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UFO-related Quotes from Famous People

1879

Captain Evans, hydrographer to the British Navy-HMS *Vulture* , 05-15-1879: "On looking toward the east, the appearance was that of a revolving wheel with a center on that bearing and whose spokes were illuminated. And looking toward the west, a similar wheel appeared to be revolving but in the opposite direction. These waves of light extended from the surface well under the water."

1887

Captain Moore, Captain of the British steamship *Siberian* -Nov 12th ,1887: "Cape Race bearing west by north, distant 10 miles, wind strong south-by-east. A large ball of fire appeared to rise out of the sea to a height of about 50 feet and come right against the wind close up to the ship. It then altered its course and ran along with the ship to a distance of about 1.5 miles. In about 2 minutes, it again altered its course and went away to the south-east against the wind. It lasted in all not over 5 minutes".

1896

George A. McCalvy, Deputy Secretary of State, California - the *San Francisco Call*, November 25,1896.

"When [the mysterious light] first appeared it was seen moving rapidly from the northeast and heading in a southwesterly direction. As it neared the southern boundary of the city [of Sacramento], it turned directly toward the west and after passing the city went south, being distinctly visible for upward of 20 minutes."

1904

Lt. Frank H. Schofield, later to become Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet. A sighting by the U.S.S. Supply off of the eastern coast of Korea,February 28, 1904, Korea: "3 objects appeared beneath the clouds, their color a rather bright red. As they approached the ship, they appeared to soar passing above the broken clouds. After rising above the clouds, they appeared to be moving directly away from the earth. The largest had an apparent area of about six Suns. It was egg-shaped, the larger end forward. The second was about twice the size of the Sun. And the third, about the size of the Sun.

"Their near approach to the surface appeared to be most remarkable. That they did come below the clouds and soar instead of continuing their southeasterly course is also curious. The lights were in sight for over 2 minutes and were carefully observed by 3 people whose accounts agree as to the details."

1907

Bishop Michaud of Burlington, Vermont -letter to the *Monthly Weather Review* July 2, 1907.

"Raising my eyes... I observed a torpedo-shaped body some 300 feet away, stationary in appearance, and suspended in the air about 50 feet above the tops of the buildings. In size, it was about 6 feet long by 8 inches in diameter, the shell, or covering, having a dark appearance, with here-and-there tongues of fire issuing from spots on the surface resembling red-hot unburnished copper... This object began to move rather slowly and disappeared over Dolan Brother's store, southward. As it moved, the covering seemed rupturing in places, and through these the intensely red flames issued."

1929

Nicholas Roerich, Altai-Himalaya, Roerich Museum, N.Y.: "On August fifth [1929] - something remarkable! We were in our camp in the Kukunor district not far from the Humboldt Chain. In the morning about half-past nine, some of our caravaneers noticed a remarkably big black eagle flying over us. Seven of us began to watch this unusual bird.

"At this same moment, another of our caravaneers remarked 'There is something far above the bird!'. And he shouted in his astonishment. We all saw in a direction from north to south something big and shiny reflecting the Sun like a huge oval moving at great speed. Crossing our camp, the thing changed in its direction from south to southwest. And we saw how it disappeared in the intense blue sky. We even had time to take our field glasses and saw quite distinctly an oval form with shiny surface, one side of which was brilliant from the Sun."

1931

Sir Francis Chichester, June 10, 1931, flying in the Gypsy Moth over the Tasman Sea.

"An object 'like an oblong pearl' drew steadily closer until perhaps a mile away when, right under my gaze as it were, it suddenly vanished... But it reappeared close to where it had vanished... It drew closer. I could see the dull gleam of light on nose and back. It came on. But instead of increasing in size, it diminished as it approached! When quite near, it suddenly became its own ghost. For one second I could see clear through it. And the next, it had vanished!"

1932

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Grunnet, Royal Danish Air Force describing incident in H.E.8 seaplane over Greenland, 1932: "We had many adventures flying under primitive conditions in the frozen North. But none compared with this." ... I looked back and saw something that didn't make sense... It was nothing like flying machines of that period ... It was hexagonal, flat, and seemingly made of aluminum or some other metal with no breaks in the surface and no rivets."

"At the time, I had a spooky feeling. I can't explain it. It was as if I 'felt' the presence of whoever was inside that craft. And the feeling was hostile."

1946

Dr Paul Santorini regarding UFOs seen over Greece in 1946: "Before we could do anymore, the Army after conferring with U.S. officials ordered the investigation stopped."

1947

Brig. General George Shulgen from a Draft Intelligence Collections Memorandum, Oct. 28, 1947: "It is the considered opinion of some elements that the object may in fact represent an *interplanetary* craft of some kind."

Air Force Base Intelligence Report, FLYING DISCS, July 30, 1947: "This "flying saucer" situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomena. Something is really flying around."

FBI Memo describing chase of UFO over the North Sea, 1947: "The unidentified craft appeared to take efficient controlled evasive action."

Thor Heyerdahl (Kon-Tiki Raft) May, 1947: "It was May 24 and we were lying drifting on a leisurely swell in exactly 95° west by 7° south. We saw the shine of phosphorescent eyes drifting on the surface on dark nights. On one single occasion, we saw the sea boil and bubble while something like a big wheel came up and rotated in the air while some of our dolphins tried to escape by hurling themselves desperately through space".

1948

Captain Thomas Mantell, USAF: "It appears to be a metallic object... Tremendous in size directly ahead and slightly above. I am trying to close for a better look ..."

These were his last words as he closed in on a UFO in 1948. Minutes later, his plane was to crash and he was to lose his life.

Lieutenant George Gorman, F51 pilot after being in a 30 minute dogfight with a small UFO in 1948: "I am convinced there was thought behind the thing's maneuvers".

U.S. Air Intelligence Report # 100-203-79, ANALYSIS OF FLYING OBJECTS IN THE U.S., Dec. 10, 1948: "It must be accepted that some type of flying objects have been observed although their identification and origin are not discernible."

Colonel McCoy - March 17, 1948. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board meeting at the Pentagon.

"This can't be laughed off. We have over 300 reports which haven't been publicized in the papers from very competent personnel in many instances. ...We are running down every report. I can't tell you how much we would give to have one of those crash in an area so that we could recover whatever they are".

1949

Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh (American astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto). On August 20, 1949, he observed a UFO that appeared as a geometrically arranged group of 6-to-8 rectangles of light window-like in appearance and yellowish-green in color which moved from northwest-to-southeast over Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"I doubt that the phenomenon was any terrestrial reflection because... nothing of the kind has ever appeared before or since... I was so unprepared for such a strange sight that I was really petrified with astonishment."

FBI memo on UFOs ,1949: "Army Intelligence has recently said that the matter of 'Unidentified Aircraft' or 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena' otherwise known as 'Flying Discs,' 'Flying Saucers,' and 'Balls of Fire,' is considered Top-Secret by Intelligence officers of both the Army and the Air Forces".

1950

President Harry S. Truman: "I can assure you that flying saucers -- given that they exist -- are not constructed by any power on Earth."

Colonel Robert Willingham, USAF from a Sworn Affidavit in the 1970s when discussing a sighting of a UFO whilst he was navigating an F94 jet on September 6, 1950: "Headquarters wouldn't let us go after it and we played around a little bit. We got to watching how it made 90 degree turns at this high speed and everything. We knew it wasn't a missile of any type. So then we confirmed it with the radar control station and they kept following it. Then it crashed somewhere off between Texas and the Mexico border."

Commercial pilot after questioning by an Intelligence officer, 1950: "From their questions, I could tell they had a good idea of what the saucers are. One officer admitted they did. But he wouldn't say any more."

1951

Donald "Deke" Slayton, Mercury astronaut (in a 1951 interview): "I was testing a P-51 fighter in Minneapolis in 1951 when I spotted this object. I was at about 10,000 feet on a nice, bright, sunny afternoon. I thought the object was a kite. Then I realized that no kite is gonna fly that high. As I got closer, it looked like a weather balloon. Gray and about 3 feet in diameter. But as soon as I got behind the darn thing, it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a saucer, a disk.

