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Some UFO Effects

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The narrative below is a condensed version of The Strange Effects of Flying Saucers by Timothy Green Beckley. The full article can be found in the periodical UFO Report for winter, 1974. Mr. Beckley is a well-known author and has written books on a variety of subjects, including UFOs.

Most of us know at least a few things about the effects that UFOs have caused on people, animals, and the environment. Such things as power failures, blackouts, and stalled cars on a highway have sometimes occurred when an object is nearby.

The claim has also been made that the growth of living creatures, gravity, time, the re-arrangement of objects, and the healing process can be altered by something associated with a UFO.

In was in 1967 that a vacationing family of four, after many hours of driving, pulled into a service station. When they got out of their car they spotted an odd-looking object overhead which looked like a toy top, round on top but pointed on the bottom. Sporting a circle of brightly colored lights around the middle, a bright beam of light was projected downward as if it might be looking for something. This object wasn't particularly large and hovered briefly above their truck and shined a light directly at it before accelerating out of sight.

The next day the family was camping at a different location when a silver craft passed over them so close that one of the family members fainted. Now comes the high-strangeness part. When they entered back into their trailer they instantly noticed that everything inside was in perfect order. When they had left it the bunks were unmade and the sink was a mess strewn with silverware and unwashed dishes. During their time outside the trailer the beds had been made and everything was now orderly.

Strangest of all, on their kitchen cabinet they had a dish with a small sprouting carrot which had been there from the day before. It was now seen to be spread out as if it had grown for weeks in a hot house. Roots ran over the dish and almost reached the floor. There was a slimy green bad-smelling substance on the dish. When one of the family members touched it with a pencil this green substance absorbed the wood and lead (graphite actually) within seconds.

The father decided to go to a police station and, on the way, his truck speeded up on its own. When they got close to a gas station they pulled in and upon opening the fuel cap a gas with a rotten-egg-odor came out of the tank.



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Later, it was found that the driver's seat had rotted away and their ignition key glowed in the dark. Even though police officers did not believe the family's story, their insurance company did and the family was given a new truck.

At the place where this UFO had landed it was discovered that spiders were larger and appeared to be stronger. Also, ant hills that had been under the landed craft were higher than usual. A spider that ended up inside a jar containing soil from the landing site had grown to a size about ten times normal for this species. Coincidentally, a private UFO investigation group in Argentina confirmed that huge mushrooms had been found in areas both north and south of Buenos Aires. The mushrooms in one of these locations had been growing within the area of a landed UFO.

One day in April, 1964 a ten-year-old girl was outside her school when she noticed an egg-shaped object motionless in the sky above Albuquerque. She looked up at it occasionally during recess. Thirty minutes after returning to class she asked to be excused so that she could wash out her now red eyes but her situation didn't get any better. She was excused to see the school doctor and was then sent to a hospital. The girl complained of a burning sensation. The doctor wondered how such a short exposure to the sun could cause the inflammation and she was told to wear dark glasses.

The aftermath was that this ten year-old girl grew six inches (from 4 ft 8 in tall to 5 ft 2 in) and gained twenty-five pounds (from 85 to 110 pounds) during the month following the incident. Her level of maturity also increased rapidly. She no longer was interested in paper doll cut-outs and was more likely to cook meals and take care of younger children. UFO researcher John Keel has written that UFO witnesses who experience a close sighting sometimes undergo both physical and mental changes. Such appears to have been the case here.

I have written before that if a person is interested in obtaining UFO literature a good place to check out might be a used book store. They often also sell used magazines and occasionally a library of UFO literature is briefly available.

**AF Roswell Study Contributor Admits,
"It Was ET!" written by Anthony
Bragalia, Friday, April 10, 2009**

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/2009b/itwaset.html>

The Lt. Colonel who was a major contributor to the Air Force's official 1997 study that concluded that the Roswell ET crash of 1947 is a "myth"- now states that the Air Force's Roswell report is itself a lie. The Colonel goes further to state that what he really believes to be true is that aliens actually did crash to Earth decades ago!

He adds that he was "used" and that the the author of the Air Force report "was on a mission" with no interest in discovering what really happened at Roswell. In the Air Force's publication Roswell Report: Case Closed (authored by Intelligence Officer Captain James McAndrew in 1997) the Roswell crash is debunked. The report serves as the US Air Force's official and "final word" on the matter. Captain McAndrew explains in the Air Force report that "crash test dummies" that dropped from airplanes were mistaken by witnesses for the rumored Roswell "aliens."

McAndrew contends that local ranchers -when confronted with these humanoid figures laying on the desert floor-confused them in some way to be creatures from another world. An earlier Air Force Roswell report had concluded that the "craft" that was witnessed was actually a fallen top-secret "Mogul" spy balloon project. Lt. Col. Raymond Madson, now 79, recently related to this author that he was the Project Officer that led the Air Force's "crash test dummy" program, known as "Project High Dive" from 1956-1960 at Holloman Air Force Base. He designed and managed tests that used anthropomorphic dummies in aerial "dummy drop" tests.

These tests were part of an Air Force project to identify ways to safely parachute pilots from aircraft at very high altitudes. He tested and analyzed problems that pilots might encounter with the ejection mechanisms for bailing out of new generation aircraft. Lt. Col. Madson is extensively quoted and referred to by Captain McAndrew throughout the Air Force's Roswell debunking report, issued in book form. His affidavit is found on page 180. Madson even provided many of the famous crash test dummy pictures used in the book.

He says that he made it clear to McAndrew that although the "dummies could be mistaken for

something they are not" - they could never be mistaken for small alien beings! Madson was visited by Captain McAndrew for in-person interviews over a period of two days. Madson told McAndrew that the dummies did not appear alien- and that anyone would know that these are "essentially large dolls."

Madson also expressed to McAndrew that the period of time in which these dummy drop tests occurred could not possibly coincide with the time of the Roswell event- the events were too many years apart from one another. McAndrew listened -but did not comment- on Madson's opinion. Madson also said to McAndrew that "we were testing with these 6' dummies to try to protect grown men. The aliens reported at Roswell were said to be child-sized."

In fact, McAndrew's Roswell report did not include Madson's real opinion on the matter at all! It appears as though McAndrew wanted to get desired comments out of Madson to be later used to support the crash dummy program explanation for the alien bodies.

McAndrew took Madson's words and placed them in the Air Force debunking report in such a way that it did not convey the truth about the way Madson actually felt about the nature of the Roswell event!

Madson says that the statement that he signed for McAndrew (which appears in the report) was accurate, but that -in the context of the overall Air Force report- it is misleading. Madson feels that he was "used for purposes" and that his intent was misrepresented- he did not "buy into" the idea of his "Air Force dummies as aliens." Madson adds that the dummies had tags on them with instructions for getting a \$25 reward for their return.

He says that this is another reason why the Air Force explanation makes no sense whatsoever. Clearly McAndrew wanted to get all of the historical details from Madson about the dummy drop program that he could (details that only Madson could offer) and then make all of this information seem to support the Air Force debunking efforts.

Madson got an "uneasy" feeling about the whole inquiry. He now wonders why the Air Force even felt compelled in the first place to come up with an explanation for "supposed bodies" resulting from a crash "that supposedly never happened." He adds,

"The whole need to even do that is unusual, now that I look back on it."

We discussed that the Air Force had (in 1994) already issued a "final word" debunking report on Roswell, explaining that the crash resulted from a top-secret Mogul balloon project. Why then the need in 1997-three years later- to come up with yet another "final word" report detailing the explanation, this time for the bodies?

