

**A PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
UAPTF's PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ON UFOs**

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INTRODUCTION

General Statement

This writing is a philosophical conceptual analysis of an object. The particular object that I have in mind is the “Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena”, (PAUAP from here on), published by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on June 25, 2021. This analysis is not merely looking at the document from a purely semantical perspective and making sure the document is internally logically consistent and then simply drawing conclusions. That’s not enough. One would miss the forest for the trees with such an approach. This object requires added elements for consideration. The socio-political history of the UFO phenomenon from the past 74 years or so within the socio-political context during that time up to now is what gave birth to this PAUAP and current socio-political context in which it exists allows it to propagate and influence us in certain ways. When factoring the additional elements into this analysis of this object called PAUAP, then the semantic and logical analysis take on an added dimension for consideration, i.e., an aesthetic element in which epistemological and a socio-political-ethical layers must be considered. Moreover, the analysis of the PAUAP is also a solid indicator as to the current state of affairs with respect the topic of UFOs, the government, and the citizens thereof.

Thesis

In short, the main proposition this writing defends is: *The PAUAP that was published on June 25, 2021 is anemic, disingenuous, and is meant not only to misinform but also misdirect the general population of what is truly known about UFOs.*

This writing will illuminate that the PAUAP is a representation of a secret minority group of individuals within the military-intelligence community that are networked across key military branches and key intelligence agencies (and some probably even within private industry) who are in a sense effectively behaving as a fourth branch of the government (that even the other three branches are not cognizant of) who are trying to maintain their power of containment of

knowledge and true nature about UFOs, and will quite literally do whatever it takes to keep their power, while simultaneously trying to remain hidden. One of their main tactics is to keep the UFO topic stigmatized. But there is division in the ranks, a civil war of sorts within this military-intelligence community. There are those who are speaking out from within this military-intelligence complex, e.g., Lue Elizondo (former: U.S. Army counterintelligence agent, Director of DOD's National Programs Special Management Staff (NPSMS) OUSD(I), and Program Element Manager for the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program- AATIP) and Christopher Mellon (former: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence in the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations and later for Security and Information Operations, and formerly served as the Staff Director of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence).

Simply, it is the causal effects of this division in the ranks why this PAUAP is out, and not because of some controlled disclosure that is in progress. It is a civil war in a manner of speaking that has broken out within the military-intelligence complex. This PAUAP is, in part, a representation of this civil war. If certain powers had it their way, then there would not be any formal preliminary assessment about UFOs. But their hands were forced by certain activities of Elizondo, Mellon among others. But the report is stiff-armed, as this writing will illuminate. The PAUAP is effectively saying, 'Forget the data from the past 70 years or so. Even the 2004 Nimitz case isn't even worth an official mention, and obviously all of the AATIP data is not even a serious consideration. We are really starting at ground zero.'

These reports describe incidents that occurred between 2004 and 2021, with the majority coming in the last two years as the new reporting mechanism became better known to the military aviation community. ("Preliminary" 4)

The disingenuousness of the above statement will become self-evident in due course of this writing.

Structure

The basic structure of this writing is that it is divided into *aspects*, i.e., seven aspects to be precise. Think of these aspects as perspectives of elements for consideration from certain key portions of the PAUAP that I then elaborate on. This writing also has a considerable amount of appendices, because they provide additional material that is pertinent and adds depth for the various *aspects* and arguments presented. Concomitantly, the appendices are not in the content proper, because they would interfere (or distract) with the flow of reading, and overall immediate reasoning of this writing.

Terminology

UFO is a term created by the United States Air force roughly 70 years ago vis-à-vis Edward Ruppelt who headed the USAF's Project Blue Book¹ in the 1950s as a replacement of the term flying saucer as to be more inclusive term given the various shapes of these craft (Ruppelt 7, 13). Historically UFO and UAP always have been used interchangeably, nevertheless, UFO has been unarguably a much more dominant and popular term.

Unlike Ruppelt, whose motivation for creating the acronym UFO for the Air Force was for accuracy of description of the objects, the motivating factor for the current usage for the UAP acronym as propagated by some is more for political reasons, than for accuracy. Christopher Mellon and Nick Pope² have admitted publicly that stigma was the main motivating factor for the acronym UAP (Mellon; Pope, "UFOs"). I've heard these kinds of assertions from other researchers as well. It's all about stigma. Other arguments for UAP are really more of an afterthought. Which

¹ Project Blue Book was a government run UFO group that researched and investigated UFOs in the 1950s & 1960s. It was the 1950s/1960s version of AATIP and UAPTF.

² Nick Pope worked for the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in England (1985 -2006). From 1991 to 1994 he ran the Ministry of Defence UFO project.

acronym is more accurate is another topic for another time. The irony here is that the avoidance of the acronym UFO and constantly telling your interviewer about the stigma only promotes the stigma. For now, I prefer the acronym UFO. For the new person, just know the acronyms really are used interchangeably and on a practical level their meaning are the same. It's just politics being played out, plain and simple, which unfortunately just further muddies the water.

Navigation

This being an online paper, I've decided to make it hyperlinked. All of the *aspects* are hyperlinks. When you click on an *aspect* title it will take you back to the table of contents. And yes the table of contents are hyperlinked as well and will be properly navigate the reader to the appropriate section of the writing as indicated. My hope is that this will greatly reduce unnecessary scrolling of the document, which in turn allows for more flexibility and fluidity of experience in reading this work, especially for a second reading or if one decided to re-read a section, etc.

Personal Note

I dare not say it is a perfect analysis, but I will say it is a thoughtful and important one for consideration despite the limited time frame it was written. My hope is this writing will have a positive causal effect on some level for a positive change. This is one of my ways of doing my part as the saying goes.

ASPECT 1: The word *Preliminary*

Consideration:

The notion of *preliminary* within the context of the PAUAP should not be blindly assumed to mean that given that the PAUAP is only a preliminary assessment, then all the uncomfortable or undesirable elements can be casually dismissed.

Elaboration:

I fully appreciate that the kind of a report that came out on June 25, 2021 is a preliminary one. The synonym of preliminary is prelude. Preliminary simply means a prelude to X. X being an event or action of some sort in a fuller or more important fashion. Meriam-Webster.com defines it as “a preliminary or introductory or preparatory” to X., or “coming before and usually forming a necessary prelude to something else.” X or *something else* being an action or an event of some sort. Accordingly, logically speaking *more important* or *fuller* does not necessarily denote something better, but can be an indicator of a more expansive or defense of an initial view.

Appealing to the definition of a word is understandable, and in numerous cases it can be appropriate to do so. A word is a concept. In certain cases, the concept a word represents might require further investigation. Moreover, while a definition might be correct it is not necessarily enough in understanding a nuance of a concept representative of that word. I think this is such a case. Consequently, the PAUAP is a good indicator of the current state of affairs among the military-intelligence complex that should not be ignored but incorporated in one’s own calculus for properly understanding the meaning of the word preliminary within the context of the PAUAP, and also its influence upon future socio-political conditions, which in turn would be reflected in future assessments.

In my opinion, unless conditions improve, it is doubtful the more expansive report will be any more substantive. What strengthens my concern is Elizondo's own words with respect to comprehensive report that Congress should receive:

...a report that's expected to be comprehensive. And certainly that's a report that Congress deserves. Unfortunately, what we might get is something much more watered down. And, I think, from my perspective that's probably the most concerning part of this. The last thing we need is more obfuscation. (Elizondo, "Lue Elizondo: UFO report")

So if an initial report is weak, then the more expansive report might show more expansive important evidence that merely strengthens the preliminary conclusions of being anemic; although admittedly, not necessarily so, i.e., assuming existing socio-political conditions do not change. I sincerely hope conditions will change for the better.

ASPECT 2: Crucial Agencies and Branches

Consideration:

The report asserts:

ODNI prepared this report for the Congressional Intelligence and Armed Services Committees. UAPTF and the ODNI National Intelligence Manager for Aviation drafted this report, with input from USD(I&S), DIA, FBI, NRO, NGA, NSA, Air Force, Army, Navy, Navy/ONI, DARPA, FAA, NOAA, NGA, ODNI/NIM-Emerging and Disruptive Technology, ODNI/National Counterintelligence and Security Center, and ODNI/National Intelligence Council. ("Preliminary" 2)

Elaboration:

Why are some important intelligence agencies and military branches left out?

For example, the CIA, DOE, SPACECOM, NORAD, USMC, USCG are not included in the list above.³ Why?

The CIA, for example, has a long history associated with aviation and UFOs. In the 1950s and 1960s, both Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in concert with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) initially utilized the U-2 spy plane for the purposes of monitoring the atmosphere for evidence of nuclear testing as well as photographing sites within USSR, China, among other Cold War adversaries (Augustyn). And the CIA was involved in the so called Robertson panel that created a policy of debunking UFO reports. (The Robertson panel will be elaborated in due course of this writing.)

It is evident that the Space Force was omitted. Perhaps the USSF was omitted simply because it is still by definition a newly formed branch of our military. It's difficult to say, but, nevertheless, puzzling in my view.

The main point is, why are such a well-known crucial intelligence organizations omitted from the list above? *Prima facie*, it makes no sense. The rejoinder to this concern is perhaps the missing intelligence organizations and military branches will be mentioned in the final report. Perhaps, but it's difficult to reconcile why pertinent intelligence agencies and certain military branches were simply omitted even at this point.

This is an additional piece of datum that raises suspicion.

³ Yes, I noticed that *NGA* was written twice; that is how the list is written in their report.

ASPECT 3: National Security

Consideration:

“UAP...may pose a challenge to U.S. national security” (“Preliminary” 3).

On the second to last paragraph of page 3, the UAPTF preliminary assessment states:

UAP would also represent a national security challenge if they are foreign adversary collection platforms or provide evidence a potential adversary has developed either a breakthrough or disruptive technology. (3)

For the purpose of this writing *collection platform* is not of concern. However, the wording in the above statement is awkward. A bit of *sentential logic* is in order as a way to tease out the logic of this statement. ⁴

(To view the sentential logic I utilized to parse out the two propositions below from the original statement that are of interest to me can be viewed here: [APPENDIX-I](#)).

Elaboration:

Here are the paraphrased statements from the original statement that are of interest to me that I have teased out in a clearer wording as the two hypothetical propositions, while retaining logical integrity.

1. *If UFOs are evidence of a breakthrough technology, then UFOs would be a national security challenge.*
2. *If UFOs are evidence of a disruptive technology, then UFOs would be a national security challenge.*

⁴ Sentential logic can also be referred to as *propositional logic*. Both are equally correct.

So, the report addresses the national security aspect of USG as a hypothetical situation and not a real ongoing one. I assert that there already has been and continues to be evidence that UFOs are representative of both a breakthrough technology *and* a disruptive technology. Consequently, by no means is the situation described a hypothetical scenario.

Here are two propositions I will use as counter views to the hypothetical propositions:

1. *UFOs are evidence of a breakthrough technology.*
2. *UFOs are evidence of a disruptive technology:*

1. UFOs are evidence of a breakthrough technology:

While the report does state that “a handful of UAP appear to demonstrate advanced technology”, it’s important to emphasize that the word *advanced* is a relative term. Advanced within this context implies something that is modern or perhaps recently developed comparable to our technology. If it’s too advanced then that would convey a breakthrough technology. At the same time, it’s important to take note of that the report does use the term breakthrough technology. Hence, the UAPTF is aware of this distinction between advanced technology and breakthrough technology. Nevertheless, the report does not indicate that there was or is any data suggestive of breakthrough technology.

The bottom line is there is ample evidence of UFOs have and are exhibiting breakthrough technology, despite what the PAUAP indicates. Consider these three statements from Kevin Day⁵ who is one of the well-known credible witnesses of the Nimitz case of 2004:

This object...fell straight out of the sky from 28,000 feet down to the surface of the ocean... [in] .78 seconds. (Day)

⁵ Kevin Day is a retired U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer, former Operations Specialist, and TOPGUN Air Intercept Controller. He served on the USS Princeton, which was a support ship for the USS Nimitz (Day).

This thing did whatever it did without creating a sonic boom. (Day)

At one point, it was raining UFOs. (Day)

Kevin Day was greatly affected by his experience: "I was a very humbled man that day" (Day). This is strong evidence of a presence of a breakthrough technology and numerous of instances of it, therefore UFOs do in fact present a national security challenge. It is reasonable to assume there is much more corroborating data residing somewhere. Was AATIP aware of it? It would seem so, given what Lue Elizondo, who was the director of AATIP, stated to George Knapp during a radio interview back in 2018 when Elizondo was asked if he was aware of the Nimitz case while he was running AATIP: "I was very much aware of it. And that's just one example" (Elizondo, "Secret"). Elizondo also asserted:

I can tell you there were other events like the Nimitz events that occurred after the Nimitz and not in the distance past either. (Elizondo, "Secret")

As an addendum, I assert that the three famous videos (FLIR, Gimbal, Go Fast) that were released by the Pentagon in 2017, in my view, are evidence of a breakthrough technology. They travel with no means propulsion as we understand it, e.g., no vertical or horizontal stabilizers, and no plumes. In the FLIR video, the unidentified craft makes an immediate right angle turn to its left at hundreds of miles per hour. And it's not just the military that's seeing unidentified craft doing extraordinary things that unarguably represents breakthrough technology but civilians as well. Consider, these two cases from the UFO wave of 1947. One is a civilian witness and the second is a military one:

Case 338 - July 5, Albany, Oregon: At 3:20 p.m. PST, two Albany men, Ted Tannich and William Lemon, said they saw a silvery, disc-shaped object flying in a straight course to the south. The disc made a sudden stop, reversing its course almost instantaneously and moved back north. (Bloecher 80)

Case 493 - July 6, Denver, Colorado: LeRoy Krieger, Aerologist Second Class at the Buckley Naval Air Station, east of Denver, reported he had seen a bright object which he was convinced "was not an airplane." At an unspecified time during the day, he and James Cavalieri, a Buckley Field hospital apprentice, reported they saw an object "round and shiny, like silver," to the east of the field, "shooting up and down." It made no noise, and after several minutes of this peculiar maneuvering, the object left at high speed. "It was going like a bat outa hell," Krieger reported. His companion agreed. (Bloecher 110)⁶

So this has been going on for a long time with thousands cases over the decades. As anyone who has been in the field of UFO research for a while, we all are aware of the plethora of public UFO cases. I'm just focusing here with the excellent current cases that are directly pertinent to the UAPTF that they are publically ignoring for some reason.

2. UFOs are evidence of a disruptive technology:

As with the breakthrough technology, disruptive technology presented by virtue of UFOs is in abundance of evidence. That is to say, for the past 70 years there have been a plethora of UFO incursions at military nuclear weapons facilities and it is ongoing. The UFOs show up and disrupt the ICBMs by changing the launch codes and disrupting them. Robert Hastings, a private UFO investigator, researched and investigated the issue of UFOs appearing over nuclear facilities for over 40 years. He has written a book about this very subject (Hastings, *UFOs*),⁷ directed a documentary based on his book (*UFOs and Nukes*),⁸ and hosted a press conference at the National Press Club in 2010 (that one can view for free online)⁹ that featured numerous Air Force veterans discussing "UFO incursions at nuclear weapons sites during the Cold War era" (Hastings, *Military*). Hastings is indicative of some public hardcore researchers who have accumulated

⁶ Both references refer to a page number that's shown on the PDF page count and not the page number itself because there is no page number indicated.

⁷ "UFOs & Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites, 2nd Ed." by Robert Hastings.

⁸ "UFOs and Nukes: The Secret Link Revealed", Director: Robert Hastings, 2016.

⁹ The press conference was held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on September 27, 2010.

