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Expanding Public Interest in UFOs **By Dick Moss, MN MUFON State Dir.**

Having plans to rent a booth at some county fairs during late summer, I have come up with the idea of creating a document to hand out to interested persons. Since the general public has little knowledge of the scope of UFO phenomena, and has never heard of MUFON, my first consideration is to read a few of the newer books and Journal articles from which to glean current thinking about key topics.

One topic will explain the way in which certain government agencies and the press have mishandled UFO information that should have been truthfully reported. Equally relevant will be a few examples of decisions within government and military agencies to outright suppress the UFO reality.

For example, a press pool is a group of news-gathering organizations who pool their resources in the collection of news. It is a very effective censorship trick by which to manage and control news output. Pools enable the military to provide the illusion of press freedom while ensuring that very little accurate news ends up being reported.

Some military leaders have blamed the media for losing the Vietnam War during which time there had been very little censorship. Americans actually knew what was happening and played a role in stopping it. In order to control future newscasts Pentagon planners convinced news organizations to confine reporters to pools that could be more easily managed by military public relations experts. It is a small step to visualize that government agencies, the military, and the press can easily manipulate UFO data. That this has truly happened has been exemplified many times. The way in which the American press dealt with the French COMETA Report is but one significant example.

On July 15, 1952, airline pilots William Nash and William Fortenberry were to be separately interviewed about their encounter over Norfolk, Virginia. Before the interview they had agreed to ask the Air Force investigators if it was true that crashed disks were being stored at Wright Field. As the interview progressed Nash forgot to ask the question. However, Fortenberry did and one investigator replied, "Yes, it is true." A bit later, when the two pilots were interviewed together, Nash suddenly remembered to ask the question whereupon Major John Sharpe looked at the investigators and quickly said "No!" It appeared as if Sharpe was telling them to shut up rather than give the pilots an answer.



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Despite the existence of the Freedom of Information Act, not all UFO documents held by intelligence agencies have been released. Of special interest to UFO researchers would be UFO-related documents held by the NSA. The courts have denied the release of some of these and the Supreme Court refused to hear the case. This can be construed to mean that the release of these documents would jeopardize national security. If this is so, then this very fact rather loudly proclaims that UFOs are not figments of the imagination but are, instead, very real and of great interest. For our government to maintain that UFOs do not exist is an ongoing insult to the America people. As one national newspaper proclaimed, "If there are no UFOs, why all the secrecy?"

During the next few months I will be searching for some memorable examples of government and military reluctance to reveal what they know about the UFO phenomenon to include in a document that will be freely given to anybody that wants one.

Material for the above short article was found on the internet by typing "press pool" into a search engine. Three books, *The UFO Book* by Jerome Clark, *The UFO Cover-Up* by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, and *The Missing Times* by Terry Hansen were also helpful.

ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION – 2006 **William I. McNeff**

The past year, 2006, has brought at least a couple of developments that should bring the public's awareness of the UFO/ET situation to a higher level. (How much effect they actually have will be determined by the actions of involved people.) In using the term ET, I might seem to be assuming an answer to the mystery before it can be proved, but I'll define an ET (extraterrestrial being) as an intelligent entity which can be reasonably assumed to be other than a human being of present-day terrestrial origin. This covers creatures from other planets or star systems, other universes or planes of existence (other "dimensions"), or even humans or say, reptilians from past eras on earth. (If you see a creature that doesn't quack like a duck or look like a duck, you can reasonably assume it's not a duck!) I'll have something more to say about the term "UFO" later.

The first development is the release by the French government-sponsored organization, GEPAN, of their files on UFO/ET incidents. GEPAN carried out these incident investigations in a truly scientific manner, dedicating adequate resources to the investigations. Michael Swords in an article in the most recent issue of the JSE discusses J. Allen Hynek's investigations and says "...the French were better than we Americans and got several Hynek-like analyses done..."(i) He mentions especially the '*Trans-en-Provence*' and '*Amaranthe*' cases, both of which were ET trace cases. These two cases, he points out, remained anomalous and interesting even after the physical analyses were done. On the American side, Swords makes special mention of Ted Phillips, calling him "the quintessential UFO field researcher, and investigator of hundreds of so-called physical trace cases." (Ted Phillips is to give a presentation to Minnesota MUFON in April 2007.) The release of the GEPAN cases provides the potential of showing that the phenomenon is physical, external to the observer, and "real". This is the kind of thing that true scientists like to get their teeth into. Let's not forget that about a thousand people of science are presently interested in the UFO subject, based on those who have offered help to the major UFO organizations, principally MUFON.

Another development is the recent series of events near Tappen, ND. These events indicate that ETs are still interested in our livestock, for reasons still unknown. In my opinion, we don't have good evidence to support any theory as to the reasons. But the hundreds of so-called "cattle mutilation" incidents, which would be better called "animal excision" cases, clearly demonstrate this interest. (By the way, one of the first "animal excision" cases that I heard of took place in north central Minnesota, and involved a female pig.)

The Tappen case involved creatures different in description from the more commonly described "grays". Patrick Huyghe in his book, '*The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials*',(ii) shows sketches of 52 distinctly different creatures, and doesn't even include one or more types of the grays more commonly reported. This great variety of ETs reported indicates that there may be something like a galactic federation carrying on the operations near Earth. In turn, this suggests that there is no one race that is going to be allowed to take us over. This gets us into the area of personal opinion. I think there is a fair amount of agreement among UFO researchers that whatever the aliens are up to,

they are not planning to wipe us out or to “take us over”. (There is one prominent exception to this opinion, whom I respect: David Jacobs.) For whatever it is worth, Betty Andreason quoted an alien as saying, “Mankind can not be allowed to go on as it has.” Someone has said they would expect the aliens to prevent a full-scale nuclear war on earth. This is possibly implied by the several instances in which U.S. nuclear ICBMs were apparently knocked out of commission by UFO action (Malmstrom AFB and Minot AFB, for example). As to fears of aliens, Mike Swords says in the article previously mentioned that he would remind astronomers Struve and Kopal, “Buck up, boys, we’ve had these things for over 50 years and they haven’t put the hammer down yet.” There is evidence that the “over 50 years” may be thousands of years.