About the same time, I realized that it was suddenly going way from me. And there I was. Running at about 300 miles-per-hour. I tracked it for a little way and then all of a sudden, the damn

thing just took off. It pulled about a 45-degree climbing turn and accelerated and just flat disappeared."

Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming had his first UFO sighting in 1951 when he and a friend saw "something in the sky, round and metallic looking."

"We watched it for quite a few minutes. We could see it was larger than the headlights of the cars below. And we could see it was not attached to anything. And there was no sound. I became frightened actually because it wasn't anything I could understand... From a personal viewpoint, I am pretty well convinced that we are being surveyed." (*Look* magazine, 1967.)

Air Force Intelligence Report following UFO sighting by F-51 pilot, 1951: "[Object] described as flat on top and bottom and appearing from a front view to have round edges and slightly beveled ... No vapor trails or exhaust or visible means of propulsion. Described as traveling at tremendous speed.... Pilot considered by associates to be highly reliable, of mature judgment, and a creditable observer".

Vice-Commodore Oscar Barrio, Argentinian Defense: "UFOs are real. I myself had an experience of this sort in 1951. It was a yellowish-silver disk with deep red edges moving at high speed at an altitude of some 500 meters..."

"At this state of events and with the evidence available to us, it is hard to deny the existence of Flying Saucers."

Lieutenant Commander M. C. Davies, U.S. Navy - Korean waters, 1951: "My background is a Naval Aviator with approximately 4000 hours. At the time of the incident, I was deployed with an Anti-Submarine Squadron aboard a CVE-class carrier. I was assigned Air Crew Training Officer and prior to deployment had attended CIC Air Controller School at Point Loma. Also Airborne Air Controller School and Airborne Early Warning School. Both located at NAS, San Diego.

It was at night. I was riding with a radar operator which I often did to check on their proficiency. We were flying at 5,000 feet, solid instruments, with our wingman flying a radar position about 3 miles astern and slightly to our right or left. The target, which was slightly larger than our wingman, I picked up on our scope, had been circling the fleet. It left the Fleet and joined up on us a position behind our wingman, approximately the same position he held on us.

I reported the target to the ship and was informed that the target was also held on the ship's radars, 14 in number, and for us to get a visual sighting if possible. This was impossible because of the clouds. The target retained his relative position for approximately 5 minutes and then departed in excess of one thousand miles per hour. It departed on a straight course and was observed to the maximum distance of my radar which was 200 miles.

Upon completion of my flight, an Unidentified Flying Object report was completed at which time I was informed that the object was held on ship's radars for approximately 7 hours."

Commander Graham Bethune, U.S. Navy sighting from military flying from Iceland to Newfoundland, February 10, 1951: "As we approached this glow, it turned to a monstrous circle of

white lights on the water. Then we saw a yellow halo, small, much smaller than whatever it was launched from, about 15 miles away. As the UFO approached, my plane and flew alongside it. We could see the domed craft which had a corona discharge."

Captain of Navy R5D aircraft, February 8, 1951. Captain, crew members, and passengers on a Navy R5D aircraft witness UFO whilst flying over the North Atlantic ocean.

"Suddenly, the lights went out. There appeared a yellow halo on the water. It turned to an orange, to a fiery red, and then started movement toward us at a fantastic speed turning to a bluish-red around the perimeter. Due to its high speed, its direction of travel, and its size, it looked as though we were going to be engulfed.

"It stopped its movement toward us and began moving along with us about 45 degrees off the bow to the right about 100 feet-or-so below us and about 200-to-300 feet in front of us. It was not in a level position. It was tilted about 25 degrees.

"It stayed in this position for a minute-or-so. It appeared to be from 200-to-300 feet in diameter, translucent or metallic, shaped like a saucer, a purple-red fiery ring around the perimeter and a frosted white glow around the entire object. The purple-red glow around the perimeter was the same type of glow you get around the commutator of an auto generator when you observe it at night.

"When we landed at Argentia (Newfoundland), we were met by Intelligence officers. The types of questions they asked us were like Henry Ford asking about the Model T. You got the feeling that they were putting words in your mouth.

"It was obvious that there had been many sightings in the same area and most of the observers did not let the cat out of the bag openly. When we arrived in the United States, we had to make a full report to Navy Intelligence.

"I found out a few months later that Gander radar did track the object in excess of 1800 mph".

1952

Prime Minister Winston Churchill asked his air minister Lord Cherwell to investigate in 1952:

"What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth?"

He was told 12 days later that there was no evidence flying saucers existed.

CIA memo, 1952: "In view of the wide interest within the Agency ... outside knowledge of Agency interest in Flying Saucers carries the risk of making the problem even more serious in the Public mind than it already is."

F-94 pilot after encountering a UFO, 1952: "Based on my experience in fighter tactics, it is my opinion that the object was controlled by something having visual contact with us. The power and acceleration were beyond the capability of any known U.S. aircraft."

FBI memo on UFOs, 1952: "Some Military officials are seriously considering the possibility of *interplanetary* ships".

Professor Hermann Oberth -- the German rocket expert -- is considered to be one of the fathers of the space age. In 1955, Dr. Von Braun invited him to the U.S. to work at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency and later at NASA where he researched UFO propulsion. Oberth stated to a group of reporters in 1959: "It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are spaceships from another solar system. I think that they are possibly manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our Earth for centuries. I think that they possibly have been sent out to conduct systematic long-range investigations. First of men, animals, vegetation and more recently of atomic centers, armaments, and centers of armament production. They are propelled by distorting the gravitational field, converting gravity into useable energy. I and my colleagues feel that they may use Mars or some other body as sort of a 'way station'. They probably do not originate in our Solar System, perhaps not even in our Galaxy."

Years later, he was quoted as saying "We cannot take the credit for our record advancement in certain scientific fields alone. We have been helped." When asked by whom, he replied, "The people of other worlds."

Among Oberth's colleagues [or former colleagues] was **Dr. Walther Riedel**, once chief designer and research director at the German rocket center in Peenemunde. After the War, he engaged in secret work for the U.S. *LIFE* Magazine reported on April 7, 1952: Dr. Riedel has never seen a saucer himself, but for several years he has kept records of saucer sightings all over the World. He told *LIFE*: "I am completely convinced that they have an out-of-world basis." Dr. Riedel has 4 points to his argument:

"First, the skin temperatures of structures operating under the observed conditions would make it impossible for any terrestrial structure to survive. The skin friction of the missile at those speeds at those altitudes would melt any metals or nonmetals available.

"Second, consider the high acceleration at which they fly and maneuver... In some descriptions, the beast spirals straight up. If you think of the fact that the centrifugal force in a few minutes of such a maneuver would press the crew against the outside and do likewise to the blood, you see what I mean.

"Third, there are many occurrences where they have done things that only a pilot could perform but that no human pilot could stand.

"Fourth, in most of the reports there is a lack of visible jet. Most observers report units without visible flame ... and no trail. If it would be any known type of jet, rocket, piston engine, or chain-reaction motor, there would be a very clear trail at high altitude. It is from no power unit we know of ..."

Also quoted in the *LIFE* article was **Dr. Maurice Biot** (leading aerodynamicist and mathematical physicist) who said: "The least improbable explanation is that these things are artificial and controlled ... My opinion for some time has been that they have an *extraterrestrial* origin."

Writing in *Mitteilungen Der Gesellschaft Fur Interplanetarik*:

"There are about 50 observations known from the time before World War II. Then the number of appearances increased. The Allies thought it was a German secret weapon and the Germans

thought it was one of the Allies. Since 1947, the reports of eyewitnesses increased considerably. It is said by the English Air Marshall Lord Dowding that there have been 10,000 (reports) by 1953."

"The appearances are usually described as disks. Sometimes as balls or ellipsoids. It sometimes happens that these disks place one upon the other, the largest in the center, the smaller toward the ends, to form an object the shape of a cigar which then flies away with high speed.

Sometimes one already saw such a cigar (UFO) stopping and untie into separate disks. The disks always fly in a manner as if the drive is acting perpendicular to the plane of the disk. When they are suspended over a certain terrain, they keep horizontal. When they want to fly very quick, they tilt (tip) and fly with the plane directed forward.