It can be viewed here: <http://www.ufohastings.com/>

plenty of compelling data and information on UFOs. One wonders why the UAPTF doesn't address these kinds of cases when evidence suggests that they are common and ubiquitous.

Clearly, this is an example of disruptive technology over our most sensitive military installations, i.e., nuclear ICBM facilities. Consider what former AATIP director Lue Elizondo stated in 2018 when asked by veteran investigative journalist George Knapp about UFO incursion and military facilities:

There were incidents in which DOD technical equipment appeared to be in some cases manipulated or even disabled in a manner that was not advantageous to us. (Elizondo "Secret")

If Elizondo who signed an NDA can state this publicly why cannot the UAPTF in its public preliminary report? The assessment does state that the UFOs "tended to cluster around U.S. training and testing grounds," but at the same time this "may result from a collection bias as a result of focused attention." And three paragraphs below it states that "rigorous analysis are necessary by multiple teams or groups of technical experts to determine the nature and validity of these data" ("Preliminary" 5). So the validity of the data is put to question anyway, thus deflating the excitement and validity of its initial proposition. The PAUAP also states that some UFOs "exhibits unusual flight characteristics" ("Preliminary" 3). But then it states "observations could be the result of sensor errors, spoofing, or observer misperception and require additional rigorous analysis" (3). Again, the initial statement is encouraging for those of us seeking evidence from the report that point to a non-human tech, but then deflates this excitement by effectively stating, "It's probably nothing really. We need more analysis because it's probably be just a misperception, sensor error etc. any way. Nothing to see here folks."

At any rate, as indicated earlier, in simple terms, the report asserts, if there is evidence that UFOs exhibit characteristic of a breakthrough technology or disruptive one, then we have na-

tional security challenge at hand. I just presented compelling evidence that UFOs have exhibited and continue to exhibit evidence of both a breakthrough technology and a disruptive one. Consequently, by definition the national security challenge from UFOs is not a hypothetical one for future for possible consideration as the report asserts, but quite a real one and currently existing one that requires immediate attention.

ASPECT 4: Classification System

Consideration:

UAPTF's classification system for identifying objects with the focus of their category *other*, and their understanding of the concept of *unidentified* is not nuanced.

Elaboration:

The UAPTF has developed a classification system for identifying objects. The UAPTF's classification system entails five categories: *Airborne Clutter*, *Natural Atmospheric Phenomena*, *USG or Industry Developmental Programs*, *Foreign Adversary Systems*, and *Other*. An object that cannot be explained would remain *unidentified*. Accordingly, this object would then be designated as *other* within the UAPTF's classification system for identifying objects. The descriptions from pages 5 and 6 from the PAUAP are provided here for the reader's convenience as immediate reference, given what is being discussed:

Airborne Clutter: These objects include birds, balloons, recreational unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), or airborne debris like plastic bags that muddle a scene and affect an operator's ability to identify true targets, such as enemy aircraft.

Natural Atmospheric Phenomena: Natural atmospheric phenomena includes ice crystals, moisture, and thermal fluctuations that may register on some infrared and radar systems.

USG or Industry Developmental Programs: Some UAP observations could be attributable to developments and classified programs by U.S. entities. We were unable to confirm, however, that these systems accounted for any of the UAP reports we collected.

Foreign Adversary Systems: Some UAP may be technologies deployed by China, Russia, another nation, or a non-governmental entity.

Other: Although most of the UAP described in our dataset probably remain unidentified due to limited data or challenges to collection processing or analysis, we may require additional scientific knowledge to successfully collect on, analyze and characterize some of them. We would group such objects in this category pending scientific advances that allowed us to better understand them. The UAPTF intends to focus additional analysis on the small number of cases where a UAP appeared to display unusual flight characteristics or signature management.

It is the category of the UAPTF's *other* that is interest here, because it is this category that reveals how UAPTF conceptualizes the notion of *unidentified*.

The thesis in this section of the writing is that the UAPTFs concept of *unidentified* with their category of *other* is not sophisticated or nuanced. UAPTF's category of *other* conflates very different kinds unidentified as one category, and unlike Project Blue Book they do not have a separate category in which all possibilities have been eliminated and all that's left is something that challenges our existing scientific knowledge base that quite possibly is indicative of an advanced non-human intelligence.

In teasing out details that supports and strengthens arguments for my thesis within this section, as a strategy, I shall provide a direct comparison between Project Blue Book's (the Air Force's UFO program that started in 1951 and ended in 1969) classification system for identifying objects with the focus on their of categories of *insufficient information* and *unknown* and compare it with the UAPTF's classification system for identifying objects and comparing with the focus of their category *other*.

Project Blue Book's Special Report No. 14 (PBBSR 14 from here on) came out on May 5, 1955. It is this report that I shall be appealing to as a contrast to PAUAP and comparing their respective systems of categorizing of objects with the focus of objects that remain unidentified.

The descriptions from pages 10 to 12 from PBBSR 14 are provided here for the reader's convenience as immediate reference, given what is being discussed:

1. Balloon
 2. Astronomical
 3. Aircraft
 4. Light Phenomenon
 5. Birds
 6. Clouds, dust, etc.
 7. Other
 8. Psychological Manifestations
 9. Insufficient Information
 10. Unknown
- (Project 10)¹⁰

Some of these identification categories are obvious in meaning. Nevertheless, I've provided a brief explanation for some that I think needed clarity:

Light phenomenon: uncommon natural phenomena such as light refractions, mirages, sun dogs, inversion-layer images, and distortions caused by airborne ice (Project 12).

Other: represents "less frequent but common objects, such as kites, fireworks, rockets, contrails, and meteorological phenomena like small tornadoes" (Project 11-12).

Psychological manifestations: is an identification category in which sightings were based on "religious fanaticism, a desire for publicity, or an over-active imagination" (Project 11-12).

The two key identification categories are that an object would remain undefined are *insufficient information* and *unknown*:

INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION – This identification category was assigned to a report when, upon final consideration, there was some essential item of information missing, or there was enough doubt about what data were available to disallow identification as a common object or some natural phenomenon. It is emphasized that this category of identification was not used as a convenient way to dispose of what might be called "poor unknowns", but as a category for reports that, perhaps, could have been one of

¹⁰ For the purposes of this writing I present the categories of identification in somewhat of a different order from the original Project Blue Book Special Report 14.

several known objects or natural phenomena. No reports identified as INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION contain authenticated facts or impressions concerning the sighting that would prevent its being identified as a known object or phenomenon. (*Project 12*)

UNKNOWN – This designation in the identification code was assigned to those reports of sightings wherein the description of the object and its maneuvers could not be fitted to the pattern of any known object or phenomenon. (*Project 12*)

Project Blue Book created two categories reflective of two different concepts in which an object that would be classed as unidentified: *Insufficient information* and *unknown*.

Simply, the *insufficient information* category in plain language means there's not enough evidence or data to assert anything, e.g., maybe it fits into one of the eight categories listed above, but there isn't sufficient data in doing so; too vague of a data set to assert anything at all at the time, so it would be categorized as *insufficient information*.

The *unknown* category is for an object in which it was established that it was not representative of any of the other categories, and simultaneously exhibited other characteristics that did not fit pattern of any known object or phenomenon our science was aware of. It was an object that received good solid data was observed but something that was not indicative or reflective of our known science. Hence, an unknown was not just unusual but also indicative of something that was not known to our current scientific knowledge. As the report defines *unknown*: "description of the object and its maneuvers could not be fitted to the pattern of any known object or phenomenon" (*Project 12*). , e.g., an object making a right angle turn while moving at hundreds or thousands of miles per hour, instantaneous acceleration from a dead stop to an instantaneous stop from high speeds, i.e., thousands of miles per hour. In other words, Project Blue Book had a category for an object that had good solid data, yet, did not fit to any of the other categories. These were *unknowns*.

Unlike Project Blue Book, the UAPTF'S approach in understanding the concept of *unidentified* is straightforward and pedestrian. The UAPTF's *other* category effectively lumps together Project

Blue Book's *insufficient information* category and an *unknown* category as one. It gets worse. The UAPTF's *other* category states that "most of the UAP described in our dataset probably *remain unidentified* due to limited data or challenges to collection processing or analysis" ("Preliminary" 6), which further downplays the importance their *other* category. It gets even worse, because the end of their description the *other* category the PAUAP states, "The UAPTF intends to focus additional analysis on the small number of cases where a UAP appeared to display unusual flight characteristics or signature management" ("Preliminary" 6).

Note the word *unusual* in the last sentence. This is a weak term. The issue is: something can be unusual and still be fitted to known patterns to our known science. *Unusual* just signifies something that is not common, but not necessarily unknown to our science. Whereas, Project Blue Book was stronger in their language with clearer and nuanced distinctions that allowed them to create a separate category for something outside our known science, i.e., *unknown* category: "not be fitted to the pattern of any known object or phenomenon" (*Project 12*).

Why didn't the UAPTF have a separate category for this? I find it odd and suspicious that the UAPTF, a twenty-first century UFO government run study group, cannot or will not take into consideration of the nuanced way that the concept of *unidentified* can be understood and demarcated.

ASPECT 5: Conclusions as Misinformation and Misdirection

Consideration:

The *best* UFO case out of 144 cases the UAPTF studied turned out to be nothing more than a balloon.

These reports describe incidents that occurred between 2004 and 2021, with the majority coming in the last two years as the new reporting mechanism became better known to the military aviation community. We were able to identify one reported UAP with

high confidence. In that case, we identified the object as a large, deflating balloon. The others remain unexplained (“Preliminary” 4).

Elaboration:

In other words out of all the UFO cases, only one UFO case is designated as “high confidence”; had enough data worthy of rigorous study, and it turned out to be a “balloon”. Yes, indeed, the preliminary best UFO case, according to the PAUAP turned out to be nothing more than...a “balloon.” A similar kind of answer our government has been saying about key UFO cases since 1942 actually. The famous 1942 UFO case the Battle of L.A. case was eventually classified as a balloon; a weather balloon to be more precise, and so was the 1947 Roswell case. In this case, it was not only a balloon but a “deflating balloon”. So best case since 2004 turns out to be merely a “deflating balloon”? Really? Are we to take this kind of assertion as sincere from the UAPTF? The PAUAP obviously completely ignored AATIP’s data. That is to say, they’ve completely ignored the Nimitz and Roosevelt cases within their public assessment in the sense that none of the videos were mentioned and that there are classified corroborating evidence for these cases. But a deflated balloon deserves attention as the best case? The bottom line is obviously a whole host of data was left out. There is a bizarre disconnect here that further draws suspicion.

In my estimation, this PAUAP’s conclusion is meant to *mislead and misdirect an individual or individuals from taking interest in the UFO subject*. Is this kind of concern warranted? Is there precedence for creating a report that has a conclusion that is meant to mislead and misdirect an individual or individuals from pursuing a certain subject any further? I shall provide two examples as precedence, which supports the thesis that: *There have been official reports that inserted a conclusion at the beginning of a report as a tactic for the strategy of misleading or misdirecting an individual(s) from taking interest in the UFO subject.*

Example 1: Project Blue Book: Special Report No.14 dated May 5, 1955.

Project Blue Book was the Air Force's version of AATIP and UAPTF from 1951 to 1969. Project Blue Book's Special Report No. 14 (PBBSR 14 from here on) at the time represented the largest scientific study into UFOs conducted by the USG and about 250 pages in length. It was the Battelle Memorial Institute that conducted the scientific analysis of a total of 3,201 UFO cases from 1947 to 1952 that Project Blue Book investigated for the U.S. Air Force (*Project 107*). The report concluded that for all of the 3,201 cases from 1947 to 1952 that 21.5 percent that remained unidentified were categorized as *unknowns*. This is not to be confused with another class of objects in which 9.3 percent remained unidentified but categorized as *insufficient information*. This is demarcated clearly within the content of the report.

The summary of the report is provided at the beginning of the report, and completely downplays the information and conclusions. The summary the report emphasizes was a study conducted from January 1955 to May 1955 had 131 sightings, and 3 percent were unknown. This is a direct contradiction to the actual content of the report (*Project viii, ix*), i.e., this has nothing to do with the actual PBBSR 14 statistical analysis of 3,201 cases from 1947 to 1952.

The interesting thing is that that the summary of the beginning of the report does mention the study from 1947 to 1952 and that there were 3,201 cases preceding the 1955 four month study. However, it is essentially saying that those cases are of no consequence, because this newer study conducted in 1955 investigated a grand total of 131 cases has implemented improvements in both reporting and investigative procedures. And this new system reduced both insufficient information category and the unknowns. Ok then, where is this report? It doesn't provide the analysis only the conclusion, i.e., a quarter page run down of each category in which the insufficient information category and unknown are 7 percent and 3 percent respectively. And here is the added rub, it also asserts that given more time for analysis that even the cases where an object remained unidentified would eventually be explained away. The last paragraph of the summary states about the 'better' 1955 study:

Therefore, on the basis of this evaluation of the information, it is considered to be highly improbable that reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside of the range of present-day scientific knowledge. It is emphasized there has been a complete lack of any valid evidence of physical matter in any case of a reported unidentified aerial object. (*Project ix*)

See the game here? It denounces the original study from 1947-1952 of 3,201 cases. Then it emphasizes that this newer improved study in 1955 of 131 cases is the study to be taken seriously because of the implementation of a better sources and methods. Then finally that even this newer study, the data points of the unidentified will eventually be explained away as well. So this dissuades a person from wanting to even go through 200 some pages of the 1947-1952 analysis, as well as sending a message that even studies that were conducted with better sources and methods ended up with nothing consequential. Yet, when one looks at the actual report from 1947-1952 the data is compelling, hence, definitely warranting UFOs as a serious topic.

To make matters even worse, the U.S. Department of Defense published a press release that is slapped on to the report, stating the “four months of 1955 only three percent were listed as unknown.” But the DOD press release is even worse, because it implies that the 1955 study is the PBBSR 14, when it is not. As stated, the 1955 is a completely different study (*Project*).

The DOD press release also stated:

Vertical –rising aircraft capable of transition to supersonic horizontal flight will be a new phenomenon in our skies, and under certain conditions could give the illusion of the so-called flying saucer. (*Project*)

In other words, effectively intimating, “So even if you do see something, it’s our tech, not a flying saucer.”

Example 2: Consider the 1968 "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." *Conducted by the University of Colorado under contract No. F44620-67-C-0035 with the **United States Air Force**,*¹¹ headed by Dr. Edward Condon. Popularly referred as the Condon Report.

Despite the findings within the actual report that indicates that 30 percent cases that were unexplained or unidentified classification (Friedman 51), which of course encourages more study, Condon stated that studies into UFOs are not justified and further interest from the government into UFOs is not recommended:

Careful consideration of the record as it is available to us leads us to conclude that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby. (2)

Condon also stated:

This formulation carries with it the corollary that we do not think that at this time the federal government ought to set up a major new agency, as some have suggested, for the scientific study of UFOs. (5)

Condon continued:

It is our impression that the defense function could be performed within the framework established for intelligence and surveillance operations without the continuance of a special unit such as Project Blue Book, but this is a question for defense specialists rather than research scientists. (7)

Condon believed children are harmed by reading about UFOs:

¹¹ I bolded this for emphasis.