It’s my best guess that we may have more to fear from our own government than from ETs.

In his recent article on the Paradigm Research Group web page(iii), titled UFO RIP, Stephen Bassett says the term UFO has outlived its usefulness. He writes that authority tries to shove opponents into “social ghettos”. It is done by directing ridicule at a selected target (such as a UFO “contactee”). Then you associate more people or ideas to the selected target. Idiocy by association is the goal. It doesn’t matter how respectable a person is. ‘Walked on the Moon? Won a Pulitzer Prize? Commanded a Naval ship? PhD from MIT? “Greatest jet pilot that ever was?” No matter. Touch the subject of UFOs and you are in the ghetto. The money dries up, the job offers diminish, programs are cancelled, medals are pinned elsewhere, college tenure is challenged, spouses leave home, phone calls are not returned.’ (Bassett quotes in Italics)

To foster the process requires a “carrier”. ‘That carrier was and remains the acronym “UFO.” It is the “hook” upon which “the mainstream” can hang all who dare to challenge the status quo.’

Bassett writes: ‘Ultimately “UFO” has to go... because it no longer serves the truth process. However, this acronym is entrenched in the culture. It is in the titles of magazines, books, papers and a legion of websites.’ To get rid of it will take time. ‘Nevertheless, the transition to a new lexicon within the era of exopolitics must be advanced as quickly as possible by those able and ready to do so.

It is essential, it is critical the American people stand up and assert their role as parent to a misbehaving government which has lost its way. Those within ufology and exopolitics must recognize the “ridicule curtain” is a wall in the mind only. It can be torn down with an act of will. Tear down the wall, leave the ghetto, stand up to the state and demand the truth.’

You may read the article in its entirety on the web site listed in Reference (iii) below.

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ENHANCED WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS PROPOSED

A bill to amend and strengthen the Whistleblower Protection Act was introduced yesterday by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and several bipartisan Senate colleagues.

"Our legislation ensures that Federal whistleblowers are protected from retaliatory action when notifying the public and government leaders of waste, fraud, and abuse," Senator Akaka said.

"If we fail to protect whistleblowers, then our efforts to improve government management, protect the public, and secure the nation will also fail."

See Introduction of the "Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act," January 11:
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/s274.html>

Secrecy News is archived at:
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/secrecy/index.html>

The CE4 Corner
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January/February, 2007: ...Is it real?

In the last article, we began with the question, "what is UFO Abduction?" We examined ideas about what UFOs and abductions may be. Some perspectives were skeptical, some blindly accepting, and others somewhere in between. Among them were theories about earthlights, false-memory and possible Jungian models of reality. But what is really going on? This mystery vaults to the forefront of my mind every time I meet another experiencer. It continues to tease our understanding of reality. What is the true nature of the encounter experience?

On occasion, following a regression, an experiencer will tell me that the material he/she has described to me feels "made up." In particular, one person, while in deep trance, described a classic abduction scenario in which she awoke in her bed to see a being standing over her. The being took her up and out of her house in a manner common to abduction accounts. Her next memory was of being aboard a UFO, seeing classic small-gray aliens, etc... In short, it was a description of a classic abduction.

This particular abductee had read the book 'Communion', by Whitley Strieber. However, she insisted that since then, she had not read any further material on UFO abduction. In fact, she said that the thought of reading such material gave her the creeps. Thus, to my understanding, she had not been exposed to the more recent ideas of David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, etc.

Many UFO abduction researchers maintain a list of "secret details," often found in abduction accounts but not publicly known. Researchers can often compare these details against abduction accounts. As a result, we note common themes, details not available to the experiencer except by extraordinary means. In this case, the experiencer described a number of these details during her narration - describing the interior of the UFO, activities of the aliens, etc. Yet, following the regression, she told me that she felt as if she had made the whole thing up...

Following the regression, as I have at other times, I asked myself, is this stuff real? It is commonly accepted among psychologists and hypnotherapists that memory is a very plastic medium. Ernst L.

Rossi, in his book, 'The Psychobiology of Mind-Body Healing', states, "every access is a reframe," meaning that anytime memory is accessed, it is potentially altered. It is as if a file on your PC were being repeatedly accessed by a word processing program and then re-saved, altered to some unknown degree. In summary, the human mind is not a tape recorder.

Yet I am often reminded just how effective hypnotic regression can be at reliving memories when during trance sessions, a person experiences material in vivid reality. I have both experienced this myself, and have seen experiencers undergo it as well. In many cases, the recall can be vivid and detailed, as in at least one case in which a hypnosis client sketched lettering he was viewing through a mirror, automatically drawing it backwards with photographic clarity. Thus, I am convinced that in deep trance, accurate retrieval is possible. Yet I often hear the question, what is being retrieved?

The close encounter phenomenon is a combination of many mysteries, a riddle wrapped within a mystery wrapped within an enigma. On multiple occasions, experiencers have described reality paradoxes, which Jenny Randles referred to as the "Oz Factor." [Note: See my article, 'Reality Anomalies in CE4 Cases', on my website at: <http://home.comcast.net/~lang.craig/reality.htm>]. This suggests to me that there is a plastic nature to reality. The CE4 phenomenon seems to expose this aspect of reality - something presently beyond our understanding.

