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MUFON Minnesota and its Mission **By Dick Moss, MN MUFON State Dir.**

Early in 2007 the organization called Minnesota MUFON began the process of becoming an incorporated non-profit. Upon filing the necessary paperwork a Certificate of Incorporation was issued on May 2, 2007. In keeping with the understanding that our state organization is made possible due to the existence of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), our former title was changed to MUFON Minnesota in order to perhaps better emphasize our actual connection with the parent organization.

Our first Board of Directors meeting was held on June 26, 2007 in the Conference Room of the New Brighton Family Service Center. The Board members are Richard Moss, William McNeff, Dean DeHarpporte, Craig Lang, Robert Engberg, Lorna Hunter, Joel Henry, Preston Mattke, and Dennis Myers. Bylaws were discussed and adopted.

Minnesota MUFON met monthly for over twenty years. Attendance at meetings, currently at the New Brighton Family Service Center, varies from the mid 20's to the high 50's. Activities are mainly associated with ongoing discussions about the UFO phenomenon and the efforts of field investigators. In essence, we end up teaching each other. Reports from field investigators, book reports, videos, individuals leading discussions, individuals making organized presentations, and open discussions are the means by which attendees exchange their ideas and perceptions of the UFO mystery. Occasional guest speakers are brought in to lecture about mysteries of the phenomenon.

A number of members have become field investigators. MUFON's recent creation of a computerized UFO reporting system, called the Case Management System (CMS), has greatly simplified the process of investigating UFO experiences. Members who wish to become field investigators must read the Field Investigator's Manual and write a multiple-choice test of one hundred questions. Only field investigators can access the CMS web site in order to investigate reports that have been submitted to MUFON. It is the State Director's job to assign cases to field investigators.

The bottom line is that MUFON and its state organizations are not a loose confederation in which everybody is "doing their own thing." We have a clearly-defined mission along with established procedures that we are expected to follow.

Anyone reading this is encouraged to join MUFON and be part of an organization in which everyone can participate. We gather data on the activities of the intelligences that are responsible for UFO sightings and activities. Meetings are always on the second Saturday of each



Minnesota Mufon Meetings

Sat., July 14th & Sat., Aug. 11th
1:30pm - 5pm

**New Brighton Family
Service Center**
400 - 10th St. NW
**(located 1/4-mile S.W.
of Hwy 694 and 35W.)**

PARK FREE!
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non-smoking.**

See map on back cover
**(Note: The building has no
special security, so you can
come and go as you please
and smoke outdoors. There
is also an elevator.)**

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month and are from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. The meeting room is at the SE corner on the second floor of the New Brighton Family Service Center. We look forward to meeting anyone who has even the slightest interest in UFOs. This phenomenon has been described as "the secret that keeps itself." Trying to unravel these secrets is fascinating and we feel that progress has been made. Both past and newly-discovered activities suggest that we are dealing with entities that are mainly interested in human beings and reproductive procedures. Although not well-understood by the general public, the importance of documenting the UFO presence cannot be overstated.

UFO SECRECY & POLICY QUESTIONS

By Bill McNeff

MUFON MN Assist. State Dir.

A friend asked me, "Why does everything concerned with UFO's remain classified?" Actually, thousands of pages of formerly classified documents involving the UFO subject have been released under the FOIA. These documents show a strong interest in UFOs by the agencies involved. Today, I believe a better question would be, "Why is so much concerned with UFO's still classified?"

I think the answer is a combination of these things:

1. The initial classification was to keep the technology from the communists (and everybody else but the U.S.);
2. A concern about admitting that we were being visited by aliens, and couldn't prevent them from doing anything they please to us;
3. A desire to hide the nasty things the government did to keep it all secret (which included threatening little girls and their parents, and maybe a few "necessary" eliminations);
4. A desire not to upset the oil profits applecart (if you can get energy out of empty space - zero point energy - who needs oil?)
5. The old, corrupting desire for power.

There is evidence that the U.S. government has had experience with UFO crashes prior to 1947. There are reports of more than one crash in the 1941 time frame. Leaked documents, allegedly highly

classified, speak of atomic knowledge gleaned from these crashes. (See: www.majesticdocuments.com.) So when the Roswell crash(es) (there may have been three) took place, the government was primed and ready to recover the wreckage. Technology that was literally out of this world was there for the taking. The biggest problem was in understanding it. Time would be required to analyze and understand this technology. So the secrecy was needed.

Stories such as those told by Bob Lazar suggest that not all of the technology is understood even today, and that even when the technology is understood, how to duplicate certain materials and processes is not. Until everyone in the world understands this technology and can duplicate it, it is in the government's interest to keep it secret. But those of us who study the UFO situation would like to see an admission by the government that we are being visited by the makers of this technology. The 64 million dollar question is, if the government made such an admission, would that imperil the desired secrecy regarding some to the technology?

This situation can be compared to the secrecy involved in atomic weapons. Until we dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, the U.S. government kept its atomic bomb project secret. But the leader of at least one of our chief enemies at the time, Adolf Hitler, was aware of the possibility of making a nuclear bomb and had his scientists hard at work on it. The sabotage of a heavy water plant in Norway checkmated Hitler's efforts. However, the U.S. government realized that they did not want any other government to be aware of the possibilities of atomic weapons, and that dictated keeping the project a secret from everybody, including the American people. Similar reasoning may apply to UFOs.