If it was a balloon, then that should have been the end of the inquiry. Paraphrasing Shakespeare, "Methinks doth protest too much." McAndrew objected so much to the idea of the ET nature of the crash that he lost credibility and he has revealed a hidden motive.

Madson then becomes more emphatic: "I didn't trust McAndrew. In fact, I don't even like him. I don't like the way that he operates." Madson goes on to say that he even gave McAndrew some of the famous photos of the crash test dummies that are used throughout the Air Force debunking report.

Madson states that McAndrew never returned any of the original materials that he had offered to McAndrew for reproduction. Madson said that after the Air Force's Roswell report was issued and he read it -alarmed- he called McAndrew repeatedly, but McAndrew never returned Madson's calls. So incensed was Madson that he debated whether to call McAndrew's Air Force superior.

Very tellingly Madson now says that, "McAndrew was sent on a mission." Today he had no doubt that McAndrew "was assigned to carry out a directive" that was intended to "produce a specific result." I asked him, "Was McAndrew on a mission to uncover the truth about Roswell?"

Madson simply repeated, "No, he was on a mission." Asked if he felt that McAndrew himself believed his own report's conclusions, Madson paused and again intoned, "McAndrew was sent on a mission."

But Madson goes far beyond saying that the Air Force used his "crash dummy program" as a feeble explanation and "cover story" to debunk the stories of Roswell alien beings.

Amazingly, Madson believes that an extraterrestrial crash actually had happened - and that the bodies were stored for a period of time at Wright Patterson! He bases this on the fact that he himself

had served at Wright Patterson in the early 1950's - before going to Holloman AFB to conduct the crash dummy tests.

He personally had heard -just a few years after the Roswell event- directly from "others who would have been positioned to know" that there was a "very secure facility" at the base that served as the storage place for the alien bodies that were recovered from a crash sometime before he began employment at Wright.

Although he was intrigued by what he had heard about all of this, he told me, "you just didn't ask a whole lot of questions like that in those days." Madson adds, "I believe that the talk was serious, but that the matter was kept highly secret at the time."

Madson also feels that it is likely that there is a reverse-engineering program of the recovered technology in place that he says, "is only accessible by those with a Need to Know."

What makes this even more interesting is that Col. Madson met Mrs. Madson -his future wife- while employed at Wright in the early 1950's. Mrs. Madson was employed at the time as a secretary for Wright's base medical laboratory. Astonishingly, she had also been hearing the very same "scuttlebutt" as heard by her soon-to-be husband.

She had been told by some of those that she had worked with about child-sized beings "from another world" who had crashed to Earth. Sometime prior to her employment they had been retrieved, brought back to the base and then studied secretly.

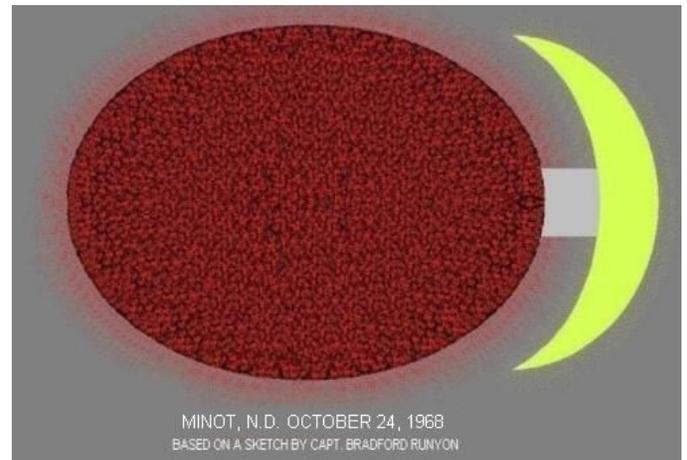
Madson says, "we both knew not to say anything much to each other about it at the time. But today, my wife can't stop thinking about it- and neither can I."

MYSTERIOUS CRAFT: "THEIR'S" OR "OUR'S"? By William McNeff, MNMUFON Assist. State Dir.

I really appreciated Michael Schrott's June 13 presentation on U.S. secret aircraft. I was amazed by the high technology claimed for some of the most advanced craft, including "anti-gravity" technology. Many of these craft resemble UFOs that have been reported over the years, for example, a triangular craft with rounded corners and twin stabilizers near the rear. To the best of my memory,

it has been said that a similar design was seen in the office of famed engineer Ben Rich at the Lockheed "Skunk Works", and that he implied it was based on a craft said to have crashed near Roswell, N.M. in 1947. A main difference between the "Roswell" craft and the Lockheed design was that the latter has twin nacelles for the presumed jet engines that power the craft. The Roswell craft apparently had some other source of power.

Some would perhaps suggest that all of the UFOs reported over the years have really been secret U.S. aircraft. I would like to respectfully but emphatically disagree with this theory. One outstanding example came quickly to mind: the huge craft that had a close encounter with a B-52 and was a little later overflown by that same B-52. Co-Pilot Capt. Bradford Runyon, who had a good look at the UFO on the ground when the B-52 flew within about 1500 feet of the object, said it was at least 200 feet in diameter and hundreds of feet long. Runyon sketched the UFO and if you scale his sketch, assuming the craft was 200 feet in diameter, the total length of the object would have been about 375 feet. No wonder that Runyon thought it might be a barn when he first caught sight of the massive object on the ground.



A craft that size, I believe, would be too big to fit in any of the hangars on any airfield in the country. And to suggest that in 1968, when this craft was detected on at least two radars and sighted by crew members of the B-52 and 32 Air Force personnel on the ground, the U.S. had in its possession a craft of this size which could approach a B-52 at 3000 mph as shown on radar, immediately decelerate to the landing speed of a B-52, then again move from one side of the B-52 to the other at 3000 mph, is not credible to me.

It has also been suggested that the famed Belgian triangles of the 80s and the 90s were secret U.S. craft. But last year at the MUFON Symposium General Wilfried DeBrouwer, in charge of the investigation of the unknowns for the Belgian Air Force, told how at one point a triangular craft was tracked at slow speed over several tens of kilometers. At one point it went down to low altitude, a few meters above street level, and hovered near some houses in plain sight of several civilians.

It is difficult for me to believe that a secret U.S. craft would be flown in that manner. Instead, to maintain secrecy, the logical thing is to fly it in the dead of night at high altitude to its destination, land it and secure it out of sight in a hangar. The basic rules of secrecy surely require this. General DeBrouwer said that the unknowns were not NATO aircraft. He also said these craft at times sent out red BOLs, truncated light beams, and in one case a cluster of BOLs shaped like a “grape”! Nice tricks! Likewise, it is hard for me to believe that the two triangular craft seen hovering silently at low altitude near Northfield on March 23, 1997, investigated by Joel Henry, or the strange craft hovering silently about 100 feet off the ground in Apple Valley less than one block from a major highway on March 8, 2009 were secret U.S. craft. This is no way to keep a secret! On the other hand, Michael Schrott’s presentation provided ample evidence to support the theory that some U.S. secret craft have technology copied from alien craft. This may provide part of the explanation for why, after all these years, the United States government still has not come clean about the presence of extraterrestrial craft in our skies or crashed on our Earth.

Psychology vs. Ufology
(Or: Can Psychology Account for the
Alien Abduction Phenomenon?)
by Lorna Hunter, MUFON MN ASD

Term Paper for Abnormal Psych:

In the very first chapter of the first Psych textbook I read was a reference to alien abductions. Not in a good way! The authors of psychology textbooks, apparently for lack of any better examples, like to use people who claim to have been abducted by aliens or see UFOs as the “poster children” for what “crazy” looks like! As a MUFON leader it is my job to educate the public about the UFO phenomenon. I didn’t have a chance to discuss the phenomenon during my recent **Abnormal Psychology** course,

so I wrote my final paper about it (below). I wasn’t sure how it would be received, but I did pass! Some of the instructor comments on the graded paper were: “I didn’t know much about this field – but have learned much more (and will keep an open mind)... I too am a skeptic and can accept that both fields have many questions to deal with and access.” He also acknowledged that there is a fine line between the two fields, and he remains skeptical of hypnosis, even though it has been used in therapy. We’ll open one mind at a time if that’s what it’s going to take!