In my "Reality Anomalies" article, I stated that, "In some of the most intriguing CE4 cases both psychological (dream-like) aspects, and verifiable physical events both exist." To me, this suggests that there is an overlay of the physical and psychological (or parapsychological), as if dreams and the waking world were present at the same time. Typical of these is the northwestern Wisconsin experiencer case:

[<http://www.mnmufon.org/abdiv.htm#ecw11>], in which an encounter, which seemed dreamlike, also left a burned spot on the experiencer's lawn [See the Nov 96 "Pulled out of Bed AN4/CE4:

<http://www.mnmufon.org/abdiv.htm#1096>]. Clearly something physical happened, yet at the same much of the encounter seemed metaphysical in nature.

In the last edition of 'The CE4 Corner', we briefly alluded to a Jungian view of UFO encounters, in

which the phenomenon had a meta-reality. Carl Jung referred to such phenomena as being "psychoid" in nature. It is a meta-reality, manifesting in our world, yet somehow spiritual or dreamlike. This superposition of realities suggests a model for many other paranormal phenomena such as Bigfoot, Mothman and other cryptanimals, crop circles, religious apparitions, etc. Ultimately, perhaps, such mystery manifestations come into our world through the collective human consciousness, from archetypal realms - perhaps what Jung referred to as the collective unconscious. Others refer to as them as the superconscious, the Akashic records, or simply nonlocal consciousness. I have often wondered if some encounter memories come from such nonlocal sources.

If this is the case, then can one "remember" other peoples' experiences? Could some "memories" be coming from the collective unconscious? Could some even have a purely creative source? Thus, the question remains, what is the experiencer recalling? To this question, I do not know the answer.

It is not possible to tell absolutely whether a memory is purely biographical in nature. Yet it is often helpful to use "reality checks" to determine whether or not remembered material is accurate. Various tests, such as the "dream test" (does a memory have specific characteristics of a dream?) can help to discern the difference. In addition, we must always use clean, careful, non-leading regression techniques. We can also employ "false leads" in which the therapist suggests a mundane but presumably false event - which the experiencer nearly always rejects. We can also (as mentioned above) check for "secret details." All of these can help to clarify the accuracy of events described in hypnotic regression.

Yet the most important reality check is possible corroboration by other witnesses, physical evidence, etc. - externally verifiable details that are as valuable as they are rare... Once the flow of events carries the experiencer into the extraordinary realm, we have little way to objectively verify his/her account. However, in many cases, we can verify aspects of the entry and return scenarios of the encounter - where the UFO landed, etc. Thus, we can establish a logical foundation of the experiencer's account - a solid bridge between the human and extraordinary realms.

First and foremost, we must remember that hypnosis is a healing tool. It allows access to the subconscious and offers a powerful way to come to terms with the extraordinary events occurring during the UFO encounter. Yet we have seen that in many ways, literal accuracy of an account related during hypnotic regression may be open to question. Hypnosis is indeed, a valuable tool in close encounter research as long as we understand its limits.

So, did any given event, related during hypnotic regression, actually occur? Yes - to the experiencer the abduction event is absolutely real. Is it physical? Possibly - and verification, including in-depth field investigation, can help us to better discern the objective details. In the mean time, the UFO encounter remains at the cutting edge of our knowledge, testing our understanding of the human mind, of the alien presence and motives, and ultimately, of reality itself.

On Becoming a Member By Lorna Hunter (MUFON FI)

So you've taken the big leap and laid down your \$45 and become a MUFON Member. Now What? NOTHING. Period! MUFON doesn't require you to do one more thing. You can simply kick back in your favorite chair and enjoy the MUFON UFO Journal that your mail carrier will faithfully deliver to your door every month.

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It's true that becoming a MUFON Field Investigator takes a fair amount of time and effort, and that being a Field Investigator requires even more time and effort, but it's not mandatory. I have great admiration for all of the Field Investigators, State Directors, and Assistant State Directors that have made MUFON what it is today - the premier resource for credible information on UFO's.

All the hard work has been done: the Field Investigator Manual has been devised, written and re-written; the on-line Case Management System has been used and improved; the Pandora Case

Files are well underway; and MUFON headquarters houses a library of over 1500 UFO-related publications. As a MUFON member you have all these resources at your disposal.

When you join MUFON you are not obligated to do one more thing. So, grab your MUFON UFO Journal and get comfy to enjoy a good read!

**U.N. General Assembly Now Has
Resolution To Establish United Nations
Decade Of Contact & Diplomatic
Relations With E.T.s
ECETI - Enlightened Contact with
Extraterrestrial Intelligence**
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For the first time in almost 27 years, the United Nations General Assembly will be debating the issue of establishing diplomatic relations with advanced Extraterrestrial Civilizations that may now be visiting Earth.

On December 16, 2005, a Resolution to establish a United Nations Decade of Contact was formally transmitted to the incoming President of the General Assembly, H.E. Jan Eliasson of Sweden by the Institute for Cooperation in Space (ICIS), a Non-Governmental Organization. President Eliasson was Sweden's Ambassador to the United Nations from 2000 to 2005.

Almost to the day twenty-seven years ago, on December 18, 1978, the United Nations General Assembly voted to approve decision 33/426, inviting U.N. Member States, "to take appropriate steps to coordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research and evaluation of such activities." Then U.S. President Jimmy Carter then supported the U.N. General Assembly's decision. Carter himself had a close Encounter of the First Kind with a UFO (Night Light) in October 1969, in the company of 10 members of the Leary, Georgia Lion's Club while he was running for Governor of Georgia. Four years later, while Governor of Georgia, Carter filed a public UFO sighting report, dated September 18, 1973.

UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF CONTACT

Former Canadian Minister of Defence, Hon. Paul Hellyer has requested that the Canadian Parliament hold hearings on the issue of relations with Extraterrestrial civilizations. On September 25, 2005, at the Toronto Exopolitics Symposium held at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, former Minister of National Defence Hellyer stated:

"UFOs, are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head." He stated, "The United States military are preparing weapons which could be used against the aliens, and they could get us into an intergalactic war without us ever having any warning. The time has come to lift the veil of secrecy, and let the truth emerge, so there can be a real and informed debate, about one of the most important problems facing our planet today." Over 630,000 registered journalists and 283,000 registered media outlets world-wide have downloaded a November 24, 2005 Thanksgiving Day (USA) Yahoo News story of Mr. Hellyer's request to the Canadian Parliament.

Mr. Hellyer, Canada's former Minister of Defense, supports a United Nations Decade of Contact. In the introduction to a recent book, EXOPOLITICS: POLITICS GOVERNMENT AND LAW IN THE UNIVERSE, by ICIS International Director Alfred Lambremont Webre, Mr. Hellyer writes,

"To turn us in the direction of re-unification with the rest of creation Alfred Lambremont Webre is proposing a 'Decade of Contact' - an 'era of openness, public hearings, public funded research, and education about extraterrestrial reality.' That could just be the antidote the world needs to end its greed-driven, power-centered madness." A United Nations Decade of Contact has four Objectives:

- (1) DISCLOSURE - Governmental disclosure related to Extraterrestrial Presence
- (2) DECADE OF CONTACT - Public funding of a 10 year process of public education and research about the Extraterrestrial Presence
- (3) DISARMAMENT - A permanent ban on all space-based weapons and warfare in space through a Space Preservation Treaty Conference
- (4) DIPLOMACY - Public Interest UNITED NATIONS Diplomacy with ethical Off-Planet Cultures now visiting Earth The Disclosure Project, a U.S.-based non-profit organization, on May 9, 2001, held a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in which numerous high-level military-intelligence, governmental and

private sector witnesses publicly described experiences and evidence establishing that advanced Extraterrestrial civilizations are interacting with our terrestrial civilization at this time.

A military-intelligence spying technology known as "remote viewing" originally developed at Stanford Research Institute in the mid-1970s by Dr. Hal Puthoff and Russell Targ has yielded replicable data regarding the existence of Off-Planet cultures now visiting Earth.

On May 20, 2005, Brazil, a major U.N. Member Nation took official measures in support of a United Nations Decade of Contact. The Brazilian Air Force (FAB) openly allowed examination of classified UFO documents in several military facilities in Brasilia, the Federal Capital.

The United Nations General Assembly has voted in favor of a treaty banning weapons and warfare in space. The last time a United Nations vote was held on this issue was on December 8, 2003, when the General Assembly voted 174 - 0, with four lone abstentions (Israel, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, United States of America).

Reached for comment, one Non-Governmental spokesperson stated,

"We are certain 2006 will be a banner year for official disclosure of an advanced Extraterrestrial presence, and for the beginnings of a United Nations Decade of Contact."

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WP: HOW TO BURY A SECRET

The imposition of a deadline for automatic declassification of most 25 year old, historically valuable classified records on December 31, 2006 rewrote the bureaucratic software that governs the national security classification system. In principle, official secrecy can no longer be indefinite and open-ended.

Nevertheless, declassification will not be translated into disclosure and public access until the severe logistical and financial challenges that are facing the National Archives can be overcome.

The Washington Post took a look at the lay of the land in "How to Bury A Secret: Turn it into Paperwork" by Lynne Duke, January 16, 2007: <http://tinyurl.com/35lwa9>

SCIENCE AND UFOS by William I. McNeff, MN MUFON Assist. State Dir.

Stanton Friedman in an article in the latest issue of UFO magazine (January 2007) mentions Carl Sagan's book 'The Demon-Haunted World -- Science as a Candle in the Dark' (Random House, 1996). An appropriate metaphor for those scientists who ignore all the evidence for UFOs and ETs would be "science smoking a marijuana cigarette in the dark." (In Sagan's case it wasn't a metaphor!) It is more fun to inhale the heady aroma of serious students of the Unknown being grilled to a crisp by ridicule than it is to grapple with the massive, heterogeneous evidence for the existence of UFOs and ETs. I have to admit that I have not suffered much from my association with the Phenomenon, but then I have generally been careful about who I broached the subject with. Others have not been so lucky. David Jacobs says that, while he has tenure at Temple University and therefore cannot be terminated without just cause, his involvement with the UFO subject means that he will never advance further in the college hierarchy. Dr. James McDonald was basically hounded to his early death by ridicule and rejection by the establishment in his day. Sagan in his early

days made some very open-minded statements about UFOs and ETs. Later, he realized that if he wanted to advance in the establishment, he needed to throw cold water on the subject, and he did.

Some ask, "Why are we, a minority, so interested in reports of UFOs and ETs?" They wonder if there is something, such as hidden abduction experiences, which predisposes us to be so interested. After much reflection it seems to me that we are the "normal" people. What could be more interesting and potentially fruitful than establishing communication with extraterrestrial beings? I can't imagine anything more interesting along that line unless it would be communication with a human with super PSI abilities, or with a genuine prophet, or a face-to-face meeting with a god. Consider that talking to an ET could be very much like the latter three experiences.