In sunlight, which is brighter than their own gleaming, they appear glittering like metal. They are dark orange and cherry red at night, if there is not much power necessary for the particular movement, for instance, when they are suspended calm. Then, they also do not shine very much. If more driving power is necessary, the shining increases (brightens) and they appear yellow, yellow-green, green like a copper flame and in a state of highest speed or acceleration extremely white. Sometimes they suddenly blink or extinguish.

Their speed is sometimes very high. 19 km/sec has been measured with wireless measuring instruments (radar). Accelerations are so high that no man could stand it. He would be pressed to the wall and bruised. The accuracy of such measurements has not been doubted. If there would be only 3 or 4 measurements, I would not rely upon them and would wait for further measurements. But there is existing more than 50 such measurements. The wireless sets (radar) of the American Air Force and Navy which are used in all fighters cannot be so inaccurate that the information obtained with them can be doubted completely."

Dr .H Marshall Chadwell, former assistant director of the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence in a December, 1952 memo to then-director of the CIA, General Walter B. Smith: "Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitude and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles."

Harry G. Barnes -Senior Air Traffic Controller for the CAA discussing the Washington sightings 1952.

"There is no other conclusion I can reach but that for six hours on the morning of the 20th of July, 1952, there were at least 10 unidentifiable objects moving above Washington... I can safely deduce that they performed gyrations which no known aircraft could perform. By this I mean that our scope showed that they could make right angle turns and complete reversals of flight".

Lt William Patterson, F-94 Pilot who chased UFOs over Washington DC, 1952.

"I saw several bright lights. I was at my maximum speed. But even then, I had no closing speed... Later I chased a single bright light which I estimated about 10 miles away. I lost visual contact with it at about 2 miles".

Albert Einstein, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey (reply letter to Californian Minister, July 23rd, 1952): "These people have seen something. But what it is I do not know and I am not curious to know".

George R. MacFarlane, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Destroyer *H.M.C.S. Iroquois* , May 1952: "At about 02:00, I saw the first of many strange lights in the sky. The vast majority were in formation, usually quarter line, and all appeared on the port side. Many were in groups of three. Some in groups of five or six. They appeared and disappeared instantly at the same speed that a computer screen operates.

Suddenly one of these objects appeared at close range on our port bow at a low elevation. It was disc-shaped and consisted of a very bright light with black windows running around the whole side which was visible to us. It maintained perfect station on us for at least 15 minutes. I scanned the object with binoculars attempting to see into the windows but saw nothing. I counted the windows and recall there were about two dozen. They were very large and close together and completely black.

Although the body of the object glowed very brightly, it did not prevent me from looking directly at it. The object appeared more oval in shape than round. And then suddenly it was gone. There was no sound made at any time".

1953

Maj. Donald Keyhoe, Director-NICAP: "With control of the Universe at stake, a crash program is imperative. We produced the A-bomb under the huge Manhattan Project in an amazingly short time. The needs, the urgency today are even greater. The Air Force should end UFO secrecy and give the facts to scientists, the public, to Congress. ... Once the people realize the truth, they would back -- even demand -- a crash program. For this is one race we dare not lose..."

General Walter Bedell Smith, Director of the CIA from 1950-53: "The Central Intelligence Agency has reviewed the current situation concerning unidentified flying objects which have created extensive speculation in the Press and have been the subject of concern to Government organizations... Since 1947, approximately 2,000 official reports of sightings have been received. And of these, about 20% are as yet unexplained.

"It is my view that this situation has possible implications for our National Security which transcend the interests of a single service. A broader coordinated effort should be initiated to develop a firm scientific understanding of the several phenomena which apparently are involved in these reports..." (1952 memorandum to the National Security Council.)

Lieutenant D. A Swimley, USAF in 1953 following the sighting of 8 UFOs that were confirmed on radar and witnessed numerous other people including commercial pilots and police officers: "And don't tell me they were reflections. I know they were solid objects."

1954

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain (printed in *Sunday Dispatch*, London, July 11, 1954): "More than 10,000 sightings have been reported, the majority of which cannot be accounted for by any 'scientific' explanation... I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not

manufactured by any nation on Earth. ... I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from some *extraterrestrial* source."

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, *London Sunday Dispatch*, March 28, 1954 : "There are many reasons to believe that they(UFOs)do exist. There is so much evidence from reliable witnesses"

Colonel Brigadier General João Adil Oliveira, Chief of the Air Force General Staff Information Service, Brazil: "I wish to give you a summary of what is known in the World about 'flying discs'. Of what is known about the opinion of qualified experts who have dealt with this matter. The problem of 'flying discs' has polarized the attention of the whole World. But it's serious and it deserves to be treated seriously. Almost all the governments of the great powers are interested in it, dealing with it in a serious and confidential manner due to its military interest." (O'Cruzeiro magazine, Rio de Janeiro, December 11, 1954)

Emergency Report from Maxwell Air Force Base on airspace violation by UFO, 1954: "Pilot of helicopters wished to stress fact that object was of a saucer-like nature, was stationary at 2000 ft. And would be glad to be called upon to verify any statements and act as witness."

1955

General Douglas MacArthur (October 8): "You now face a new World. A world of change. We speak in strange terms of harnessing the cosmic energy, of ultimate conflict between a united Human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy. ... The nations of the World will have to unite for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the Earth must someday make a common front against attack by people from other planets."

Allen Dulles, CIA Director: "Maximum Security exists concerning the subject of UFOs."

Senator Richard Russell, head of the Armed Services Committee, following his sighting of a UFO during an official trip to the Soviet Union in 1955: "I have discussed this matter with the effected agencies of the Government and they are of the opinion that is it not wise to publicize this matter at this time."

Air Force Project Blue Book, SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14, May 5, 1955: "This is the most puzzling case in the radar/visual files. The apparently rational, intelligent behavior of the UFO suggests a mechanical device of unknown origin as the most probable explanation."

1956

Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, Chief of Project Blue Book from his book The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects: "Every time I get skeptical, I think of the other reports made by experienced pilots and radar operators, scientists, and other people who know what they are looking at. These reports were thoroughly investigated and they are still unknowns."

"We have no aircraft on this Earth that can at will so handily outdistance our latest jets... The pilots, radar specialists, generals, industrialists, scientists, and the man on the street who have told me 'I wouldn't have believed it either if I hadn't seen it myself' knew what they were talking about. Maybe the Earth is being visited by interplanetary spaceships.

"When 4 college professors, a geologist, a chemist, a physicist, and a petroleum engineer report seeing the same UFOs on 14 different occasions, the event can be classified as at least unusual. Add the fact that hundreds of other people saw these UFOs and that they were photographed and the story gets even better. Add a few more facts that these UFOs were picked up on radar and that a few people got a close look at one of them and the story begins to convince even the most ardent skeptic."

"... ... Of these UFO reports, the radar/visual reports are the most convincing. When a ground radar picks up a UFO target and a ground observer sees a light where the radar target is located, then a jet interceptor is scrambled to intercept the UFO and the pilot also sees the lights and gets a radar lock only to have the UFO almost impudently outdistance him, there is no simple answer."

"... ... After the Fort Monmouth, NJ, radar sightings (which started on Sept 10, 1951), the Air Force held a meeting at the Pentagon. General Cabell presided over the meeting. It was attended by his entire staff plus Lieutenant Cummings, Lieutenant Colonel Rosengarten, and a special representative from Republic Aircraft Corporation. The man from Republic supposedly represented a group of top U.S. industrialists and scientists who thought that there should be a lot more sensible answers coming from the Air Force regarding UFOs.

"Every word of the 2-hour meeting was recorded on a wire recorder. The recording was so hot that it was later destroyed. But not before I had heard it several times... It didn't exactly follow the tone of the official Air Force releases. Many of the people present at the meeting weren't as convinced that the 'hoax, hallucination, and misidentification' answer was quite as positive as the Grudge Report and subsequent press releases made out."

"... ... The one thing about these briefings that never failed to amaze me -- although it happened time-and-time again -- was the interest in UFOs within scientific circles. As soon as the word spread that Project Blue Book was giving official briefings to groups with the proper security clearances, we had no trouble in getting scientists to swap free advice for a briefing. "I might add that we briefed only groups who were engaged in Government work and who had the proper security clearances solely because we could discuss any government project that might be of help to us in pinning down the UFO.