What would be the results if the government admitted UFO reality? First, all those who have been ridiculed for reporting UFOs would gain a measure of respect. Second, those who claim that they have been abducted by UFOs would, I hope, gain some understanding and sympathy. At least each case would be looked at on its merits. But the government could be sued by those who believe they have suffered from effects of UFO encounters. Third, some countries might try to shoot down some UFOs to gain the secrets for themselves. This would be very ill advised. There are stories that in the 1947 time frame, the U.S. tried to do just that and lost a number of planes. There is also a story that the USSR tried this and lost an entire base! Let

us also remember that in several cases, the U.S.'s Minuteman missiles became inoperative after visits by UFOs. This seems like a clear message from the operators of these craft that our technology is no match for theirs! I could believe that, since most estimates are that any aliens that land on earth will be at least a couple of hundred years ahead of us technologically, and likely thousands of years advanced!

This leads us to the subject of U.S. policy regarding aliens. One of the points made by former Defense Minister of Canada Paul Hellyer in his important speech at the University of Toronto, in September of 2005, was: "In his book Colonel Corso makes it clear that the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative...was primarily designed for use against the alien intruders. Its contemporary successor, the anti-missile missile defense system is also being designed with that as one of the principal objectives. The policy question is this: Is it wise to be spending so much time and money building capability designed to rid the skies of alien invaders? And what are the possible consequences in the event we should shoot down a few of them? 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 issues facing our planet."

Here we have heard the most important argument for ending the secrecy. It is also an argument that we in MUFON and in the entire UFO research community need to redouble our efforts to bring the facts about the alien visitors into the full light of day.

**Alien contact came in '52, author says
By Mannix Porterfield, Register-Herald
reporter, Published: July 14, 2007**

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_195213738.html

Sci-fi buffs flocked to a fantasy film in 1984 bearing a title prediction that 2010 would be the year earthlings make contact with aliens.

Actually, contact has come, and it was less than friendly, says one UFO researcher.

Three decades earlier, in fact, back in 1952, just five years after the famed Roswell incident, the American military engaged a convoy of alien aircraft with orders to destroy them in a pitched air

battle right off the Atlantic Coast, says Frank Feschino, author of "The Flatwoods Monster," a phenomenon that rocked a tiny West Virginia hamlet that year.

An illustrator and writer, Feschino has produced a follow-up book, this one titled "Shoot Them Down," an effort produced after years of painstaking research of the U.S. Air Force's once-classified files on unidentified flying saucers and digesting countless magazine articles on the matter.

His years of exhaustive study have convinced Feschino that American jet fighters did indeed make contact — at the point of their guns.

"Shoot Them Down" draws its name from orders Feschino says President Truman gave military commanders while an American public was growing increasingly jittery over coast-to-coast UFO sightings.

Two years earlier, Truman had remarked at a news conference, "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth."

"There are tons of documents right there, intelligence reports, talking about pilots chasing these things, going after them," Feschino said, citing the once-hidden reports on the Air Force's so-called Project Blue Book.

"That's when it hit the fan, and the government stepped up. That is when they had to simmer the whole country down. The whole country was in an uproar. Everybody was panicking. The job of the government is to keep things under control, and they couldn't let the country panic."

UFOs were buzzing the entire country that year, "and a good chunk of them were over military installations, and power plants, like Oak Ridge," the author says.

Feschino pulls his theory largely from the writings of Air Force Capt. Edward Ruppelt, a decorated World War II veteran, recalled to duty when hostilities erupted in Korea.

Roswell might stand out as the mother of all UFO stories, but 1952 was the most prolific year by far for aircraft sightings — by one account, some 30,000 alone in the United States, many of them reported in local newspapers around the country.

Craft ranged from discs to round balls to elongated, cigar-shaped ships, the Port Orange, Fla., resident said.

“Capt. Ruppelt was dropping clues throughout his book,” Feschino said. “And that’s the premise of my book. During that time of 1952 we had the highest amount of sightings.”

In a book he wrote, Ruppelt said “other assorted historians have pointed out that normally the UFOs are peaceful,” but he alluded to a chase in which one of two pilots engaging unidentified aircraft perished.

“They just weren’t ready to be observed closely,” he wrote. “If the Air Force hadn’t slapped down the security lid, these writers might not have reached this conclusion (about peaceful aliens). There have been other and more lurid duels of death. That’s what everybody missed.”

Feschino flatly says the Air Force took on alien aircraft just off the coast with orders to destroy them in a move to pacify a public growing ever restless over bizarre sightings. In the battle, apparently one craft hobbled back inland, resting on a knoll in a West Virginia community known as Flatwoods. And it was there on Sept. 12 a group of boys, accompanied by some adults, scampered up the hillside and saw a metallic, 12-foot object emitting a sulfuric odor. Locals dubbed it “the Flatwoods Monster.”

“I have no idea who they were,” Feschino said.

Based on his interviews with some 200 denizens of Flatwoods, however, the author believes the aliens remain interested in rural West Virginia.

“There are people in West Virginia who have been seeing UFOs for the past 50 years, and there are key locations where they are being seen — Wheeling, Huntington, and quite a few south of Charleston, around Cabin Creek, even down in the Beckley area,” he said.

Feschino is a headliner for a Sept. 7-8 UFO summit in Charleston, organized by promoter Larry Bailey. Joining him will be Freddie May, a witness to the Flatwoods incident, and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, considered the leading UFO researcher in the world. Friedman has appeared on numerous cable TV shows with his belief that extraterrestrials are frequent flyers to planet Earth.

At the two-day gathering, Feschino plans to sell his new book, featuring a special, limited edition cover for West Virginia consumers.

At a book-signing in Tamarack, the author was approached by an aging woman after the crowd of buyers began to disperse.

