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Life is a tightrope. Some days are dominated by the right brain, as hypnotherapy clients sit in my studio and pour out their life story. They spend two hours in deep trance seeking the center of some problem in their life. Like a detective, or like a programmer debugging computer software, we track the problem down to the cause. Then we bring healing to that center. It is the ultimate combination of right brain - emotional healing and left brain problem solving, emotional debugging. In addition, other aspects of my life have been filled with mathematics, physics, computers and electronics as I experiment with new technology ideas. They form the balancing act of all balancing acts, a world of spirit and technology.

In the last few weeks, I have been putting together a class for my church on science and religion. How do two of the great pursuits that make us human interact. Do they conflict? Are they simply two ways of seeing the truth? Or do they even have anything to do with each-other. I was again struck by that delicate balance between two apparently-opposing forces.

At the last MUFON conference I was struck by just how much UFO studies - and their accompanying healing work - fits into that same balancing act. As I was sitting in a lecture on UFO physics, the speaker (Robert Schroeder) was describing how we could use the mathematics of Maxwell's equations along with Einstein's general relativity and a unifying concept called Kaluza Klein theory, to understand the physics behind UFOs.

Some time later, I attended a talk on the spiritual aspects of UFO encounters. The dichotomy the between physics/engineering and spirituality continued to drive the question - is the phenomenon physical? Rather, are UFOs and close encounters in some way, spiritual and/or (para)psychological? Whatever the case may be (and they are probably at least a little of all of these), they have a powerful impact on the lives of anyone the phenomenon touches. And as I was sitting in that lecture, the stage was being set for me to once again see just how real that effect was.

As I sat in that lecture on UFO physics, I got a text from an experiencer in MUFON, a woman who was at the same conference. She had begun to remember events that had apparently occurred the night before. (I described this encounter in the an earlier CE4 Corner, The Mystery Gets Real). I left the lecture hall and went up to the room of the experiencer.



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It turns out that she and her roommate were talking and both realized something extraordinary had occurred the previous night. She remembered being outside the hotel (on the roof, actually), then in a UFO, and then back in her room. At the same time, she recalled her roommate being "worked on" by - well, by whoever they are. Events escalated and the next few weeks turned out to be devastating to her as her life turned upside down. In that time, I would again see just how far down the rabbit hole the extraordinary encounter phenomenon can take us.

So many other experiencers have had similar turning points in life. As they begin to recall memories of events occurring in the phenomenal realm (aboard the UFO, or wherever they go when they go "there") the impact on their personal reality can be devastating. On a field visit I made to another state, their state director and I visited the remote farm home of one experiencer. He and his family had had a harrowing close encounter experience a few months before. We interviewed the entire family, and then conducted an in-depth hypnotic regression.

This person was an excellent hypnotic subject and quickly went into deep trance. At one point, he found himself reliving a time when he was the subject of an alien "download" of telepathic visual imagery. As is so often the case in abduction events, this imagery was of disasters, suffering and chaos in the human and natural worlds. He suddenly burst into tears, yelling at the top of his lungs "we're screwed". He emerged abruptly from trance and I could feel the panic in his voice. He had just seen the apocalypse unfold in front of him. We had a lot of healing work to do.

Many experiencers have described being shown similar scenarios of tragedy and apocalypse. This has apparently been going on for many years. In many cases the predicted time has come and gone. We still appear to be here. In addition, the predictions of some experiencers are even mutually exclusive with the predictions of others - for example, one shows the world dying of drought and turning to lifeless desert versus another showing floods inundating everything. So whatever reason "They" have for this apocalyptic video fest, it does not appear to be a literal prediction of effects. Thus, any information on these should be treated with extreme discernment.

As this particular experiencer returned from a between-sessions bio break, I quickly re-induced trance and invited him to observe another time, a time in which he had been told something that was clearly not true. He had had a difficult life and had gained a lot of street wisdom in his years of rough and tumble experience. This included the ability to recognize BS when he saw it. So I invited him to use those same skills to observe the alien apocalypse predictions. He paused for a moment and then said "It's all bull @\$%".

In his mind, he stared the alien in the face. "I know you. You guys are full of..."

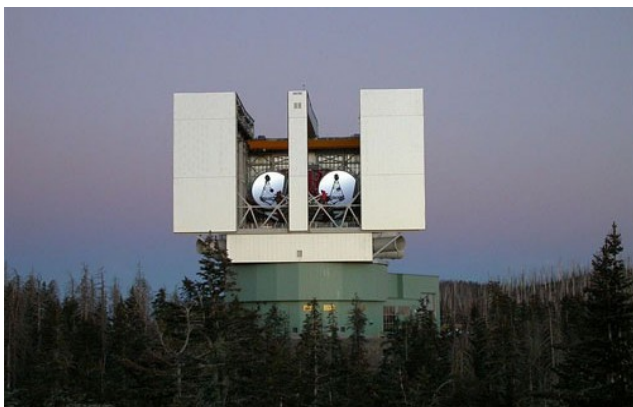
(Note: the reader can use their imagination for the rest of the dialog. I endeavor to keep this column family friendly). He leered at the imaginary alien in front of him, asserting his right to his own life, his own path and his own discernment. While I believe we don't really know what the phenomenon is, in his mind, the aliens (for lack of a better word) now have somewhat less power over him. It was a moment of emotional and psychic healing of pain from a physical event - the spiritual and the concrete working in a delicate interplay. It was that same balancing act that I later came to realize as I sat in that audience hall at the MUFON conference.