"Our briefings weren't just squeezed in either. In many instances, we would arrive at a place to find that a whole day had been set aside to talk about UFOs. And never once did I meet anyone who laughed off the whole subject of Flying Saucers even though publicly these same people had jovially sloughed off the Press with answers of 'hallucinations,' 'absurd', or 'a waste of time and money.' They weren't wild-eyed fans. But they were certainly interested."

1957

Major General Joe W. Kelly, 1957: "Air Force interceptors still pursue UFOs as a matter of national security to this Country and to determine the technical aspects involved."

Navy Admiral Delmar Fahrney, head missile testing of the American Navy in a public statement: "Reliable reports indicate there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and controlled by thinking intelligences."

"... No aircraft -- neither in the United States nor in the Soviet Union -- is currently able to achieve the speed attributed to these objects from the radars and from the observatories. These objects appear to be driven by an intelligence the way in which they fly. According to reports from scientists and technical personnel, these objects fly in formation and finish maneuvers that seem to point out that are not completely driven from an automatic equipment. These objects are in incontestable mode, the result of long investigations and highly technological and exceptional knowledge."

Chief-Inspector Reginald Jones of 'D' Division, Glamorgan Police. Object also witnessed by another officer, 09-01-1957: "At first I thought we were seeing a ship on fire on the horizon towards Ilfracombe. But then it rose out of the water like a blood-red sun, a good deal larger than a full-sized harvest Moon. It remained at sea level, then suddenly took off at a fantastic speed towards the Atlantic."

1958

General Lionel M. Chassin, Commanding General of the French Air Forces and General Air Defense Coordinator of the Allied Air Forces of NATO (in foreword to Aime Michel's Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery, Criterion Books, 1958): "The number of thoughtful, intelligent, educated people in full possession of their faculties who have "seen something" and described it grows every day... We can... say categorically that mysterious objects have indeed appeared and continue to appear in the sky that surrounds us."

Wilbert B. Smith was a Canadian electrical engineer. In a formerly classified Canadian government memorandum dated November 21, 1950, he wrote: "The matter is the most highly-classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb. **Flying saucers exist**. Their modus operandi is unknown. But concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush."

Following an interview with physicist Robert Sarbacher back in 1950 in which Sarbacher confirmed the existence of crashed saucers and the recovery of *alien* bodies, Smith got the Canadian government to establish **Project Magnet** -- an attempt to understand and duplicate flying saucer performance. This has all been well-documented from Smith's notes of his meeting with Sarbacher, confirmation by Sarbacher in the 1980s, and various declassified Canadian government documents.

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Smith gave a tape-recorded speech in Ottawa, Canada on March 31, 1958 in which he summarized findings of a 2-year UFO investigation including a series of communications with intelligences claiming to be *extraterrestrial* and laboratory experiments suggested by these entities that confirmed the validity of their alien science. The transcript of Smith's speech is in *Flying Saucer Review*, Sept/Oct 1963, pp. 13-16.

Timothy Good in Above Top Secret (p. 205) also noted that Smith wrote an article in 1958 in which he said that contact had been established with the occupants of UFOs and that he had learned a great deal from investigating these contacts. He wrote: "But it soon became apparent that **there was a very real and quite large gap between this *alien* science and the science in which I had been trained.** Certain crucial experiments were suggested and carried out. And in each case, the results confirmed the validity of the *alien* science. **Beyond this point, the *alien* science just seemed to be incomprehensible!"**

Major Donald Keyhoe during a live TV broadcast "Armstrong Circle Theatre" on CBS in 1958 in which he was pulled from the air when he began to deviate from the prepared format of the program: "The Air Force had put out a secret order for its pilots to capture UFOs. For the last 6 months, we have been working with a Congressional committee investigating official secrecy concerning proof that UFOs are real machines under intelligent... .. " *[Broadcast abruptly cut off]*

CBS stopped the audio portion of the live broadcast. Herbert A. Carlborg, CBS Director of Editing, stated "this program had been carefully cleared for security reasons".

On March 8, 1958, Keyhoe appeared on "The Mike Wallace Interview" on ABC and spoke about flying saucers, contactees, and the details of the Armstrong Circle Theatre censorship which he blamed on the Air Force rather than CBS.

Congressman William H. Ayres: "Congressional investigations...are still being held on the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects and the problem is one in which there is quite a bit of interest. Since most of the material presented to the committee is Classified, the hearings are never printed."

Patrolman LeRoy A. Arboreen - Dunellen, New Jersey, United States December 20, 1958. (Object also witnessed by Patrolman B. Talada.): "This object came at us from the west. At first it looked like a **red-hot** piece of coal about the size of a quarter held at arm's length. In a matter of seconds, it was as large as a ruler held at arm's length. That is when it came to a complete stop.

"The shape of the object was distinct. The body of the object was solid bright **red** and it gave off a pulsating **red** glow completely around the object. The object hovered a few seconds ... then made a left turn and again hovered for a few seconds ... then went straight up like a shot. We watched it until it completely faded beyond the stars."

Captain Gregory H. Oldenburgh, USAF, Information Services Officer, Langley AFB, Va., to Larry W. Bryant, 1-23-58: "It is my belief that one of the objectives of your organization [Air Research Group] is the public dissemination of data on Unidentified Flying Objects... This is contrary to Air Force policy and regulations."

1959

Dr. Wernher Von Braun (legendary rocket engineer), reflecting on the deflection of the U.S. June 2 rocket from orbit in 1959, stated: "We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than we had hitherto assumed and whose base is at present unknown to us. More I cannot say at present. We

are now engaged in entering into closer contact with those powers. And in 6-or-9 months time, it may be possible to speak with some precision on the matter."

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Lt. Colonel Richard Headrick, radar bombing expert: "Saucers exist. I saw two. They were intelligently flown or operated (evasive tactics, formation flight, hovering). They were mechanisms. Not United States weapons, nor Russian. I presume they are *extraterrestrial*."

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Major General Donald J. Keirn, Chief of Air Force Nuclear Engine Programme (Talk to Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 1959). "We have no proof that intelligent beings exist elsewhere. But UFO reports have emphasized out innate curiosity... Some may have already achieved a higher level of social and technological culture than our own".

Major General Richard E. O'Keefe, USAF, Acting Inspector General of the Air Force (Air Force Inspector General's Brief, Dec 24th, 1959): "UFOs sometimes treated lightly by the Press and referred to as 'flying saucers' must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business".

1960

Roscoe Hillenkoetter, former CIA Director Vice-Admiral (*signed statement to Congress, August 22, 1960*) : "Unknown objects are operating under intelligent control ... It is imperative that we learn where UFOs come from and what their purpose is ..."

"It is time for the truth to be brought out... Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense.... I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about Unidentified Flying Objects."

Colonel Fuijo Hayashi - Commander of the Air Transport Wing of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force, statement made in 1960: "UFOs are impossible to deny... It is very strange that we have never been able to find out the source for over 2 decades."

Congressman Joseph E. Karth - Aug 24, 1960: "As a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, I of course have had contact with high Air Force officers and have had opportunity to hear their comments on and off the record on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. Despite being confronted with seemingly unimpeachable evidence that such phenomena exist, these officers give little credence to the many reports on the matter. When pressed on specific details, the experts

refuse to answer on grounds that they are involved in the Nation's security and cannot be discussed publicly ... I will continue to seek a definite answer to this most important question."

California Highway Patrol Officer Charles A. Carson - California, United States, August 13, 1960.
(Object also witnessed by Police Officer Stanley Scott)

"We made several attempts to follow it. Or I should say get closer to it. But the object seemed aware of us. We were more successful remaining motionless and allow it to approach us which it did on several occasions. Each time the object neared us, we experienced radio interference.

"The object was shaped like a football. The edges -- or I should say outside of the object -- were clear to us... The glow was emitted by the object and was not a reflection of other lights".

1961

President Dwight D. Eisenhower (January): "In the counsels of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence -- whether sought or unsought -- of the Military-Industrial Complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and we persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge Industrial and Military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals so that security and liberty may prosper together."