“She tugged on my shirt and leaned up to my ear and said, ‘We’re still seeing those things up here all the time,’” the author said.

The CE4 Corner **(c)2007 by Craig R Lang, MS CHt**

May/June, 2007: Drones and Bridges

I recently read an interesting article series in Whitley's Journal, on Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country website (www.unknowncountry.com). In it, Whitley talks extensively about a new class of UFO sightings, which are referred to as "Drones."

The articles are:

- [The Drones: Are They Real, and What Do We Do?](#),
- [The Drones Unveiled](#) and
- [The Mystery of the Drones.](#)

As we have not had any local (Minnesota) cases of the "drones," I had not followed this new class of UFO sightings until recently. Also, to be conservative, I will state that it is not yet clear that the sightings are all legitimate. However, Whitley claims that the evidence is quite strong in support of their validity. So for the moment, I will assume that the drones are for real and ask what they imply.

In reading the literature on them so far, I note that they appear to be clearly technological, yet extraordinary at the same time (machines, but not ours). Whitley suggests that they are a blending of alien and human, in origin, technology and culture. They make no attempt to hide themselves but seem designed to be seen - alien technology overtly displayed for mainstream human consumption.

In "The Drones Unveiled," Whitley suggests that this may be part of the ongoing effort at overt contact by "Them." He states that this may be part of a three-pronged contact approach:

- 1) The creation of what he calls a "Theatre in the sky" - This takes the form of obscure but overt

displays of technology - i.e. UFO and entity sightings - visible to a large number of people. The purpose is simply to show clearly that there are "others" present in our world.

2) The close encounter phenomenon - This is in effect, a covert, grassroots [my term, CL] acclimation program to get us ready, at the individual level, for contact. He states that this is similar to what we would do on encountering a culture of lower technology and/or more limited worldview. We would monitor that culture - being careful not to interfere with its progression. Then gradually, we would acclimate it to our presence. Finally, when the time was right, we would openly introduce ourselves.

3) E.T. contact with secret organizations within the human community - Whitley states that this may be the core of the coverup. While it is vital (in the E.T. view) to contact Earth institutions, it is also critical that this not overly impact human society. Thus, careful management of any public release of information would be necessary to prevent crippling culture shock that might paralyze human culture and initiative. Thus we see a motivation for the coverup and the allegedly staged subtle release of purported alien technology into the human mainstream.

Whitley describes the revelations of someone with the pseudonym of "Isaac" who claims to have inside knowledge about the mainstreaming of alien technology. One claim is that this is part of the acclimation process mentioned above. Whitley then ties this in with the drones - saying that these factors, in combination, may be the next step in the acclimation program.

All of this is, to say the least, speculative. Are we being systematically acclimated to the visitor presence? Is there a coverup - and is it in some way non-malevolent? While I don't know the answer to any of these questions, I suggest that from anecdotal evidence, the answer may be "yes."

In The Cosmic Bridge (www.thecosmicbridge.com) we discuss just such an acclimation program. I talk about an analogy to the animal-ranger relationship of the managed wilderness - what I call the "nature preserve" metaphor. I cite the Deardorff "Proposed Extraterrestrial Agenda for Earth," which a "super" civilization might follow in initiating contact with us. What Whitley is describing appears to be closely in line with exactly such a program of contact.

As one test of whether such a program might be in place, I suggest that as we get closer to being ready for contact, we should expect to see more overt sightings of UFOs, and eventually overt sighting of actual alien beings, with large numbers of witnesses. With the appearance of "the drones," are we now seeing just such a manifestation?

If the drone sightings turn out to be legitimate, does it mean that overt contact is imminent? Again, I don't know. However, to me, it suggests that we might just be one step closer. Perhaps we adding one more vital plank connecting "Us" with "Them" - the connection I refer to as The Cosmic Bridge .

**ROSWELL – GLENN DENNIS AND
WALTER HAUT
By William I. McNeff
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It is fitting that we note the 60th anniversary of the Roswell events by reviewing important past testimony and some new information.

Glenn Dennis

Local undertaker Glenn Dennis had long claimed that he was contacted by authorities at Roswell shortly after the crash and asked if a number of child-sized coffins were available. He understood from the questioner that there had been a crash, so as was customary for him, he drove to the base. When he arrived at the base, he was apparently told by a nurse he knew that he should leave. Later she told him that a UFO had crashed and that small humanoid extraterrestrials had been recovered. She also sketched one of the beings. She later disappeared.

Walter Haut

Walter Haut, who was the Roswell base information officer, was the only one of the remaining original participants to claim to have seen alien bodies. Haut, per base commander orders, issued the initial press release stating that the Army Air Force had retrieved the remains of a flying saucer. Haut died recently, and an affidavit, written by Haut several years before his death, has now been released. The Haut Affidavit

Haut's affidavit talks about a high-level meeting he attended with base commander Col. William

Blanchard and the Commander of the Eighth Army Air Force, Gen. Roger Ramey. Haut states that at this meeting, pieces of wreckage were handed around for participants to touch, with nobody able to identify the material. He says the press release was issued because locals were already aware of the crash site, but in fact there had been a second crash site, where more debris from the craft had fallen.

The plan was that an announcement acknowledging the first site near Corona, which had been discovered by a rancher, would divert attention from the second and more important location, now known as the "Hub Corn Ranch".

The Clean-up Operation

Haut also spoke about a clean-up operation, where for months afterward military personnel scoured both crash sites searching for all remaining pieces of debris, removing them and erasing all signs that anything unusual had occurred. This ties in with claims made by locals that debris collected as souvenirs was seized by the military.