This summer, as we hopefully get projects such as UFOTOG2 (a new UFO tracking, photography and analysis initiative by MUFON), and begin to improve our skills in field investigation of physical evidence cases, we will be focusing a lot on the physical aspects of the phenomenon. Similarly, in recent months as I sit at my computer I find myself absorbed in work on my own technology projects. Computer screens of equations, diagrams and code sit in front of me. Yet the next day might find an experiencer or other hypnotherapy client in my studio in deep trance, journeying to the core of his/her personal issue(s). Both are vital elements of healing work, delicately balanced ends of the teeter-totter.

Right brained and left brained, spirit and science, mind and body, metaphysical and technological. We push the boundaries of knowledge and see that neither can completely provide the answers. Our endeavors are often a mixture of opposites - two ends of the teeter-totter. They form that delicate balance between sometimes-opposing forces in this realm we call life.

LUCIFER is helping Vatican astronomers look for extraterrestrials? Posted by: [Jason McClellan](#) April 11, 2013

<http://www.openminds.tv/lucifer-is-helping-vatican-astronomers-look-for-extraterrestrials-970/19968>



The Large Binocular Telescope observatory on Mt. Graham. (Credit: NASA)

A new book claims that Vatican astronomers are looking for extraterrestrials. And they are using LUCIFER to do it. Although it shares the same name as Christianity's fallen angel and the personification of evil, LUCIFER is an instrument attached to a telescope.

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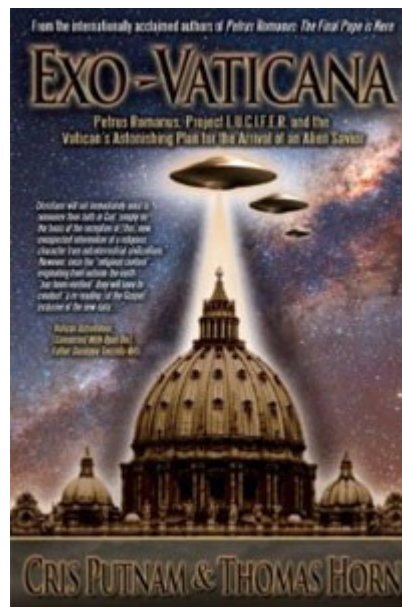
As [Popular Science](#) explains, LUCIFER is an acronym for the instruments lengthy title, "Large Binocular Telescope Near-infrared Utility with Camera and Integral Field Unit for Extragalactic Research." This instrument is attached to the University of Arizona's Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) located on Mt. Graham in south eastern Arizona. The Vatican-owned Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT) is right next door.



The VATT as seen from the balcony of the nearby LBT (Credit: Andromeda321/Wikimedia Commons)

According to [EcumenicalNews.com](#), authors of a new book assert that Vatican astronomers are using both the VATT and the LBT's LUCIFER instrument to watch for an alien savior. Tom Horn and Chris Putnam, authors of *Exo-Vaticana: Petrus Romanus, Project LUCIFER, and the Vatican's astonishing plan for the arrival of an alien savior*, visited with the Jesuit astronomers at the VATT, including Guy Consolmagno.

The authors claim that Consolmagno revealed to them documents showing that the Vatican believes "that we are soon to be visited by an alien savior from another world."



Cover of the book Exo-Vaticana. (Credit: Defender)

The authors claim they will back up their assertions with documented sources when their book is released on April 15.

Guy Consolmagno speaks regularly about science and religion. In a 2010 interview, he told *The Guardian*, "Any entity – no matter how many tentacles it has – has a soul." He made headlines because of this interview, in which he said he would offer to baptize an extraterrestrial being if one requested.

Consolmagno has also stated that the Pope and the Vatican are keen on science, and they are kept up-to-date on the latest scientific developments by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The Aliens Are Silent Because They're Dead by AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 01/21/2016

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-01/anu-taa012116.php

Life on other planets would likely be brief and become extinct very quickly, say astrobiologists from The Australian National University (ANU).

In research aiming to understand how life might develop, the scientists realised new life would commonly die out due to runaway heating or cooling on their fledgling planets.

"The universe is probably filled with habitable planets, so many scientists think it should be teeming with aliens," said Dr Aditya Chopra from the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences and lead author on the paper, which is published in *Astrobiology*.

"Early life is fragile, so we believe it rarely evolves quickly enough to survive."

"Most early planetary environments are unstable. To produce a habitable planet, life forms need to regulate greenhouse gases such as water and carbon dioxide to keep surface temperatures stable."

About four billion years ago Earth, Venus and Mars may have all been habitable. However, a billion years or so after formation, Venus turned into a hothouse and Mars froze into an icebox.

Early microbial life on Venus and Mars, if there was any, failed to stabilise the rapidly changing environment, said co-author Associate Professor Charley Lineweaver from the ANU Planetary Science Institute.

"Life on Earth probably played a leading role in stabilizing the planet's climate," he said.

Dr Chopra said their theory solved a puzzle.

"The mystery of why we haven't yet found signs of aliens may have less to do with the likelihood of the origin of life or intelligence and have more to do with the rarity of the rapid emergence of biological regulation of feedback cycles on planetary surfaces," he said.