Any scientist worth his daily bread should be interested in a subject with such potential for learning more about the universe, for gaining wisdom, for solving humanities problems, and perhaps even learning more about the future or how we can improve it. Fortunately, MUFON has connected with about a thousand scientists who are interested in the UFO subject. In my opinion, these are the cream of the crop. My hat off to all of you who are working to aid humanity's quest to know the unknown.

A Defense Against Planetary Attack
Source: Paul Gilster's Centauri Dreams -
Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, Jan. 7, 2007
<http://www.centauri-dreams.org/?p=974>

Normally the term 'planetary defense' conjures up images of an incoming asteroid, spotting (let's hope) way out in the Solar System. The defense mounted against pending disaster might involve nudging the asteroid gently out of its current trajectory so that it misses the Earth. Various scenarios come to mind for managing this, but all involve getting to the dangerous object in plenty of time so that technologies not so different from what we have today will be effective at ending the threat.

Planetary defense book

With that in mind, I did a double-take when I saw the cover of An Introduction to Planetary Defense, by Travis Taylor, Bob Boan, Charles Anding and Thomas Conley Powell. The book, published by

BrownWalker Press at the end of 2006, bears this subtitle: A Study of Modern Warfare Applied to Extra-Terrestrial Invasion. A jeu d'esprit based on SF themes? Hardly. The authors are familiar names whose work has resonance.

Taylor, for example, has worked for NASA and the Department of Defense for sixteen years and has collaborated on interstellar topics with Greg Matloff. Powell is senior scientist for BAE Systems in Huntsville and is an expert on space trajectories, attitude dynamics and orbital mechanics. I'm less familiar with Boan and Anding, but each seems to have experience in space systems. So when this group tackles extraterrestrial invasion, they do it soberly, with a hard look at strategies, tactics, and weapons that might be used if the longshot scenarios of some science fiction authors - or even B-grade movie directors - ever become reality.

You can find excerpts from the book at the publisher's website, from which I've extracted the introduction and part of the first chapter as I wait for my copy to arrive. Interestingly, the authors take a hard look at the Drake Equation in that section, and also ask how long any civilization could remain hidden from a more advanced culture. We've discussed that question in these pages before, in reference to Earth's everyday electromagnetic radiation and whether radio and TV broadcasts from the past seventy-five years would be detectible from nearby stars, with the general consensus being that such a detection is highly unlikely.

But what about other forms of detection? These writers doubt that any civilization could remain hidden for long. Here's an excerpt about just one reason, the advent of new imaging and telescope technologies:

Recently in his book *The Sun as a Gravitational Lens: Proposed Space Missions*, Claudio Maccone, a space scientist at Alenia Aerospazio in Turin, Italy, suggests implementing the sun's gravitational lensing effect (as predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity) in a telescope. In other words, the Sun could be used as a lens producing an aperture the diameter of the sun. Its focus is at about six hundred astronomical units away. If the proper equipment were placed at the Solar focus, extremely detailed images of extra-solar planetary surfaces could be captured. Civilizations only moderately more advanced than we are could quite

possible implement such a telescope. Therefore, even quiet civilizations could be seen through such a telescope. Eventually, detection of such civilizations may not depend on their directly communicating with us by sending signals. The light from their star bouncing off of their alien rooftops and then onward to our giant telescope may be enough.

Hence the conclusion: All intelligent civilizations will eventually be detectable by more advanced cultures. That's an interesting value to plug into the Drake Equation! Developing the statistics on probable life elsewhere makes the book's point - we have no real notion of how such civilizations might deal with us, and should learn the lessons of history by way of developing a strategy for dealing with unexpected arrivals. Based on its first chapter, this book seems to be stuffed with interesting notions. Between it and Michaud's Contact with Alien Civilizations, we'll have plenty to read and discuss on potential SETI outcomes.

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Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political
Action Committee

Date: January 22, 2007
Attn: Chief of Staff
Re: Doomsday Clock vs. Paradigm Clock

Washington, DC - On January 17, 2007 the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists reset the Doomsday Clock two minutes closer to 'midnight' - nuclear war. The guiding analysis for resetting the Doomsday Clock to 11:55 is provided at the Bulletin website, but comes down to a fundamental failure by all nations to "take care of business" after the Cold War ended in late 1991. The contribution to this failure of policy by the United States is not insignificant and the United States Congress must shoulder much of the responsibility.

The Doomsday Clock was first published in June of 1947. Since that time another 'timepiece' has been ticking in parallel with the Doomsday Clock. It is the Paradigm Clock published to the Internet in April of 1998 and set retroactively from July of 1947 to monitor proximity to another "midnight" Disclosure - the formal acknowledgment by

governmental authority of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

The "Truth Embargo" placed upon the facts of this extraterrestrial reality has become a profoundly destructive charade which undermines the social contract and the basic trust of the American people in their government - now at an unprecedented low.

The United States Congress has completely abrogated its responsibility to and oversight of this issue. Such abrogation has metastasized to a range of critical policies. The last Congressional hearing targeting extraterrestrial-related phenomena was 39 years ago. Eighty percent or more of the American people when polled by leading media now state they believe their government is lying about the issue. This is a staggering number for which the United States Congress must also take a great measure of responsibility.

The six decades since 1947 has been a race between the two clocks. Which would come first - Disclosure or destruction? The United States Congress is running out of time to reconstitute its proper function and begin talking truth to the American people.

It is time for Members of Congress who are closeted with regard to the matter of an extraterrestrial presence to step forward. Fear of a few bad jokes from Jay Leno and David Letterman does not justify silence and inaction. Wanting to be President does not justify silence and inaction.