Female Cosmonaut: *"I'll take it and hold it with my right hand. Look out the peephole! I have it!"*

Male Cosmonaut: *"There is something! If we do not get out, the World will never know about this!"*

[from the final transmission of a pair of Cosmonauts whose scheduled 7-day mission was interrupted by a malfunction of unknown origins. This piece of conversation was recorded on February 24, 1961 while they were trying to repair the damage. The 2 Cosmonauts were never heard from again.]

1962

Major Robert White exclaiming over the radio about a UFO encounter taking place on a 58-mile high X-15 flight on July 17, 1962: *"There ARE things out there! There absolutely is!"*

He later reported: "I have no idea what it could be. It was gray-ish in color and about 30-40 feet away."

Captain Luis Sanchez Moreno, Argentine Naval Intelligence (La Nacion, May 24th, 1962).

"I saw such objects (UFOs). It was not a matter of stars or planets but of mobile bodies with incredible speed and irregularity of movement".

1963

President John F. Kennedy (Nov. 21): "We seek a free flow of information ... We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive

values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."

Yale Scientific Magazine (Yale University) Volume XXXVII, Number 7, April 1963: "Based upon unreliable and unscientific surmises as data, the Air Force develops elaborate statistical findings which seem impressive to the uninitiated public unschooled in the fallacies of the statistical method. One must conclude that the highly publicized Air Force pronouncements based upon unsound statistics serve merely to misrepresent the true character of the UFO phenomena."

1964

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, Professor of Plant Physiology at Utah State University: "I must admit that any favorable mention of the flying saucers by a scientist amounts to extreme heresy and places the one making the statement in danger of excommunication by the scientific theocracy. Nevertheless, in recent years I have investigated the story of the unidentified flying object (UFO) and I am no longer able to dismiss the idea lightly." (Paper on "Exobiology" presented at the First Annual Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium, held at the United States Air Force Academy, in May 1964).

1965

General Curtis LeMay, statement from 1965 autobiography Mission With LeMay with MacKinlay Kantor, New York: Doubleday, 1965: "We had a number of reports from reputable individuals (well-educated serious-minded folks, scientists and fliers) who surely saw something".

As Air Force Chief of Staff in his 1965 autobiography Mission With LeMay stated that although the bulk of UFO reports could be explained as conventional or natural phenomena, some could not.

Many of the mysteries might be explained away as weather balloons, stars, reflected lights, all sorts of odds and ends. I don't mean to say that in the unclosed and unexplained or unexplainable instances, those were actually flying objects. All I can say is that no natural phenomena could be found to account for them... Repeat again: **There were some cases we could not explain.** Never could.

John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States. January (1965): "I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the available information on the Unidentified Flying Objects. You cannot disregard so many unimpeachable sources."

Major General E.B. LeBailly, USAF Director of Information -Sept 28, 1965 letter to USAF Scientific Advisory Board: Many of the reports that cannot be explained have come from intelligent and technically well-qualified individuals whose integrity cannot be doubted."

John Hembling - Chief Geologist and Mining Exploration Manager - witnessed an object with another geologist on reconnaissance survey of British Columbia, July 1965: "It was about 10 o'clock and we had just set up our equipment after the helicopter left when we saw a silvery object shining in the Sun appear over a small ridge below us. It had a flattened-out look. Our first reaction was that it

was some kind of delta-wing aircraft. We soon realized it was not. The object was about 50 ft. in diameter. On top of its dome there was a little knob and around the base of the dome there were circular markings. They might have been some kind of riveting or even windows. They were a bit too small to tell.

Below these on the face of the disc itself were larger rectangular markings which could have been glass or metallic. Our impression was that they were windows. As far as we could see, there were three of them.

It climbed slowly. Then all of a sudden it was off. It shot over the ridge, made a sharp turn without skidding, and was out of sight in about 20 seconds. We figured it had gone 20-or-25 miles by the time it disappeared."

Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode Damon, Texas, United States September 3, 1965. (Object also witnessed by Chief Deputy Billy McCoy). "The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular-shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200 feet wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it including the highway and the interior of our patrol car.

"After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30 degrees above the horizon."

Police Constable Eric Pinnock - Warminster, Wiltshire, 30/11/65: "It was a giant plate of light. It lit up the whole horizon with a glare. It was flying low over the landscape and appeared to be spinning"

Dr. Harry Messel, Professor of Physics at Sydney University, Australia, in a 1965 statement: "The facts about saucers were long tracked down and results have long been known in Top-Secret defense circles of more countries than one."

1966

Robert Low, University of Colorado senior administrator, former Intelligence officer, and assistant director of the Condon Committee in a confidential 1966 memo suggesting the approach of the Condon UFO study: "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."

James McDonald, speech to American Meteorological Society 1966: "My study of past official Air Force investigations (Project Blue Book) leads me to describe them as completely superficial. Officially released 'explanations' of important UFO sightings have been almost absurdly erroneous."

Classified report by an Air Force Strike Team at Minot AFB, 1966: "When the team was about 10 miles from the landing site, *static* disrupted radio contact with them. 5-to-8 minutes later, the glow diminished and the UFO took off. Another UFO was visually sighted and confirmed by radar".

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, Portage County, Ohio, April 17, 1966. (Also witnessed by Deputy Wilbur Neff.) "I always look behind me so no one can come up behind me. And when I looked in this wooded area behind us, I saw this thing. At this time, it was coming up... to about tree top level. I'd say about one hundred feet. it started moving toward us....

"As it came over the trees, I looked at Barney and he was still watching the car... and he didn't say nothing. The thing kept getting brighter and the area started to get light... I told him to look over his shoulder and he did.

"He just stood there with his mouth open for a minute, as bright as it was, and he looked down. And I started looking down and I looked at my hands and my clothes weren't burning or anything, when it stopped right over on top of us. The only thing, the only sound in the whole area was a hum like a transformer being loaded or an overloaded transformer when it changes...

".... It went PSSSSSHHEW straight up! And I mean when it went up, friend. It didn't play no games. It went straight up!"

Police Constable Colin Perks - Wilmslow, Cheshire, March 1966. "There was an eerie greenish-grey glow in the sky. Then I picked out an object about 30 feet long and built up in 3 sections with the top looking like a dustbin lid. It gave off a high-pitched *whine*. I was paralyzed. I just couldn't believe it."

Henrico County Sheriff A.D. "Toby" Mathews, Richmond, Virginia, August 9, 1966.

"I happened to look up and there was that UFO right above the cornfield. It was just hovering right up above the power lines. It was just like the ones you see on TV.

Then it took off like a bullet, just tremendously fast! If I live to be 100, I'll never forget it,"

1967

Air Marshall Roesmin Nurjadin, Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian Air Force (in a letter to Yusuke J. Matsumura dated May 5, 1967, reprinted in Good *ibid*): "UFOs sighted in Indonesia are identical with those sighted in other countries. Sometimes they pose a problem for our air defense. And once we were obliged to open fire on them."

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J. Salutun, Air Commodore, National Aerospace Council of Indonesia, and a Member of the Indonesian Parliament: "The most spectacular UFO incident in Indonesia occurred when during the height of President Sukarno's confrontation in Malaysia, UFOs penetrated a well-defended area in Java for 2 weeks at a stretch. Each time they were welcomed with perhaps the heaviest anti-aircraft barrage in history."

General Kanshi Ishikawa, Chief of Air Staff of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force, 1967: " Much evidence tells us UFOs have been tracked by radar. UFOs are real and they may come from Outer Space."

Dr. James E. McDonald, Professor of Atmospheric physics, University of Arizona. 1967: "I have absolutely no idea where the UFOs come from or how they are operated. But after 10 years of research, I know they are something from outside our atmosphere."

Captain Robert Salas, USAF SAC Missile Launch Officer [1964-1971]: "The UFO incident happened on the morning of March 16, 1967. On duty at Oscar Flight as part of the 490th strategic missile squad and there are 5 launch control facilities assigned to that particular squadron. I received a call from my topside security guard and he said that he and some of the guards had been observing some strange lights flying around the site around the launch control facility. I said 'you mean UFO?' He said well, he didn't know what they were but they were lights and were flying around. They were not airplanes; They were not helicopters. They weren't making any noise.