Wet, rocky planets, with the ingredients and energy sources required for life seem to be ubiquitous,

however, as physicist Enrico Fermi pointed out in 1950, no signs of surviving extra-terrestrial life have been found.

A plausible solution to Fermi's paradox, say the researchers, is near universal early extinction, which they have named the Gaian Bottleneck.

"One intriguing prediction of the Gaian Bottleneck model is that the vast majority of fossils in the universe will be from extinct microbial life, not from multicellular species such as dinosaurs or humanoids that take billions of years to evolve," said Associate Professor Lineweaver.

Source: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-01/anu-taa012116.php

Paper: <http://bit.ly/gaianbottleneck>

The UFO phenomenon as demonic activity? CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE NEWS SERVICE, February 1, 2016

<https://noriohayakawa.wordpress.com/2016/02/01/ufo-phenomenon-the-only-viable-interpretation/>

Who are some of the leading UFO researchers who recognize that UFOs are an occultic and/or demonic phenomenon?

DR. JACQUES VALLEE:

"We are dealing with a yet unrecognized level of consciousness, independent of man but closely linked to the earth.... I do not believe anymore that UFOs are simply the spacecraft of some race of extraterrestrial visitors. This notion is too simplistic to explain their appearance, the frequency of their manifestations through recorded history, and the structure of the information exchanged with them during contact."

"An impressive parallel can be made between **UFO occupants** and the popular conceptions of **demons**."

"UFOs can project images or fabricated scenes designed to **change our belief systems**."

"...human belief... is being **controlled** and **conditioned**."



“Man’s concepts are being rearranged” and we may be headed toward “a massive change of human attitudes toward paranormal abilities and extraterrestrial life.”

“The ‘medical examination’ to which abductees are said to be subjected, often accompanied by sadistic sexual manipulation, is reminiscent of the medieval tales of **encounters** with **demons**.

It makes no sense in a sophisticated or technical or biological framework: any intelligent being equipped with the scientific marvels that UFOs possess would be in a position to achieve any of these alleged scientific objectives in a shorter time and with fewer risks.”

“The symbolic display seen by the abductees is identical to the type of initiations **ritual** or astral voyage that is **imbedded** in the [occult] traditions of every culture.”

Thus, “the structure of abduction stories is identical to that of occult initiation rituals.”

LYNN E. CATOE, senior bibliographer for a government publication researched by the Library of Congress for the **U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research: UFOs and Related Subjects**:

“A large part of the available UFO literature is closely linked with **mysticism** and the **metaphysical**. It deals with subjects like mental telepathy, automatic writing and invisible entities as well as phenomena like poltergeist [ghost] manifestations and ‘**possession**.’ Many of the UFO reports now being published in the popular press recount alleged incidents that are strikingly similar to **demonic possession** and **psychic phenomena**...”

DR. PIERRE GUERIN, eminent scientist associated with the French National Council for Scientific Research:

UFO “behavior is more akin to **magic** than to **physics** as we know it.”

“...the modern UFOnuts and the demons of past days are probably **identical**.”

“What is quite certain is that the phenomenon is **active** here on **our planet**, and active here as master.”

JOHN A. KEEL, one of the most informed persons in the world on UFOs, author of the now-classic “**UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse**”:

“The manifestations and occurrences described in this imposing literature on demonology are similar if not entirely **identical** to the UFO phenomenon itself.”

“The UFO manifestations seem to be, by and large, merely minor variations of the age-old **demonological phenomenon**.”



IVAR MACKAY, former chairman of the respected British UFO Research Association:

“...if one sets the three occult groups against the three classifications of UFO entities and their characteristics, it is rather surprising how complementary to each other they appear to be, not only through their appearance, activities, and level of behavior, but also in the quality of mental and, especially, emotional reaction and response that has been noted to have occurred on contact.”

TREVOR JAMES, veteran UFO researcher:

“A working knowledge of occult science... is **indispensable** to UFO investigation.”

SOCIOLOGISTS STUPPLE and McNEECE:

“...studies of flying saucer cults repeatedly show that they are part of a larger **occult** social world.”

ABOVE, FROM: John Ankerberg and John Weldon’s [UFOs and other supernatural phenomena](#)

PLEASE ALSO WATCH THIS YOUTUBE PIECE:
[The UFO phenomenon as Demonic Activity](#)
by Norio Hayakawa
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJAdXPYMsZU>

The way of the explorer

Posted on **February 9, 2016** by **Billy Cox**
<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/15464/the-way-of-the-explorer/>

I first met moonwalker Edgar Mitchell in late 1995, at a restaurant in the back yard of Kennedy Space Center, which was getting ready to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Apollo 14. Given how NASA types tended to treat UFO questions like warlocks and unicorns, De Void was unprepared for Mitchell's receptivity. No, he insisted, he hadn't seen evidence of UFOs during his off-planet adventures. "NASA at that time was so sure there were no such things, there was no discussion of it." But he added this: "I would say, however, that if there was knowledge of ET contact existing within the government, and we were sent into space blind and dumb to such information, I think it is a case of criminal culpability."

Criminal culpability. Whoa. Thus began a long conversation with one of the old astronaut corps' unique thinkers. This was a guy who, after admitting he conducted ESP experiments on the moon in 1971, took a lot of crap from colleagues – and he didn't care. He went onto formalize his curiosity about human consciousness by founding the Institute of Noetic Sciences, which went on to publish papers on everything from meditation to the "Physical effects of collective attention at Burning Man 2013."