The Craft and the Bodies

Haut then tells how Colonel Blanchard took him to "Building 84" — one of the hangars at Roswell — and showed him the craft itself. He describes a metallic egg-shaped object around 12-15 feet in length and around 6 feet wide. He said he saw no windows, wings, tail, landing gear or any other feature. He also saw two bodies on the floor, partially covered by a tarpaulin. They are described in his statement as about 4 feet tall, with disproportionately large heads.

Towards the end of the affidavit, Haut concludes: "I am convinced that what I personally observed was some kind of craft and its crew from outer space."

What's particularly interesting about Walter Haut is that in the many interviews he gave before his death, he played down his role and made no such claims. Had he been seeking publicity, he would surely have spoken about the craft and the bodies. He may have remained silent to protect his military pension and avoid harassment or worse, but felt his knowledge was too important not to share, and so wrote the affidavit.

There is some controversy about the affidavit. Some are questioning some of the information it contains. But Haut is said to have made confidential statements similar to those in the

affidavit to at least two other persons. Haut's involvement with the Roswell UFO Museum showed the importance he placed on the UFO subject. Personally, since the affidavit was made several years before his death, when he was presumably in good mental health, and because of his personal credibility, I think it should be given considerable weight when considering all of the statements made by Roswell witnesses.

CANADIAN CROP CIRCLE RESEARCH MUSEUM

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network June 29, 2007, <http://www.cccrn.ca>

CCCRN is pleased to announce the opening of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Museum exhibit in Estevan, Saskatchewan, a project of The City of Estevan and the Estevan Tourism Committee. In southeast Saskatchewan, one of the country's long-running hotspot regions for crop circle formations, Estevan is an excellent location. Currently part of the City of Estevan's Golden Anniversary Celebration (June 30), the display will then become part of the Souris Valley Museum. CCCRN is providing images, statistics and other information for the displays, and will continue to consult with CCCRM with a focus on historical cases and scientific evidence.

CCCRM press release: <http://www.cccrn.ca/cccrm.html>

CCCRM web site: <http://www.cccrn.ca>

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Minnesota UFO Report

A Triangular Shape Hovering And Missing Time, Moose Lake Area, Minnesota Date: 2002, Time: 11:00 - 11:30 p.m.

I also wanted to pass along another thing that happened to me in 2002. I was on my way up to see a friend in Two Harbors, MN. It was a Thursday night and I left the house at 10:00 p.m. I was about an hour and a half into the trip which put me up around the Moose Lake area. Being 11:30 p.m. on a Thursday night I was the only thing on the road. Up in the distance I could see what I thought to be an emergency vehicle on the shoulder. The closer I got I see it was up in the air off past the fence running along the highway. The object was around 200 feet

off the ground and was a triangle shape. It had a light on each corner and they were alternating red, blue and green. There was also a dome shaped thing on the bottom that was also lit up and looked like mother of pearl. It looked like it was liquid and was mixing or oozing around in there. I stopped the car on the shoulder and got out. I leaned on the roof of the car and watched it for what I would guess to be about 5 to 10 minutes. It then started to move off to the east and I got back in the car and continued on to my friends house. I should have arrived there at 12:30 a.m. or so. When I got there all the lights were off and I had to wake him. He came to the door and said "What the heck took you so long?" "Do you know what time it is?" He said. "It's 2:30". I told him that I had not stopped anywhere except for a couple minutes to watch these strange lights. He just thought I was jerking his chain. I got back home on that Sunday and told my wife about the lights and drew her a picture of what I had observed.

She thought that it was pretty weird and folded the drawing up and put it in her jewelry box. Then in 2004 we had all kinds of crazy sightings as you know. I was on the internet and happened across Jerry Pippins web site and when I clicked on his area called UFO FILES. Up popped the same triangle thing I had seen. It's the same thing that Darrell Barker the police officer witnessed. The other night I was at the hotel my wife works at and happened to run into a lady that mentioned she is from the Moose Lake area. I couldn't help telling her about the sighting. She just smiled and told me that her husband was the Chief of Highway Patrol (retired). She went on to tell me that two officers had reported the same thing on the east side of the highway in 2002.

The Right Side of the World July 17, 2007

<http://bpadair.com/2007/07/17/the-craziest-conspiracy-theory-ive-heard-yet-and-it-is-from-a-former-member-of-the-reagan-administration/>

The craziest conspiracy theory I've heard yet- and it is from a former member of the Reagan administration - Filed under: Republican, Politics — Brad Adair @ 5:26 pm

Paul Craig Roberts, the so called founder of Reaganomics and former Asst. Treasury Secretary has released a new column that in my opinion shows that he has gone off of the deep end. In his column he suggests that Congress must impeach

Bush and Cheney before the August recess. Why, you ask? Because otherwise, the United States is going to become a dictatorship. You read that right! What is his logic behind this?

He believes that Bush has put in place the right tools that when Congress goes on recess he is going to stage a terrorist attack so that he can declare a state of emergency, suspend the Constitution, make himself dictator, reinstate the draft, and then attack Iran. I think this may be the most outrageous thing I have ever heard. I am not fond of a lot of things that Mr. Bush does. However, I do not think he is trying to make himself a dictator.

Furthermore, if he did try this, the American people would not stand for it. There is no way that a dictatorship will ever be established in this country and Bush is not that stupid. It is scary to think that someone with beliefs like this was once allowed to hold a position of trust and power in the United States government.

If a terrorist attack does indeed occur in August we will see who was correct, however, I think that we will see a President doing his best to help the country recover. Not one that is trying to make himself a dictator. But if I am wrong I hope Mr. Roberts will be ready to step up and do more than say I told you so.