"[A little later] our missiles started shutting down one-by-one. By shutting down, I mean they went into a "no-go" condition meaning they could not be launched. These weapons were Minuteman-I missiles and were of course nuclear-tipped warhead missiles ... This incident was of extreme concern to SAC headquarters because they couldn't explain it."

1968

James Lovell flying with **Frank Borman** and **William Anders**: "*Mission Control, please be informed. There is a **Santa Claus**.*"

Upon emerging from the dark side of the Moon during their historic first circumlunar mission, Apollo-8, in December, 1968. "**Santa Claus**" was the mission code used if sighting a strange object such as a UFO.

Lee Katchen (an atmospheric physicist with NASA) stated on June 7, 1968 that on the basis of the 7,000 reports that he had examined, he believed UFOs to be *extraterrestrial* probes. "UFO sightings are now so common that the Military doesn't have time to worry about them. So they screen them out. The major defense systems have UFO filters built into them and when a UFO appears, they simply ignore it."

When asked for specifics, Katchen specifically singled out the radar network employed by SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environmental system) - the North American tactical air defense system which tracks all aircraft flights. "The filters cut out all unconventional objects or targets and makes no record of UFOs".

"Unconventional targets are ignored because apparently we are only interested in Russian targets, possibly enemy targets. Something that hovers in the air and then shoots off at 5,000 miles-per-hour doesn't interest us because it can't be the enemy. UFOs are picked up by ground and air radar and they have been photographed by gun camera all along. **There are so many UFOs in the sky that the Air Force has had to employ special radar networks to screen them out.**"

Dr. James McDonald, Senior Physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona before Congress: "The type of UFO reports that are most intriguing are close-range sightings of machine-like objects of unconventional nature and unconventional performance characteristics, seen at low altitudes, and sometimes even on the ground. The general public is entirely unaware of the large number of such reports that are coming from credible witnesses... When one starts searching for such cases, their number are quite astonishing. Also, such sightings appear to be occurring all over the Globe.

"The possibility that the Earth might be under surveillance by some high civilization in command of a technology far beyond ours must not be overlooked in weighing the UFO problem. I am one of those who lean strongly towards the *extraterrestrial* hypothesis. I arrived at that point by a process of elimination of other alternative hypotheses, not by arguments based on what I would call "irrefutable proof." I am convinced that the recurrent observations by reliable citizens here and abroad over the past 20 years cannot be brushed aside as nonsense but rather need to be taken extremely seriously as evidence that some phenomenon is going on which we simply do not understand."

"My own present opinion based on 2 years of careful study is that UFOs are probably *extraterrestrial* devices engaged in something that might very tentatively be termed 'surveillance'.

Dr. Robert M. L. Baker, Jr., President of West Coast University; author of 2 astrodynamics textbooks; head of Lockheed's Astrodynamics Research Center (1961-64); member of the faculty of Astronomy and Engineering at UCLA (1959-71). In 1968, he made the following statement concerning the one U.S. radar system in operation at that time that, to his knowledge, exhibited sufficient continuous coverage to reveal UFOs operating above the Earth's atmosphere:

"The system is partially classified and, hence, I cannot go into great detail... Since this particular sensor system has been in operation, there have been a number of anomalistic alarms. Alarms that, as of this date, have not been explained on the basis of natural phenomena interference, equipment malfunction or inadequacy, or man-made space objects." (1968 Congressional Hearings)

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis - House Committee on Science and Astronautics hearing on UFOs, Ninetieth Congress, Second Session, July 29, 1968: "Having spent a great deal of my life in the air as a pilot... I know that many pilots... have seen phenomena that they could not explain. These men -- most of whom have talked to me -- have been very reticent to talk about this publicly because of the ridicule that they were afraid would be heaped upon them... However, there is a phenomena here that isn't explained."

Bridgewardman G. M. Brinkman aboard the *USS Waldron*, 1968 near Puerto Rico: "One night in 1968 while on an operation in the Caribbean, I went up to the open bridge to relieve the watch. At

23:45, the other watch section wouldn't leave. This is really unusual because typically they want to get what's left of the mid-rats (sandwiches and soup served on the mess deck) and hit the rack. However, they stayed to observe two UFOs that were being tracked on radar by CIC.

They were tracking 2 bright lights that didn't answer up to IFF. They weren't enemy, friend, foe, or commercial aircraft. And they were flying at speeds in excess of 400 knots and making turns at right angles. Nothing we knew of could do this. But they did.

We saw them hover over the water within eyesight at about a few thousand yards, one submerging and the other as if standing guard above, waiting for the other to resurface. When it emerged, they buzzed off in formation at about a 45-degree angle to exit our Planet. As they became distant, turned color from a bright white to a burning amber and disappearing within about 10 seconds."

Don Delano: "I was the artillery spotter on Strongpoint ALFA-ONE during the month of June 1968 when the UFO incident transpired. We were shelling the sampans in the mouth of the Ben Hai River when we noticed the hovering lights through our Night Observation Device (Large, classified "Starlight" scope). We radioed 9th Marines to clear all aircraft from the area. We were informed that there were no friendly aircraft in the area. Calls to radar at Gio Linh (ALFA-TWO) verified the existence of aircraft in the area.

"ALFA-ONE was 3 kilometers south of the DMZ and 3 kilometers west of the South China Sea. The hill was just over 90 feet high and was the prominent terrain feature in the area.

"Anyway, the 'lights' (not aircraft, per se) were spotted over many sensitive areas. They appeared to be doing reconnaissance as at least once we noticed what appeared to be high-speed strobe lights of the type used for photo-reconnaissance being used.

"In another incident, a M42 'duster' opened up at point-blank range from C-1 but was unable to engage the aircraft. The duster is two WWII pom-pom 40mm guns mounted on a track and armed with proximity fuzes. At 240 rounds per minute, no helicopter could possibly survive that onslaught."

George S. Brown, DoD, USAF Chief of Staff General, transcript of Press Conference in Illinois (10/16/1973): "I don't know whether this story has ever been told or not. They weren't called UFOs. They were called 'enemy helicopters'. They were only seen at night and they were only seen in certain places. They were seen up around the DMZ in the early summer of '68. And this resulted in quite a little battle.

In the course of this, an Australian destroyer took a hit and we never found any enemy. We only found ourselves when this had all been sorted out. And this caused some shooting there. There was no enemy at all involved but we always reacted. Always after dark. The same thing happened up at Pleiku at the Highlands in '69."

William Cooper: "It was while there that I discovered that there was a tremendous amount of UFO and *alien* activity in Vietnam. It was always reported in official messages as 'enemy helicopters.' Now any of you who know anything about the Vietnam war know that the North Vietnamese did not have any helicopters. Especially after our first couple of air raids into North Vietnam. Even if they had, they would not have been so foolish as to bring them over the DMZ because that would have insured

their demise. Our troops were fired on occasionally by these `enemy helicopters'. Enemy troops were fired on occasionally by these `enemy helicopters'. And occasionally, people would disappear."

1969

President Jimmy Carter also mentions that he does not believe in aliens visiting Earth. Yet he is still completely at a loss to explain what he witnessed.

Following his sighting along with many others of a UFO at Leary, Georgia in October 1969.: "I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they've seen UFOs," Carter said at a Southern Governors Conference a few years ago. "I've seen one myself. It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big. It was very bright. It changed colors. And it was about the size of the Moon. We watched it for 10 minutes. But none of us could figure out what it was. One thing's for sure. I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky! ... I think it was a light beckoning me to run in the California primary. ... If I become President, I'll make every piece of information that this country has about UFO sightings available to the public."

[What happened after he was elected? Absolutely nothing! What stopped him?]

Yevegni Khrunov, Soyuz-5 spacecraft pilot in 1969: "Is the presence of *extraterrestrial* civilizations conceivable? Of course. Before the uniqueness of the Earth is demonstrated, this assumption should be taken as quite legitimate. As regards to UFOs, their presence cannot be denied. Thousands of people have seen them. It may be that their source is optical effects. But some of their properties -- for instance, their ability to change course by 90 degrees at great speed -- simply stagger the imagination." (*Sputnik*, "UFOs Through the Eyes of Cosmonauts," December 1980.)