"There seems to be more to the universe than random, chaotic, purposeless movement of a collection of molecular particles." – Dr. Edgar Mitchell /CREDIT: collectspace.com

Anyhow, the former Navy captain rolled his own tobacco that night, back when you could still smoke indoors, and he talked about one of his even more unusual intrigues. A year or so earlier, during Air Force efforts to resolve General Accounting Office questions about [missing records related to the 1947 Roswell controversy](#), USAF Secretary Sheila Widnall had granted amnesty to potential whistleblowers who might produce leads, but by that time the major players were dead. One year after that, without naming names, Mitchell said he was in discussions with former military or government operatives who wanted to extend immunity to cover even more UFO insiders.

"The purpose of the meeting was not to convince anybody else of their stories," he said, "but to get people released from their security oaths with regard to these phenomena. Given who they were, and their credentials, I have to tell you, it pushed my confidence level up five notches." Mitchell said he was shaken by what he was learning. "I am convinced there is a small body of valid (UFO) information, and that there is a body of information ten times as big that is total disinformation put out by the sources to confuse the whole issue." He described the setup as "a body of semi- or quasi-private organization" operating with black-budget federal funding. "And nobody knows what goes into black budgets. The prime requisite is security first and everything else second."

Without more details, Mitchell's allegations sounded like something Fox Mulder's scriptwriters could've hatched without really trying. We now know that the sixth man on the moon had, in 1995, begun huddling with "[Ambassador to the Universe](#)" Disclosure guru Steven Greer, whose ET outreach tuition now begins at \$2,500 a pop. The Mitchell-Greer bond fell apart when Greer began using Mitchell's name as a witness to promote his Disclosure initiative. Mitchell, in fact, had no first-hand knowledge of Greer's alleged cloak-and-dagger scenario, and he charged Greer with "overreach(ing) his data continuously."

But in 2008 – and once again, without naming names – Mitchell stoked the embers when he told CNN's Larry King he had met a high-level Pentagon official pooh-bah who told Mitchell that he – the pooh-bah official – couldn't get his hands on classified UFO documents because he lacked the

proper security clearance. But that was a story Greer had been repeating for years. And that official was Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, former Defense Intelligence Agency director and – at the time of his meeting with Mitchell in 1997 – director of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

So De Void got on the horn to Wilson, whose golden parachute had made for a soft-retirement landing with a defense contractor in Minnesota. Wilson definitely remembered Mitchell asking him about pursuing UFO leads. But Wilson also said he had all the security passes he needed. “What is true is that I met with them,” Wilson told De Void in a phoner. “What is not true is that I was denied access to this material, because I didn’t pursue it. I may have left it open with them, but it was not especially compelling, not compelling enough to waste my staff’s time to go looking for it.”

Mitchell told De Void he was “shocked” by Wilson’s answer. Ever the gentleman, however, Mitchell declined to argue: “I do not wish to engage him on this matter.” For his part, Greer stood by his Wilson story in an email: “I was there and I know what he said. I was also informed prior to the meeting that, after sending him a secret document with UFO-related code names and numbers, that he located one of the compartments but was specifically denied access to the operation.” And that was that.

But so earnestly did Mitchell want to get to the bottom of the mystery that he traveled to Mexico City for the unveiling of what would be the biggest UFO fiasco of 2015 – the [Roswell space alien cadaver pix](#), which were being hyped as a game-changer by promoters. Within days, the images were discovered to be Kodak slides of a Native American mummy. De Void didn’t attempt to contact the Apollo veteran for reaction after that. But living in fear of making mistakes would’ve been an untenable prospect for one of only a dozen men to leave bootprints on another world.

“The desire to live life to its fullest, to acquire more knowledge, to abandon the economic treadmill,” he wrote in his autobiography *The Way of the Explorer*, “are all typical reactions to these experiences in altered states of consciousness. The previous fear of death is typically quelled. If the individual generally remains thereafter in the existential state of awareness, the deep internal feeling of eternity is quite profound and unshakable.” After literally expanding the

perimeters of human history, what could possibly be intimidating after that? Name-calling?

So bon voyage, Dr. Mitchell. And here’s hoping that your greatest wish for those who determine our fates will someday come to pass: “From out there on the moon, international politics look so petty. You want to grab a politician by the scruff of the neck and drag him a quarter of a million miles out and say ‘Look at that, you son of a bitch.’”

**UFOs in Chile, France and Russia –
Citizen Hearing Transcripts
Posted by: Antonio Huneus May 3, 2013
<http://www.openminds.tv/ufo-in-chile-france-and-russia-citizen-hearing-transcripts-1003/20678>**

Open Minds journalist, Antonio Huneus, is one of the panel members speaking at the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure this week. Yesterday he presented to the committee of 6 former congress members on UFO activity and government reactions in Chile, France and Russia. You can read the text of his testimony below.

South America: Chile

In recent years Chile has become one of the world’s leading nations in the official study and recognition of the UFO phenomenon. UFO agencies or departments have been traditionally under the Air Force in most countries. In France, as we shall see in the next session, the effort is under the space agency, but Chile has taken a novel approach which makes logical sense: its committee known as CEFAA (Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena) is under the Civil Aviation agency DGAC. In other words, it’s like if the FAA, the Federal Aviation Administration, had a UFO department. Civil aviation agencies all over the world deal with aircraft safety and navigation and UFOs, though not regulated by human governmental agencies, are primarily flying in the air and could pose a threat to aviation safety.