Congressional staff closeted on this issue also have a decision to make - do you not also serve the truth and the American people? It's time to stand up, speak out and advise your boss to do the same.

Stephen Bassett,
Executive Director

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Paradigm Clock
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/timechangechronicleportal.html

**UFO 'Secrets' Could Land UK Hacker In
Gitmo by Ken Lewis, 14 Dec. 2006**
**Source: M-Net.Net - Wellington, New
Zealand**
<http://tinyurl.com/v778yx>

A UK hacker who broke into dozens of US military computers to find secret evidence of alien life and technology faces up to 70 years in a US prison.

The 40-year-old unemployed systems administrator faces charges of attacking 97 US military and NASA computers between 2001 and 2002. If found guilty, he could face up to 70 years in prison and may even be sent to Guantanamo Bay as a terrorist suspect.

Gary McKinnon will lodge what is likely to be his final appeal against extradition on February 13 next year at London's Court of Appeal. He lost his first appeal against extradition in a High Court hearing last July, but was given leave to take his case to a higher court. If that fails to overturn the extradition order signed by UK Home Secretary John Reid in July, McKinnon's only remaining option to avoid a US trial will be to appeal to the House of Lords. McKinnon is not optimistic of his chances following the Lords' refusal to intervene in the extradition of the NatWest Three, who were extradited to the US in July as part of a fraud investigation connected with the collapsed energy giant Enron.

McKinnon has admitted accessing computer systems in the US, including those cited in a US indictment against him. He wanted to find evidence of UFOs, antigravity technology and government suppression of 'Free Energy', all of which he claims to have gained evidence of through his activities.

In an interview with the BBC, McKinnon said he got into the networks quite easily, simply by using a Perl script that searched for blank passwords. Embarrassingly for the US military, that means computers in the top-secret networks could be hacked using active default passwords.

Unsurprisingly, McKinnon wants to be tried in the UK because he says the crimes were committed on UK soil. He also says he did not damage the systems he trespassed on.

**How To Leak A Secret And Not Get
Caught by Paul Marks**
From New Scientist magazine
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<http://tinyurl.com/yn9q7z>

Leaking a sensitive government document can mean risking a jail sentence - but not for much longer if an online service called WikiLeaks goes ahead. WikiLeaks is designed to allow anyone to post documents on the web without fear of being traced.

The creators of the site are thought to include political activists and open-source software engineers, though they are keeping their identities secret. Their goal is to ensure that whistle-blowers and journalists are not thrown into jail for emailing sensitive documents. That was the fate of Chinese journalist Shi Tao, who was sentenced to a 10-year term in 2005 after publicising an email from Chinese officials about the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

According to the group's website: www.wikileaks.org, its primary targets include China, Russia, and oppressive regimes in Eurasia, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. It is not limited to these countries, however, and people anywhere will be able to use the site to reveal unethical behaviour by governments and corporations.

Normally an email or a document posted to a website can be traced back to its source because each data packet carries the IP address of the last server that it passed through. To prevent this, WikiLeaks will exploit an anonymising protocol known as The Onion Router (Tor), which routes data through a network of servers that use cryptography to hide the path that the packets took. Bruce Schneier, a cryptographer based in Silicon Valley, California, explains it like this. "Imagine a large room jammed full of people in which many of them are passing around envelopes. How would you know where any of them started?"

Julien Pain, a campaigner with Reporters Without Borders in Paris, France, sees Tor as a valuable step towards guaranteeing anonymity. "Enabling cyber-dissidents to leak information is a crucial issue we now face in many countries," he says. There are however, fears that whistle-blowers might still be at risk. "I would not trust my life or even my liberty to Tor," says Ben Laurie, a London-based computer security expert. In the past, determined cryptographers have breached Tor's security, and

though each breach has led to improvements to Tor there is always a risk others will be discovered.

The WikiLeaks team do not plan to control what is disclosed on the site, raising fears that the anonymity it offers could be misused. "The initiative could drown in fabricated documents, pornographic records or become hijacked to serve vendettas," warns Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists in Washington DC.

The safeguard against this, according to the WikiLeaks team, is that false postings will be sniffed out by users, who will be free to comment on what is posted. This is what happens with Wikipedia, which although unconnected to WikiLeaks is based on the same open-source software. "WikiLeaks will provide a forum for the entire global community to examine any document relentlessly for credibility," the site claims.

WikiLeaks is raising funds and testing its software. It hopes to launch in February.

Craig Lang of Minnesota MUFON publishes new book on Alien Abduction

**The Cosmic Bridge
Close Encounters and Human Destiny
by Craig R Lang
with a foreword by Raymond E Fowler**

The very words "alien abduction" suggest one of the greatest mysteries of our time. Who are these beings visiting us from the sky? Why are they here? What is their true relationship with us?

The Cosmic Bridge addresses these perplexing and vital questions head-on. In these pages, we explore a new perspective on the close encounter phenomenon, that of an evolving relationship for the benefit of both humanity and the visitors. Here, we develop a hypothesis of why they are here, and what it means to humanity.

For any hypothesis to be valid, it must be testable. What must we see for the hypothesis to be correct? In The Cosmic Bridge, we discuss possible tests for such a theory.

How would a cosmic civilization interact with Earth? What would be - or is - our reaction to open/overt alien contact? How might humanity be

interacting with the visitors, today? These are some of the ultimate questions of our time and in examining them, we begin to see an entirely new view of this enigma.

I invite you to read further, explore the mystery and venture on to The Cosmic Bridge to the other side of the sky.