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Psychology vs. Ufology (Or: Can Psychology Account for the Alien Abduction Phenomenon?)

As unlikely as it seems, psychology and ufology have more in common than one would expect. Neither is an exact science; rather both are based largely on empirical evidence and conflicting paradigms. It was the study of ufology which led me to study psychology. You can’t study either of them without being drawn in - the more you study the more questions arise and the more you want to know. But can one explain the other? Is the visage of aliens (demons, ghosts, fairies, etc.) the reason so many study the intricacies of the mind, or can the study of the mind explain UFOs and aliens? Surprisingly, the answer to the latter is “no!”

The majority of mainstream society considers people who see UFOs or claim to have been abducted by aliens (these people are known as experiencers) to be crazy, psychotic, or in the least neurotic. Even the psychology textbooks hold up alien abduction as a comic element with Oltmanns and Emery referring to “Alien Abduction Therapy” as one of the most “dubious treatments!”

It is estimated that one percent of the entire world’s population has been abducted by aliens at one time in their lives. A large number report being abducted repeatedly. There are several psychological disorders which would seemingly account for this phenomenon. (Is it a coincidence that one percent of the population also suffers from schizophrenia?) The most likely disorder, and the most touted by skeptics, would be the parasomnias; specifically sleep terrors and hypnogogic sleep paralysis/hallucinations.

Hypnogogic hallucinations and sleep paralysis can both cause extreme dreams with graphic visual, auditory, and sensory sensations; of which the person experiencing them has vivid

recall. The body protects itself from acting out our dreams by “paralyzing” the muscles during REM sleep. The paralysis (atonia) should end when we move into another phase of sleep or we wake up; if it doesn’t we experience sleep paralysis. People suffering from hypnagogic sleep hallucinations or sleep paralysis frequently report the feeling that someone (or something) is in the room with them. This *could* account for people reporting aliens in their presence, except for one thing. Not all alien abductions occur while the experiencer is asleep!

Craig R. Lang, Certified Hypnotherapist, abduction researcher and author of *The Cosmic Bridge: Close Encounters and Human Destiny*, and its companion *The Other Side of the Sky*, tells me that approximately 80 percent of abduction experiences happen at night while the person is asleep with the most common time being 3 am. Sleep terrors and sleep paralysis occur most often when a person is falling asleep or upon awakening; not generally in the middle of the sleep cycle. Sleep paralysis occasionally runs in families; abduction experiences frequently do. Even if we rule out all 80 percent of nighttime abduction experiences as parasomnia related we still have the 20 percent of abductions that occur during waking hours to account for. For that, Craig sent me to John Carpenter.

John S. Carpenter, M.S.W., also has a BA in Psychology and is a clinical hypnotist. Mr. Carpenter is the editor of JAR – Journal for Abduction Research, and in 1991 he published his paper *The Reality of the Abduction Phenomenon*, which points out, mental disorder by mental disorder, why psychology cannot account for the alien abduction phenomenon. Mr. Carpenter conducted a psychiatric assessment on every one of his abduction clients, and while they exhibited a wide range of personalities, all were “normal” with the exception of most of them experiencing symptoms of PTSD. He also submitted a few of these clients to the full MMPI, which they all passed. He also stated that he could find an article in a psychology journal that compared the MMPIs of abductees to a control group, in which the abductees were not only “normal” but seen as more forthright and honest than the control group!

The victims of alien abductions may sometimes experience periods of hysteria and paranoia *after* the abduction incident where none were reported as being present *before*. Borderline and sociopathic personalities seek attention, abductees prefer to remain anonymous. None of

the abductees Dr. Carpenter worked with fit the picture of schizophrenics suffering from hallucinations, flat affect, and inability to function in society. The diathesis stress model holds that a stressor contributes to a person’s predisposition to develop a disorder. None of the abductees Mr. Carpenter worked with were under undue stress at the time of the abductions. In fact, he found that they had a significant *absence* of external stressors as well as internal emotional disturbances!

While reporting to have been abducted by aliens may seem like abnormal behavior, no other aspect of an abductees’ life gives credence to the DSM’s definition for mental disorders. With the exception of PTSD, which is a result of the abduction experience not the cause, most abductees do not exhibit any “harmful dysfunction.” In a 1994 episode of the NBC television show *The Other Side*, host Dr. Will Miller, M.S.W. and a psychotherapist, interviews several abductees. When they are finished telling their respective stories, all Dr. Miller could say was “I wish you all looked crazier.” When all else fails, the credibility of the abductee is called into question. If they are not deluded, demented, or mentally disturbed, they must be creating a hoax. Why go to all the trouble of fabricating a hoax that you can’t tell anyone about?

“AHA” you say. We haven’t considered the possibility of abduction accounts being the product of substance abuse and the hallucinations they may cause. One of the first questions asked by a UFO or abduction researcher of the experiencer is “Were you drinking, smoking, or doing drugs at the time the incident occurred?” As stated earlier, most experiencers welcome a psychological evaluation, and some even request a polygraph.

That leaves unscrupulous hypnotherapists planting suggestive thoughts and asking leading questions during hypnotic regression sessions with the abductee. I have been present at regressions conducted by Craig Lang. Craig was trained in hypnotherapy by someone who trains hypnotherapists to do forensic regressions, regressions which are allowed as evidence in courts of law. He stresses and conducts good clean regressions. Craig also notes that 50 percent of abductees remember their experience *without* undergoing hypnotherapy. Dr. Carpenter’s paper goes into great detail on the techniques used by hypnotherapists to distinguish between dreams and false memories and what is “real.”

What about the physical evidence that often accompanies the abduction experience? The scars and scoop marks on the victims' bodies or the scorch marks in the lawn where a craft was seen during the abduction? Are these all figments of the abductees' *and* the researchers' imaginations? What about the "missing time" often reported with an abduction experience? Once again, these experiences don't fit into any DSM class of amnesic disorder.

However, there is one aspect that needs more research – the effect of psychotropic medications on abductees. Could the alien abduction phenomenon simply be an imbalance of chemicals in the brain? I have heard second-hand anecdotal reports of prescription psychotropic medications affecting both contactees and abductees. In one case, a proclaimed contactee and psychic lost her abilities while on the anti-smoking medication Chantix. In another instance, a repeat abductee claimed his abduction experiences ceased after being placed on an anti-depressant. There is undoubtedly a large portion of the population currently on some form of anti-depressant or anti-smoking medication.

If everyone in the whole world were on anti-depressants would the reporting of alien abductions cease? Highly unlikely because, in the end, it remains that there are some things that just cannot be explained no matter how much we wish they could! Ufologists won't stop looking for the answers any more than psychologists will. Perhaps, just perhaps, **we** are the figment of the alien's imagination...

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Craig Lang was interviewed via phone. Dr. Carpenter corresponded via email. Dr. Carpenter's paper is published in the 1991 *MUFON International UFO Symposium Proceedings* (Available through MUFON <http://acv24.hqftv.servertrust.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=24>)
Abnormal Psychology (Textbook) by Thomas F. Oltmanns and Robert E. Emery
Night Terrors Resource Center, aka Pavor nocturnus: <http://www.nightterrors.org/>
Sleep Disorders Guide: <http://www.sleepdisordersguide.com/index.php>
TRI Research Initiative: Awareness during Sleep Paralysis: <http://www.trionica.com/asp/conditions/index.htm> (A lot of information in this site!!)