A related problem to which we wish to direct public attention is the miseducation in our schools which arises from the fact that many children are being allowed, if not actively encouraged, to devote their science study time to the reading of UFO books and magazine articles of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph. We feel that children are educationally harmed by absorbing unsound and erroneous material as if it were scientifically well founded. (8)

Condon recommends that teachers discourage students from taking interest in UFOs:

Therefore we strongly recommend that teachers refrain from giving students credit for school work based on their reading of the presently available UFO books and magazine articles. (8)

Yes indeed, this is the gentleman, Dr. Edward Condon, who the Air Force endorsed and contracted, and all these statements are in the conclusion of the first few pages of the Condon report. The Condon report took extra measures in ensuring that the topic of UFOs in all aspects of our society and all ages from children to adults be dissuaded from taking interest into the study of UFOs. Moreover, the Condon report was not just pushing false scientific conclusions, but also pushing for certain policies of how the UFO subject should be handled, not just in the government sector but the public sector as well. Additionally, it is also important to note of that Edward Condon probably never read the report he wrote a conclusion for and probably never participated in the study of UFOs during the time the committee was conducting the study. The late Stanton Friedman,¹² who as a nuclear physicist and UFO researcher for about 60 years stated, "I got the impression that Condon didn't even read the rest of the volume" (53). Leslie Kean, a journalist and UFO researcher for over 20 years wrote:

¹² Stanton Friedman (1934-2019) was nuclear physicist who worked on classified projects and a noted UFO researcher since 1956. His full bio can be found here: http://stantonfriedman.com/index.php?ptp=stans_bio.

In fact, Condon himself did not participate in the analysis of the carefully researched case studies that made up the bulk of the study, and it appears he also didn't bother to read the finished product. (112)

There was some push back by scientists from the prestigious American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The AIAA had a UFO subcommittee, and they released a statement against Dr. Condon's conclusions. This is one of the things they've asserted:

The UFO Subcommittee did not find a basis in the report for his prediction that nothing of scientific value will come of further studies ("UFO - An Appraisal" 49).

Furthermore, the AIAA also asserted that the data within the Condon report "should arouse sufficient scientific curiosity to continue its study" ("UFO - An Appraisal" 49). So initially there was some push back against Condon from other scientists. Unfortunately, the damage was done. Most of the public, various media outlets including magazines etc. and of course our government eventually lost interest and Project Blue Book was shut down, i.e., the official public investigation into UFOs conducted by the USG was no more.

Consequently, despite the fact that the data within the report points to the notion that more study is encouraged, the conclusion provided at the beginning of the report played a crucial role. Indeed, who wants to read a technical report that is about 1,000 pages long when the conclusion effectively states, "There is nothing to see here folks, and that this UFO subject and study of UFOs is a complete waste of time. And by the way, it is harmful for your children to study and research such nonsense. Teachers should actively prevent students from conducting school projects involving UFOs."

The PAUAP is even worse. It's very brief and not only are the conclusions and observations inaccurate and weak but the content is also misleading and disingenuous. That is to say, the

PAUAP took the added measure that the PBBSR 14 and even the Condon report did not do: ensure that the actual details of the report itself match up with the conclusions being pushed, and keep it brief. Indeed this PAUAP is brief and layered with falsehoods.

It's interesting to note that there are striking parallels between PBBSR 14 the PAUAP. Both deny their past cases. PBBSR 14 summary denies all cases before 1955 stressing that the study in 1955 of the 131 cases (which really is not even the real study of PBBSR 14 so it should not be there!) are the better data set because of improvements with sources and methods of data collection. PAUAP, denies all cases before 2004 and yet stresses the majority of cases from last two years, thus implicitly putting into question of good data before 2019, and also deals with a small amount of cases, i.e., 144 as the better cases because of improvements of gathering data as well. And then both conclude that their respective 131 cases and 144 cases don't point to anything interesting. Indeed, as stated, the PAUAP's best case turned out to be a balloon.

It would seem that this bad element within the military-intelligence complex are not only still utilizing the same playbook, but perhaps arguably even improving their deception.

I realize that one might counter my assertions and conclusions and say that the other reports were final reports and the current report I am analyzing is a preliminary report, and therefore not a fair comparison. I acknowledge and appreciate this concern. This point is well taken. My rejoinder is: However, at the moment, there is no final report. And to compare the other reports with this one provides one a good gauge and insight of what is currently happening. At the very least, the comparison is a good indicator of how things are being handled at the moment. If things are truly better now, as some strongly assert, then even a preliminary assessment should reflect this. Sadly, current evidence strongly suggests otherwise.

Consequently, there is precedence that conclusions of past official reports about UFO studies have been utilized as a tool in an attempt of dissuading the general public and government (certainly Congress) from researching and investigating UFOs. It would seem that the UAPTF has

learned from the past. That is to say, the UAPTF has taken an added measure of ensuring the content is just as uninteresting and weak as the conclusions presented at the beginning of their report.

ASPECT 6: Excellent Data Already Exists

Consideration:

The PAUAP asserts that “available reporting is largely inconclusive” due to “limited data and inconsistency in reporting are key challenges to evaluating UAP.” In addition, the report states that there is “no standardized reporting mechanism” until March of 2019 (“Preliminary” 4).

Elaboration:

Sensory limitations? Limited and inconsistency of data? No standardized reporting mechanism? All these factors are what made this report largely inconclusive in its conclusions? My initial immediate gut quick response in plain language: That’s just not true.

My in-depth response:

UAPTF’s assessment omits immediate compelling data as well as plenty of historical important data. There’s a treasure trove of data and information since the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, etc. that directly points to the well-established notion that UFOs are attracted to our military nuclear based facilities as mentioned earlier in this writing. So if a private UFO investigator can come up with compelling UFO data, then surely our military had the proper means as well.

I realize the counter argument to my assertion is that perhaps, as the report asserts, that there wasn’t a proper mechanism for reporting UFO sightings within the military for all of the military personal who might witness UFOs. Maybe, but that does not negate the proposition that there

existed and still exists a covert deep black study group that looks into UFOs that secretly accumulated decades of compelling data. Indeed, I shall point to evidence that supports this claim. Consider what's known as the *Bolender memo*.

In 1979 a document was unearthed through the Freedom of Information Act by a private UFO researcher Robert Todd (*NICAP*). The document is popularly referred to as the "Bolender Memo."¹³ The Stanton Friedman and J. Allen Hynek¹⁴ took the memo very seriously for good reason. The Bolender memo indicates that there was a separate reporting system for reporting UFOs during the time of Blue Book, and this separate reporting system apart from Blue Book should continue. The memo is dated October 29, 1969 and written by Brigadier General Carroll Bolender of the USAF. A key portion of this memo states:

Moreover, reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system. (Bolender)

JANAP 146¹⁵ was a reporting system outside of the Blue Book system that the public was not aware of, and this system did have unidentified flying objects as one of the categories to report that could affect national security. This reporting system was cancelled in 1996 (Greenewald, "JANAP 146 Cancellation"). Here is a list from a JANAP 146 document that shows what is to be reported if it affected national security:

¹³Technically, it is not a memo but a draft document. However, the name stuck. For conventional purposes I shall continue with the term "Bolender Memo" as it is popularly referred to by even the most noted UFO researchers.

¹⁴ J. Allen Hynek (1910-1986) was an astrophysicist and the chief scientific consultant for the Air Force's UFO projects, i.e., *Project Sign*, *Project Grudge*, and *Project Blue Book*. Project Blue Book was from around 1952 to 1969. Hynek's full bio can be viewed here: <http://cufos.org/Hynekbio.html>.

¹⁵ *Stands for Joint Army, Navy, Air Force Publication*. National security was made in accordance with JANAP 146 and Air Force Manual 55-11.

- (a) Single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be directed against the United States or Canada or their forces.
- (b) Missiles.
- (c) Unidentified flying objects.
- (d) Hostile or unidentified submarines.
- (e) Hostile or unidentified group or groups of military surface vessels.
- (f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in an unusual location or following an unusual course.
- (g) Unlisted airfields or facilities, weather stations, or air navigation aids.
- (h) Any unexplained or unusual activity which may indicate a possible attack against or through Canada or the United States, including the presence of any unidentified or other suspicious ground parties in the Polar region or other remote or sparsely populated areas.

Source:

https://www.nsa.gov/Portals/70/documents/news-features/decclassified-documents/ufo/janap_146.pdf

Note, that this reporting system does make a distinction between air craft and unidentified flying objects. Friedman spoke with General Bolender and stated that Bolender understood the implications of having a separate system (Friedman 45). In fact, Friedman also showed the memo to Hynek and described Hynek's reaction when he read the memo:

I showed a copy of the Bolender memo to the former Project Blue Book scientific consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, in 1979, he was very upset, and felt that he had been badly used by the USAF: The best cases didn't go to Blue Book! (Friedman 45-6)

Hence, the above clearly demonstrates that there was a separate system apart from the Blue Book system with respect to reporting and gathering data about UFOs and it obviously continued on after the closing of Project Blue Book. Is there other evidence that suggests that the USG took interest into UFOs even after the closing of Project Book? Short answer is yes.

Lue Elizondo admitted that he spoke with a person who also ran a UFO program back in the 1980s under the Navy (Elizondo, "UFO Revelations"; Elizondo, "Luis Elizondo"). This is astounding and validates what UFO witnesses and ufologists have been asserting for decades. And, also, consider this statement by Elizondo this year:

There is historical radar data that we have that goes many decades where these things have been clocked doing 13, 14, 15 thousand miles an hour, and not just by one radar, [but] multiple radars (Elizondo, "EXCLUSIVE").

Let us not forget these two statements from Elizondo back in 2018 that was presented above within the context of *Aspect 3*:

I can tell you there were other events like the Nimitz events that occurred after the Nimitz and not in the distance past either. (Elizondo, "Secret")

There were incidents in which DOD technical equipment appeared to be in some cases manipulated or even disabled in a manner that was not advantageous to us. (Elizondo "Secret")

Also consider this quote by former Senator Reid:

The Federal government, all these years, has covered up everything. It's very, very bad for our country. (*The Phenomena*)

And when asked if there is some UFO data that hasn't seen the light of day, Senator Reid replied, "I'm saying, most of it hasn't seen the light of day" (*The Phenomena*).

Apollo Astronaut and sixth person to be on the Moon, Edgar Mitchell stated:

There have been crashed craft. There have been material recovered. And there is some group of people somewhere that may or may not be associated with government at this point, but certainly have at one time that have this knowledge. (*The Phenomena*)

What of the three very compelling videos that were officially released in 2017 in which two were published that same year on TTSA's YouTube channel and the NY Times Article, and later the Go Fast video published in March of 2018? These videos are not even mentioned. Indeed, the FLIR video is part of the Nimitz case. This case has a video showing sophisticated optical data in various modes and has corroborating military witness accounts that are quite public. And from what I understand other corroborating data exists from various other instrumentations that hasn't been made public yet. Indeed, the Nimitz case is an excellent compelling case that should've been easily designated as "high confidence". It is a stellar UFO case indeed, and yet not considered case worthy of "high confidence" or even an honorable mention? What of the 2015 USS Roosevelt case? This is the one with the other two videos, i.e., Gimbal and Go Fast videos. This suggests that all key data and information from AATIP were ignored. In other words, the PAUAP effectively saying the FLIR, Gimbal, and Go Fast, videos that are representative of the Nimitz and Roosevelt cases are not compelling enough as UFO incidents that warrant any further analysis.

The notion that the lack of UFO data is due to "limited data and inconsistency in reporting are key challenges to evaluating UAP," is frankly hogwash, putting it bluntly.

In any case, while technological improvements for sensory data are of course encouraged and a mechanism set up for reporting UFO incursions should be improved and expanded, it should

not preclude the fact that we *already have decades of excellent* data, that to my estimation establishes one thing clearly: *There is good evidence that suggests that an extremely advanced non-human intelligence is present here on Earth.*

Hence, the discussion of whether there a highly advanced non-human intelligence really is academic and really a settled issue many decades ago. And yet, even now, there is this old game since Project Blue Book being played in which this new group effectively asserts, “The past cases are not good data sets, because the sources and methods have improved since then. So we really have no idea what’s going on and so let’s start from ground zero. Oh and by the way the best case we got thus far is a balloon.”

It’s a stalling tactic. And a good one. What better way to stall than to deny all of the past and start at ground zero. This tactic is also useful, because if past data is deemed officially garbage, then it can be legally destroyed. And it’s not just UFO data but also records that point to the illegal and bad behavior of these bad elements of the military-intelligence community that would be destroyed. As will be evident within *Aspect 7*, these elements within the military-intelligence community will even destroy evidence they shouldn’t when no one is paying attention, and retroactively make an excuse why it was legal to do so, or just not answer as a stalling tactic with the hope that if enough time passes, then the issue won’t be so important.

ASPECT 7: UFO Stigma and Sociocultural Conditions

Consideration:

The PAUAP states that “Sociocultural stigmas and sensor limitations remain obstacles to collecting data on UAP” (“Preliminary” 4).

Elaboration:

As just indicated by the quote above from the preliminary assessment, ostensibly, seems to support the notion that stigmas against UFOs is due to sociocultural factors that obstructs “senior members of the scientific, policy, military, and intelligence communities” from engaging in the public realm seriously (“Preliminary” 4). While it is encouraging to read such a statement within a government document, it, nevertheless, is misleading and disingenuous. The preliminary assessment does not mention the fact, even in passing, that there is another aspect as to why the stigma against UFOs exists, and unarguably a more important one, because it points to the idea that we have a dysfunctional government in that *there is an element within the military-intelligence complex that is rogue; an element within the military-intelligence complex that operates with no oversight, acts completely independent and hidden, conducting business that is contrary to the values of the Constitution, and is dangerous*. They are a clear danger to the stability of our nation. Moreover: *It’s the socio-ethical philosophy they enact that needs to be remedied and not so much the sociocultural factors that implicitly puts the blame on the public*. Their behavior is indicative of a moral code that believes *in the end justifies the means*. Some relevant brief history is in order as to illuminate support for the statements just presented.

I’ll present evidence from the 1950s, 1960s, and present times that supports the statements above.

In 1953 the CIA launched a counterintelligence program against its own citizens regarding the UFO topic, which in turn was highly instrumental in perpetuating the stigma against the topic UFOs. Let me elaborate.

On July of 1952 there was a wave of UFO sightings in Washington, D.C. that caused quite a stir. So much so that it made headlines all over the country “even replacing front-page news of the Democratic National Convention in many newspapers” (Jacobs, *The UFO 77*). Both the Pentagon and Project Blue Book were swamped with “press and with congressional inquiries” about

the UFO situation, which in turn clogged up their communication systems (77). This wave created such a stir that even President Truman called the intelligence agencies to find out what was happening over the skies of our Capitol. As a result, the longest and largest press conference since World War II was held by the Air Force on July 29, 1952. In the end the press conference quelled the nation's press by simply pushing the narrative that these objects did not seem to present a national security concern. The Air Force controlled the narrative, even amongst its own by not inviting Major Dewey Fournet¹⁶ as well as a navy radar expert to the conference, because they did not subscribe to one of the theories the Air Force was pushing, which was the temperature inversion theory (78-9).

The CIA and the Air Force realized the UFO craze could be a security issue on two fronts. One, an enemy could exploit the UFO craze as a tactic in persuading the American public of being doubtful of the Air Force's truthfulness about UFOs, thus creating a discord between the citizens and its military. Second, the clogging up and jamming of communications in the military's nerve center due to public's heightened interest in UFOs when a sighting is reported (Jacobs, *The UFO* 89-90).

Consequently, in 1953, the CIA organized a panel of scientists for a four day secret session on January from the 14th to the 18th to take place at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, in trying to get a better handle of the UFO situation. So the closed door sessions ensued. This Robertson Panel made some startling recommendations (Jacobs, *The UFO* 91).¹⁷

The official name of their report is entitled, "Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects." One of recommendations the panel made was that "the national security agencies

¹⁶ Dewey Fournet was the Pentagon's liaison. His function was to keep the Pentagon abreast as to what Project Blue Book's activities (Jacobs 78).

