeared quickly, like a light being turned off. Witnesses said the object was similar to a cloud of smoke through which a light was shining. Clarence O. Dargie was a sergeant in the operations center at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts, and date unknown, when radar picked up a UFO and a jet was immediately "scrambled" to intercept the craft. As the plane climbed to 1500 feet to level off, all systems on the aircraft suddenly stopped working. "That was nearly impossible because each system had a separate power source," Dargie said. "If one source stopped working, the rest would continue to operate. But for some strange reason, all the systems were out." As the plane started to take a nose dive, the pilot ordered the navigator to eject. The normal procedure in such a situation was for the navigator to pull the first lever which ejected the canopy and a second lever for his seat ejection. Upon hearing the second explosion the pilot would then pull his own lever to eject him from the cockpit. However, Dargie said the pilot ejected after he heard the first explosion, which was the canopy, because crash impact was only a few seconds away. The pilot had to take the chance of colliding with his navigator. But when the pilot ejected and landed on the ground moments later, he could not find his plane or naviga-



tor, having landed in the backyard of a Cape Cod resident. Dargie said the resident reported not hearing any crash or seeing an airplane. The pilot apparently dropped into the man's backyard out of nowhere. "After three months of intensive search the government never did find any trace of the plane or the navigator," Dargie said. "If the plane had crashed there would have been an explosion. There was none, not a trace of it at all. Both the UFO and plane disappeared from the radar scope." (Clarence O. Dargie is a former MUFON Illinois State Section Director.) A private pilot flying over White Plains, New York about 9:02 am on the 28th observed a circular, slightly elongated object, dark in color, and about six inches in diameter. The object was at an altitude of about 2500 feet and traveling northeast and doing about 240 MPH.

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### **TWENTY YEARS AGO - June**

**1968:** Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ferney were driving near Roswell, New Mexico, about 2 am on the 20th when they saw a UFO descending from a height of about 100 yards. It was easily visible because of its three lights, which looked "like the landing lights of an aircraft." Making a 90-degree turn, the UFO headed down toward the car. To the badly frightened Ferneys, it seemed the object was about to crash into them. Fifty feet away, it leveled out. Keeping this distance, the object paced the car for almost 10 minutes. Mrs. Ferney was in a state of near hysteria when the unknown object finally



raced upward and out of sight.

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**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO – June 1973:** Many veteran policemen, a former radar operator and his wife say they watched UFOs put on an awesome “aerial circus” over Eastern Missouri on the 12th. “I saw about five of them,” said Deputy Pete Bishop of the Saint Charles County Sheriff’s Department. “They were a bright white color — small, like stars. I thought at first they must be planes. But I’ve never seen planes move like that. They’d go along in a straight line at incredible speeds, stop and shoot up at a 90-degree angle. It was weird, knowing you were watching something from outer space.” The UFOs were first spotted by Bob Baumbach, 31, a postal clerk and former, Air Force radar operator. He and his wife, Patricia, 26, were walking near their house in Saint Charles at about 9:30 pm. “I just happened to glance up and see this object streaking across the sky,” Baumbach said. “I blinked a couple of times. I didn’t believe it. It was a pretty clear night but there were two massive clouds about 20 miles apart. This thing would dart between the clouds. Then another one shot out of the clouds and then another — about four in all.” Baumbach said he called the police “because we wanted someone in authority to back up what we’d seen.” The first to come was Patrolman Reuben Abbington, 31. “When the police radio said this dude had seen a UFO, I had a quiet chuckle. And when I got there, I couldn’t see anything at first. But suddenly I saw this object zip across the sky at lightning speed. I watched for about 50 minutes and saw three of them in all. Their maneuverability was unbelievable. I never saw anything like it in my life.” Detective Darrell Tullock also confirmed the sighting. “Those were the weirdest things I’ve ever seen,” Tullock said. “Weird, weird, weird.” He described them as veering off at high speeds, hovering and making incredible turns. As the group watched