The full text of the column can be found at <http://www.counterpunch.org/robertso7162007.html>

UFO Hunters Announced By Sci Fi Channel by Joe Reality, July 16, 2007

<http://www.realitytvmagazine.com/blog/2007/07/ufo-hunters-ann.html>

From the creators of SCI FI Channel's hit series Ghost Hunters, comes the search for paranormal phenomena of a different kind. UFO Hunters, a series from Emmy Award winning executive producer Craig Piligian, Tom Thayer and Piligian's Pilgrim Films and Television, sets out to investigate claims of UFO sightings and otherworldly experiences.

UFO Hunters will investigate, review and reveal, giving viewers a new perspective on the universe around them. "UFOlogists" have always walked the fine line between science and fantasy. Long objects of ridicule, there's a new generation of investigators

using cutting-edge technology to legitimize the examination of evidence and separate genuine claims from works of fiction.

As with The Atlantic Paranormal Society of (TAPS) featured on Ghost Hunters, New York Strange Phenomena Investigators (NY-SPI), led by co-founders Oliver Kemenczky and Ted Davis, and supported by researcher/investigator Dennis Anderson, will bring to UFO Hunters their decades of experience and unquestioned credibility in the UFO community. And for the first time, reality television may reveal evidence that we have been visited...and will be again!

Spooks Infiltrating UFO Community?

By Sharon Weinberger, June 13, 2007

http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/06/toms_motivation.html

Why does a small, but devoted group, of intelligence officials continue to follow the UFO community long after the government disavowed any secret evidence of little green men? I have no idea, I just presumed they're looking for UFOs. But a few weeks ago, a writer named Gus Russo called me, telling me he was writing about this particular group of spooks.

Alien I told him I don't do UFOs (no really, I don't), but suggested a few people who may know more. Anyhow, his final conclusion is that, in fact, these crafty guys are monitoring the UFO community in an attempt to keep tabs on foreign intelligence who may have already infiltrated this group:

Tom's motivation, it now appears certain, can be summed up in two words: national security. In a recent interview, a senior intelligence official who is familiar with spooks in cyberspace explained, "Tom is interested in the subject because, one, he is concerned that DIA officers parading as CIA officers -- a felony -- are leaking classified material to the UFO groups. He also knows that in years past the KGB used parapsychology and paranormal groups to get to military people with classified information. He is concerned that any enemy group could easily use these forums to search out national security secrets." Joel Brenner, the United States national counterintelligence chief recently said that the number of Russian agents operating in the country had reached "Cold War levels," according to the Russian News & Information Agency.

Russo cites as further evidence: "In 2004 the CIA released under a FOIA request the Stargate Archive files, which reveal that the CIA was indeed concerned about monitoring UFO authors who might be privy to classified material."

So, if I get this right: these spooks don't really believe in UFOs, but they're worried that foreign intelligence agents have infiltrated UFO groups that have military members with classified info. And what sort of classified information do these supposed foreign intelligence types think they're gonna get from the UFO group (other than UFO information)?

Anyhow, too much to contemplate for one day, but an enjoyable read, if you can follow the cast of characters.

2007 International MUFON Symposium Comes To Denver PRWeb, June 18, 2007

The 38th Annual UFO International Symposium will be held in Denver at the Marriott Denver Tech Center from August 10th -- 12th. The symposium is an annual gathering of some of the top speakers in their respective fields presenting evidence concerning UFOs and the military, government denials, physical evidence of UFOs and high strangeness encounters.

The upcoming three-day symposium will feature a dozen speakers including: Physicist Stanton Friedman -- 60 Years of Roswell, British Author Timothy Good -- UFOs and the Military, Author and Sci-Fi Star Richard Dolan -- The ET Presence on Earth, Sam Maranto -- the recent O'Hare Airport Sighting, Robert Salas -- The Malmstrom Air Force Base Encounters, Kathleen Marden -- New Evidence on the Betty and Barney Hill Case, and Investigative Reporter George Knapp -- Author of the book Hunt for the Skinwalker.

MUFON continues to provide the best evidence for Unconventional Flying Objects. Decide for yourself. Are we really the only intelligent life in our universe?

MUFON is a Denver-based international non-profit organization whose mission is the systematic collection and analysis of UFO data with the

ultimate goal of learning the origin and nature of the UFO phenomenon.

For tickets to the three-day symposium contact: MUFON at 888-817-2220 or log on to www.mufon.com.

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PRESS RELEASE - JULY 20, 2007
PRG/X-PPAC
Paradigm Research Group
Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political
Action Committee

Washington, DC - An article written by PRG and X-PPAC Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, has received national attention. "Exopolitics: The ET Ticket" proposed the most advantageous pairing from either party as regards the prospects for Disclosure - the formal acknowledgement by the United States Government of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

His choice, New York Senator Hillary Clinton and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, were discussed on the July 6 Fox News morning show and mentioned in a front page article by William Booth in the Sunday, July 8 Washington Post.

Hillary Clinton and top Democratic political operative, John Podesta, were on duty in the White House during a three year effort by Laurance Rockefeller to convince then President Bill Clinton to end the UFO/ET truth embargo. Podesta would later call for the release of government documents relating to ET events and evidence, because "the American people quite frankly can handle the truth, and because it's the law."

Richardson recently wrote regarding the 1947 Roswell event, "the mystery surrounding this crash has never been adequately explained - not by independent investigators, and not by the U.S. government." "It would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows. With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July of 1947. The American people can handle the truth no matter how bizarre or mundane, and contrary to what you see in the movies."