Chile has a rich history of UFO cases, some of them highly strange, like an incident involving a group of seven soldiers and a corporal near Putre in Chile’s northern Atacama region near the border with Peru in 1977, the so-called time warp case of Corporal Valdes, which became the subject of my very first article on UFOs back in 1977. In the 1980s, Gustavo Rodriguez, an air traffic controller, began to collect

cases involving pilots who would call the control tower asking if there was any traffic that could explain lights or objects they were seeing during the course of their flights. There were also incidents involving the scramble of military jets, a situation common to many countries of the world.

In the mid-90s Rodríguez received the support of Gen. Ramón Vega, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Air Force and later a senator. I had the opportunity of meeting both Gustavo Rodríguez and Gen. Vega during several trips to Santiago in the 1990s. I gave the general, in fact, a copy of the Laurance Rockefeller-sponsored UFO Briefing Document which I had coauthored and which perhaps played a small role in marshaling the evidence for the creation of CEFAA in 1997. During its first months, however, CEFAA seemed rudderless until Air Force General (Ret.) Ricardo Bermúdez was named director. Gen. Bermúdez was the director of the Technical School of Aeronautics, which trains air traffic controllers, and it was at this school—which I visited many times—where the Commission was housed for a number of years. CEFAA's mission is to:

Record and analyze all relevant reports concerning UAP [Unidentified Aerial Phenomena] occurring within the national territory, on the basis of a serious, objective and scientific analysis with the purpose of determining any possible risk to air operations.

In 2002 CEFAA became essentially inactive for a number of years, but in December of 2009 the DGAC announced that CEFAA was being reactivated and once again Gen. Bermúdez was brought back to direct it and Gustavo Rodríguez to serve as secretary. The Committee's headquarters was moved to a new location at the National Aeronautical and Space Museum near the old airport of Los Cerrillos in Santiago. One of the first things they did was to launch an official website [<http://www.cefaa.cl/web/home.html>], which is by far the best of all the South American official agencies. It contains several UFO aircraft incidents with audio recordings of pilot-control tower communications, videos, documents, articles, and other data.

CEFAA has an "External Committee of Advisors" which includes eight top scientists from the Chilean Commission of Nuclear Energy, Aerospace Medicine at Santiago University, astronomers from the Metropolitan and Catholic Universities, a

plasma physicist from Santiago University, a geographer and expert of satellite imagery from Chile State University, and two psychologists. There is also a CEFAA Internal Committee which includes experts on Operations Safety, Air Control Center, Meteorology, Air Accidents Investigations, Aerospace Engineering and Audiovisual. They also have representatives from each branch of the armed forces and the police.

On August 11, 2008, the Chilean government passed Law 20.285 known as "Transparency Law." In some respects it works similarly to our Freedom of Information Act—government agencies have 20 days to respond to queries from the public regarding public records—but in some respects it goes beyond the FOIA. With the exception of matters dealing with national security and foreign relations, the Transparency Law was designed so government agencies can act in an open and transparent manner even in cases where they received no queries from the public. CEFAA has fully complied with the requirements of the Transparency Law, and as explained by Gen. Bermúdez, "this is the way we deal with the phenomenon, openly and freely."

CEFAA has documented many UFO cases involving commercial and military pilots. One of the more interesting ones known as the Pelican case occurred on June 24, 2010 and it involved three different aircraft—two airliners and a navy plane called Pelican. As put by Gen. Bermúdez at a lecture he gave at the International UFO Congress in Fountain Hills, Arizona, in 2012, three airplanes witnessed the same phenomenon, two commercial planes are approaching Santiago, the military plane is coming 300 miles from the north, and an object is cruising his airway. The pilot reports something he sees camouflaged in erratic motion. In the audio communication, one can hear the pilot saying, "ROGER...At this moment I can't see it anymore...I could see a traffic loud and clear...it looked like a cloud... Camouflaged as a cloud but with erratic motion.

This case, as well as another one in Punta Arenas detected by primary radar in 2011, is important because you have different professional pilots reporting the same object. As explained by Gen. Bermúdez:

Think for a moment, if one experienced commercial pilot reports to me that something flew across in front of his airplane, I pay careful attention; but

now if a second commercial pilot reports the same a few seconds later, I become interested; but if a third pilot, a military one, confirms the same fact, I tend to believe it. In this case, do we have one UFO close to the airplanes, or we have two UFOs? If we have one, its incredible speed doesn't correspond to anything we have now.

During the same lecture at the International UFO Congress, Gen. Bermúdez released a multiple video case taken at the El Bosque base in Santiago, where the Air Force Academy is located, which made world headlines. This was because several videos were taken during an important ceremony for the change of the Commander of the Chilean Air Force on November 4, 2010, attended by the President, all the commanders of the armed forces and top brass, the Minister of Defense and other cabinet members, the diplomatic corps and many other important officials including Gen. Bermúdez himself. The ceremony is popular with the public and widely photographed and filmed because it includes the air parade by all the different squadrons of the Chilean Air Force. It must be clarified, however, that none of the dignitaries or public saw the UFOs at the time. These were discovered later as people began to review the footage they had taken. I am enclosing an interview I did with Gen. Bermúdez, published in Open Minds magazine issue 16, Oct.-Nov. 2012, where he explains the methodology of CEFAA as well as many of their best UFO cases, including the multiple footage case of El Bosque.