The CE4 Corner - Not as simple as it seems - one mystery becomes another (c)2009 by Craig R. Lang, MS CHt www.craigrlang.com

When is an extraordinary event not an extraordinary event? - And then, when does it become yet another mystery, perhaps even more profound?

One of the most common descriptions of close encounters is the late-night intrusion. In the most typical scenario, the abductee is lying in bed. Suddenly he/she (most often, she) finds herself unable to move. A sudden wave of fear sweeps through her, accompanied by a sense of a strange presence in the room. The entity may touch or grab the experiencer, poking and prodding. Then it will attempt to float her out of the bed and through the wall or closed window, ascending to a waiting UFO. The abduction experience has begun in full. In total, the opening events of this abduction scenario often carry the label "sleep paralysis."

In most cases of hypnotic regression, this bedroom intrusion is found to be the beginning of yet another encounter between the experiencer and her visitors - most of the time, but not always. Occasionally, once into trance, the experiencer describes the onset of sleep paralysis. I can see the confusion and fear in her face as she relives the paralysis, the fear and the appearance of the - whatever...

I usually respond with "please continue," often adding hypnotic deepening instructions to take the experiencer further into trance and into the experience. Often the experience deepens and the UFO encounter begins. But sometimes - nothing... Most often, the best way to develop detail during a regression is by repetition, moving through the events repeatedly, developing detail each pass through. We repeated this several times, and once again - nothing. Increasing detail emerged about the sleep paralysis events, the experiencer's dreams, and the surrounding events of the evening. But nothing further appeared to indicate an alien encounter scenario. We repeated the narrative multiple times, looking for detail. We developed the scene as much as possible; then it was not ethical to push any further. And so we left it at that. Was there an alien abduction? We may never know. As far as we can tell, there was only the experience of sleep paralysis. The result at first seemed simple and prosaic. But then again, things are not always as simple as they seem...

In a few cases, even when no event is found, the experiencer may have described physical marks on her body. There may be physical evidence or medical side effects. Early this year, in one such case, an experiencer described major scratches on her body, along with the residual fear and other classic overt signs of possible close encounters in her life. This happened multiple times in the previous two years, scratches on her body having no apparent prosaic cause. What was taking place? Again, we don't know...

In this particular case, while in deep trance, the experiencer described a presence unlike anything in my case files (or to my knowledge, in the literature). She described the feeling of being scratched, feeling some type of instrument rubbing against her skin, her account matching closely with the actual marks. And then, following this initial scenario - nothing. There were no further interactions and no UFO abduction.

What did this person experience? I don't know; to me this case remains a mystery. It takes its place in my case files as an ambiguous cross between the dream realm and the physical realm, an overlay of realities so often seen in encounter cases.

This event doesn't appear UFO-related. But what was it? I suspect this question will remain unanswered. Was it a dream? Was it a physical intrusion? Or was it something else we do not understand? In this case, one mystery has become another. Whatever happened, the truth is not as simple as it seems...

**2012: The Year Of Looming Solar
Disaster, When Civilization Devolves?
EDN Senior Tech. Ed. Brian Dipert**

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<http://www.edn.com/blog/400000040/post/1810044181.html?nid=2436&rid=9135545>

Not that I'm trying to be all alarmist on y'all, or anything, but I confess that an article I recently read in Wired Magazine, entitled 'The 2012 Apocalypse — And How to Stop It', has me more than a little bit freaked out. And considering how much interest another tech topic little-covered by mass media, cold fusion, got when I pointed it out to my online readers two weeks ago, I thought I'd pass this one along to you as well for scrutiny and feedback.

Electromagnetic interference can hamper or even cripple the functions of close-proximity electronic

equipment, as anyone who follows claimed extraterrestrial life sightings (remember the scene with Richard Dreyfuss in the pickup truck at the railroad tracks in Close Encounters of the Third Kind?), nuclear weaponry, EMP-specifically-generating weaponry, or for that matter Wi-Fi can attest. I'd also periodically heard that coronal mass ejections from the Sun during periods of heavy solar magnetic activity (as evidenced by abundant sunspots, and which normally last for 11.1-year periods; the most recent cycle began early last year) could put astronauts at risk. But I'd always thought that the Earth's inhabitants were largely protected from solar-sourced EMI pulses by the planet's geomagnetic field.

My understanding may unfortunately be overly simplistic, at least according to Lawrence Joseph, the author of 'Apocalypse 2012: A Scientific Investigation into Civilization's End'. A number of factors converge to make us especially vulnerable during this particular solar cycle, which will likely climax sometime in the 2012 timeframe:

* A NASA satellite recently discovered a massive 'leak' in the geomagnetic field, which appears whenever the Sun's magnetic field is aligned with that of the Earth (sunspots' magnetic fields 'flip' at the beginning of each active solar cycle)

* The current active solar cycle, approximately 1.5 years in duration so far, is unfortunately one in which the Sun and Earth's magnetic fields are aligned, and

* Increasingly power-dependent cultures across the globe are increasingly reliant on ultra-high-power transformers as critical links in the power distribution 'backbone'... transformers that (in conjunction with power lines acting as antennas) are particularly at risk due to solar-generated EMI, and that are extremely expensive and time-consuming to replace.

As Wired's interview says (and yes, I already know that they meant volts, not kvolts, and I think they meant to say 'Around 50 percent already handle more current than they're designed for!'):

Ultra-high voltage transformers become more finicky as energy demands are greater. Around 50 percent already can't handle the current they're designed for. A little extra current coming in at odd times can slip them over the edge...The 500,000- and 700,000-kilovolt transformers are particularly vulnerable. The United States uses more of these

than anyone else. China is trying to implement some million-kilovolt transformers...When the transformers blow, they can't be fixed in the field. They often can't be fixed at all. Right now there's a one- to three-year lag time between placing an order and getting a new one.

A satellite called ACE could provide power providers 15 to 45 minutes of warning, but it's six years past its original 5-year operating lifetime, and there are no plans to replace it once it fails (as it's beginning to do). Shunting energy or worst case shutting down the grid in preparation for an incoming solar pulse, assuming a response could even be mobilized in time, is an equally costly proposition, especially if ACE's warning consequently turns out to be false. And ground resistors, which theoretically could protect the power grid from solar EMI-induced spikes, are untested technology.

Thoughts, folks? Is it time to begin amassing supplies and survival expertise in preparation for a few years without electricity?

Military Hush-Up: Incoming Space Rocks Now Classified

By Leonard David, SPACE.com's Space Insider Columnist, 10 June 2009

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For 15 years, scientists have benefited from data gleaned by U.S. classified satellites of natural fireball events in Earth's atmosphere ? but no longer.

A recent U.S. military policy decision now explicitly states that observations by hush-hush government spacecraft of incoming bolides and fireballs are classified secret and are not to be released, SPACE.com has learned.

The satellites' main objectives include detecting nuclear bomb tests, and their characterizations of asteroids and lesser meteoroids as they crash through the atmosphere has been a byproduct data bonanza for scientists.

The upshot: Space rocks that explode in the atmosphere are now classified.

"It's baffling to us why this would suddenly change," said one scientist familiar with the work. "It's unfortunate because there was this great

synergy... a very good cooperative arrangement. Systems were put into dual-use mode where a lot of science was getting done that couldn't be done any other way. It's a regrettable change in policy."

Scientists say not only will research into the threat from space be hampered, but public understanding of sometimes dramatic sky explosions will be diminished, perhaps leading to hype and fear of the unknown.