PRG has been contacted by several reporters who are considering asking ET/Disclosure questions of the candidates in upcoming political campaign debates. Suggested questions are being posted at the PRG website.

This issue and much more will be on the program at PRG's upcoming X-Conference 2007 - the Insiders I, September 14-16 at the Hilton Gaithersburg Hotel near Washington, DC.

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Look for life not as we know it, U.S. report urges
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Extraterrestrial life may well be so weird we would not immediately recognize it, and scientists looking for alien life should be seeking the unfamiliar as well as the familiar, experts advised on Friday.

They said NASA'S current approach to "follow the water" works well if the assumption is that life everywhere is just like life is on Earth -- based on water, carbon and DNA. But the "life as we know it" approach could easily miss something exotic, the National Academy of Sciences panel advised.

"The purpose of this whole report was to be able to look for life on other planets and moons with an open mind ... and not maybe miss some other life form because we looking for some obvious life form," said John Baross, professor of oceanography

at the University of Washington in Seattle, who chaired the committee.

The U.S. space agency commissioned the report from the National Research Council, one of the independent National Academies set up to advise the federal government on scientific issues.

The panel of biochemists, planetary scientists, geneticists and other experts considered all the possible ways that life can arise and exist.

Recent discoveries of extremophiles -- organisms living in conditions of heat, cold and dark and using chemicals once thought incompatible with life -- have changed ideas of where life can survive.

As a biochemist, Baross said lab experiments also show water does not necessarily have to be the basis for life. It might be possible for a living organism to use methane, ethane, ammonia or even more bizarre chemicals, he said.

HOW WEIRD CAN IT GET

"We had some discussion about how weird to make this because there are so many concepts out here. There are so many theories about what life is and what could be a living system," Baross said in a telephone interview.

NASA and other groups are looking hard for extraterrestrial life. Telescopes search for spectral signatures from other planets that might suggest water is on the surface. Robots on Mars are seeking evidence of water, past or present.

"We wanted to actually think outside of that box a little bit and at least try to articulate some of the other possibilities besides water-carbon life," Baross said.

All life on Earth uses some form of DNA or RNA to encode the basic information for replicating and changing, but perhaps other life forms exist that use a different method to do this, the report suggests.

NASA might also think about returning to some of the more promising places in our own solar system to look for evidence of life, the committee said. They include Saturn's moons Titan and Enceladus and even steamy Venus.

"If you are a biochemist, Titan is of enormous interest, because it's a carbon moon. It does have

clearly some liquid methane or liquid ethane lakes or pools. There could be chemical reactions going on that could be favorable for producing complex biochemicals," Baross said. "The exploration that could lead to a novel life form ... would be the most profound discovery ever made."

Stumbling past it or worse, destroying it because it did not look like life, would be an equally profound tragedy, he said. Copyright (c) 2007 Reuters Limited. All rights reserved.

April 2007 UFO Report Totals - 272 NUFORC, 125 MUFON, May 2007 Totals - 255 NUFORC, 93 MUFON. From: Filer's Files

Based on (Mufon CMS and the National UFO Reporting Center, NUFORC) some areas of the world show a dramatic jump in raw reports, particularly Hawaii (averaging 1 or 2 a month - jumping to 5 in May 2007), and India (averaging 1 report sometimes - increasing to 4 in May 2007). This effects, too, a wider patronage of these data bases worldwide across the internet. In the United States, pulling the map images back for an overall view, visually striking is the total number of reports that geographically appear along interstate Highways - roughly 50%!

Consistent activity continues naturally around many, but not all areas with higher population densities. These report concentrations also vary and shift from month to month from population center to another too. Surrounding Lake Ontario in Canada, Indianapolis, Eastern Ohio, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Maryland, New York show activity. Generally sightings in the midsection of the North American continent follow a dispersed pattern, with some moderate concentrations of local activity (if these data bases reflect an accurate 'big picture'.)

On the east and west coast of the United States however, the patterns are dramatically different. Heavy sighting activity from Washington DC moving to north of New York City. On the West coast, a solid necklace of reports along Interstate 5 from San Francisco north to Washington state/Vancouver Canada. This highway pattern in California changes south between San Francisco and Los Angeles, more reports their tend to hug the coast along Hwy 101. San Diego seems oddly quiet.

May 2007 reports for Nevada, the three reports in northern Nevada all fall along Hwy 80. Most dramatically, and continuing a trend over the past few months are the large volume and heavy concentration of UFO reports in and surrounding New York City. New York City and it's surrounding burrows is a very hot spot. Included also was a witness report roughly 80 miles off New York City in the Atlantic Ocean by two cruise ship passengers. In late April, there was also a report by two witnesses to a UFO flying next to a commercial flight (Delta Flt 38 - Cincinnati to London Gatwick) on April 23, 2007.

There was an unclear raw report of a UFO possibly landing in Colfax, Wisconsin on June 5, 200. A large triangle object over Hartsburg, Illinois on June 9, 2007 (23:00 hours local), and another over Columbia, Illinois 20 minutes later and 137 miles away. Roughly an object speed of 408 knots - if it was the same object. Thanks to Steve Reichmuth Mufon - Northern California.

60 years later, authors attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding Roswell By WENDY JEFFCOAT CRIDER, T&D Features Editor

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More than half a century later, the events that transpired just outside Roswell, N.M., continue to mystify enthusiasts and researchers. Thousands flock to the Western town each year, memorializing what may, or may not, have occurred there in early July 1947.

Just what happened that stormy night 60 years ago? Did a real flying saucer indeed crash into Earth, or was it a felled weather balloon, as the military has long reported? And to what extent did the U.S. government go to cover it up?