Chile has shown that a serious and open official investigation of UFOs can be conducted in a serious and scientific manner. Some of the ingredients include cooperation among different government agencies, scientific and academic institutions and even the civilian UFO community. Official and private investigators can and should cooperate instead of fighting with each other. This same model has taken place in other South American countries like Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador. Another key component is to establish official cooperation among different countries since UFOs don't seem to care about national boundaries and are reported widely all over the world. For this reason, CEFAA and CRIDOVNI, the official UFO agency run by the Uruguayan Air Force since 1978, signed an official agreement of cooperation and exchange of data in 2012.

The United States likes to think that it's always ahead in all areas of society, but I am afraid that

this is not the case in the field of ufology. Other countries are moving ahead with an open and transparent investigation of this phenomenon. The unknown nature of the phenomenon itself and the likelihood that it originates not on this Earth requires a change of attitude and a level of openness that seems to be amiss in this country. Let me finish with a quote from my interview with Gen. Bermúdez:

The official conclusion is that the anomalous aerial phenomenon known as unidentified flying objects is real and is present within the controlled airspace and outside the controlled airspace. It is also present in the sea—we have some reports from our navy in that respect. It is present everywhere, and therefore it is necessary to share the information in order to have more background and be able to study it more scientifically, so that we can give real information to the people and not rely on what is shown on TV and in sensationalist media.

INTERNATIONAL PANEL

The international panel at the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure. From left: Antonio Huneus (Chile/France/Russia), Nick Pope (U.K.), Grant Cameron (Canada), Sun Shili (China) and Roberto Pinotti (Italy). (Credit: Citizen Hearing on Disclosure)

Other Countries: France & Russia

Good afternoon, distinguished members and panelists of the Citizen Hearing on UFOs. Today we are discussing official investigations from various countries around the world. Among those nations that have conducted some kind of official UFO research besides the United States and South America—which have been dealt in previous sessions—we can mention Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Ukraine, Poland, Australia and New Zealand to cite a few. We have with us experts that will discuss some of these countries like Italy, the UK, Canada and China, but no representatives from the other nations, so I will cover briefly the history of official investigations of two particularly important countries—France and Russia—which have a rich amount of material in this field.

Let's start with France, a country that has one of the oldest, continuous and most rational approaches to the UFO problem. Some military investigations in France go back to the fifties, but the current

program really took off in the mid-seventies, when a series of important steps were taken by the French government. In 1974, the Minister of Defense, Robert Galley, admitted in a famous radio interview that “the mass of reports coming in from the Gendarmerie” were “pretty disturbing.” The Minister added that, “I believe that the attitude of spirit that we must adopt vis-à-vis this phenomena is an open one, that is to say that it doesn’t consist in denying apriori, as our ancestors of previous centuries did deny many things that seem nowadays perfectly elementary.”

The National Gendarmerie, which is a national police force similar to our state troopers, had been investigating UFO incidents since the sixties, including a famous UFO landing and close encounter of the third kind (CE-III), cases where humanoid beings or UFO occupants are seen in connection with a sighting, in Valensole in 1965. Ten years later, the Gendarmerie formalized its UFO protocols by issuing instructions that gendarmes throughout the French territory, including those overseas like French Guyana or Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, should respond and investigate any UFO incident reported by French citizens. These protocols are still current.

In 1977, the Institute of High Studies of National Defense or IHEDN, a key think tank of the French military, released an important study which recommended the establishment of a permanent agency to study UFOs. This was accomplished later that year when the CNES, the French space agency equivalent to our NASA, created the Study Group of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena (GEPAN) under the direction of aerospace engineer Claude Poher, who had conducted UFO research on his own for a number of years. One of his first tasks was to conduct a statistical study of 354 UFO cases collected by the Gendarmerie, 25% of which remained unexplained.

On the morning of January 8, 1981, GEPAN’s most important case took place: a UFO landed on the property of a farmer in Trans-en-Provence in the Var region of southwest France. Although the case had only one witness, the farmer Renato Nicolai, the case became important because of the physical evidence left by the UFO on the alfalfa field, which was analyzed scientifically by a number of French laboratories. Among other things, the alfalfa leaves lost from 30 to 50 percent of chlorophyll and the traces on the terrain “were still perceptible 40 days after the event,” according to the official report.

Stranger still was what an official GEPAN chart characterized as “Time / Space effect.” Prof. Bounias, one of the scientists who conducted the analysis, explained that while the plants were physiologically young, after the UFO landing they “presented the biochemical characteristics of leaves of an advanced age: old leaves!” The final Conclusion in the GEPAN chart was, “physical phenomenon of unexplained nature; High probability of electro-magnetic mode of propulsion.”

Despite this and other significant cases investigated and documented by GEPAN, the agency was downgraded in the mid-eighties and the name was changed to SEPRA, an acronym for the reentry of atmospheric objects, although the agency continued to investigate UFO cases under the direction of Jean-Jacques Velasco, who was the case investigator of the Trans-en-Provence incident. In 2007, however, a new reorganization took place and the name was changed again to GEIPAN, Study and Information Group of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena. GEIPAN also launched a comprehensive website and began the process of releasing all of its documents, which are now available within the CNES portal.