Incoming!

Most 'shooting stars' are caused by natural space debris no larger than peas. But routinely, rocks as big as basketballs and even small cars crash into the atmosphere. Most vaporize or explode on the way in, but some reach the surface or explode above the surface. Understandably, scientists want to know about these events so they can better predict the risk here on Earth.

Yet because the world is two-thirds ocean, most incoming objects aren't visible to observers on the ground. Many other incoming space rocks go unnoticed because daylight drowns them out.

Over the last decade or so, hundreds of these events have been spotted by the classified satellites. Priceless observational information derived from the spacecraft were made quickly available, giving researchers such insights as time, a location, height above the surface, as well as light-curves to help pin down the amount of energy churned out from the fireballs.

And in the shaky world we now live, it's nice to know that a sky-high detonation is natural versus a nuclear weapon blast.

Where the space-based surveillance truly shines is over remote stretches of ocean - far away from the prospect of ground-based data collection.

But all that ended within the last few months, leaving scientists blind-sided and miffed by the shift in policy. The hope is that the policy decision will be revisited and overturned.

Critical importance

"The fireball data from military or surveillance assets have been of critical importance for assessing the impact hazard," said David Morrison, a Near Earth Object (NEO) scientist at NASA's Ames

Research Center. He noted that his views are his own, not as a NASA spokesperson.

The size of the average largest atmospheric impact from small asteroids is a key piece of experimental data to anchor the low-energy end of the power-law distribution of impactors, from asteroids greater than 6 miles (10 kilometers) in diameter down to the meter scale, Morrison told www.SPACE.com.

"These fireball data together with astronomical observations of larger near-Earth asteroids define the nature of the impact hazard and allow rational planning to deal with this issue," Morrison said.

Morrison said that fireball data are today playing additional important roles.

As example, the fireball data together with infrasound allowed scientists to verify the approximate size and energy of the unique Carancas impact in the Altiplano -- on the Peru-Bolivia border -- on Sept. 15, 2007.

Fireball information also played an important part in the story of the small asteroid 2008 TC3, Morrison said. That was the first-ever case of the astronomical detection of a small asteroid before it hit last year. The fireball data were key for locating the impact point and the subsequent recovery of fragments from this impact.

Link in public understanding

Astronomers are closing in on a years-long effort to find most of the potentially devastating large asteroids in our neck of the cosmic woods, those that could cause widespread regional or global devastation. Now they plan to look for the smaller stuff.

So it is ironic that the availability of these fireball data should be curtailed just at the time the NEO program is moving toward surveying the small impactors that are most likely to be picked up in the fireball monitoring program, Morrison said.

"These data have been available to the scientific community for the past decade," he said. "It is unfortunate this information is shut off just when it is becoming more valuable to the community interested in characterizing near Earth asteroids and protecting our planet from asteroid impacts."

The newly issued policy edict by the U.S. military of reporting fireball observations from satellites also

caught the attention of Clark Chapman, a planetary scientist and asteroid impact expert at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

"I think that this information is very important to make public," Chapman told SPACE.com.

"More important than the scientific value, I think, is that these rare, bright fireballs provide a link in public understanding to the asteroid impact hazard posed by still larger and less frequent asteroids," Chapman explained.

Those objects are witnessed by unsuspecting people in far-flung places, Chapman said, often generating incorrect and exaggerated reports.

"The grounding achieved by associating these reports by untrained observers with the satellite measurements is very useful for calibrating the observer reports and closing the loop with folks who think they have seen something mysterious and extraordinary," Chapman said.

Leonard David has been reporting on the space industry for more than four decades. He is past editor-in-chief of the National Space Society's *Ad Astra* and *Space World* magazines and has written for SPACE.com since 1999. **["Rocks" probably means *anything* incoming. – Ed.]**

Famed Remote Viewer Reveals Alien Secrets - George A. Filer, MUFON East Region Dir., May 20, 2009 Filer's Files #21-2009

Ingo Swann, a gifted natural consciousness researcher was one of the first and most influential members of the U.S. government's super-secret remote viewing program. He reveals astonishing secrets about alien activity in his book called "Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy." Swann helped develop the process of Remote Viewing at the Stanford Research Institute. He is commonly credited with proposing the idea of Coordinate Remote Viewing, a process in which viewers would view a location given nothing but its geographical coordinates, which was developed and tested by Harold Puthoff and Russell Targ with CIA funding. Swann says this group used to meet in an underground facility near Washington, D.C., but was so secretive that it left no paper trail. He says the only secrecy oaths he took were verbal and they have expired, so now he can reveal some of his official knowledge concerning UFOs and aliens.

Swann was part of CIA and Army agencies that were collecting intelligence on Soviet operations and UFOs. He was taken to a remote lake in Alaska where he witnessed a large triangular UFO at close range suck up the water from the lake. Swann was reportedly told that this kind of craft emerged from the Alaskan lake every day. Apparently we are an oasis in space where aliens refuel.

Swann's main concern is the undeveloped nature of human telepathy and its contrast with "the probable existence of fully developed alien telepathy." His book describes his experiences with an ultra secret government agency where he is asked to remote view the dark side of the Earth's Moon. They observed mining and manufacturing operations are along with human looking extraterrestrials. An E.T. base on the dark side of the moon had extensive buildings, roads, and human forms digging. His book discusses lunar anomalies and government-military-science-media cover up of UFOs, lunar activity and psychic phenomena (telepathy, in particular). He also describes his experience with a female E.T. in a Los Angeles supermarket. A friend warns him that there are many extraterrestrials, that many are "bio-robots", and that they are aware their only foes on earth are psychics.

Swann makes it very clear that our government is very much intimidated by these ETs. They are not friendly." He concludes that extraterrestrials are living on earth in humanoid bodies. He also talks about the fact that DENIAL of the ETs is a patent fact. The question is WHY?

Don Phillips, Lockheed Skunkworks, USAF, and CIA Contractor

http://ufology.wikia.com/wiki/Don_Phillips

Don Phillips was in the Air Force at Las Vegas Air Force Base during an event when UFOs were seen moving at enormous speeds near Mt. Charleston, northwest of Las Vegas. In addition, he worked with Kelly Johnson at the Lockheed Skunkworks — on design and construction of the U-2 and the SR-71 Blackbird.

He testifies that we not only have these extraterrestrial devices, but have also achieved tremendous technological advances from their study. He states that in the 1950s and 1960s, NATO did research into the origin of ET races, and disseminated reports to the leaders of various countries.

Mr. Phillips further states that there are records and filmed documentation of meetings in California in 1954 between ETs and leaders of the USA. He lists a few of the technologies we were able to develop because of the ETs: computer chips, lasers, night vision, bulletproof vests, and concludes, "Are these ET people hostile? Well, if they were hostile, with their weaponry they could have destroyed us a long time ago — or could have done some damage." Mr. Phillips now develops technologies that can help eliminate environmental pollutants and reduce the need for fossil fuels: energy generation systems that use natural energies from planet Earth. DP: Mr. Don Phillips SG: Dr. Steven Greer

DP: So Angels Peak was a classified radar installation. And, it's, a lot of radar installations, as we know them, are up in the middle of no where. We would monitor the aircraft coming from Las Vegas into Area 51 or whatever passed by. And, it was whatever passed by that became most interesting one night, in 1966, to '67. That night, I heard a lot of commotion about 1:00 in the morning.