the objects, an airliner from St. Louis International Airport passed overhead. “One UFO was maybe 10-20 miles away, but it shot across the sky at lightning speed and caught up with the airliner in two seconds,” said Baumbach. “I doubt that the pilot saw it, as it took a sort of watching position directly above the plane and then suddenly darted off into a cloud.” Abbington radioed the police dispatcher to call the airport and ask whether radar had detected the UFO. The airport tower said no. Barry and Delores Gettings also watched the objects. Mrs. Gettings described some of the movements as like a game of chicken. Two lights would zoom toward each other on a collision course, and then one would shoot up at a steep angle and the other down. At other times one of the lights would hop over another one. Before the evening was over five more police cars, a motorcycle patrolman and several off-duty policemen rolled up to watch the display of UFO activity. James E. Richard of Columbia, Missouri had a close encounter with a UFO on the 28th at 1 am. “The way it moved, it was something unhuman, nothing man-made. I was scared to go outside.” He said he loaded a rifle and a shotgun and then, “I went from window to window to see what I could see.” He said his daughter, Vanae, 16, and his 3-year-old son, James, Jr., was with him at the time of the incident. Richard could not describe the shape of the object that approached to within about 50 yards of his home. “We just saw a big, bright light out in our backyard,” he said. His daughter said the light was white and orange. “It lit up the whole area,” Richard said. “You couldn’t see anything else. These big trees were swaying back and forth, back and forth. Personally, a glow came over me, just a cold feeling where I was just speechless; I couldn’t even remember what I was saying at the time.” Richard said when the UFO was near the house, “Communications were cut off completely. All the electricity went out.” When the

object moved away, he made several calls for help and to get witnesses during periods when his telephone was working. “You could hear a rustling in the trees,” Richard related. “It was a thrashing noise like we’ve never heard before.” At daylight, tracks were found pressed deeply into the ground of the meadow. Richard said they were not cow tracks or the tracks of any other animal he recognized. He pointed out places where grass was pushed over as though by passage of some creature, and said he had not previously noticed a limb which had been broken from a tree recently. Richard was an animal care technician at the University of Missouri-Columbia. (This CE II case was investigated by Ted Phillips.)

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**TEN YEARS AGO - June 1978:** During the week of June 11th, retired Air Force Col. William Coleman appeared on the Merv Griffin TV show, and revealed that he was piloting a B-25 bomber in broad daylight in 1954 over southern Mississippi when he pursued a large UFO. The former chief of public information for Project Blue Book at the Pentagon from April 1961 to January 1962 said, “We were cruising at 10,000 feet when we spotted a target somewhere around 20,000 to 25,000 feet. It was about seven miles in front of us to our right, and we were overtaking it. It then started descending across our flight path, and I decided to check it out. So I advanced power and began closing a little faster and descending. We kept getting closer and closer and pretty soon we were within a mile of the object, flying over trees at 345 MPH.” Coleman said his crew closed to within an eighth of a mile of the object, which was disc-shaped. “It was about 60 feet in diameter and 10 or 11 feet thick through the center,” Coleman said, adding that the disc’s edges tapered to a thickness of three to four inches. “It had what looked almost like a titanium-type finish (silver

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## One-On-One

Marie Cisneros chats with MUFON members

# Michael Panicello, Connecticut State Director

Today the *Journal* sits down with Michael Panicello, State Director of Connecticut. He has been director since June 3, 2013. He is a member of the STAR Team and CAG International. His educational background includes a BA from the University of Connecticut in history and journalism and a master's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, in history. He is also an extra class ham radio operator.

**Journal:** Tell me about your interest in UFOs and what brought you to MUFON.

**Michael:** My interest in UFOs started when I was a teenager watching the "X-files." The show's backstory about aliens/government interaction with a twist of conspiracy hooked me. I kept investigating UFO sightings with the hope that the next case would be a "smoking gun." What brought me to MUFON was that I needed leads for my own research. After I finished college, I had the time to pursue my interests further. I decided to get back into ufology. I was researching the secret space program and I needed different sources to verify what I found, and to fact check my own sources. The local Connecticut chapter was having an event in West Hartford. I attended with the hope they might provide me with new sources or direct me to where I might find them. The guest speaker, as well as the State Director, were extremely helpful and provided me with the information I was looking for. More importantly, I felt comfortable around these people so I decided to join.

**Journal:** Being a State Director and STAR Team member, you've seen cases come and go. What was your worst case and why? Best? Did these cases change any of your theories or perceptions about the field?