Parallel to the official GEIPAN and Gendarmerie investigations, there has also been some highly interesting semi-official reports from groups connected to the French military, intelligence and aeronautical establishments. The first and most famous one was the so-called COMETA Report of 1999, entitled “UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?” Although not an official government report in the strict sense of the word, COMETA was composed of a group of retired high-ranking military and intelligence officers under the direction of retired Major General Denis Letty. Their conclusions that UFOs were definitely real and most likely of extraterrestrial origin were very strong.

More recently, another quasi-official organization, the 3AF, which stands for the Aeronautical and Astronomical Association of France, created a high-level study group known as the Sigma Commission under the direction of Alain Boudier. Sigma has recently completed a long report, again confirming the existence of a real UFO phenomenon of likely ET origin, but the final report has not yet been released to the public, although this is expected to occur soon. We attach instead a Preliminary Report

issued in 2010, which we translated and published in the www.openminds.tv website a while ago.

From all this material briefly outlined in this presentation, you can see that the French are undoubtedly among the leading nations to conduct significant UFO research both officially and semi-officially. Instead of burying their heads in the sand pretending that the UFO phenomenon doesn't exist or it's not important, France, the cradle of rationalism in the modern era, have taken an aggressive approach towards solving this phenomenon.

Let me outline now very briefly the history of UFO research in Russia and the old Soviet Union. In the early days of communism the subject of UFOs was heavily censored, although some research was conducted privately by a few scientists such as the late Prof. Felix Zigel, an astronomer with the Moscow Aviation Institute who is considered the father of Russian ufology. Things began to change after a highly publicized event in Petrozovodsk in Karelia, northern Russia, in September of 1977, which led to the creation of a Commission for the study of Anomalous Phenomena attached to the USSR Academy of Sciences. This Commission was public since it solicited reports from the Soviet citizenry. Not known to the public, however, was a second secret study conducted by the KGB and the Soviet Ministry of Defense, although its existence was not revealed until after the breakdown of the USSR in 1990. Eventually some military and KGB files from this commission were released in the nineties, including incidents involving UFOs flying over nuclear facilities.

One of the most interesting cases in the KGB file is a multiple-witness CE-I (Close Encounter of the First Kind) at a top secret army missile base in the district of Kapustin Yar, Astrakhan Region, on the night of July 28-29, 1989. The file is surely incomplete, but still offers an interesting glimpse into the maneuverability of UFOs. The dossier consists of the depositions of seven military witnesses (two junior officers, a corporal and four privates) plus illustrations of the object by the observers, and a brief case summary by an unnamed KGB officer. One of the depositions mentions a disc-shaped object moving "in the directions of the rocket weapons depot" and then hovering over the depot and emitting "a bright beam." Another case from 1982 involved a series of sightings of UFOs over a nuclear missile base near Usovo, Ukraine, which coincided with a

malfunction of the computerized console controlling the launch of nuclear weapons. This was obviously of great concern to the Soviet military and it's quite similar to the events at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana discussed in another session of these Hearings.

It is perhaps due to these kinds of incidents involving nuclear weapons that a curious clause about "unidentified objects" was added to an Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Risk of Nuclear War between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Agreement was part of the policy of detente during the Nixon and early Brezhnev administrations. It was signed on September 30, 1971 by Secretary of State, William Rogers, and Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko.

The Agreement has nine articles on issues such as informing each other "against the accidental or unauthorized use of nuclear weapons under its control," notification in advance of missile launches that go beyond the national territory of each country, and other measures of cooperation in order to avert "the risk of outbreak of nuclear war." Article 3 reads:

The Parties undertake to notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects [emphasis added], or in the event of signs of interference with these systems or with related communications facilities, if such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries.

Several UFO cases involving Russian cosmonauts have also become public over the years. One of the most interesting was a report by cosmonaut Major-General Vladimir Kovalyonok from the Salyut-6 space station on May 5, 1981. The sighting of a pulsating "round object which resembled a melon" and then became like a barbell and "didn't resemble any cosmic objects I'm familiar with," was admitted on the record in a videotaped interview by the cosmonaut many years later. Another cosmonaut, Major-General Pavel Popovich, even became at one point the President of the All-Union Ufology Association of the Commonwealth of Independent States. A quote from a 1992 paper by Gen. Popovich provides an appropriate ending to this brief presentation. He wrote:

The UFO sightings have become the constant component of human activity and require a serious

global study. In order to realize the position of man on earth and in the universe, ufology, the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon, should take place in the midst of other sciences dealing with man and the world...

Thank you very much.

Minnesota UFO Reports

Occurred : 12/25/2015 21:30

Location: Blaine, MN

Shape: Other

Duration:~50 minutes

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/124/S124960.html>

My brother and I were walking our two dogs around 9:00 or 9:30 at night. We were almost home when we noticed two burnt orange, I want to say spheres, or orbs maybe? I'm not quite sure, other than that they were lights.

My brother noticed them and thought it was a falling plane, but it was not moving, nor was there any sounds whatsoever. It just kind of stood in the sky for a second before moving west.

My brother licked his finger and checked the wind, saying that there was a slight breeze going in the opposite direction.

I myself checked, and found the same thing. It was slowly moving west when the third object, also a burnt orange appeared. It made a triangle formation, but a very long triangle, before form a line.

The object in back started to slowly fade out over the course of maybe 10 to 15 seconds before disappearing. Soon after, the object in front did the same thing, thus leaving only the one in the middle. after about a minute, it too did the same.