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Press Release

**Source: City of Roswell New Mexico
Uncover the Cover-up When Roswell
Celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the
1947 UFO Incident, Mon. Jan. 15
The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival
Scheduled for July 5-8, 2007**

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/070115/lam034.html?v=72>

ROSWELL, N.M., Jan. 15 /PRNewswire/ -- Uncover the mystery and help discover the truth at The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival and 60th Anniversary of the Roswell Incident. The City of Roswell invites UFO enthusiasts and skeptics alike to join in the celebration of one of the most debated incidents in history this July 5-8, 2007. The four-day event will feature guest speakers, authors, live entertainment, family-friendly activities and possibly an alien abduction.

This year, the City of Roswell will be coordinating the annual festival. Roswell Mayor Sam LaGrone and the 2007 UFO Festival Committee are working to organize an event everyone can participate in: "This year, we want the festival to be all-inclusive. We invite everyone with an interest in UFOs, aliens and outer space to be a part of the festival as a presenter, a guest, or both," Mayor LaGrone said.

The City is expecting more than 50,000 visitors during the festival and guests are encouraged to make travel arrangements early.

In early July, 1947, a mysterious object crashed on a ranch 30 miles north of Roswell. The Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issued a statement claiming to have recovered a crashed "flying disk." An article ran on the front page of the Roswell Daily Record and the next day, RAAF changed its statement to

say that the object was a weather balloon, not a flying disk as they previously reported. This revised statement sparked immediate controversy and has continued to be a topic of debate 60 years later.

During The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival, guests can visit alien attractions, attend lectures, book signings and help uncover the truth about one of the most infamous cover-ups in history. Those interested in participating in the festival as an official sponsor, presenter or vendor, please contact Renee Roach at 1-888-ROS-FEST. For more information about the festival, visit www.roswellufofestival.com.

**"FASTWALKERS" - New DVD UFO
Documentary!
Posted by: Matthew J. Chin,
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Date: Sat Nov 11, 2006**

My name is Matthew J. Chin, and I would like to call your attention to a new DVD UFO Documentary entitled: "**Fastwalkers**". I was involved in creating 3D graphics for the film, which was all shot, edited and mastered in High Definition. I am writing to you to help promote the film and offer a link exchange.

Some of the people included in the Documentary film are Stanton T. Friedman, Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee, Jerry Pippin, Dr. Steven M Greer, Dr. Len Horowitz and many, many others that can be seen here with short biographies about each of them: <http://www.fastwalkers.com/featured/featured.htm>

We have a trailer film of "Fastwalkers" available for online viewing here:
http://www.fastwalkers.com/FF_Trailer.htm

Included in the film are realistic looking 3D renderings of animated 'greys' and UFO's, unlike anything seen in other UFO documentaries. The designs are based on people's descriptions of 'greys' and drawings/eye witness accounts from books. The film is 98 minutes long with many interviews, artworks and video footage of real UFO's.

Here's a link to the main FastWalker Files website: <http://www.fastwalkerfiles.com> where the DVD can be purchased online. The film was produced in association with with the Safespace News Agency, founded by Robert D. Miles:

<http://www.safespaceproject.com>

Co-Produced by Robert D. Miles, USA, and Bruce Jessop, Germany. Directed by Anthony T. Miles, USA. As an animator I lived and worked in Canada in association with artistic and creative talent throughout the world, including Bulgaria, U.S.A., Mexico, and Brazil.

Here are some links to the Media Kit, including a Synopsis of the film, Press Release, and the Producer biographies:

1. <http://www.fastwalkers.com/Synopsis.htm>
2. <http://www.fastwalkers.com/PressRelease.htm>
3. <http://www.fastwalkers.com/BruceJessopBio.htm>
4. <http://www.fastwalkers.com/RobertMilesBio.htm>
5. <http://www.fastwalkers.com/MyUFOExperience.htm>

If you would like to add any of these articles to your website with a link to the Fastwalker Files website and SafeSpace Project website that would be great. In turn we can offer to help promote your websites in the Link sections of <http://www.fastwalkerfiles.com> & <http://www.Safespaceproject.com>

We also have banner graphics and html code available for linking to the Fastwalkers website: <http://www.fastwalkers.com/Link2ThisPage.htm>

Here's some more information about the film:
Mankind's most carefully guarded secret revealed!
For the first time... information that you were never meant to know. Amazing UFO photos and video footage you were never meant to see.

Never before has there been such a disclosure of the web of lies and disinformation that the Governments of the world do not want you to know! Hear contactee's, experiencer's and abductee's share their amazing testimonies!

Discover the truth about extraterrestrial contact.

"Fastwalker" is a code word created by NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) to classify (UFOs) unidentified flying objects which approach our Earth from space and enter our atmosphere. It has been reported that from its subterranean facility deep inside Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, USA, the Air Force NORAD facility tracks a rough average of 500 of these "Fastwalkers" each year. Fastwalkers, reveals the truth about UFOs and Extraterrestrials that has been suppressed and hidden for centuries.

For the first time, Fastwalkers in a feature length documentary form discloses information you were

never meant to know. Amazing UFO photos and footage gathered from around the world that you were never meant to see. Never before has there been such a wealth of information presented by such unbiased experts who focus on providing a "World View" of what is really happening on planet Earth, rather than what "we are told is happening."