We were at 8,000 feet; the radar domes were at 10,500, approximately. So I decided to get up and walked up to the main road, and up near my office. I got to the area where the fellows were standing- there was a group of about five people- and they were looking up in the air. And, I looked up in the air and saw these objects, lighted objects, moving at tremendous speeds... Right at that instant I saw these things making acute angles and traveling, I would estimate 3,000 to 4,000 miles per hour. And, then immediately making acute turns. I knew that they weren't ours...

And, then, all of a sudden, they seemed to group, from what would be hundreds of miles in the sky to the west. And they came into a circle, rotated into a circle, and then disappeared. And, I thought, wow, what a show.

So, the security Sergeant happened to be on duty. And, we all looked at each other and said, gee, this is really something. And, he said, well, we shouldn't really say anything about this.

Well, I had a buddy that was chief radar operator named Anthony Kasar...

He was almost as white as a sheet. He took one step down the steps and he looked at me and he said, did you see those? And, I said, yeah, we've been watching them- some of the fellows have been

watching them for the last four to five minutes. And, I've seen them for a little more than 90 seconds. He says, we saw them on the radar screen and we documented them. He says, they are not bogeys. They are not apparitions. They are real solid objects. And, of course, they would have to be in order to get a fix with radar, the kind of radar we used there, it would have to be a solid object. And, it's not that we tracked them with the radar- they would go in and out of the signal and register that way. He finally documented that there were six to seven. The speeds that we estimated were also estimated by the radar operators and their scopes. SG: What did they estimate?

DP: They estimated, around, 3,800 to 4,200 miles per hour equivalent, ground speed. These things are darting across the sky. First they look like a star. And then they move, in any direction or make any kind of a straight line, or just hover. ...

These UFOs were huge. And they would just come to a stop and do a 60 degree, 45 degree, 10 degree turn, after stopping. And, then immediately reverse this action. ...

SG: Had you heard of anti-gravity propulsion systems being worked on while you were at Lockheed Skunkworks?

DP: The propulsion system that you are asking about, I heard that it existed. But, the left hand never knew what the right hand was doing, and, for good reason. ...

We have records from 1954 that were meetings between our own leaders of this country and ET's here in California. And, as I understand it from the written documentation, we were asked if we would allow them to be here and do research. I have read that our reply was, well, how can we stop you, you are so advanced? And, I will say by this camera and this sound, that it was President Eisenhower that had this meeting. And, it was on film, sort of like what we are doing now. Bringing it up to date, the NATO report gave that there were 12 races. To make a final summary, they had to have contacts to go to these races in order to understand who they are, what they are doing, and what they could do. ...

Are these ET people hostile? Well, if they were hostile, with their weaponry they could have destroyed us a long time ago, or could have done some damage. ...

The reason they crashed is that their guidance mechanism was interrupted by our radar and by some equipment that we have.

Even more validating for me was that one of our contract scientists for our private concern, Light City Technologies, Incorporated, worked with these technologies. He worked with a couple of those technologies while he was with a very prominent intelligence agency of the United States Government.

The one person that I've talked to outside of the military or the government level is SG. And, the reason for that is because he makes it the professional approach, which is more in line with the way we were in the military.

About the ET lenses: there were some eyeball coverings that allowed the people inside the craft that made the journey across space to see in the minimal light that we know is now present during space travel. These lenses magnified light, but also brought in a certain type of clarity. And, my reason for mentioning this was that it was Earth doctors and specialists that got them into the removal and study of these lenses.

I think a lot of this has been well documented by Colonel Corso. You know, who was there with him? Well, there were a lot of people there with him. But a lot of the things that are said in the book by Colonel Corso, I can verify, corroborated by people that I have worked with and do work with now. So, I can say what I know about it is very true. The pathway that it took, that's another story. We talk about hidden technologies and why don't they let people know about it? Well, they hide it from the public. Well, hey, there is probably a good reason for some of it.

The Government didn't understand it themselves. Being in the Air Force, maybe we didn't fully know what it was. Take those technologies from Roswell, it took a while to figure out how they worked before we knew what to make from it and then how to get it into industry, how can it benefit the people. ...

I learned one thing from an associate scientist-somebody for whom I have the greatest, the highest respect- who was with the CIA. He says the first thing we want to determine is who is turning the wheels on any project-this is what I did when I was with the CIA.

You see, who is turning the wheels? What is the motivation? Why is it being done? I asked, right after we first talked, why is Dr. Steven Greer doing this? I've done my research- maybe a lot of it. And, I've watched what's happening. And, you've been very dedicated to what you are doing, and professional. That's why I am here tonight. That is why I am speaking with you...

Well, SG, one of the purposes for founding this technology corporation that I did in 1998 was to bring forth these technologies that can help get rid of the toxins -- that can clean the air, that help get rid of the need for so much fossil fuel or help it become more efficient. Yes, it is time. I can tell you, personally, that it has already started.

And I can prove what we have come up with. We can prove it...

Fascinating glimpses and disturbing questions - Notes from the 6/13/09 MUFON Meeting
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The June Minnesota MUFON meeting held some interesting glimpses into aspects of the UFO phenomenon that I don't normally focus upon. It was a public lecture by two UFO researchers, one by Tom Tulien and the other by Michael Schrott.

The first half of the meeting was a talk by Tom Tulien, a principal in the [Project Sign Historical Group](#). Tom is a historical researcher, documentary film-maker and consummate investigator. He talked about some of his digging into the nooks and crannies of vital cases from the 1940s through the 1960s. These included extensive digging through archives and old documents. But foremost, it has involved tracking down and interviewing primary witnesses to the original events, first-hand accounts of UFO history.

Tulien's work has included investigations into sightings at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota - especially [the 1956 Radar/Visual Incident](#) involving a confrontation between a B52 and a UFO. He also discusses the evolution of projects such as [Sign](#), [Grudge](#) and [Bluebook](#). Of these, he states that only Project Sign was a serious effort, during the 1950s to investigate this anomalous presence in our skies. After the [Estimate of the Situation in 1949](#) and the convening of the [Robertson Panel](#) in 1952. Estimate of the Situation concluded that they were probably extraterrestrial in nature. While a concern in many

ways, they did not appear to threaten us. Thus, the conclusion was that UFOs were not a national security concern. At that point, UFOs became more of a public relations problem than a research endeavor for the USAF.

Tulien also talked a little bit about his views on various other aspects of the UFO phenomenon. He indicated that he doesn't think the question of the origin of UFOs is answerable (or at least verifiable). He said he focuses on historical research because, in his view, it is tangible. We can document interviews, locate and publish documents, sequence and interrelate historical events, etc. In short, his goal is to bring to light past evidence of an extraordinary phenomenon in our skies. He especially calls abduction research subjective and says that he is more concerned about the objects themselves, sighting events that are more easily documented.

The second half of the meeting was a talk by Michael Schrott, an aerospace historian who specializes in research into black projects. Schrott talked at length about various deep black projects that have since come to light. He looked extensively at the early aircraft development projects at the Lockheed [Skunk Works](#). Then he looked at the more recent developments, such as the [F117](#) fighter, the [B2](#) bomber, the [Joint Strike Fighter](#), etc. He discussed several probable current projects such as [Aurora](#), the [F19](#)(?), the [TR3b](#) and several additional [black budget](#) projects.

He discussed some other topics such as the [increase in the black budget](#) since the start of the Reagan administration. The deep black budget mushroomed from about one billion dollars to over 9 billion [CL Note: need to verify these figures]. It has since continued to increase, even under the Obama administration.

Schrott included discussion of some probable current leading-edge aerospace projects, such as an in-depth look into the TR3b, the alleged triangular craft that uses [electrogravitics](#) for propulsion. He developed the case that the B2 uses similar technology, oppositely charging the leading edge and the exhaust to exploit the [Beifeld-Brown effect](#) - a gravitational assist that allegedly allows the B2 to travel far and wide in the world with minimum fuel consumption.