Scores of books, movies, documentaries and television shows have explored what has become known as the "Roswell Incident" since 1978, when an intelligence officer with the 509th Bomb Group at the time of the incident broke his silence about what the U.S. Army Air Forces really discovered at the crash site. In his words, it was not a weather balloon at all, but something "not of this Earth." "Witness to Roswell" (Career Press, July 2007, \$14.99) is the newest installment in the Roswell

mystery, hoping to join the annals already penned about the alleged UFO incident. Intriguing and informative, readers interested in the unexplained won't be disappointed. Not only does the content keep you interested -- "Witness" is a well-written and well-researched document about this chapter in American history.

Authors Thomas Carey and Donald Schmitt take readers on a journey through time and into memories of Roswell witnesses. They said the book attempts to uncover the extent to which the Air Force violated the civil rights of the citizens of Roswell and Corona, N.M., to suppress the story and features deathbed testimonials from witnesses to an extraterrestrial event.

Carey, who lives in Pennsylvania, has been investigating Roswell for 16 years, while Schmitt, of Wisconsin, has dedicated 19 years to the cause. Together, they have logged a combined total of more than 125 trips to Roswell, gathering interviews with first-, second- and third-hand witnesses.

"To date, we have a witness pool of over 600 such witnesses who have attested to an extraterrestrial event near Roswell in 1947," they said in an e-mail interview last week. "Witness to Roswell" was meant to be a 'down payment to history' -- not a be all, tell all, begin all and end all book about Roswell."

"Witness," through accounts, contends that a flying saucer with seven occupants crashed north of the town of Roswell. One of the occupants managed to survive, and all materials and bodies were recovered by the Air Force and shipped to Dayton, Ohio.

"Military personnel were sworn to secrecy, while civilian witnesses were threatened with their very lives if they ever talked," Carey and Schmitt said. They said fear of a panic, lack of political will to "come clean" and mere habit are just some of the reasons the coverup continues to this day.

The pair have been involved in several crash-related projects, including organizing a 2002 archeological dig at the Foster Ranch debris field site, funded by the Sci Fi Channel; helping produce and appearing in the 2002 Sci Fi Channel two-hour documentary of the dig, "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence" and other Roswell-related documentaries on The History Channel, The

Learning Channel, the Travel Channel, the National Geographic Channel and others; and helping decipher the Ramey Memo, better known as the "smoking gun of Roswell."

But why the interest in an event that occurred so long ago?

"The case has everything," Carey and Schmitt contend. "A 'nuts and bolts' UFO, a huge number of military and civilian witnesses, death threats, a coverup, a race with the undertaker and an apparent case of alien visitation. ... It is worth pursuing to the nth degree."

Jody Pendarvis, proprietor of the UFO Welcome Center in Bowman, said he, too, feels the U.S. government covered up what may be the most significant UFO sighting in history.

"I really believe there was a crash and there was a coverup of magnificent proportions," he said. "Yes, I believe it was a UFO, and I believe there were aliens involved and they might be visiting us right now to see if they can rescue their fellow citizens."

Pendarvis said he saw a UFO on Memorial Day weekend in 1999, three miles south of Orangeburg, and has since become a true believer. The Roswell Incident, in his opinion, was simply a trip gone wrong.

And after what happened in Roswell in 1947, Pendarvis has doubts the aliens will return to the New Mexico town.

"Now they don't want to visit in Roswell, they want to visit right here, in Bowman," he said. "And they better bring their own food ... and Earth currency," he added with a laugh.

Carey and Schmitt said they hope the book attracts both UFO enthusiasts and a mainstream audience.

"We want the readers to take away the wealth of new information about the Roswell case, as well as the depth of our case for a UFO crash back in 1947, compared to the lack of a case for the Air Force and debunkers who cling to the balloon explanation like a grim death at the expense of their own credibility," they said.

The authors are currently looking forward to their next book, "Of Unknown Origin: the Roswell UFO Crash."

Cryptic video may point to UFO crash in White Sands by Mike Smith, Daily Lobo Posted: 5/3/07

It was October of '97, and the second annual Australian International UFO Symposium had just gotten underway in the eastern Australia city of Brisbane. Writers gave lectures on the latest extraterrestrial news and theories, various groups manned booths to help counsel alleged former abductees, and the organizers of the symposium presented what they suggested was the first ever filmed crash of a UFO. No one there seemed to know where the film had come from, but almost all believed the event it depicted had taken place earlier that year, in the sandy expanses of southern New Mexico's White Sands Missile Range.

The film of the crash unfolds in total silence, every detail shimmering beneath layers of blocky pixels. Starting in a desert setting of flatly rolling sand and sagebrush, a shining white oval falls from the sky. The oval emits a trail of smoke, exhaust or vapor, and before it gets too close to the ground, it levels out a bit, slams into the earth with a sudden flash, bounces, shoots up wildly in a long leftward arc, passes what appears to be three evenly spaced telephone poles, and then shatters against the ground in a sky-filling spray of fire and debris. From start to finish, the entire episode takes only 15 seconds.

The crash is fascinating to watch, but even many devoted UFO experts are skeptical. A New Mexican columnist for UFO Magazine has suggested it was either military or a hoax. Louis Martin, of www.MyUFO.com, said he heard the crash was a cruise missile, not an alien craft. www.UFOCasebook.com has stated that "an American researcher who has a highly placed NASA source" said the craft was an X-38 Crew Return Vehicle - a small, almost wingless, reusable spacecraft made to carry astronauts from the International Space Station down to Earth. And, since no one seems to know who shot the film, where exactly it was made or who released it to the public, it may be worthwhile to consider that this footage surfaced during the same year as the much-hyped 50th anniversary of the famous 1947 Roswell Incident, in which multiple witnesses swore to have seen a wrecked UFO and its dying alien passengers.