Now you can see and hear the people that the governments of the world never wanted you to meet. Fastwalkers provides astounding revelations by the world's foremost authorities including Dr. Steven M. Greer, Steve Bassett, Jim Marrs, Robert O. Dean, Dr. Michael Salla, Stanton T. Friedman, Alfred L. Webre, John Greenwald Jr., Dr. Len Horowitz, Dr. Richard Boylan, Jaime Maussan, Paola Harris, Jerry Pippin, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, A. J. Gevaerd, Sean David Morton, Graham E. Bethune, Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, Monsignor Corrado Balducci, James W. Deardorff, Phd., Robert M. Wood PhD, Charles Hall, Richard Dolan, Steven Jones, Rob Simone, Don Ware, Richard Giordano, James Courant, Dolores Cannon, Maurice Osborn, David Coote, Stoyan Cheresharov, Daniel Munioz, Lisa Davis, Bruce Jessop, Robert Miles, Alan G. Toleman, Jutta Savill; and is hosted by Erika Jessop.

Fastwalkers was produced in association with the Safespace News Agency. The Safespace News Agency has been established on the premise that THE MAINSTREAM NEWS IS THE COVER-UP! Major topics currently open to investigation are UFOs and Alien phenomena, Chemtrails, International Conspiracies including Banking, Bloodlines, Health, and other coverups of any nature that affects the people of our planet.

Fastwalkers heralds in the advent of "Exopolitics" and "Disclosure." Fastwalkers unmask the web of lies, and disinformation that the Governments of the world do not want you to know! Fastwalkers allows you to hear first hand contactees, experiencers, and abductees as they share their amazing testimonies!

Fastwalkers, the first film of an ongoing series, was created in the style of an "INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING," and has worldwide, on the spot coverage of "Hot Spots, and Current Happenings". Our approach of using actual interviews, provided by world renowned and respected individuals in a variety of fields of expertise has allowed us to expose that there is a "hidden agenda" currently

being extolled to viewers by the global mainstream media.

For additional information, media kit, digital photos, trailers and interview clips please Enter The Site. Fastwalkers brings the entire world the truth about extraterrestrial contact. Please pass this on to your e-mail lists, and forums, etc., to help spread the word of this new film around.

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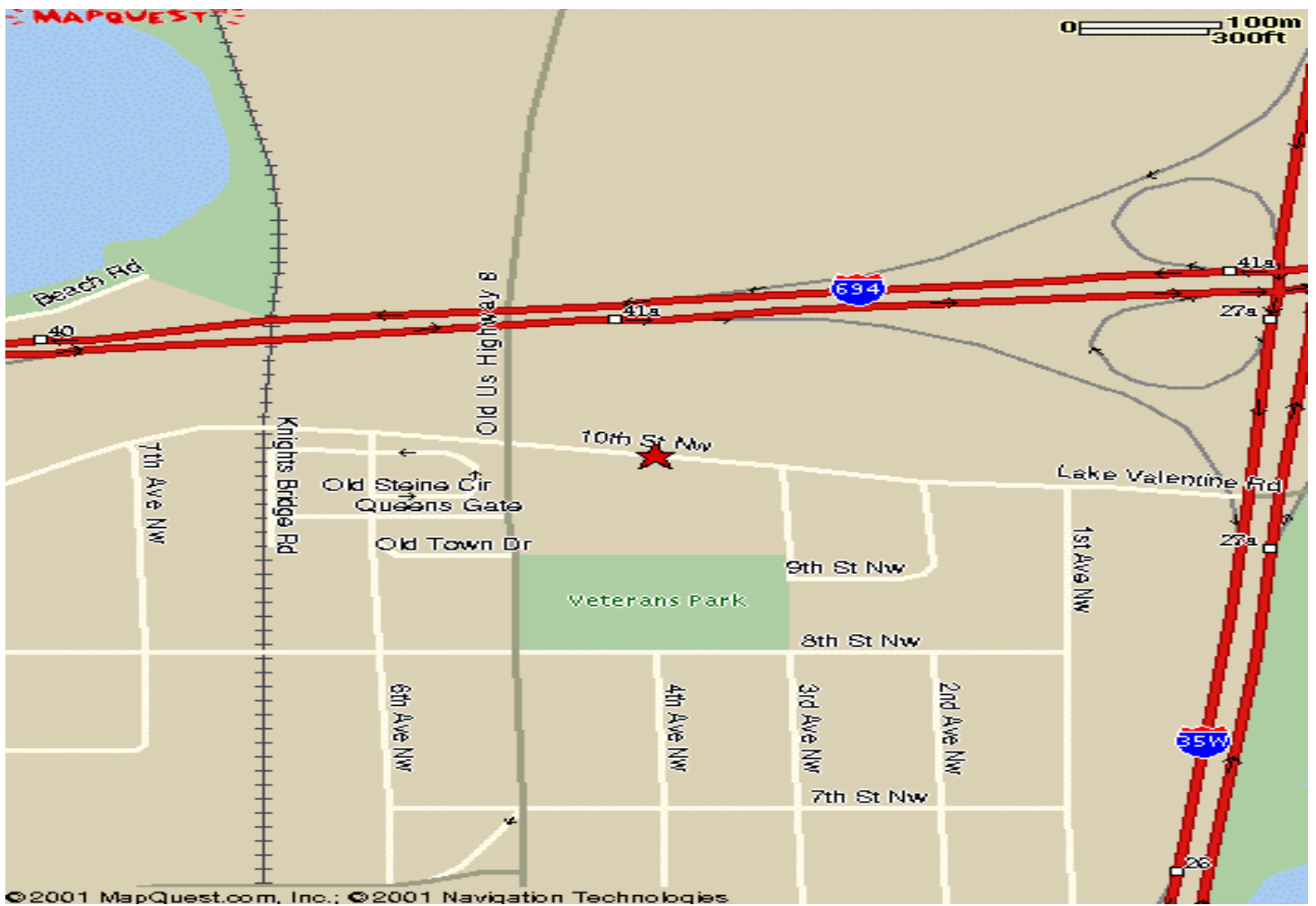
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