¹⁷ The actual date and duration is not settled, because Ruppelt indicated that the sessions didn't start until January 12 and went for five days, but the Robertson panel minutes puts the date between January 14 and 18. Yet, according to a copy of the minutes, the dates are from January 14 to the 17 (Jacobs 314 -15 footnote 3).

strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of their special status” (Robertson 26).¹⁸ The Robertson panel also recommended a policy of dunking. The panel literally recommended training personnel with “training and debunking” (19).

The training aim would result in proper recognition of usually illuminate objects (e.g. balloons, aircraft reflections) as well as natural phenomena (meteors, fireballs, mirages, noctilucent clouds). (Robertson 19)

The panel also recommended the monitoring of UFO organizations, “because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur” (Robertson 24).

I am not denying the sociocultural stigma as an important layer with the issue of UFOs. But there is another even a more important layer the PAUAP conveniently ignores: *there is a secret minority group of individuals who are rogue and have no oversight and have decided for the majority population what we should or should not know*. In 1952, the citizens were exercising their constitutional right with wanting to know what is going on, and elements of the military-intelligence complex not only denies their constitutional right, but also launches counterintelligence program against its own citizens as well as against its own military and intelligence services who are not part of this secret group. The PAUAP conveniently ignores this crucial aspect that’s plagued the UFO issue in America for the past 70 years and continues to this day. Let’s briefly look at the 1960s.

In the 1960s the Air Force’s dismissive response of the famous Michigan 1966 wave of UFO sightings caused an uproar. So much so that the Democratic congressman from Michigan *Weston E Vivian* and then House Republican minority leader *Gerald R. Ford* responded by formerly calling for a congressional hearing. Consequently, on April 5, 1966 a *Congressional Hearing did*

¹⁸ This would explain why in 1955 the Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 had their summary, and why the Department of Defense’s put out their press with false information as discussed in Aspect 5.

convene before the House Committee on Armed Services, 89th Congress, 2nd Session, aptly entitled, "Unidentified Flying Objects" ("Unidentified"; Jacobs, *The UFO* 200-04; Ford). During the hearing, the O'Brien committee recommended that a study group be formed to further analyze UFO data. Of course, the Air Force 'generously' formed a panel of six people they chose to aid the O'Brien committee with this task (Jacobs, *The UFO* 206). On October 7, 1966, the Air Force announced that the University of Colorado accepted to do an academic study of the nature of UFOs headed by *Dr. Edward U. Condon*, professor of physics at the University of Colorado (209). Thus, the Condon Committee was born. It should be noted that the Air Force was instrumental and played a pivotal role in making sure the committee was properly funded by aiding a process that allowed for allocating a total of 500,000 dollars for the Condon committee study group so they would be properly funded (207-09). Thus, the Air Force in effect sponsored the Condon committee.

While the Condon committee ostensibly conducting its own study of UFOs, a memo written by Robert Low¹⁹ was leaked to the public realm by virtue of an article by John Fuller, in *Look* magazine (May 14, 1968 edition) entitled, "Flying Saucer Fiasco", that pointed to the fact that the Condon committee was a total sham (Jacobs, *The UFO* 231; Fuller). Congressman *J. Edward Roush* from Indiana found out about this leaked memo, by virtue of reading the article by Fuller.²⁰ The significance of this memo was not lost on Congressman Roush. The key portion of the memo that struck him was this:

The trick would be to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer. (Jacobs, *The UFO* 229; Fuller)

¹⁹ Robert Low: Vice President and Dean of Faculties at the University of Colorado and a member of the Condon Project. He was the project coordinator of the Condon Committee

²⁰ This infamous memo is known as the "trick memo" among UFO researchers with good reason.

The Low memo upset Congress Roush so much that it prompted him to deliver a speech on the House floor and stated that he had “grave doubts as to the scientific profundity and objectivity of the project”, and that the Low memo was evidence as to the Air Force’s influence in the Condon project. Roush “recommended that a new congressional investigation” was in order (Jacobs, *The UFO* 233). Consequently, another congressional hearing indeed was convened on July 29, 1968, i.e., “*Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects,*” *Congressional Hearing in the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Congress, 2nd Session* (“Symposium”).

Unfortunately, the Condon report came out that same year in November. As illuminated earlier in this writing, the result of the conclusion reached by this report was the proverbial final nail on the coffin that ended the government’s public interest in the investigations of UFOs, and by extension had a direct causal effect within regular government employees and the general public. Effectively asserting, “UFOs are not important; nothing to see hear folks.”

Let’s fast forward to 2021.

Let’s consider the PAUAP itself, because there is also a level of irony here. Consider this statement by Christopher Mellon:

It is hard to believe that in the face of such radical and incredible technology, within our vast defense department, we only have a so-called task force, consisting of two individuals with no budget, who are still being stiff-armed for access to relevant and timely information by the Air Force and other security organizations (Fox).

So who is stiff-arming the UATPF? The PAUAP is itself is a counter to its own assertions. It’s not the sociocultural stigma that is pervasive everywhere that is the problem. Most, news media and the general public would be intrigued and listen with great interest if the UATPF presented

intriguing information that points to the possibility that some of these UFOs are indicative of an advance non-human intelligence.

As a result, sadly and frighteningly, it's the elements of the military-intelligence community that will inevitably also take aggressive and illegal measures against single individuals they view as a threat and who push to the topic of UFOs.

Lue Elizondo—former: U.S. Army counterintelligence agent, Director of DOD's National Programs Special Management Staff (NPSMS) OUSD(I), and Program Element Manager for the Aerospace Threat Identification Program AATIP— is a perfect example of an individual that the bad elements within our DOD will go after using illegal and immoral means in keeping an individual quiet from talking about truth about UFOs. It seems as though these bad elements within the DOD are treating Lue Elizondo as an enemy of the State, when in fact he is the true patriot and hero of our great nation. It is important to note that while Elizondo is former military, hence, his current status is by definition a private citizen (a civilian now, like the rest of us). Although, it's important to take note of that he still is actively engaged with the efforts of UAPTF (Knapp, Adams, and Phenix). Given that Lue Elizondo is an individual from the military-intelligence complex who has broken rank, and has been (and arguably still is) directly actively engaged with the UAPTF's efforts, and he was former director AATIP, then it's appropriate, important, and pertinent to include the kinds of counterintelligence activities the elements from the DOD have implemented against him as an individual in this portion of the writing in the content proper.

The Case of Mr. Lue Elizondo:

1. Coded Death Threat

In 2018, Elizondo admitted that he was threatened by the Pentagon for his personal safety:

Since I've left, I received two threats from people inside that building, which to me is almost unfathomable...I had someone call me and actually tell me maybe I should be threatened for my personal safety. (Elizondo, "Exclusive 60 Minutes")

In others words, in my opinion it would seem he received a coded threat from someone in the Pentagon. It is also important to take note of that by this time, Elizondo was a civilian (and still is). He was not in the military at this point. So by definition, simply put: the Pentagon threatened a private citizen of the United States with a death threat for talking about UFOs.

2. DOD's discrediting campaign against Lue Elizondo's professional background.

The DOD has enacted counterintelligence campaign against Elizondo's professional background. They did a masterful job in obfuscating facts about Elizondo's claims of his role and involvement while he was with AATIP. There were various kinds of tactics utilized by Pentagon that they intentionally created and/or took advantage of for their strategy of discrediting Elizondo. The tactics they employed:

A. Put into question the actual role of AATIP.²¹

B. Discredit Elizondo's claims with respect to his role with AATIP.²²

The well-publicized activities of this "spokesperson" Susan Gough put into question the purpose of AATIP along with putting into question about Elizondo's role within AATIP. It was not a coincidence that eventually the Pentagon replaced their initial spokesperson Christopher Sherwood with Susan Gough. Her background in psychological operations played a vital role.²³ She masterfully muddied the waters, which caused serious divisions and holy wars within the UFO community, especially on various social media platforms. For added measure as so as to better control

²¹ For details, please go to [APPENDIX-A](#).

²² For details, please go to [APPENDIX-B](#).

²³ For Susan Gough's relevant background please go to [APPENDIX-E](#).

the narrative, Joe Gradisher (the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare) indicated that “all media inquiries on UAPs go to DOD Public Affairs, Sue Gough”(Cecotti)²⁴. With only one person in place who is also fully well-schooled in PSYOPS, the stage is set.

Gough caused unbelievable amounts of confusion division amongst people. For example, various social media platforms, especially Twitter, the UFO community was extremely divided on both sides of the aisle. At the same time, the layperson who was not into UFOs and unaware of the politics involving the subject, but curious, inevitably would also be confused and questioned the validity of Elizondo’s’ background and his assigned duties with respect to AATIP. I, myself, ran into such people in the ‘real world’ outside of the Internet who doubted the validity and credibility of Elizondo’s background as a direct result of the false information Gough spread. It’s reasonable to assume that this counterintelligence campaign against Elizondo included individuals who had (and still have) fake social media accounts so as to further muddy the waters.

3. DOD implying that Elizondo was involved in publishing unauthorized release of three UFO videos (i.e., FLIR, Gimbal, Go Fast). Another form of discrediting Elizondo, but this time attacking his character by accusing him of wrongdoings.

On April 27, 2020, the Department of Defense officially *published* the three now famous UFO videos (FLIR, Gimbal, Go Fast) on their website, yet, claiming it as a formal *release* that day. Note, the distinction between *released* and *published*. DOD claimed the three UFO videos “have been circulating in the public domain after unauthorized releases in 2007 and 2017.” (U. S. Department). Indeed, the FLIR was leaked in 2007, but the Gimbal and Go Fast were legally released in 2017 by the DOD. Furthermore, just because the FLIR was unauthorized in circulation status in 2007, does not negate that fact that the DOD actually did go through a formal process of releasing them in 2017. In fact, there is a document clearly indicating that the DOD formerly did clear the three videos and it stated: “CLEARED For Open Publication Aug 24, 2017” (Knapp; [Appendix-F](#)).

²⁴ Please go to [APPENDIX-C](#) to view the email.

And so the three videos were allowed to disseminate and be published: The New York Times published the two videos (FLIR and Gimbal) on December 16, 2017 (Cooper et al.). TTSA²⁵ published the same videos on December 16, 2017 as well. The Go Fast was published on their YouTube channel on March 9, 2018.²⁶

Even back in 2018, veteran investigative journalist George Knapp asked Elizondo about the videos being properly released. Elizondo replied:

The videos were released by the Department of Defense. The Department of Defense made the decision to release them. They were to be released, at the unclassified level...through the Department of Defense "DOPSER" review process, approved the release for exactly the reason why the request was made. So it was completely (on the) up and up (Knapp).

Elizondo also stated:

The videos went through a further layer which was not required, a Foreign Disclosure Review. So the three videos that were out...have been through official process per stated by the DOD policy and regulation (Knapp).

Interestingly, AFOSI launched investigation on December 22, 2017 with regards of the videos being properly released and if Lue Elizondo was involved in any wrongdoing ([APPENDIX-G](#)). By April 13, 2018, both the AFOSI and the Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office declared the matter closed. This means the FLIR, GIMBAL, and Go Fast videos were properly released by the DOD on August 24, 2017, and Elizondo was cleared on any wrongdoing. (McMillan; [APPENDIX-G](#)).

²⁵ To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science

²⁶ All three videos are still residing on the TTSA's YouTube channel named "To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science".

At any rate, when the DOD pulled their April 27, 2020 stunt, Elizondo got wind of the shenanigans they were involved in, and provided a statement that was published the very next day on Mystery Wire:

However, the fact that DOD continues to categorize the release as an “unauthorized disclosure” when there is ample documentation proving otherwise is disappointing. As stated by DOD before, if there were any missteps involving the release of these videos, it fell under DOD’s responsibility and not mine or my colleagues within AATIP. (Knapp)

As far as this author is concerned, Elizondo is cleared of any wrongdoing and the matter is settled. It’s clear what elements of the military-intelligence are trying to accomplish against Elizondo.

Addendum – the manner of how this was handled was also odd. Elizondo even admitted this:

I find it strange the Pentagon would assign an Air Force unit to investigate alleged data spills involving Navy information, technology, and data. Especially, when there are NCIS [Naval Criminal Investigative Service] representatives in the same building. (McMillan)

Furthermore, when the DOD spokesperson Susan Gough was contacted by the news outlet *Motherboard* about this, and in the end, she provided no response concerning this matter (McMillan).

As I stated at the beginning of this writing, it is the opinion of this author that it is self-evident that a civil war of sorts within the military-intelligence industrial complex is in process. Simply put, Lue Elizondo left the DOD because he was dissatisfied with how the DOD was handling the UFO subject by keeping it a secret from Congress and the public. Elizondo himself admitted this in not so many words:

Even though there was no wrongdoing on the part of my office, there are still elements within the Pentagon who are very sensitive about this topic and are unhappy with this information being brought forward for public discussion (McMillan).

Now elements of the DOD are going after him. Logic dictates that obviously some are secretly supporting him. That's why it's a civil war, in that you have supporters and those that come after you within the same organization.

With respect to the DOD publishing the videos and acknowledging UFOs, my interpretation on the matter is this:

The three aforementioned videos are out, and have been for a while. So, the DOD devised a strategy of gaining control of the narrative with the implementation of three tactics:

A. Publish the videos as an OFFICIAL first release:

Now that the videos were and are being disseminated and published everywhere in the public realm anyway, the DOD need to appear that they are in control of the narrative to say in effect, "Ok, we are now officially releasing the videos." (Even though they were already formerly released in 2017.)

B. Simultaneously Discredit Elizondo:

Tacitly implicate that Elizondo didn't go through the proper formal procedure of getting the DOD to release the videos by stating that the videos that have been circulating in the public domain before April 27, 2020 were unauthorized releases in 2007 and 2017.

C. Downplay the importance of the three videos:

Acknowledge the videos on the website, yet, simultaneously downplay their importance and just label them as historical videos and outdated: "This information is provided for historical purposes only. It may contain outdated information and links may no longer

function” (Department of Defense). The overall message should convey a sense of ‘the videos could be anything, and not a security issue, so we are not worried about it. You can look at them if you want. Our team has, and there is nothing of importance.’

That is my interpretation of the Department of Defense’s publishing of the three aforementioned videos on its website on April 27, 2020.

4. Elizondo’s emails not available and probably destroyed.

Ever since the New York Times broke the story that there was a government sponsored UFO program known by the acronym AATIP (Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program), and that Lue Elizondo was its former program manager, UFO researcher and FIOA expert, John Greenwald delved into Elizondo’s professional background the best way he knew how: FIOA requests. And FOIA requests he made.

During the course of his FOIA activities related to the background of Lue Elizondo, Greenwald was especially curious about the contents of Elizondo’s emails and focused his FOIA activities to that end. Some results were gained. However, with respect to gaining access to Elizondo’s emails regarding content that would “add insight and clarification to the many stories that have circulated” about UFO related activities and assignments with AATIP, he noticed an emerging pattern. Greenwald noticed that whenever it came to certain key words he used like “Unidentified,” “AATIP,” “AAWSAP,” “UAP,” “Community of Interest,” “To The Stars,” “DeLonge,” and “Puthoff”, etc., which are keywords directly related to the kinds of things Greenwald was interested in, the results seemed fruitless, i.e., that are no records indicating the things he was requesting kind of response (Greenwald “Pentagon Destroyed”).