Myself and my brother quickly ran home and told our mother. She thought it was a joke, but soon realized we were serious. She was on the phone with my sister and my father.

I went back out onto the street and looked around, seeing the fourth object. This was unlike the first three. It was much larger, maybe even three times the size of the other three. It was also a very pale

blue and white hue, almost completely white. It just sat in the sky, maybe about 1000 to 1500 feet up.

I ran inside and told my brother and mother, who each ran outside with me. It was gone. We looked for a while afterwards, but saw nothing.

About an hour and a half later, still very perplexed by the event, I took out one of my dogs to use the bathroom again. I was just down the street when my dog, who doesn't ever make any mean gesture towards anything, started growling and barking at nothing. I turned around to go home, as I was kind of, not scared, but not excited either. I just wanted to be home.

When I got inside, my mom said I had been gone a while. It had felt only five minutes had passed, but they said it was about 30 minutes.

Since then I've been having strange dreams, and dreams i can only barely remember. I've also fallen ill in the past few days. Without getting into details, it feels as though pure evil is exiting my bowels every two hours, as well as very painful gas in my gut.

Was i abducted? This I cannot answer, for I cannot be certain. I promise that all that i have told you all today is 100% true and honest.

Sadly, I have no video or photos of the event. For this I damn myself for having left my phone inside.

((NUFORC Note: We spoke via telephone with the witness, to ensure that the report was a serious-minded account of a real event. The witness claimed that the report is accurate, and that he will attempt to have his brother submit a supplementary report. We await the second report. PD))

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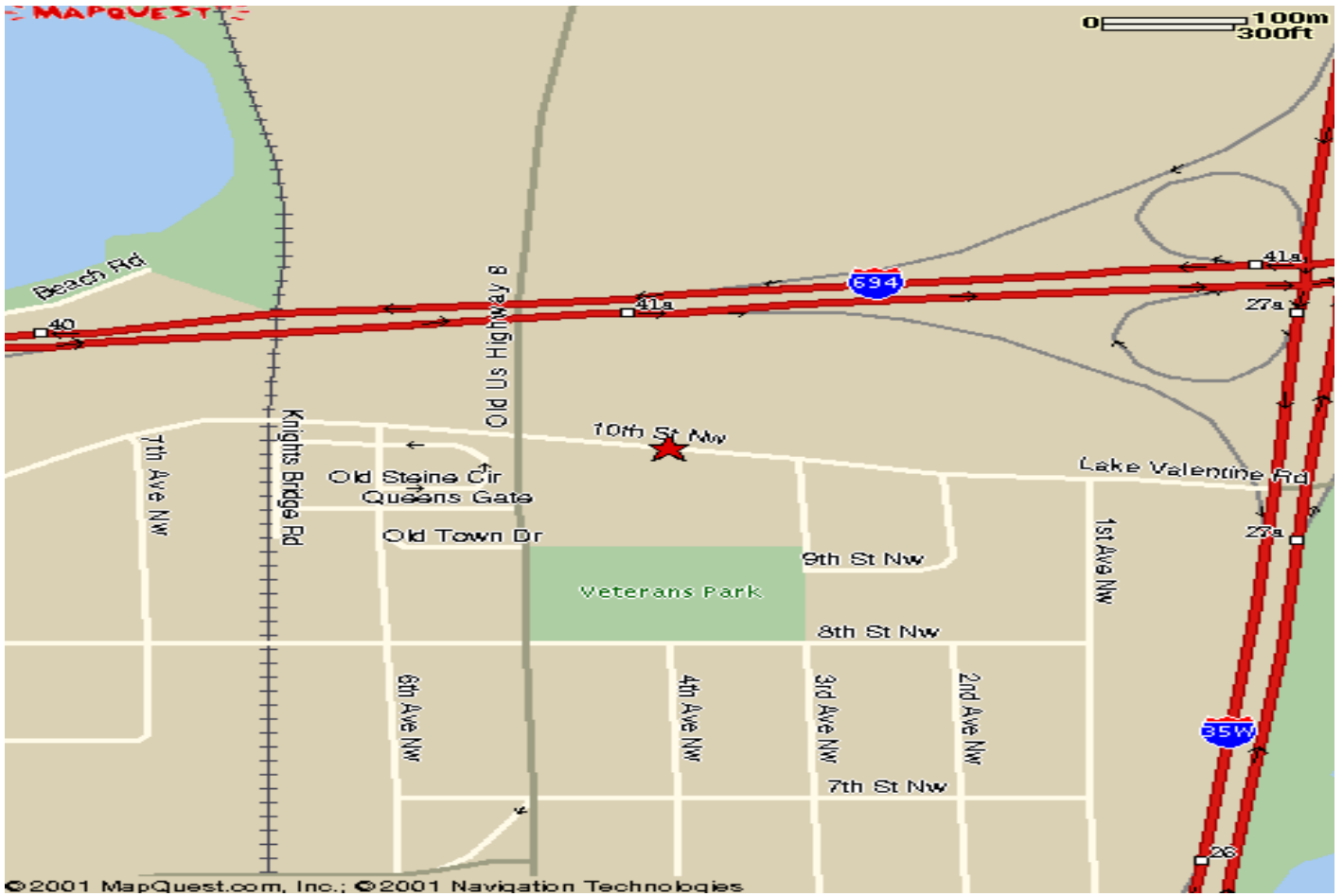
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