Finally, Schrott touched upon some possible ultra-advanced projects. He suggests that there are possible space-worthy electrogravitic craft, ready and perhaps already being used. Do we truly have a

[secret space program](#) already in action? Is our rocketry-based civilian space program actually little more than a shell? While I remain quite skeptical of these assertions, the questions are intriguing.

If the answer to any of these questions turns out to be affirmative, then it means that there is a lot of extra-constitutional activity being conducted by those whose job is supposed to be to uphold and defend that very constitution. Schratt touched upon the clause in Article 2, section 9 of the [constitution](#) which states: "*No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.*"

This mandates a public accounting of expenditures from the public treasury. However Schratt pointed out that an examination of the 1994 military budget revealed that a discrepancy of several [didn't get the exact number] billion dollars existed between the itemized project lines and the bottom line. This can only mean that other endeavors - deep black projects - are consuming the remainder. What are these? We can only guess, but Schratt had some suggestions - and those suggestions were amazing indeed.

Especially if the allegations are true that we have a secret space program, then we are already in the heavens, carrying our military agenda with us. In [The Cosmic Bridge](#), I develop the idea that our cosmic neighbors would probably take a dim view of we warlike barbarians carrying our nukes and death-rays out into the interstellar realm. Indeed, would this be allowed? I tend to doubt it. Yet I have no way of knowing for sure.

Ultimately, if this is true, that we have a secret military space program, then it constitutes a tremendous unauthorized expenditure of money. It implies that the military-industrial complex and the deep-black world is harboring advanced technology that could advance humanity by years. This is the claim of organizations such as the Disclosure Project and the Paradigm Research Group, as well as others working to lift the lid off the secret world.

I've always been skeptical about most ultra-advanced-technology deep-black-project claims. Furthermore, I have put them off as a different area from my own focus - alien abduction. Yet all aspects of the phenomenon are related and so this could somehow feed into areas of interest to my own

research. How, I don't know - but crosstalk between specialty areas is common.

In the mean time, in the world of deep black, the endless flow of dollars goes on. And from the work of people like Tom Tulien and Michael Schratt, we discover that there are indeed a lot of questions - and some of them may have some disturbing answers.

**REDUCING GOVERNMENT SECRECY:
FINDING WHAT WORKS - SECRECY
NEWS from the FAS Project on
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Although people have been complaining about abuse of the national security classification system for decades, such complaints have rarely been translated into real policy changes.

More than half a century ago, a Defense Department advisory committee warned that "Overclassification has reached serious proportions." But despite innumerable attempts at corrective action over the years by official commissions, legislators, public interest groups and others, similar or identical complaints echo today. What is even more interesting and

instructive, however, is that a few of those attempts did not fail. Instead, they led to specific, identifiable reductions in official secrecy, at least on a limited scale.

For example, the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) that was created in 1995 has consistently overturned the classification of information in the majority of documents presented for its review. And the Fundamental Classification Policy Review that was performed by the Department of Energy in 1995 eliminated dozens of obsolete classification categories following a detailed review of agency classification guides. These and just a few other exceptional efforts demonstrate that even deeply entrenched secrecy practices can be overcome under certain conditions.

In an effort to identify some of those conditions, I wrote a paper entitled "Reducing Government Secrecy: Finding What Works." It has just been published in the Yale Law and Policy Review,

volume 27, no. 2, Spring 2009, and is available here: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/aftergood.pdf>

Among other things, the experience of the ISCAP underscores the importance of extending declassification authority beyond the agency that imposed the classification in the first place. It would be useless to restore "the presumption against classification" in cases of "significant doubt," as President Obama suggested on May 29, if that presumption applied only when such doubt arose in the mind of the classifier. But if classification were to be overruled by doubt in the minds of other persons -- ISOO overseers, Inspector General auditors, judges in FOIA proceedings, and others -- significant changes would be enabled.

However, systemic classification reform simply will not happen without careful independent review of agency classification guides, which specify exactly what information is to be classified. The DoE Fundamental Classification Policy Review proves that such a review, including public participation and input, is both possible and highly effective. It needs to be replicated at other classifying agencies.

The White House has announced an online process for receiving public comments and recommendations for changes to classification and declassification policies. Discussion of declassification policy begins today here: <http://blog.ostp.gov/category/declass/>

Bill Leonard, the esteemed former director of the Information Security Oversight Office and the principal overseer of the government secrecy system, now has his own blog where readers may look for his views and his insights on secrecy policy as the process of classification reform gets underway in earnest. <http://www.secgov.info/>

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Respected Theoretical Physicist And Author Gives Paranormal Presentation

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<http://tinyurl.com/RojasOnKaku>

Being a fan of science, and especially of the astonishing possibilities that science promises, theoretical physics is right up my alley. The superstar of many documentaries related to future technologies and cosmology is physicist Michio Kaku.

Kaku is a graduate of Harvard and received his PhD at Berkley. He teaches at City University of New York. His biggest claim to fame is string theory. I would try to describe it, but admittedly it is way over my head. It has something to do with multiple dimensions. Believing to have found such an abstract truth about reality, it's no wonder he should open his mind up to other possibilities.

I was already a big fan of his work when he was featured along with the Mutual UFO Network on a recent ABC Primetime special called Seeing is Believing. In my position as MUFON's Director of Public Education, I also handle media relations, helping the media with their stories. I worked with ABC on this special, they filmed at our Symposium last summer. The crew seemed great. However, I was still hesitant. Primetime had made a special a few years earlier that we had helped them with. It was a terrible example of journalism and left out a lot of facts, and although MUFON spent a lot of time helping them, they did not even acknowledge us.

I was happy to see that this special turned out better. They didn't use a lot of what we gave them and for some reason used a lot of old footage from the earlier special. I was happy that they used footage from a press conference that I had put together, and they had our Director of Research talking about one of our best cases. However, my favorite part of the special was the end. After covering an amazing UFO sighting by pilots, Michio Kaku made the closing comments. He said, sure 90% of the UFO sightings are probably misidentified and prosaic. However, the other 10%, he continued, beckons further exploration and serious attention from the scientist community, so let their investigations begin.

Kaku's ending statement was great. So I was very excited to hear that he was coming to Denver for a book signing at the Tattered Cover downtown. The

title of his new book is *Physics Of The Unknown*. The title sounded intriguing. I had decided to wait until the signing to purchase the book. Little did I know that this event would turn out to be one of the best paranormal lectures I have attended.

I attend a lot of paranormal lectures, and most of my favorites are from PhD's. I just wasn't expecting it this time. I knew I would hear fascinating things about quantum physics and black holes, and I was hoping he would touch on the possibility of traveling faster than light. But it was much better than expected. He did cover faster than light travel, and he also included extraterrestrial civilizations, the probability that they exist and the possibility of their presence here right now. He reiterated the importance of conventional scientific institutions to take it serious.

He didn't stop there, he also covered telepathy and psychokinesis. He even gave examples of their integration into modern technology. You'll have to read his book to find out more.

I was shocked and ecstatic about his talk. I don't really get excited about celebrities, but I was certainly a little star struck when I got to the his book signing table. I mentioned my association with MUFON and our goal of scientific investigation and I mentioned a symposium we want to have with physicists. I told him that the big issue we want to tackle is an assertion by the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. They are the guys with all of the big satellite dish antennas and were featured on the movie "Contact". SETI scientists say that the distances are so vast between solar systems that there is no way another civilization could have traveled so far.

Michio Kaku's response when I told him our goal to counter that argument was great. He told me that he is no friend to SETI, and that they are a bunch of astronomers so what do they know about physics.