**Michael:** Well, I don't think I ever had a worst case, meaning everything that could go wrong with it did go wrong. But, if asked what my most disappointing cases were I would say the ones where we could not bring closure to the witness. Often we get assigned cases where the witness is distressed that they saw a UFO. For some, this is a traumatic experience for various reasons. But, after investigating the cases and finding evidence that suggested or proved what was seen was not a UFO, unfortunately for the witness, they do not believe you and still are distraught. I believe, as Field Investigators, we all want to be able to bring some closure to our witnesses and their experience. When we cannot do this, it is upsetting. My best case is the second one I worked on after becoming a certified Field Investigator. I was working with another CT investigator on this case. The witness, while walking on the beach, took a picture of what he thought was a classic saucer-shaped craft leaving the water. When I first saw the photo I thought I hit the jackpot. Finally, the "smoking gun" and I found it on my second case! But, after we investigated we learned the photo was not of a disc-shaped craft, instead it was a slightly out of focus bird. I was disappointed because I thought we had something. One could argue that my disappointment would have made this my worst case; however, it was my best for two reasons. The first reason, it was fun to work with my fellow investigator on a case. We became friends during that case and I still consider him one of my very good friends today. And the second reason, it showed me that you have to follow the evidence. The investigative process works and you cannot skip steps or try to make something into something it is



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not. This is what separates the serious, credible investigator from the quack "investigators" that give ufology a bad name. Yes, these cases changed my perceptions of the field. It would have been very easy to tell this witness what he photographed was a UFO. After we determined what the photo was I remember telling my co-investigator that I could see this photo being used in a sensationalized UFO documentary as photographic evidence of a UFO and how sad that was because it does such a disservice to our field. After conducting my own investigations, I see how under-sourced and under-investigated this field is sometimes.

**Journal:** Interest in MUFON seems to have greatly increased in recent years. To what do you attribute this? Has media attention had any bearing on this increase?

**Michael:** Yes, media attention has been the key, no doubt about it. There are shows on TV on topics from ancient aliens to Roswell playing almost every day either as new documentaries, new shows, or reruns of older ones. I don't remember the media running these types of shows as often as they do when I was younger.

Read the rest of the interview at [mufon.com](http://mufon.com). Suggest someone to Marie Cisneros at [mariehelena777@gmail.com](mailto:mariehelena777@gmail.com).



## MUFON Minutes

Cassidy Nicholas scans every MUFON nook in search of what's happening

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## Looking Back

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gray). I pulled up and made a hard turn that put it out of sight for roughly four seconds. We whipped back to pull up alongside of it and it wasn't there. I zoomed up to 1500 feet. There it is!' I said. It was about two miles in front of us going across a field leaving a dusty trail behind it. I guessed its speed at 170 MPH." Coleman said he dove on the disc using a maneuver which again put it out of sight for a few seconds. When he pulled out, "the object wasn't there. That's the last we ever saw of it."

For years Coleman emphatically denied that he had had such an experience. Bryan Jude, 14, and John Wright, 13, were fishing at Williamson, West Virginia; on the 14th when a strange object appeared overhead at 10:35 pm.

Bryan recalled "the craft floated around in the air, about the height of the power lines."

John said the object was gold and silver. Bryan said the craft had a door in the bottom and some kind of structure atop the circular ship. He added that it appeared to be about 60 feet in diameter.

They both agreed that two beams of light were focused on them and that red, green and blue lights were flashing

at different points on the craft.

They said they were not afraid at first and the light beams appeared not to affect them.

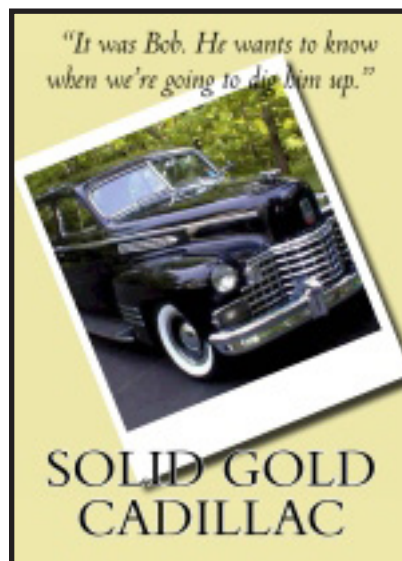
All of a sudden things changed. "We couldn't move," John said. "We lay down and watched but still could not move.

My head felt like it was going in and out (getting bigger and shrinking)." Bryan added, "It was like somebody was behind us and whispering; you couldn't understand what they were saying but you could hear."

They don't remember heading for home some time later but became

aware of their surroundings when they reached Bryan's house. "I just remember going in the door of my home," Bryan said. Thinking back, John had a vague impression of sitting in a chair on a spaceship. Bryan seems to remember seeing a tall person or thing that looked like blackened cheese. "Yeah, there was a terrible smell," John added.

The youths said they heard a rush of air just before the craft appeared on the scene. Bryan's mother said she had seen something traveling across the sky but heard no wind. Several residents in the neighborhood said they were awakened by a roaring sound.