A specific example of this is a FOIA request he submitted dated September 21, 2019 (FOIA case 19-F-1903), for it is clear example of what he was running up against and the end result of this

specific FOIA case is the pertinent issue here. He did receive a response to his request from the Department of Defense – Freedom of Information Division – on December 13, 2019 and the key portion of the response is thusly (Greenewald “Pentagon Destroyed”):

After searches of the electronic records and files of, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

(Greenewald “Pentagon Destroyed”; [APPENDIX-D](#))

So there are no records found that Greenewald requested, but no overt statement that Elizondo’s emails did not exist as such. Naturally, Mr. Greenewald appealed the case and there was some back and forth between FOIA and Greenewald for clarification purposes as to make sure certain parameters were considered with his initial request. Consequently, after about two years, he did receive a final response dated April 1, 2021. (Greenewald “Pentagon Destroyed”). The key portion I present thusly:

[N]o records of the kind you described could be identified. Please note the e-mails of the department of Defense (DOD) employees are not retained unless they are considered historical records and retained by the National Records Center. **There are currently no existing e-mail accounts for Mr. Elizondo.** We believe the search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

In regards to the records you forwarded responsive to your FOIA case number 18-F0644, the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review Office located those records from their record systems. Those records, which we released to you, were responsive to your request for all records/correspondence relating to the DD Form 1910s sent to/from

Mr. Elizondo and their office. **There were no other records located responsive to emails to/from Mr. Elizondo.** (Greenewald "Pentagon Destroyed"; [APPENDIX-D](#))²⁷

Yes, indeed, it looks the Pentagon deleted his emails. Once, Elizondo found out about these actions against him, he responded thusly:

Obviously, I was very disappointed in that because frankly, it's **illegal** in some cases, especially as it related to some of my work I was doing. (Elizondo, "Luis Elizondo On His E-Mails")²⁸

Additionally, Luis Elizondo provided an alternative insight as to what might really be going on. His suspicion is that perhaps they are secretly withholding all his correspondences because it's "extremely damning and incriminating. So they don't want it to come out" (Elizondo, "Luis Elizondo On His E-Mails"). But that's actually a very good reason to destroy them, especially, if one appeals to the moral principle, as these bad elements apparently do, that the end justifies the means.

The DOD had plenty of time to do what they needed to do in order to cover their tracks and come up with a plausible scenario why the emails are nowhere to be found. If the copies of the emails exist anywhere, my suspicion is they are not on government grounds. Nevertheless, most likely destroyed. We shall see.

The story of his emails are ongoing. But I think enough is said to indicate that whether his emails are being secretly hidden or destroyed, is in either case, an illegal scenario and, also, another example of a nefarious action one should expect from elements of our military-intelligence community.

²⁷ Bolds were added for emphasis

²⁸ Bolded for emphasis

5. Denial of Income Attack

Elizondo was threatened yet again. But a different sophisticated kind of harassment. It's what I've learned that some term as a *denial of income attack*; to create financial hardship to the target. Elizondo's attorney, Daniel Sheehan, stated:

What he [Elizondo] is saying is there are certain individuals in the Defense Department who in fact were attacking him and lying about him publicly, using the color of authority of their offices to disparage him and discredit him and were interfering in his ability to seek and obtain gainful employment out in the world. And also threatening his security clearance (Bender).

Concluding Thoughts for Aspect 7

All this begs the question, if this is happening to Lue Elizondo, then does this happen to other people as well? Yes! And things of this nature have been occurring since the 1940s to current times. It is for this the reason I have included an [APPENDIX-H](#) as to briefly highlight this extremely crucial issue. As stated, I include Mr. Elizondo in the content proper because he is directly from the military-intelligence complex and one who has broken rank, he is directly actively engaged with the UAPTF; he was director of AATIP, which is a predecessor to UAPTF; and his former colleagues are involved in all this on one level or another. What occurred and still happens to him is a symptom of a corrupt element of the military-intelligence complex.

Consequently, the issue is not simply the sociocultural stigmas against UFOs that inhibits and dissuades people in coming forward. There exists a minority of the population within our nation who are rogue and operating without any oversight, and effectively controlling the majority population with respect to UFOs and they will implement extreme measures if they feel it is needed. That is the issue, because it goes against our constitutional Republican democracy. It is the *socio-ethical philosophy of the intelligence organizations, especially counterintelligence that is the challenge that needs to be dealt with head-on*. This is the important and imperative challenge to meet.

These rogue elements as stated actively practice the ethical code of the ends justifies the means. This is a dangerous moral code to appeal to as a matter of course. Once this kind of moral code is acceptable as a rule of thumb, then all will be permissible. That's an unbelievably dangerous path to go down. Consider this quote from a communist activist in Stalin's time during the artificial famine (the Holodomor) in Ukraine:

With the rest of my generation I firmly believed that the ends justified the means. Our great goal was the universal triumph of Communism, and for the sake of that goal everything was permissible – to lie, to steal, to destroy hundreds of thousands even millions of people, all those who were hindering our work or could hinder it, everyone who stood in the way. (Conquest 233)

I think Elizondo realizes the dangerous path this rogue element of the United States military-intelligence complex is taking as he stated in an interview:

As a patriot, somebody who served their country in uniform...I fought against tyranny over in the battle fields of the desert and jungles only to find that the same tyranny now within the halls of the Pentagon. That is problematic. (Elizondo, "Luis Elizondo On His E-Mails")

CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL THOUGHTS

It seems that the PAUAP is indeed *anemic, disingenuous, and is meant not only to misinform but also misdirect the general population of what is truly known about UFOs* as stated at the onset of this writing.

The PAUAP is a representation of the nefarious process against the positive aspects of the human condition that would encourage and allow us to expand our conscious understanding not

just only of the world around us but a deeper insight and understanding of ourselves and how we are of the world around us, not apart from it. So much data have been accumulated and so many compelling solid cases. And this PAUAP is effectively telling us to ignore all of this and instructs us focus on the past two years and start at ground zero. The PAUAP is effectively asserting, “All the other preceding data mean nothing, and by the way all the data we do have is not really truly been validated, because we need more study, and the best case we have is deflated balloon.” Yes, folks, a “balloon.” Sound familiar? That’s the bottom line message that implicitly came through to me as I was conducting my analysis. It was truly disheartening and disturbing process of analyzing the PAUAP.

As illuminated in *Aspect 4*, its classification system does not allow for a nuanced understanding of the concept of *unidentified*. It doesn’t even have a separate category for a true unknown, which by definition would then allow and encourage the general public to have a conversation of considering technologically advanced non-human presence as an answer for some of these UFOs. So despite what the PAUAP ostensibly asserts about stigmatization, the actual content of the report suggests otherwise, i.e., it perpetuates the stigma of UFOs outright by not even encouraging the possibility of an advanced non-human intelligence here on Earth, as ironically, Project Blue Book actually did, given its classification system that did have a nuanced understanding of the concept of *unidentified*.

As illuminated in *Aspect 5*, the PAUAP in a sense is more insidious in nature than both Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 and the Condon report together, because the PAUAP ensured, unlike the other two reports, that both the conclusion and the actual content matched up, i.e., extremely weak in substance at both ends, thus dissuading public interest that’s needed to put pressure on Congress to get to the bottom of all this.

Again, as I’ve addressed within *Aspect 5*, I appreciate the concern that comparing the two aforementioned reports with the PAUAP might not be a fair comparison because the former are final reports and the latter is a preliminary one. As stated before, my rejoinder is: *However, at*

the moment, there is no final report. And to compare the other reports with this one provides one a good gauge and insight of what is currently happening. At the very least, the comparison is a good indicator of how things are being handled at the moment. If things are truly better now, as some strongly assert, then even the preliminary report should reflect this. Sadly, current evidence strongly suggests otherwise.

So where do we go from here?

This writing never asserted it would present a solution to this awful situation we are in. Admittedly, I have made some ethical and moral observations, e.g., Aspect 7. I conducted a philosophical methodology for implementing conceptual analysis of an object called PAUAP, and provided evidence that supports the thesis of this writing. This has been accomplished. Nevertheless, given the current state affairs and what this object PAUAP represents, I do think it is important and incumbent upon me to provide some insight or some general thoughts as a reasonable path that could be a possible remedy for this unfortunate, depressing, and frightening situation of what this object PAUAP represents.

Ethical and Moral Observations and Recommendations:

We can chew gum and walk at the same time. What I mean is, we can have this UFO task force, but it should function on top of all existing and open data from the past 70 plus years, and not starting at ground zero. It's a stalling tactic by these gatekeepers that implicitly suggests we start from ground zero. The purpose of this UFO task force should not be whether there is a non-human intelligence. Indeed, given the analysis of the report, it's evident that this task force has no real intention of building up from ground zero, but to stay there. This UAPTF, as it is now, is just a ruse. There already exists some sort of group or groups as an unacknowledged SAP that maybe partly be operating within the public sector. More importantly, there already exists a treasure trove of data that without question establishes that there is a technologically advanced non-human presence here on Earth, and this presence has been here at the very least 70 years. There is no question about this.

I suspect part of the reason for this cover-up is that these bad elements within our military-intelligence complex do not want to face the music of not only covering up the data but also for conducting counterintelligence activities against its own citizens, which is immoral and illegal.

My first suggestion as uncomfortable as it is, is that everything needs to come forward; data needs to be released to Congress and to all of us. I realize this is wishful thinking. This first suggestion merely is a way to underscore that there already exists a treasure trove of data, and this UAPTF with its mission of needing more data and improvements of sources and methods for collecting data is a ruse.

Some members of Congress are pushing for answers, which is fine. My concern is given all of the above discussed in this writing. Congress is being lied to and are not even cognizant of it. Their egos will be stroked with eloquent language, proper decorum, proper display of empathy from these gatekeepers, and all the while Congresspersons are fed garbage without even realizing it. While at the same time elements of the Pentagon are still downplaying the role of Elizondo's credibility and past history etc.

I see a parallel history here.

In a sense, Edward Ruppelt was the Elizondo of the 1950s. He also ran a government UFO sponsored program, but the one he managed was called Project Blue Book. He ran it from 1951 to 1953. There was no internet or podcasts, so when he came out, he published a book in 1956 entitled, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects". It eventually got the attention of some people in government. Consequently in 1958, Congressman John Henderson wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy requesting a briefing about UFOs as direct result from reading Ruppelt's book (Henderson).

The Air Force granted a debriefing to Congressman Henderson, but not before they received some specific directives from the Commander of the ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center) of what to say during this briefing. The ATIC literally instructed that “before answering questions” that the subject of Ruppelt needed to be dealt with first. The Air Force was instructed to tell Congressman Henderson that Ruppelt’s “opinions, and conclusions are his own and not necessarily those of the Air Force.” Furthermore, the Air Force was to say that while Ruppelt had “good knowledge and appreciation of various technical fields and scientific fields” that, nevertheless, “he was not an expert in highly specialized fields such as astrophysics, meteorological optics, psychological influences, etc.” (COMDR). So first things first: implicitly minimize both the credibility of Ruppelt and the contents of his book. Does this sound familiar?

The ATIC also instructed the Air Force to downplay the importance of UFO data from other nations by asserting that the United States acquired “only a very small percentage of UFO reports officially issued by foreign governments or our allies” and that in the end those UFOs are probably just “aircraft or other airborne” (COMDR).

The briefing did of course occur and it included not only Congressman Henderson but a few other Congresspersons were in attendance as well. Air Force’s Major Byrne conveyed the success of the brief in a memo in which three key points stand out within the memo as to why the Air Force would be greatly satisfied by the outcome of the briefing with the congresspersons. First, Air Force memo stated that they were able to gain the confidence from the congresspersons as to Project Blue Book as a good UFO program. Second, the Air Force was able to persuade congresspersons to distrust private UFO organizations and private researchers. Third, the Air Force provided the classified copy of certain portions of the “Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects”, i.e, the Robertson panel report (Byrne).

Again, my concern is something like this is already going on right now unbeknownst to members of Congress. The DOD is constantly downplaying the importance of Elizondo and of AAITP. And then the UAPTF provides members of congress with a report that are misrepresentations

of data and inaccurate data, and at the same time during briefings they will be charmed by these officials with their mannerisms, smiles, and fake displays of empathetic understanding and appreciation as to why members of congress are curious about UFOs. Given all of the above within this writing, it is a concern that is greatly warranted. Indeed, the PAUAP itself is a clear representation of this nefarious process thus far as outlined above.

Some might construe the above assertion as an implicit attack on Lue Elizondo, given that he is actively involved with the UAPTF. Let me make this very clear: *It is not an attack on Elizondo by any stretch of the imagination.* My sense of Mr. Lue Elizondo is that he is man of great integrity and empathy, and loves what the United States Constitution stands for. He abides by the spirit of our Constitution. I'm not sure he is aware of all that is going on with respect to the behavior of the bad elements of within the military-intelligence complex and what they have done and continue to do to private citizens who are merely UFO witnesses, but I do not doubt his integrity nor his intentions. Mr. Lue Elizondo is sincerely trying to do right by our country he loves, by recognizing the rights of citizens of the United States first. That is my read on him. He would want all 70 years plus of the data to come forward and let the American people decide what should be done. Elizondo appreciates the fact that the military-intelligence complex and our government as a whole work for the people and not the other way around.

Consequently, the UAPTF's anemic approach and terrible preliminary report is due to the bullying from the bad elements within the military-intelligence complex that has undermined any progress.

My second suggestion is that Congress implement a legal process, given the extraordinary set of circumstances, which would amend Elizondo's NDA, so that he could legally come forward and inform Congress firsthand what he knows and has seen with respect to all of this. The bad elements count on the fact that Elizondo will not and cannot break his NDA. This is part of their game plan against Elizondo and by extension the rest of us.

At the moment, my intuition suggests that the above just stated would dismantle the concern with *Aspect 7*. Once that aspect is remedied, my thinking is that it should have positive causal affect with the other *aspects*. Everything should fall into place; the other issues within the other aspects should cease. The caveat is life is usually messier, and ideals usually never get instantiated properly. True enough. But just because a meal can be messy to eat should not preclude one from eating it heartily.

My final thought I have with respect of us being able to get out of this mess is: Hope.

Is there hope? Yes, but hope alone is not enough. Hope by itself is in danger of being buttressed with naiveté or arrogance. Nevertheless, hope is a good place to start and a key ingredient. Hope helps gives one the strength to endure against all odds. So in this sense being naïve to the odds against oneself can be crucial for survival. Hope also opens the door for opportunities and possibilities that would not be even considered without it. Hope is also an invitation for courage and imagination. It is courage that aides one in getting things done. And imagination gives one the gift of conceiving possibilities. In short, while hope helps one with the strength to endure, courage and imagination provide hope its practical application.

As stark as the conclusions of this writing are, I am hopeful. History has shown that hope can be the strongest ally and that can lead to a prosperous future. And I'd like to think that love, empathy and other virtues some of us cherish persevere over darkness. *The end justifies the means* is the disease of the mind like that of a sociopath. Indeed, it is the same implicit mantra of the sociopath. That is an empty meaningless and destructive life, and one who employs and lives by this proposition treats everything only as a means, and will treat certain things as an end only when it serves a purpose. It's a self-defeating proposition to live by, and leaves one with an empty unfulfilled heart, and no joy in life. No thanks. I vote for hope, joyous living, and true friendship; love. I am not advocating naiveté. But treating everything only as a means is self-destructive and breeds more problems than it solves.

The U.S. Constitution embodies the best qualities of humanity. It's a wonderful representation of the Age of Enlightenment. Let's not abandon these wonderful qualities our Constitution beholds with the *end justifies the means* aphorism that not only poisoned our political system, but also our military-intelligence community. Sadly, the PAUAP is a reflection of this and it propagates this unfortunate and dangerous kind of thinking. Let's hope for better things to come.

H O P E

APPENDIX-A

ISSUE: Numerous different statements concerning the role of AATIP from the USG.

Statement 1

Christine Kapnisi, DIA Congressional Relations Division, January 9, 2018:

The purpose of AATIP was to investigate foreign advanced aerospace weapon threats from the present to the next 40 years (Pope, "DIA Secret").