Exactly!

Conclusions and the Robertson Panel Report

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robertson_Panel

The Robertson Panel's official report concluded that 90 percent of UFO sightings could be readily identified with meteorological, astronomical, or natural phenomena, and that the remaining 10 percent of UFO reports could, in all likelihood, be

similarly explained with detailed study. It was suggested that witnesses had misidentified bright stars and planets, meteors, auroras, mirages, atmospheric temperature inversions, and lenticular clouds; other sightings were judged as likely misinterpretation of conventional aircraft, weather balloons, birds, searchlights, kites, and other phenomena.

None of the Panel's members was formally trained in motion picture or photographic analysis, and only one had any experience with photography (astronomic still photography and not motion picture film[7]). Nonetheless, after screening the films only a few times, they dismissed the idea that either the 1950 Montana UFO Film or the 1952 Utah UFO Film showed "genuine" UFOs. The Panel's members instead argued that the "UFOs" in the Montana film were actually the reflections of two jet fighters alleged to be in the area at the time and that those in the Utah film were actually seagulls flying near the Great Salt Lake. However, the Panel's conclusions contradicted U.S. Air Force photo analysts who had earlier specifically ruled out birds as an explanation for the Utah film and had thought that jets were a highly unlikely, but remotely plausible, explanation for the Montana film (Clark, 1998). The Panel's conclusions also seemingly ignored eyewitness testimony in both film cases that the objects, while closer to the camera operators, were clearly-defined metallic flying saucers, not the rather indistinct lights seen on the films.

Furthermore, the Panel suggested the Air Force should begin a "debunking" effort to reduce "public gullibility" and demystify UFO reports, partly via a public relations campaign, using psychiatrists, astronomers and assorted celebrities to significantly reduce public interest in UFOs. It was also recommended that the mass media be used for the debunking, including influential media giants like the Walt Disney Corporation. The primary reasoning for this recommendation lay in the belief that the Soviets might try to "mask" an actual invasion of the USA by causing a wave of false "UFO" reports to swamp the Pentagon and other military agencies, thus temporarily blinding the US government to the impending Communist invasion.

Their formal recommendation stated "That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired." [8]

Also recommended was government monitoring of civilian groups studying or researching UFOs "because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking... the apparent irresponsibility and possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." Two UFO groups in particular were singled out: APRO and Civilian Saucer Investigations (CSI).

The recommendations of the Robertson Panel were implemented by a series of special military regulations. Joint-Army-Navy-Air Force Publication 147 (JANAP 146) of December 1953 made reprinting of any UFO sighting to the public a crime under the Espionage Act, with fines of up to ten thousand dollars and imprisonment ranging from one to ten years. This act was considered binding on all who knew of the act's existence, including commercial airline pilots. A 1954 revision of Air Force Regulation 200-2 (AFR 200-2) made all sighting reports submitted to the air force classified material and prohibited the release of any information about UFO sightings unless the sighting was able to be positively identified. In February 1958 a revision of AFR 200-2 allowed the military to give the FBI the names of people who were "illegally or deceptively bringing the subject [of UFOs] to public attention". Because of the Robertson Panel the Air Force's Project Blue Book's procedures of investigating UFOs also changed, attempting to find a quick explanation and then file them away. Project Blue Book was a successor of Project Grudge.

In 1956 retired Marine Major Donald Keyhoe founded the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a UFO investigations organization. By 1969 Keyhoe turned his focus on the CIA as the source of the UFO cover up. NICAP's board, headed by Colonel Joseph Bryan III, forced Keyhoe to retire as NICAP chief. Bryan was actually a former covert CIA agent who had served the agency as founder and head of its psychological warfare division. Under Bryan's leadership, the NICAP disbanded its local and state affiliate groups, and by 1973 it had been completely closed. [9]

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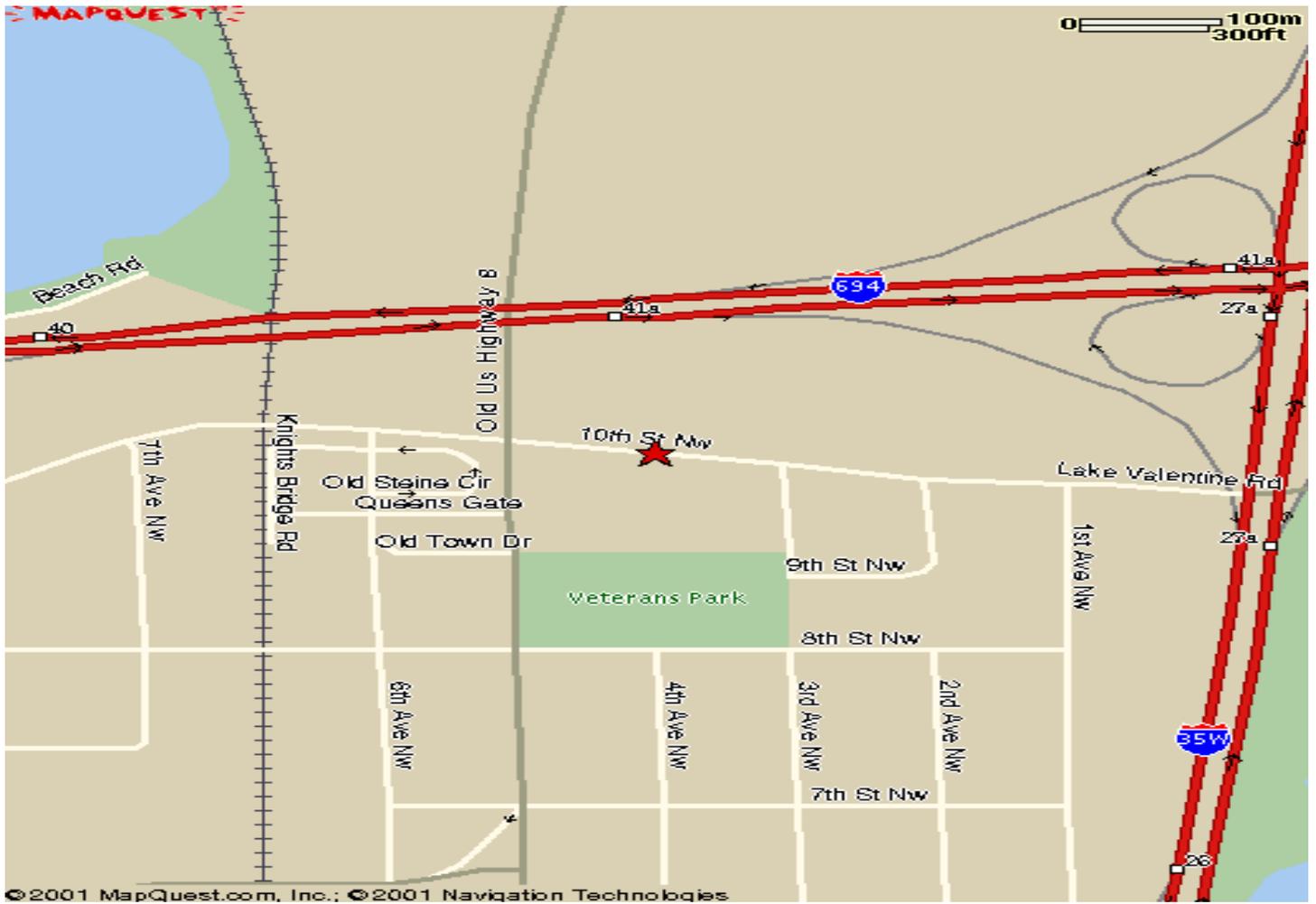
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