Many of these dismissals, though, can be dismissed themselves. Videos of cruise missiles can easily be seen online, and those cylindrical missiles look

nothing like the well-proportioned oval of the film. Also, they explode in clouds of fire, not in sprays of fat sparks like the craft in the film. It could be an X-38, but the X-38s first known flight wasn't until 1999, two years after the film premiered in Australia. And as for it being a hoax concocted solely to cash in on the anniversary of the Roswell Incident, it would have to be a pretty good one.

Jack Hickman, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, said that in 1948, two round, white vehicles made loops in the air above White Sands before disappearing. In 1952, an area local spotted a rounded silver object making a 360-degree turn in the sky. And in 1957, numerous sightings were reported throughout the area, ranging from a strange craft hanging motionless in the sky, to a glowing object hovering above the site of the first atomic bomb test, to a UFO landing nearby. Also rumored to be a part of the missile range is the clandestine Area 29, where, according to UFO Digest's Steve Hammons, recovered alien spacecrafts were test-flown by the government from 1957 to 1970.

The impressive number of such accounts does perhaps give some validity to the 1997 crash, but one thing remains suspicious: All of these sightings took place around White Sands Missile Range and the nearby Holloman Air Force Base. After all, a missile range is a place where the government tests top secret things that fly. Getting excited about seeing a UFO over such a place is a bit like getting excited about seeing a plane by an airport.

You can view the UFO video at:
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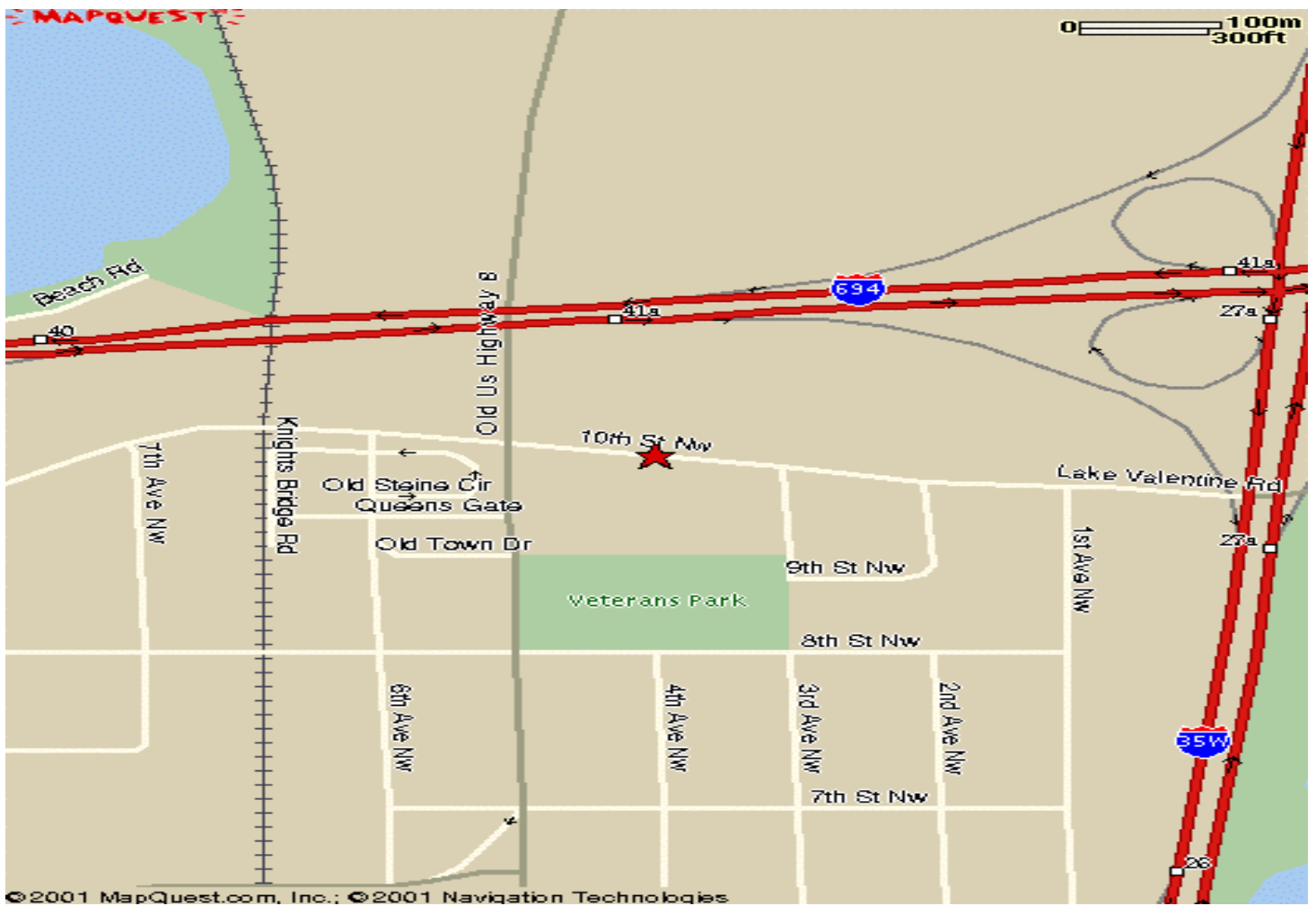
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