Statement 2

Christopher Sherwood, Pentagon Spokesperson, May 22, 2019:

The AATIP program did pursue research and investigation into the unidentified aerial phenomenon (UAP)" (Greenstreet, "The Pentagon Finally").

Statement 3

Susan Gough, Pentagon Spokesperson, December 6, 2019:

AATIP did not pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena; that was not part of the technical studies nor the reports produced by the program (Greenewald, "The Pentagon").

Statement 4

Susan Gough, Pentagon Spokesperson, May 22, 2021:

The purpose of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) was to investigate foreign advanced aerospace weapon system applications, with future technology projections over the next 40 years, and to create a center of expertise for advanced aerospace technologies...

...In developing the reports and exploring how to create a "center of expertise," the contract allowed for research drawn from a wide variety of sources, including reports of UAPs. However, the examination of UAP observations was not the purpose of AATIP (Pope, "Pentagon").

APPENDIX-B

ISSUE: Various official and false statements that put into question of Elizondo's role with AATIP

Statement 1

Christopher Sherwood, Pentagon Spokesperson, June 1 2019:

Mr. Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI [the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence], up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017 (Kloor).

Christopher Sherwood replaced by Susan Gough:

Christopher Sherwood not happy with how Pentagon is handling this. Steven Greenstreet, of the New York Post, wanted documentation as to Sherwood's claim. He never received any, however, in the end he did receive a reply from Sherwood:

I'm not really happy with the way they are handling this story. (Greenstreet, "New!")

Since then Sherwood stopped communicating with Steven Greenstreet of the New York Post, Susan Gough apparently replaced Chris Sherwood and consequently assigned as the new spokesperson for the Pentagon (Greenstreet, "New!").

Statement 2

Susan Gough, Pentagon Spokesperson June 14, 2019:

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic... It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSDI(I). (Greenewald, "Pentagon Reinforces")

Statement 3

After the previous statement came out, Steven Greenstreet asked the DIA spokesperson, and the response was:

Yes, Lue Elizondo was involved with transferring AATIP out of DIA to another office. (Greenstreet, "New!").

Statement 4

Nevertheless, by the end of the day, the Pentagon resorted back to its stronger statement against Elizondo vis-à-vis spokesperson **Susan Gough's** latest statement on June 2021:

Elizondo did not have any assigned responsibilities for AATIP (Greenstreet, "New!").

Additional Important Relevant Facts

Note: Note, by July 2020 Susan Gough was assigned to be the only point person with respect to media and general public. This provides the Pentagon additional control of the narrative against Lue Elizondo. Please to go [Appendix-C](#) for details of Gough's establishment as main point person. Also for detailed academic and relevant professional background on Gough please go to [Appendix-E](#).

APPENDIX-C

GOUGH ASSIGNED AS POINT PERSON

Mark Cecotti obtained an internal government email dated July 10, 2020 as evidence that Joe Gradisher (the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare) gave a directive that “all media inquiries on UAPs go to DOD Public Affairs, Sue Gough.” Note that within this memo, Gradisher also provided an additional directive on how to handle the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests with respect to UFOs. This provides the Pentagon additional control of a narrative against Lue Elizondo they want to present the public.

Cc: [REDACTED] CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA)
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[REDACTED] LT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA)
- [REDACTED] >; Gough, Susan I.
(Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: POC for UAP

Jeff,

Thanks for reaching out...

Megan is correct, from a Public Affairs perspective, all media inquiries on UAPs go to DOD Public Affairs, Sue Gough (cc'd)... keeping me in the loop, as we coordinate closely.

To date, we have not authorized any media interviews on the subject.

Make no comment. The nuances of all this are such that any deviations from the statements that DOD makes result in multiple news stories, and additional FOIA requests at various levels.

If we need to, we'll coordinate with you on specific responses, depending on the questions asked!

Also, generally speaking, we let the normal FOIA process work as it is supposed to... but we have been requesting that FOIA offices coordinate with us on UAP-focused FOIA responses before they hit "reply" so that new terms/language/etc. aren't introduced that complicate the overall messaging efforts.

Additionally, there is now a Security Classification Guidance document (at the SECRET) level, that addresses the UAP issue and what may/may not be discussed publicly. Happy to get that to you if you see the need.

Any questions, feel free to call me!

Regards,

Joe

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Source: Cecotti, Mark. “How the DoD is keeping tabs on UAP-related FOIA requests.” *The Parallax*:
Posted: 2021 March 13. Web.
<http://parallaxuap.blogspot.com/2021/03/how-dod-is-keeping-tabs-on-uap-related.html>.

APPENDIX-D

December 13, 2019 - Response from the DOD Freedom of Information Division to John Greenewald



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

DEC 13 2019
Ref: 19-F-1903

Mr. John Greenewald Jr.
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Suite #1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald Jr.:

This is the final response to your September 21, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on September 23, 2019, and assigned it case number 19-F-1903. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USDI), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted another search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

April 1, 2021 - Response from the DOD Freedom of Information Division to John Greenewald



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 19-F-1903
April 1, 2021

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your September 21, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on September 23, 2019, and assigned it FOIA case number 19-F-1903. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence & Security), OUSD (I&S), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of OUSD (I&S), no records of the kind you described could be identified. Please note that e-mails of former Department of Defense (DoD) employees are not retained unless they are considered historical records and retained by the National Records Center. There are currently no existing e-mail accounts for Mr. Elizondo. We believe that search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

In regards to the records you forwarded responsive to your FOIA case number 18-F-0644, the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review Office located those records from their records system. Those records, which we released to you, were responsive to your request for all records/correspondence relating to the DD Form 1910s sent to/from Mr. Elizondo and their office. There were no other records located responsive to emails to/from Mr. Elizondo in their records system.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact your Action Officer assigned to your request, Madalyn Brown, at madalyn.j.brown.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0421. Additionally, if you have concerns about service provided by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Tonya R. Fuentes, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Source: Greenewald, John, Jr. *The Black Vault*. "Pentagon Destroyed E-mails Of Former Intelligence Official Tied To UFO Investigation Claims." Posted: 2021 May 27. Updated: 2021 May 31. Web. <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-destroyed-e-mails-of-former-intelligence-official-tied-to-ufo-investigation-claims/>

APPENDIX-E

CONTENT: Basic Relevant Background about Susan Gough

Lue Elizondo, fmr Program Element Manager for the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), stated on April 30, 2021:

Colonel Gough, by the way, interesting background of her own (Elizondo, "EXCLUSIVE - Ex Pentagon").

Indeed, Mr. Elizondo was tacitly suggesting Susan Gough is an expert in psychological operations known as PSYOPS. Col. Gough educational & military background (Gough, *LinkedIn*):

Education

- BS in Psychology from Michigan State University
- MS in Strategic Studies from U.S. Army War College

Military

- Senior Strategic Planner & Spokesperson - U.S. Department of Defense, Mar 2009-Present
- Associate, Strategic Communication Team - Booz Allen Hamilton, Sep 2006-Mar 2009
- Active Duty Officer - U.S. Army, 1981-2006

While Gough was attending U.S. Army War College, she wrote a paper on PSYOPS entitled, "The Evolution of Strategic Influence" (Gough, "The Evolution").

The motto of the military PSYOPS is, "Persuade, Change, Influence" (*U.S. Army*). PSYOPS itself is not a bad thing. Indeed, it plays a vital role for our military. However, given the current state of affairs with respect to negative campaign against Elizondo, her background along with her newly assigned position was strategic and obvious, i.e., manipulate the civilian population against Elizondo and minimize the role of AATIP, thus playing down the importance of the UFO topic. Evidence of her behavior supports this all too clearly.

An important thing to consider is that we do not know her true feelings towards Elizondo. That is to say, what her true motivations are towards him. She might genuinely not like him due what he's done or she may have been given other false information about him that we are not

aware of as to manipulate her. In either case, the reason she was assigned her current position is obvious.

The word “assigned” in the previous sentence is important, because it is another clear piece of datum that illuminates the fact that she is not working alone but most with a team of people. Due to the leaked email (in [Appendix-C](#)) we now know that Joe Gradisher—the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare—is on this team that is going after Elizondo. Gradisher is the one who gave the directive to Gough take over as the main point person to deal with all media inquiries related about UFOS within all of the DOD. Centralizing things provides the DOD strict control of the flow of information and narrative with respect to issues concerning public affairs.

APPENDIX-F

Content: Evidence that Lue Elizondo went through the proper process for the DOD to authorize the release of the 3 UFO videos FLIR, Gimbal, and Go Fast.

Source: Knapp, George. "Former Pentagon intelligence officer reacts to UFO video release." *Mystery Wire*. Posted: 2020 April 28, 02:39 PM PDT. Updated: 2020 April 29, 06:32 AM PDT.
 Web: <https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/former-pentagon-worker-reacts-to-ufo-video-release/>.

CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION			
<small>(See Instructions on back.)</small>			
<small>(This form is to be used in requesting review and clearance of DoD information proposed for public release in accordance with DoDD 5230.09.)</small>			
TO: (See Note) Chief, Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155 Note: Regular mail address shown above. For drop-off/next day delivery, use: Room 2A534, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155			
1. DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION			
a. TYPE	.mpg File (x3)		b. TITLE "GoFast"; "Gimble"; "FLIR"
c. PAGE COUNT	3		d. SUBJECT AREA UAV, Balloons, and other UAS
2. AUTHOR/SPEAKER			
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. RANK	c. TITLE	
[REDACTED]	GS-15	[REDACTED]	
d. OFFICE	e. AGENCY		
NPSMS	OUSD(I), DoD		
3. PRESENTATION/PUBLICATION DATA (Date, Place, Event)			
Not Applicable. Not for publication. Research and analysis ONLY and info sharing with other USG and industry partners for the purposes of developing a database to help identify, analyze, and ultimately defeat UAS threats.			
4. POINT OF CONTACT			
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
5. PRIOR COORDINATION			
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. OFFICE/AGENCY	c. TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)	
See below POC	Navy	[REDACTED]	
6. REMARKS			
OCA is Navy POC: [REDACTED]		CLEARED For Open Publication Aug 24, 2017 Department of Defense OFFICE OF PREPUBLICATION AND SECURITY REVIEW	
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a. THE ATTACHED MATERIAL HAS DEPARTMENT/OFFICE/AGENCY APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC RELEASE (qualifications, if any, are indicated in Remarks section) AND CLEARANCE FOR OPEN PUBLICATION IS RECOMMENDED UNDER PROVISIONS OF DODD 5230.09. I AM A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (civilian or military), AND NOT A CONTRACTOR, AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR RELEASE ON BEHALF OF:			

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c. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	d. TITLE		
e. OFFICE	f. AGENCY		
g. SIGNATURE	h. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)		

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APPENDIX-G

Content: On April 13, 2018, Both the AFOSI and Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office declared the case closed. This means the FLIR, GIMBAL, and Go Fast videos were properly released by the DOD on August 24, 2017, and Elizondo was cleared on any wrongdoing.

(Source: McMillan, Tim. "This Is the Pentagon's 'Real Men in Black' Investigation of Tom DeLonge's UFO Videos." *Motherboard.Web* 2020 April 13, 5:00 A.M. Web.Contributed by Jason Koebler (Motherboard). <https://www.vice.com/en/article/akwmdk/this-is-the-pentagons-real-men-in-black-investigation-of-tom-delonges-ufo-videos>)

FILE NUMBER 3290517356125	AFOSI INVESTIGATIVE COMMUNICATION		DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 20180421
TO: Office of the Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301	FROM: AFOSI Detachment 334 1165 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5E1037 Washington, DC 20330		
SUBJECT (S) Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 334, Case#: 3290517356125, December 2017, Det 334, 12/17, Unauthorized Disclosure of Potentially Classified DOD Videos .			
REFERENCES			
ITEM(S) CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT			
1. INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.			
✓ 2. THIS MATTER IS PENDING ✓ CLOSED			
3. REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (AFR 124-4)			
✓ 4. NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S)			
5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE LISTED BELOW			
✓ 6. ATTACHED IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION ✓ ACTION			
7. INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED			
8. REQUEST STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND/OR DATE REPORT MAY BE EXPECTED			
9. REFER ATTACHED TO INTERESTED COMMANDER FOR INFORMATION OR ACTION IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED			
✓ 10. WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE RETAINED DOWNGRADED TO CANCELED ✓ MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY"			
REMARKS CASE AGENT: (U) SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) AFOSI Detachment (Det) 334 Pentagon, Washington, DC.			
BACKGROUND: (S) This investigation was initiated on 22 Dec 17 following the 16 Dec 17 release of a video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified flying object (UFO) to the New York Times news agency. The video in question named "Gimble" was previously classified (S) and it was unknown if the proper declassification authorization was gained prior to the release of the video. Civ (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (SUBJECT), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) however, a short time later he disclosed his involvement (to several news outlets) with the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which focused research issues on Unidentified Flying Objects. (S) Prior to SUBJECT's departure from the DoD in October 2017, he submitted a request to have three classified videos downgraded via a DD Form 1910, "CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION," to Civ (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Defense Office of Reproduction and Security Review, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The videos were "GoFast," "Gimble," and "FLIR," all three videos were classified (S). The downgrade request was submitted on 9 Aug 17, but there was no indication the request was ever granted. (Agent Note: The DD Form 1910 was the form provided, but was not a form used for the declassification process. The DD 1910 is used for the public release of DoD information.) The request for release there was no indication the videos would be release to any news media outlet. The reason for publication was listed as, "Not Applicable. Not for publication. Research and analysis ONLY and info sharing with other USG and industry partners for the purposes of developing a database to help identify, analyze, and ultimately defeat UAS threats." (b)(6) stated he would not have approved the videos for release to the media. Additionally, (b)(6) never received confirmation the videos were declassified.			
NAME, GRADE, TITLE AND SIGNATURE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) SA, USAF Commander, AFOSI Det 334	ATTACHMENT(S)		COPIES TO: 1 - File 1 - USD(I)

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REMARKS (Continued)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 9 Mar 18, AFOSI Detachment 334 (DET), Pentagon, Washington, DC, received confirmation from Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Unauthorized Disclosure Office, 1550 Crystal City Drive, Arlington, VA the videos released by SUBJECT to the media were determined to be (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Division Head, Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who in turn submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Deputy Security Manager, FA-18 Program Office, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who sent the lead to the Radar and EO_IR IPT office. The result was "No sensitive symbology or other items of concern."

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 12 Mar 18, DET 334 conducted an interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained the videos did not go through the proper channels to obtain their declassification, although the videos are (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the videos would not undergo the formal declassification process just because they were inadvertently released to the public (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) relayed there was no indication the videos were classified in the first place (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated 100% of all F-18 videos go through his office for declassification and public release. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the videos which SUBJECT released never went through his office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained there were no identifying features on the videos to determine when or where the videos came from in order to find out who would have originally classified them. This made it difficult to find the exact video (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained individual units kept track of their footage, but did not keep every video. Some videos were kept for training purposes and some for situations such as SUBJECT's public release of unauthorized videos (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 13 Apr 18, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and confirmed that after conducting an official classification review, the three videos obtained by SUBJECT were confirmed to be UNCLASSIFIED. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office considered the matter closed.

CONCLUSION:

AFOSI Det 334 considers this matter closed and will forward the appropriate documentation to the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence, Pentagon, Washington DC for action.

APPENDIX-H

CONTENT: People who are UFO witnesses or involved in UFO research/investigations who were/are surveilled, harassed, or threatened. The point is that this kind of behavior from elements from our military-intelligence complex has been going on for many decades and continues. The PAUAP is a symptom and reflection of the cancer of bad thinking and behavior that has poisoned our elements of military-intelligence complex as exemplified here.