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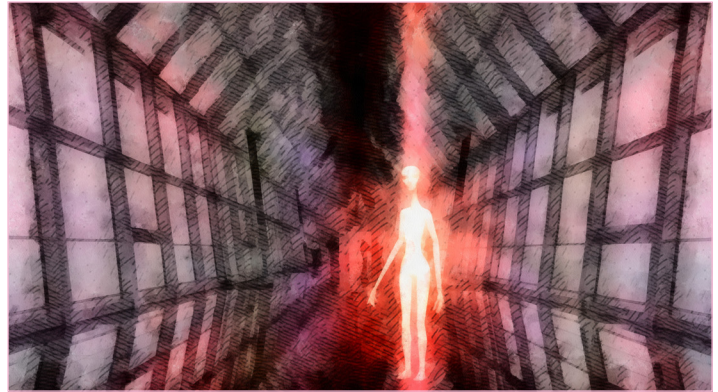
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# The Phenomenon

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enforced by those in power utilizing tools of misinformation, disinformation, ridicule and threat. Manipulation mechanisms for control in the name of National (and Global) Security.

However, it is important to remember that despite deceptive propaganda, as well as, the mismanagement of a (perceived) cosmic information crisis... the true architects of the secrecy remain "The Visitors" themselves.

## ARE THEY HERE?

I no longer have the luxury of disbelief. The evidence is incontrovertible that humanity has been, and is being, visited by non-human intelligences since the beginning of recorded human history (and most likely before the recorders of human events ever began their quest). To say the least, these beings (I like to call them "persons," as they are reported to be sentient, and often times looking similar to us), have been around for a very long time. "The Phenomenon" seems to choose where to present itself in a variety of unique and bizarre ways. And in fact, there appears to be an educational rhythm, a pattern akin to a cosmic game of hide-and-seek, that is intended to either confuse, distract or guide humanity into a new paradigm of understanding. Some believe this perceived system of indoctrination is intended to elevate the fundamental architecture of the way we operate in the world, others are not so hopeful. Everything from apparent spacecraft, to the spookiest encounters you can possibly imagine... it can be deduced that our friends, "The Visitors," seem not only to be here... but that they are here to stay.

## WHO ARE THEY?

The evidence appears to lead towards an uncomfortable possibility that "The Visitors," the occupants and operators that accompany some true UFO craft, are not as easily categorized as simply "extraterrestrial." There are issues with this presumption... both temporally and dimensionally. This unknown is at the heart of "The Phenomenon," and is a blank canvas on which we tend to project our fears, our desires, and our dreams.

We must not dismiss the role that human intelligence plays in the production of "The Phenomenon". We must come to the understanding that we are not just confronting alien visitation, but also our own human limitations as we project onto an event or encounter our own human limita-

tions and cultural values... which tend to bend and distort our perception of truth. In confronting "The Phenomenon," we confront not only potential alien beings, but also our own alien-ness, and the ways in which our culture and our unconscious operate out of our awareness and control. To confront "The Phenomenon" is always to confront ourselves as alien.

Moreover, there seems to be a layer (a transmutable fabric of reality), that from time to time becomes perforated, revealing an Extra-Ordinary Universe that is so far beyond the imagination of mortals (so advanced, at least technologically), that it appears to us to be an act of magic. We label these encounters and experiences as "paranormal," "supernatural," "UFO" or even "alien"... when in fact, these encounters could very well be a natural phenomenon that escapes our scientific interrogation due to primitive equipment and technique. Our cosmic ecosystem appears to be more diverse and multidimensional than we might be able to comprehend. Humanity is certainly gaining understanding of a more complex cosmology with each and every discovery, yet we are hindered by the preconceived notions that served us well in the past. And each discovery has the innate power to re-configure our total understanding of the dynamic relationship between the human species, and the Universe we agree upon.

It is my current understanding that "The Phenomenon" appears to require an interaction of two different actors, human and non-human, as both participants are essential to experiencing (and possibly producing), the cosmic dance of encounters that we attempt (often in vain) to categorize.

## WEAPONIZE YOUR CURIOSITY

From my experience as an investigative filmmaker into the subject of all things Extra-Ordinary... the UFO experience, a symptom of a much larger (cosmic) program, requires us to redefine the way in which we approach our study.

Ultimately, I seek to inspire the understanding that CURIOSITY IS YOUR GREATEST WEAPON... and that the aim of my journey is to WEAPONIZE YOUR CURIOSITY. With these principles, we might be able to transcend the veil of secrecy surrounding the UFO reality, and delve deeper into the true mystery (and discovery), that surround these enigmatic encounters and accounts of UFOs and other-worldly intelligences.



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