Police Constable Brian Earnshaw - Bacup, Lancashire, October 1969. (2 other uniformed officers -- PC Colin Donahoe and Malcolm Reader -- also witnessed the object from a different location.)

"It was approximately 50 feet in length. There were portholes on the side but there were no visible signs of propulsion. The ship appeared to be metallic and gave off a bright glow. There was a low *whirring* sound coming from it."

1970

George Lynn Guthrie, Master Sergeant/Crew chief of Airbourne Intelligence Crew/Russian Voice Intercept Processing Supervisor for the Air Force Security Service Command witnessed UFOs flying a mission over the Baltic Sea, November 1970.

"I called the front end crew, the aircraft commander. And as I <pressed> the intercom button, I heard a conversation between the navigator, pilot, and co-pilot. They were obviously seeing something out of the front cockpit window of the aircraft. I think the remark at the time was 'God damn! Look at that thing go!'

Without telling the rest of the members of my crew (because I did not want them to leave station), I put my assistant in charge and stepped out into the corridor and looked out the window towards the front of the aircraft which at this time was beginning its mission turn from almost due south to a westerly course off the southern tip of Gotland Island and turning on a heading more or less towards Copenhagen.

And at that time, I saw 3 bright glowing objects flying in a triangular formation. Our mission aircraft at the time was doing approximately 450-or-500 knots and these appeared to be closing extremely rapidly on a parallel course to the aircraft.

They appeared as round, glowing red fireballs. The nearest thing I can describe to it is an old-fashioned cook stove lid that's been overheated and is just glowing red or like something you'd see on an anvil in a blacksmith's shop. The glowing red of metal.

The one thing that astounded me was the colossal speed. Even after compensating for our forward direction and they were moving in the opposite direction paralleling the aircraft, they would appear on the horizon and had swept across my complete range of vision from the front of the aircraft to the rear and going over the horizon towards the Arctic regions. It was just a matter of 2-or-3 seconds.

And just as I was sitting there open-mouthed astonished watching this phenomenon flash by, there on the horizon appeared 3 more identical objects. I watched no less than 5-or-6 groups of these things appear suddenly on the horizon at great speed, pass the aircraft, and disappear in the Arctic regions to the rear of the aircraft.

It was just incredible. I have never seen anything move like that in my life".

1971

Dr. Claude Poher, expert on aeronautics, astronomy and astronautics, engineer at the French Space Agency (CNES) for thirty years: "The phenomenon seems to be real... The general coherence of sighting reports worldwide should not leave researchers indifferent. One does not conceive objective arguments to justify an attitude that would avoid at all cost these observations... The risk is at worst to confirm the existence of unknown vehicles appearing erratically into our atmosphere. A hypothesis that seems to explain nearly all reported aspects of the phenomenon and could be linked to the current (1970) exobiology branch of space research." (1971 Statistical Study prepared for the CNES and French officials.)

Captain Edgar D. Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut, 1971: "We all know that UFOs are real. All we need to ask is where do they come from."

1972

Major Gerald Smith, USAF-- One of the F-106 pilots scrambled under orders from NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) to investigate a UFO over West Palm Beach, Florida on September 14, 1972. The UFO was viewed through binoculars by the FAA supervisor George Morales, sighted by an Eastern Airlines captain, police, and several civilians as well as being tracked on radar by Miami International Airport and Homestead AFB.

"There was something definite in the sky. If it had proved to be hostile, we would have destroyed it."

1973

Eugene Cernan who commanded the Apollo 17 Mission from a 1973 article in the *Los Angeles Times*):
"...I've been asked about UFOs and I've said publicly I thought they were somebody else, some other civilization."

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1974

President Ronald Reagan: "I was in a plane last week when I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around. I went up to the pilot and said *'Have you ever seen anything like that?'* He was shocked and he said *'Nope.'* And I said to him *'Let's follow it!'*

We followed it for several minutes. It was a bright white light. We followed it to Bakersfield. All of a sudden to our utter amazement, it went straight up into the Heavens. When I got off the plane, I told Nancy all about it. But we didn't file a report on the object because for a long time they considered you a nut if you saw a UFO ..."

Bull Paynter, a pilot with thousands of logged hours, in Sacramento California: "I was the pilot of the plane when we saw the UFO. Also on board were Governor Reagan and a couple of his security people. We were flying a Cessna Citation. It was maybe 9 or 10 o'clock at night. We were near Bakersfield, California when Governor Reagan and the others called my attention to a big light flying a bit behind my plane. It appeared to be several hundred yards away. It was a fairly steady light until it began to accelerate, then it appeared to elongate.

"Then the light took off. It went up at a 45-degree angle-at a high rate of speed. Everyone on the plane was surprised. Governor Reagan expressed amazement. I told the others I didn't know what it was... The UFO went from a normal cruise speed to a fantastic speed instantly... If you give an airplane power, it will accelerate. But not like a hot rod. And that's what this was like"

M. Robert Galley, French Minister of Defense, (interviewed on radio by Jean-Claude Bourret, February 21, 1974): "I must say that if listeners could see for themselves the mass of reports coming in from the airborne gendarmerie, from the mobile gendarmerie, and from the gendarmerie charged with the job of conducting investigations, all of which reports are forwarded by us to the National Center for Space Studies, then they would see that it is all pretty disturbing."

Dr. Margaret Mead, world-renowned anthropologist: "There are Unidentified Flying Objects. That is, there are a hard core of cases -- perhaps 20-to-30 percent in different studies -- for which there is no explanation... We can only imagine what purpose lies behind the activities of these quiet, harmlessly cruising objects that time and again approach the Earth. The most likely explanation, it seems to me, is that they are simply watching what we are up to." (*Redbook*, vol. 143, September 1974.)

Naval crewman Norman Burns aboard the *USS Kilauea* in the Indian Ocean, 1974: "During my stint in the Navy, I was on the ammunition ship *USS Kilauea* in the Indian Ocean somewhere near Vietnam around early 1974.

"Myself and 2 friends were out on the Foxhull. It was dark, around 9 pm probably. There was little or no Moon but millions of stars like always out there. We were in a group with a destroyer and a carrier. I think the *USS Mason* DD and maybe the *Oriskany*.

"We were watching the *Mason* in front of us and the glowing trail of ocean it was kicking up from the phosphorus algae in the water when the ocean in front of us lit up and started glowing. It got brighter and brighter. Then this really bright orange/yellow ball came out of the water on the right-starboard side of the destroyer. It flew over the top of the destroyer and went back in the ocean on the port side with the same glowing ocean water and then disappeared.

"We all just stared at each other with our mouths open. We could not believe what we saw. But I asked friends of mine who were on watch on the bridge if they saw it and they all did. There was nothing ever reported that I know of though. We just quit talking about it. I bet the destroyer got a good look at it. It went right over the bridge of that ship and it was BIG. Maybe 150-to-200 feet in diameter".

1976

General Carlos Castro Caverio, General in the Spanish Air Force and former Commander of Spain's Third Aerial Region" (in an interview with J. J. Benitez, *La Gaceta del Norte*, Balboa, Spain, June 27, 1976): "Everything is in a process of investigation both in the United States and in Spain as well as in the rest of the World... Look, as a General, as a military man, I have the same position as the one officially held by the Ministry of Defense. Now from a personal position as Carlos Castro Caverio, I believe that UFOs are spaceships or *extraterrestrial* craft... The nations of the World are currently working together in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. There is an International exchange of data. Maybe when this group of nations acquire more precise and definite information, it will be possible to release the news to the World."

"I myself have observed one UFO for more than an hour... It was an extremely bright object which remained stationary there for that length of time and then shot off towards Egea de los Caballeros, covering the distance of 20 kilometers in less than 1 seconds. No human device is capable of such a speed."

Parviz Jafari, retired General of Iranian Air Force: "At about 11 pm on the evening of 18th September, 1976, citizens were frightened by the circling of an unknown object over Tehran, the Capital city of Iran, at a low altitude. It looked similar to a star but bigger and brighter. They reported it to the

tower and it was seen by the tower man, too. He alerted the Air Force command post and Deputy General Yousefi decided to scramble an F-4 jet to investigate.