This is just a small portion of out of many UFO witnesses who were/are surveilled, harassed, or threatened by elements of the United States military-intelligence complex. Sadly, it's not as uncommon as one would think. (And, yes, I'm speaking from direct experience.)

- **Dr. JAMES T. LACATSKI** – former Program Element Manager: DOD's - Advanced Aerospace Weapons Systems Application Program (AAWSAP) and Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.

"In fact, my AATIP predecessor's career was ruined because of misplaced fear by an elite few. Rather than accept the data as provided by a top-rank rocket scientist, they decided the data was a threat to their belief system and instead, destroyed his career because of it." – Lue Elizondo (Elizondo, "What We Know")

(**Lue Elizondo**, former: U.S. Army – Counterintelligence; Director, National Programs Special Management Staff (NPSMS) OUSD(I); Pentagon's Program Element Manager – Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP))

Source of Dr. Lacatski's background: Basterfield, Keith. "Dr James T Lacatski, AAWSAP Program Manager's career "ruined." *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - scientific research*. 2018 November 3. Web. <https://ufos-scientificresearch.blogspot.com/2018/11/dr-james-t-lacatski-aawsap-program.html>

- **MARIAN RUDNYK** - former NASA scientist at JPL – Planetary Scientist

Basic professional background both as a scientist and artist:

Scientist: NASA - Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) - Planetary Photogeologist:

- Tasks included mapping studies of such features as ice fractures on Jupiter's moon Europa and lava flows on Mars.
- As an astronomer, he worked at the Palomar Observatory as an asteroid hunter. Rudnyk made numerous named-discoveries, first being Asteroid 4601 Ludkewycz.
- Manager - Regional Planetary Image Facility (RPIF). He was on the imaging-science flight teams for missions: Magellan at Venus and Voyager 2 at Neptune.

Artist- Traditional Animation and Digital Visual Effects

Rudnyk has also worked in Hollywood doing both traditional animation and digital visual effects for companies like Digital Domain & Walt Disney Studios Feature Animation. He was part of Academy Award winning visual effects teams on such movies as “Titanic” & “Lord of the Rings.”

Marian’s main UFO sighting event and our government’s response:

On January 1, 2017 Marian Rudnyk was having a meal with his mother at a McDonald's McDiner in Monrovia, California when he noticed four unknown craft descend out from the clouds. He went outside shot photos and a video of the UFOs. One looked damaged and the others flew in such a way as if somehow they were helping the other in some fashion. Marian turned around for a moment and they were gone.

This changed his life forever. His footage was authenticated by U.S. Air Force Space Command and he was told by to remain silent and to hand over all of his data. A military response ensued in the Monrovia area and in the San Gabriel Mountains directly north of it his house, and events continue to unfold to this day. Marian endures surveillance, harassments, threats, and break-ins on a regular basis. Marian has also had numerous attempts on his life.

There are various indications that point to the notion that there now exists a secret operating base of some sort in the San Gabriel Mountains right behind the Monrovia’s “Big M” and it’s seems to be directly related to UFO activity.

(I myself have much of the activity my brother described and personally have seen a big black military helicopter go vertically straight down literally right behind Monrovia’s “Big M” as I was visiting him. It was astonishing to see! I’ve hiked in that area as a boy growing up. It’s should be someone’s back yard. Apparently it is something else now. Both of us grew up in Monrovia since we were children. So we both are quite aware of what is normal and what is not in Monrovia and the general area.)

There continues to be a heavy military presence in places where there shouldn’t be, and it’s due to ongoing UFO activity. More details on Marian Rudnyk’s case be viewed here by virtue of a presentation he gave:

A presentation he personally gave at UPARS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=HLYAwI2I9xw&feature=youtu.be>

Marian Rudnyk’s personal website: <https://www.rudnyk.com/>

- **MACK BRAZEL** - A rancher, and first and main witness to a UFO crash site on his ranch in July 1947.

This the famous Roswell UFO incident of 1947. I realize that some do not believe a real UFO crashed. Personally, upon many years of research I strongly believe the truthness of the case. In either case, the response of the military-intelligence apparatus was unarguably immoral and illegal! And no one was prosecuted for such behavior. It is a matter of fact that whatever Brazel was a witness to that he was harassed, accosted, and threatened by our U.S. military because of whatever crashed on HIS property on early July of 1947. Here's a list of what happened to him:

1. Brazel was "physical abducted by the U. S. Army from the private residence of Walt Whitmore."
2. Brazel was "physically detained at RAAF for up to five days at the base as a "guest house" for questioning."
3. Brazel was "confined at the Roswell base for five days without the benefit of due process."
4. Brazel was "forced to go under full Army physical examination... .Brazel would later complain he felt very degraded by this indignity. He would later complain upon his return home that he was kept up all hours of the night and asked the same questions over and over again. It has been suggested, based on the testimony of newsman Frank Joyce, who claimed similar treatment by the authorities, that Brazel was isolated on the final day of confinement, and subjected to subtle brainwashing in a final attempt to silence him."

(Carey, Thomas T, and Donald R. Schmitt. *Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the Government's Biggest Cover-up, Revised and Expanded Edition*. New Page Books, 2009. Book. Page 69)

- **FRANKIE ROWE (maiden name Frankie Dwyer)** – Frankie Rowe was a witness to some of the Roswell wreckage when she was 12 years of age in the sense that she actually got to handle a piece of it in 1947.

A policeman who obtained a very small piece of this unknown craft from "someone in Corona" brought it to the fire station in Roswell where her father was crew chief. It is there that she handled the unknown material (Carey and Schmitt 159, 188). It was a few days after that the military arrived at her home (*Cosmic*). Two from the military personnel took her mother to another room, while one stayed with the 12 year old girl, Frankie Rowe. He started to interrogate Rowe. She told the MP what she saw and that she handled the material and so on, and his response was, "No you didn't" (*Cosmic*). He had a billy-club that he was pounding into his hand as he was threatening Rowe (Carey and Schmitt 188; *Cosmic*). According to Frankie Rowe in the end the MP asserted:

You did not see anything. You got that? If you say anything, not only will you be killed, but the rest of your family will be killed too. There's a big desert out there. No one will ever find you. (Carey and Schmitt 188)

Apparently, unbeknownst to Rowe she was being surveilled many years later as an adult. It was by accident when this truth was revealed to her. She related how she found this out:

Due to a phone outage on my house phone, a telephone repairman discovered that I had a wire on my phone that was transmitting everything that came in or went out to some other location. It could not have been there when I bought the house, because I had my service put in. (*Cosmic*)

- **ANDREW GREENWOOD** – In 1966 he was High school science teacher at Westall High School in Australia. On April 6, 1966 Andrew Greenwood witnessed a saucer shaped UFO flying over the schoolyard at the High School where hundreds of the students witnessed them as well. According to Shane Ryan an investigator of this case interviewed Andrew Greenwood. Ryan related a story as to how authorities threatened Greenwood:

Two officers came to his home and threatened him under the official secrets act. They said that he couldn't have seen a flying saucer at Westall because there were no such things as flying saucers. They threatened to tell people he was [an] alcoholic, even though he wasn't. As a first year teacher with a career ahead of him, he couldn't take the risk of speaking out. (Westall)

Finally, in May of 2021 (Fifty-five years later) Andrew Greenwood finally broke his silence and publicly spoke out on a news program in Australia called "7News Spotlight" about his sighting and the threats he received. He stated, "Absolutely, I was threatened." He continued, "They told me I was wrong and that I hadn't seen anything." Greenwood also stated that if he didn't remain silent they then would say this about him: "Clearly, you were drunk on duty and that would have to be reported to the education department and of course you would lose your job." (Greenwood).

This is a well-known a case and there is a documentary about it entitled, "Westall '66: A Suburban UFO Mystery (2010)". While this is an Australian case, the documentary reveals that some of the witnesses described clothing some of these military personnel were wearing that were investigating the case. In the aforementioned documentary, Shane Ryan went to Victoria Barracks in Melbourne and spoke with a military historian, Lt. Col. Neil Smith. He indicated, the description of some of the clothing was not indicative of British nor Australian military personnel (Westall). Lt. Col. Neil Smith also revealed this:

The description of the uniforms certainly matches those worn by the United States Air Force...in the mid-1960s. (Westall)

Shane Ryan also revealed that in fact there were American military and intelligence personnel in Australia in the mid-1960s as part of the Vietnam War effort (Westall). This suggests that U.S. Air Force and some other intelligence agencies could definitely have been involved in Westall case as well, given the description of the uniforms of those investigating the case as described by the witnesses. It makes one wonder what influence the American military-intelligence had with how the Westall case was to be handled.

➤ **BOB LAZAR** - In the 1980s Lazar was a scientist who was employed by the Los Alamos National Labs, in New Mexico. Long story short, he ended up working at a secret base in Nevada. The basic core and the take away is that, in 1989 he met investigative journalist George Knapp and ended up going public with his story about being involved in back-engineering attempts on a non-human craft

It was in the 1980s that Bob was employed at a place called S4, which is south of Area 51 proper at Groom Lake in Nevada. It is there during his brief tenure of about six months in the 1980s that he claims to have witnessed non-human intact craft up close and personal that he was assigned to try to back-engineer.

There are many details and levels to his story that are controversial. It is this author's opinion that the basic core of his story is true. If I didn't think so, I would not be addressing his case in this writing. It's not just one datum point that lends credence to the core of his story, but all of the data put together in context. His demeanor and body language, passing of multiple polygraphs, and he has been thoroughly investigated by award winning investigative journalist George Knapp.

George Knapp has an MA in Communications and is a news anchor and a radio host. He has also been recognized with Edward R. Murrow Award in 2004 for his story concerning voting fraud in Clark County, Nevada; he earned dozens of Pacific Southwest Regional Emmy Awards; in 2008 earned a Peabody Award for his investigative series "Crossfire: Water, Power, and Politics"; earned several writing awards from the Associated Press. Needless to say, Mr. George Knapp is an extremely competent investigative journalist.

After Bob Lazar went public, there was an intense counterintelligence program launched by elements of our government against him. George Knapp can attest to this because he was a firsthand witness to some of this and himself was a target of surveillance once he delved into the Lazar case. This alone strengthens the case that Bob Lazar was indeed a witness to something extraordinary. If there were nothing to his story, they would've left him alone. Obviously, there is something to his story.

George Knapp stated this in an October 5, 2014 presentation:

It's weird stuff that happened during that time period it's hard to convey to an audience sitting in a room like this. But it was a strange time to live through.

.....

They were messing with him. They threatened to kill him. They threatened to make him disappear. They were following us around everywhere we went; into bars, to work. (Knapp, "Area 51")

In an October 4, 2014 interview Knapp stated:

I became convinced that there really was an effort to discredit him, to remove some of his records, to pretend that he never worked at places I know he worked...But it was clear to me that someone was messing with his reputation...if it had only been Bob telling his story about things that have been going on at S4 at Area 51, chances are we would not have moved forward with the project. But the fact is that more than two dozen people have come forward with bits and pieces of the same information; people who have worked at Area 51 in the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s who have told me pretty much the same thing. People who have seen saucer shaped craft out there in hangers, saucer shaped craft flying in the desert, being transported. People who say that what goes on out there is trying to figure out how this technology works, so that we can reconstruct it with Earth materials, instead of building something that we came up with the idea for. (Knapp, "Bob Lazar – Copenhagen")

The secret elements of the military-intelligence world would also go after people he knew in surreptitious and insidious fashion as Lazar himself conveyed in an interview that, "A lot of people I've known...were audited by the IRS...Anybody I knew that worked in secured programs had their clearances pulled" (Lazar).

An excellent presentation that George Knapp gave about Bob Lazar at Copenhagen, Denmark in 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1viG6PRjiw>

Here is an interview of Bob Lazar from June 2019 on a podcast: The Joe Rogan Experience Episode #1315: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEWz4SXfyCQ>

- **ROBERT JACOBS** – A former U.S. Air Force officer. Robert Jacobs was in charge of the optical instrumentation while serving at Vandenberg AFB. His duty was the supervision of instrumentation of photography of missiles that went down the western test range (Jacobs, *UFO Destroys*).

During a test of the missile they filmed, unbeknownst to Jacobs and his team, a UFO was filmed traveling right next to the missile. They could only see so far with the naked eye, but evidently the high grade optical cameras caught something despite what they could not see with their eyes. They packed up the film and sent it off to Vandenberg. About a day or two later Robert Jacobs was called into the office of his commanding officer Major Mansmann. Jacobs noted that there were also two men in grey civilian suits. The major showed the film to Jacobs. The film was of a flying saucer circling the missile that Jacobs and his team filmed. As it circled the missile, it shot beams of light at the missile from different vantage points. The UFO then flew off and the missile tumbled down (Jacobs, *UFO Destroys*).

Major Mansmann asked Jacobs if his team was “screwing around”. Jacobs assured the major that he and his team were not. Major Mansmann proceeded to ask what that was on the film then. Jacobs replied, “It looks to me like we got a UFO.” Major Mansmann stated, “You are never to speak of this again. As far as you’re concerned, this never happened.” And the major continued by warning him about the consequences of a security breach. Major Mansmann also told Robert Jacobs that if anyone were to ask him about the film to just say it was a laser strike that was conducted (Jacobs, *UFO Destroys*).

Eighteen years went by and Jacobs didn’t utter a word. However, he realized that legally he could speak about it because he was never officially told that this was top secret, but only that it never happened. So in 1982, Jacobs went public and an article came out about his experience. Soon after the article was published is when he started getting harassed by our government. He would receive phone calls at work and at his home at all hours. When he’d answer the phone someone would be screaming at him, “You’re going down motherfucker!” And the yelling would ensue until Jacobs would hang up the phone. His mailbox would be blown up. And his story was used against him partially in losing a teaching job as well (Jacobs, *UFO Destroys*).

After retiring from the Air Force, Major Mansmann after, earned a Phd. from Stanford in the area of science, and was a rancher. He was contacted and he provided a handwritten letter corroborating Robert Jacob’s story. Mansmann also told Jacobs what happened with the UFO film (Jacobs). Apparently, the men in grey suits took the film and cut out the portion of the film that had the UFO with a pair of scissors and packed that up. The rest of the film they returned to Major Mansmann. Before these men in civilian grey suites left they threatened the Major as well by reminding him of the severity of a security breach and left. The branch of intelligence service these men in suites worked for is unknown (Jacobs, *UFO Destroys*).

Here is a video of Robert Jacobs talking about his case:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4wL4lbwwNU>

- **PAUL BENNEWITZ** – Paul Bennewitz lived at Albuquerque and was successful business man with a science background. He had a curiosity about UFOs, and especially was fascinated about the cattle mutilation phenomenon. Bennewitz lived near Kirtland AFB. In fact, he was curious about what he thought was unusual aerial activity around the base. In 1979, he utilized sophisticated electronic equipment and video equipment and proceeded to go on the roof top of his home and record both unusual electronic signals and visual data of unusual craft he'd see over the base. He thought he saw UFOs and felt it his duty to report his findings to Kirtland AFB. And so he did.

The bottom line is this: Bennewitz's actions of bringing in his findings to the Kirkland AFB resulted in two counterintelligence initiatives against him from both the AFOSI and the NSA. In the end, it seems to be that AFOSI took over and continued a counterintelligence initiative against Paul Bennewitz, and at one point he did end up in a mental institution. Richard Doty is allegedly the main AFOSI agent assigned to Bennewitz. Logic dictates, in an operation like this, it's not just one person who would be assigned in a counterintelligence operation of this nature.

It's a complicated case and what I did here was to present a bottom line synopsis.

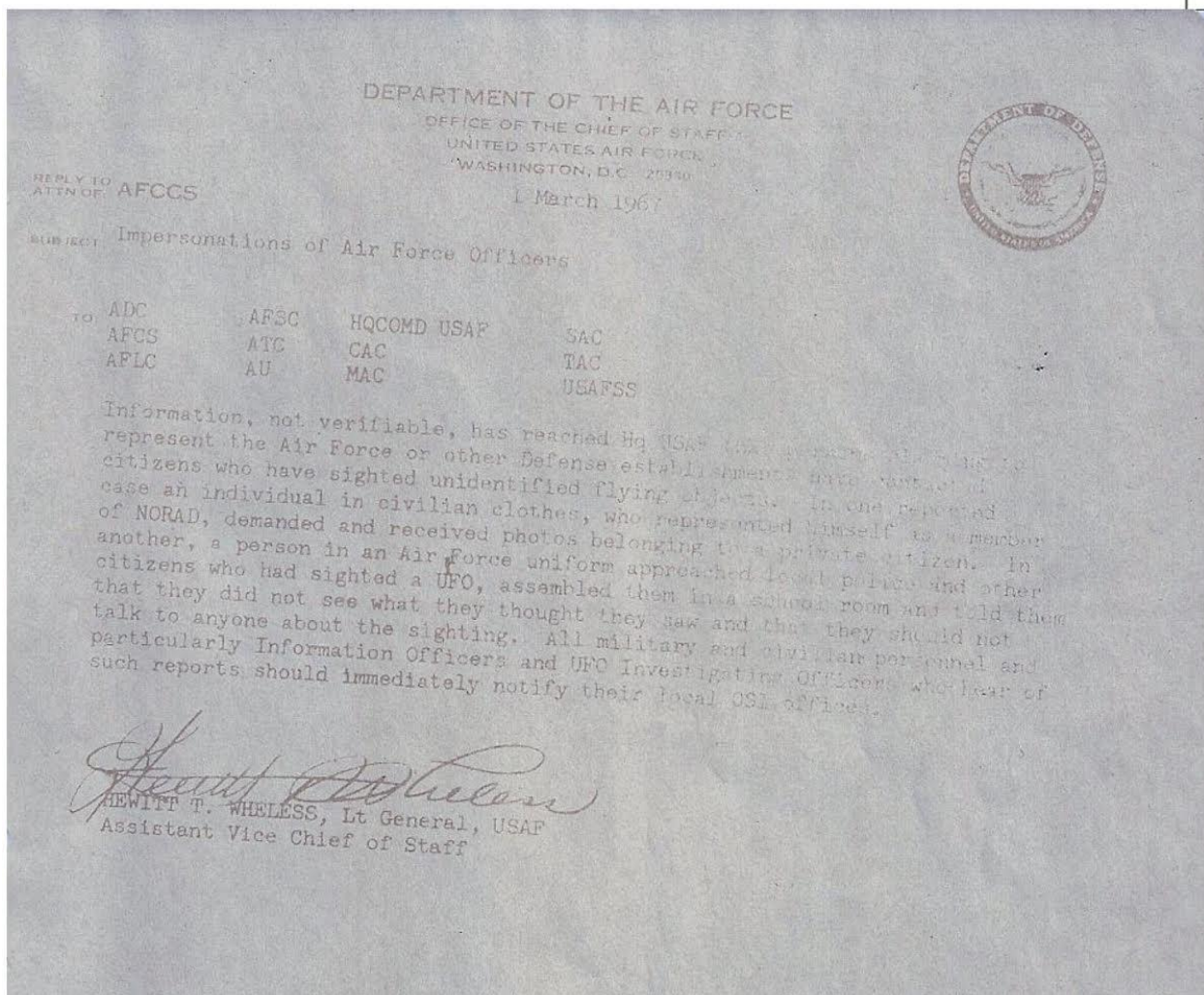
Here is more information:

A documentary called Mirage Men: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srtrRbt77AE>
Researcher Christian Lambright conducted an in-depth research into the case of Paul Bennewitz: <https://www.coasttocoastam.com/show/2012-06-17-show/>

All these examples are just a tiny snippet and indicators of what is occurring. Elements of our military-intelligence complex are conducting illegal and immoral counterintelligence activities against its own citizens with respect to UFOs. And Congress is not aware of it, but should be made aware of this activity. This PAUAP is part of this counterintelligence process by virtue of presenting an extremely anemic and misleading picture of what is truly going on with respect to activities between UFOs and the human civilization.

Finally, please consider the two images below in the next two pages.

Consider this memo from March 1967, written by Lt. General Hewitt T. Wheless of the United States Air Force. (I realize it is almost impossible to read. I provided a clean transcription of the memo right below this image.)



"Information, not verifiable, has reached Hq USAF that persons claiming to represent the Air Force or other Defense establishments, have contacted citizens who have sighted unidentified flying objects. In one reported case, an individual in civilian clothes, who represented himself as a member of NORAD, demanded and received photos belonging to a private citizen. In another, a person in an Air Force uniform approached local police and other citizens who had sighted a UFO, assembled them in a school room and told them that they did not see what they thought they saw and that they should not talk to anyone about the sighting. All military and civilian personnel and particularly Information Officers and UFO Investigating Officers who hear of such reports should immediately notify their local OSI offices."

Also, consider this article below from February 3, 1967, written by a UFO researcher John Keel that appeared in the newspaper Orlando Sentinel. It is readable. One just need to increase the magnification. What is described back in 1967 is still occurring in the year 2021.

ORLANDO, FLA. 7-A
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 Friday, February 3, 1967

Mystery Men Flash Government Credentials

UFO Witnesses 'Silenced'

By JOHN A. KEEL

NEW YORK (NANA)

Mysterious men dressed in Air Force uniforms or bearing impressive credentials from government agencies have been "silencing" UFO witnesses, according to Col. George P. Freeman, Pentagon spokesman for Project Bluebook.

"We have checked a number of these cases," Freeman said in an interview this week, "and these men are not connected with the Air Force in any way."

HE CITED one recent case in which the police officers and other witnesses at the UFO sightings in Wanaque, N. J. were allegedly collected together by a man wearing an Air Force uniform. They were told that they "hadn't seen anything" and that they shouldn't discuss the incident.

"We checked with the local AFB," Freeman declared, "and discovered that no one connected with the Air Force had visited Wanaque on the date in question. Whoever it was, he wasn't from the Air Force."

Another mystery man, this one bearing credentials from the North American Air Defense (NORAD), turned up at the home of Rex Heflin, a man who had taken a series of UFO pictures in California in 1965, and demanded the originals. Later, NORAD denied having anything to do with the incident.

MAJ. GEN. M. M. Magee, NORAD's chief of staff, later told Rep. James B. Utt, R-Calif., that, "for your information NORAD does not have the responsibility for the evaluation of UFOs and therefore would not knowingly be in the business of collecting UFO pictures for evaluation. In addition, the office of primary interest for UFO matters is the Department of the Air Force."

Heflin's photos have never been returned and the Air Force has never been able to determine the identity of the mystery man who took them.

Similar mystery men, according to other sources, have turned up and confronted UFO witnesses in the states of Washington, Texas, Connecticut, and on Long Island, N. Y.

IN FEBRUARY, 1960, Joe Perry, a restaurant owner in Grand Blanc, Mich., took a series of UFO pictures and was soon visited by two men posing as FBI agents. They seized a photo of a dome-shaped object with a green tail.

More recently, a man claiming to represent "a government agency so secret that he couldn't give its name" appeared in a school in Norwalk, Conn., and grilled two 12-year old boys for two hours about the disc-shaped object which they said had pursued them at ground level in April, 1966.

"We haven't been able to find out anything about these men," Freeman admitted. "By posing as Air Force officers and government agents they are committing a federal offense. We would sure like to catch one."

WHEN ASKED if any efforts have been made to track down the elusive imposters, Freeman replied: "Unfortunately, the trail is always too cold by the time we hear about these cases. But we're still trying."

Freeman also commented on the numerous reports of sightings of low-flying unmarked planes over areas where UFOs had recently been seen. "That's a federal offense, too," he said. "All Air Force planes are clearly marked. We don't know anything about these unmarked planes. We'd like to catch one of them too."

Many witnesses swore that they saw several Air Force helicopters maneuvering over Wanaque reservoir following a UFO sighting last October. Freeman said that a careful check had been made and that no formation of helicopters had been in that area at that time. "Besides," he continued, "most Air Force bases have only one or two helicopters for rescue work. I just don't know where a whole formation of them could have come from."

Source of both documents I obtained from a tribute website to John Keel created and maintained by his friend by Doug Skinner: <https://www.johnkeel.com/?p=2205>

APPENDIX-I

The original statement from the PAUAP:

UAP would also represent a national security challenge if they are foreign adversary collection platforms or provide evidence a potential adversary has developed either a breakthrough or disruptive technology. (“Preliminary” 3)

(Quick but important consideration: Certain terms within this UAPT statements need clarity. For example, a disruptive technology instanced a certain way could very well be indicative of a breakthrough technology. Yet, they have these two words separated. So for the purpose of this paper, I’ll take the meaning of breakthrough technology in terms of how X moves around. If X moves around that involves paradigm shifting knowledge of science, then X would be exhibiting a breakthrough technology.)

Given the words *either*, *or*, and *if* in key spots in this statement, and looking over the overall structure, it looks like it’s a hypothetical (conditional) proposition. Starting with the word *if* is the antecedent and before the *if* is the consequent. There is no punctuation. I would’ve put a comma after the word *challenge*. I can rephrase it thusly:

If UAP are foreign adversary collection platforms, or provide evidence a potential adversary has developed either a breakthrough or disruptive technology, then UAP would also represent a national security challenge.

Paraphrased into a logically clearer statement:

[If UAP are foreign adversary collection platforms, v (UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a breakthrough technology v UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a disruptive technology)] \supset UAP would also represent a national security challenge.

Dictionary

$C \equiv$ UAP are foreign adversary collection platforms.

$B \equiv$ UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a breakthrough technology.

$D \equiv$ UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a disruptive technology.

$N \equiv$ UAP would be a national security challenge.

Its *statement instance* is symbolized thusly: $[C \vee (B \vee D)] \supset N$

Obviously it is a *hypothetical proposition*.

Its *statement form* is symbolized thusly: $p \supset r$.

I also take the disjunctives within the antecedent as being *inclusive*.

It seems that B and D really do not need to be in a parenthesis in the sense that it does not really affect the statement logically with or without it, i.e., if any one of the conditions in the antecedent is true, then the consequence is true, and they could all be true at the same time.

I am only interested in B and D. Given that C is part of a disjunctive statement and its presence does not affect B or D wither way, I can take out the C and still retain logical integrity between within B and D and the consequent:

$(B \vee D) \supset N$

The above statement instance can be written this way:

1. $B \supset N$
2. $D \supset N$

I can now write out and paraphrase the statements in less awkward and clearer normal wording I prefer, and separate the two hypothetical propositions, while retaining logical integrity:

1. *If UFOs are evidence of a breakthrough technology, then UFOs would be a national security challenge.*

2. *If UFOs are evidence of a disruptive technology, then UFOs would be a national security challenge.*

I can now explore each hypothetical (conditional) proposition separately within ASPECT 3.

ADDENDUM: A Nuance in Terminology Providing an Interesting Side Note.

A logical observation of the terminology *foreign adversary* and *adversary* to take note of:

C takes UAP in terms of a *foreign adversary* with respect to *collections platforms*.

B and D takes UAP in terms of a *potential adversary*, and *breakthrough technology* and *disruptive technology* respectfully.

My conclusion with respect to the term *foreign adversary* and *adversary*:

For the purpose exploring definitions, I set aside the word *potential* from *potential adversary*. Because the word “foreign” with the word *adversary* suggests that an *adversary* then is to be understood as only human. But the term *potential* is a neutral term with the word *adversary* in the sense that doesn’t assert whether an *adversary* has to be human or non-human. However, the word *adversary* alone seems to suggest that perhaps an *adversary* could be human or non-human given its definition. Accordingly, *foreign potential adversary* and *potential adversary* are not necessarily the same thing. The former points to only a human *adversary* and the latter to either human or non-human. Here’s my exploration that lead to this conclusion.

My proof of how I reached this conclusion:

Definitions:

Do foreign adversary and adversary necessary convey the same things? Let's explore.

Foreign Adversary

Department of Defense Military Dictionary

The DOD was my first choice, the online: "DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms" and it also had on its front cover: "As of January 2021".

<https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/pubs/dictionary.pdf>

Surprisingly and unfortunately, it did not have a definition of "Foreign Adversary". So I decided to check two other sources.

According to Cornell Law School -Legal Information Institute:

The term "foreign adversary" means any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or security and safety of United States persons. (source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/>)

According to WhiteHouse.gov

I figured, I'd peruse the whitehouse.gov. Indeed, I found a document (a web page) within the site and interestingly it had the exact same wording for the definition as the Cornell Law School. The definition is within the "*Executive Order on Protecting Americans' Sensitive Data from Foreign Adversaries*" by President Biden, *Dated: June 09, 2021, Presidential Actions*

Within the document it as a section entitled "Definitions". It defines it exactly the same as the Cornell University Law School, word for word:

The term "foreign adversary" means any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or security and safety of United States persons.

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Within the PAUAP report on page 5 it defines Foreign Adversary Systems:

Foreign Adversary Systems: Some UAP may be technologies deployed by China, Russia, another nation, or a non-governmental entity.

It is obvious that PAUAP defines Foreign Adversary as China, Russia, another nation, or a non-governmental entity. It basically matches up with the above definitions provided by the other sources I appealed to; conveying the same thing. So *foreign adversary* is necessarily is to be understood only as an adversary that is of human origin. I shall present the dictionary here again as an aide.

Dictionary

C ≡ *UAP are foreign adversary collection platforms.*

B ≡ *UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a breakthrough technology.*

D ≡ *UAP provide evidence a potential adversary has developed a disruptive technology.*

N ≡ *UAP would be a national security challenge.*

So, by virtue of C, it is evident that according to the PAUAP, a *foreign adversary* and *collection platforms* are only necessarily associated with humans and not a non-human one.

Adversary

Given the parsed statements utilizing sentential logic, and presented in the dictionary above, it is obvious that given B and D, a UAP is in reference to a *potential adversary* that is to be necessarily associated with a *breakthrough technology* and *disruptive technology*.

I'll assume *foreign adversary* and *adversary* could be different terms. I consulted the DOD again. *Foreign adversary* was just explored. Hence, my next task it to explore the term *adversary*.

Department of Defense Military Dictionary

I went to the same DOD source and, indeed, it does an entry for adversary. It defines it thusly:

A party acknowledged as potentially hostile to a friendly party and against which the use of force may be envisaged.

Given the definition above and assuming that no implied inferences are carried over from the term *foreign adversary* to *adversary*, then it seems that the word *adversary* logically allows one to consider a UFO to be a human adversary or even a non-human adversary, given the definition. Hence, B and D could be understood as human or non-human in reference to both breakthrough technology and disruptive technology respectively. This is a nuance that's important one to take note of.

The rejoinder to my conclusion is that the PAUAP's wording *adversary* could be *foreign adversary* by inference, given that both these terms are written within the same statement, hence, within this context, *adversary* could merely be understood as an abbreviated form *foreign adversary*. It is difficult to say. If this rejoinder is true, then this means all of the concerns within this specific statement by the PAUAP that I am specifically analyzing here is only concerned with human technology. Hence, a UAP within this statement is to be assumed only to be some sort of unidentified human tech. But if the PAUAP did parse these terms differently according to my hypothesis, then a potential adversary could mean either human or non-human, given the specific definition of the term adversary.

It's unfortunate that the wording within this statement is not clear. Given the rest of the document and the thesis I am defending, then it seems this could be by design.

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