The pilot in the first jet lost instrumentation and communications when he got too close to the brilliant object, so he headed back. About 10 minutes later, they scrambled a second jet which I was piloting. At the time, I was Squadron commander. I approached the object which was flashing with intense red, green, orange, and blue light so bright that I was not able to see its body. The sequence of flashes was extremely fast like a strobe light. We locked on it with radar. It was at 30° left at a range of 25 miles. The size on the radar scope was comparable to that of a 707 tanker.

4 other objects with different shapes separated from the main one at different times during this close encounter. Whenever they were close to me, my weapons were jammed and my radio communications were garbled. One of the objects headed toward me. I thought it was a missile. I tried to launch a heat seeking missile to it but my missile panel went out. Another followed me when I was descending on the way back. One of the separated objects landed in an open area radiating a high bright light in which the sands on the ground were visible.

We could hear emergency squawk all the way which was reported by other airliners flying at the time and continued for another couple of days. During my interview at H.Q after the incident, an American colonel took notes. But after it was over, I could not find him to talk with. Later, a once-classified document was released here in America through the Freedom of information Act. The Defense Intelligence Agency documented the event in great detail and it was sent to the NSA, The White House, and the CIA. The DIA assessment said this case is a classic that meets all necessary conditions for a legitimate study of the UFO phenomenon".

1977

Mayagüez Police Lieutenant Cesar Gracia -1977, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico - on witnessing two Large Glowing UFOs Enter & Emerge from Ocean: "I saw something in the sky that I didn't know what it was. It was over Highway Two about 1,500 feet. A large, lighted ball about 6 feet in diameter. It was going toward the beach very slowly. I was in the parking lot of the Hilton when they called me from the police department. They told me to go to the beach because a great many people were watching this object.

"When I got there, the object was already hovering over the water about 2-or-3 miles off the beach. There were about 500 people watching. There are about 4 public housing areas right there and all the people from the housing areas were there. I saw one light coming down. But when I got to the beach, I noticed there were 2 objects in the water, not together but about a mile away from each other. They were hovering over the water, right about at the water level.

"Because of the distance, I couldn't tell if it was a few feet over the water or if they were actually touching the water. The first object stayed about an hour. But the second one lasted at least 4 hours. People came out of their houses to see the view. People came in cars parked on the side of the street and went to the beach to see what was happening. I stayed until midnight, mostly keeping an eye on the group so there wouldn't be any problems.

"It was pretty high like an orange-yellow light. I don't know exactly the size. As it came down, it got larger. It was pretty good sized.

"The police got many, many phone calls all night. We called the Coast Guard but they didn't come. They said it wasn't an emergency. I think they were mystery objects. I was impressed by what I saw. There were many other officers who saw this."

Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Creel - Flora, Mississippi, United States, February 10, 1977. (Object also witnessed by Highway Patrolman Louis Younger.) "I know I'm not crazy. I've always said I didn't believe in this stuff. I don't know what I saw. But I know I saw something ... It's just hard to describe what happened. It looked like an evening star or something. But it kept getting brighter and bigger.

"I heard a whirring noise like a blender ... Like it was straining when you first put ice in it. And then the UFO started coming closer.

"The thing came right over the car. It came right to us like it was being piloted. The thing just hovered over us about 20-or-30 feet up for more than a minute.

"There was light coming out from little windows and light changed colors several times from soft blue to red to green and other colors. It didn't spin or anything. It just hovered around there. Then the thing just picked up and took off northwest toward Satartia."

Prime Minister Eric Gairy of Grenada addressing the 1977-1978 General Assembly meeting of the United Nations: "I know that Flying Saucers exist because I myself saw one 3 years ago and U.N. diplomats will not think I am crazy for saying so. I am convinced that persons from Outer Space are studying us or perhaps living among us as earthlings."

1978

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence J. Coyne describing UFO encounter he witnessed with three other airmen over Mansfield Ohio, October 18, 1973. Quote taken from United Nations UFO hearing in 1978: "With the aircraft under my control, I observed the **red-lighted** object closing upon the helicopter at the same altitude at a high rate-of-speed. It became apparent a mid-air collision was about to happen unless evasive action was taken."

"I looked out ahead of the helicopter and observed an aircraft I have never seen before. This craft positioned itself directly in front of the moving helicopter.

This craft was 50-to-60 feet long with a gray metallic structure. On the front of this craft was a large steady bright red light. I could delineate where the **red** stopped on the structure of this craft because **red** was reflecting off the grey structure. The design of this craft was symmetrical in shape with a prominent aft indentation on the undercarriage. From this portion of the undercarriage, a green pyramid-shaped **light** emerged with the light initially in the trail position.

This green **light** then swung 90 degrees coming directly into the front windshield and lighting up the entire cockpit of the aircraft. All colors inside the cabin of the helicopter were absorbed by this green **light**. That includes the instrument panel lights on the aircraft.

"As a result of my experience, I am convinced this object was real and that these types of incidents should require a thorough investigation. It is my own personal opinion that worldwide

procedures need to be established to effectively study this phenomena through an International cooperative effort. The establishment of a Transponder Code for aircraft flying worldwide is needed to identify to ground controllers that a pilot is indeed experiencing a UFO phenomenon and that pilot anxiety can be reduced to provide safe effective flying, knowing he is under radar control."

Police Constable Anthony Dodd Skipton, North Yorkshire, December 12, 1978. (Object also witnessed by Police Constable Dale.) "It had a dome with ports all around it. The bottom was surrounded by colored lights like neon lights in blue, red, green, and white which blinked in a sequence as if they were rotating. And in the middle, there were 3 spheres or hemispheres.

It was a huge thing about 100 feet in diameter. It made no noise whatsoever. What fascinated me even more was that the object was enveloped in a kind of halo which made its entire metallic structure glow white. It flew slowly over our heads and seemed to land at a place behind a group of trees. But we couldn't see or check that out because at that point it was too far away and in the middle of the moor."

1979

Victor Marchetti, former Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the CIA, (in an article written by him for *Second Look* entitled "How the CIA Views the UFO Phenomenon", Vol 1, No 7, Washington, DC, May, 1979.): "We have indeed been contacted -- perhaps even visited -- by *extraterrestrial* beings. And the U.S. Government in collusion with the other national powers of the Earth is determined to keep this information from the general Public."

"The purpose of the International conspiracy is to maintain a workable stability among the nations of the World and for them, in turn, to retain institutional control over their respective populations. Thus for these governments to admit that there are beings from Outer Space... with mentalities and technological capabilities obviously far superior to ours could, once fully perceived by the average person, erode the foundations of the earth's traditional power structure. Political and legal systems, religions, economic and social institutions could all soon become meaningless in the mind of the public. The national oligarchical establishments -- even civilization as we now know it - - could collapse into anarchy."

"Such extreme conclusions are not necessarily valid. But they probably accurately reflect the fears of the 'ruling classes' of the major nations whose leaders (particularly those in the Intelligence business) have always advocated excessive governmental secrecy as being necessary to preserve 'National Security'."

Senator and Air Force Reserve General Barry Goldwater (April 11): "... So when people tell me they've seen UFOs, I don't say they haven't. In 15,000 hours of flying, I've never seen one. But I've talked to pilots who have. I talked to an airline crew that swore up-and-down that an object came alongside them one night, and before they could do anything it vanished. We lost a military pilot who went up to intercept strange lights and never came back. His plane disappeared too ... "

He said that he put faith in the reports of the Air Force, Navy, and commercial pilots who reported instances where a UFO would fly near them right off their plane's wing and then just zoom away at incredible speeds.

"I remember the case in Georgia in the 1950s of a National Guard plane going after a UFO and never returning. And I recall the case in Franklin, Kentucky when 4 military planes investigated a UFO. One of them exploded in mid-air and no one knows why."

"I certainly believe in *aliens* in space. They may not look like us. But I have very strong feelings that they have advanced beyond our mental capabilities."

He said that he was refused permission to check the Air Force files on UFOs and added: "I think some highly-secret government UFO investigations are going on that we don't know about-and probably never will unless the Air Force discloses them."

"It is true that I was denied access to a facility (the 'Blue Room') at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio because I never got in. I can't tell you what was inside. We both know about the rumors (concerning a captured UFO and crew members). I have never seen what I would call a UFO. But I have intelligent friends who have."

[Did anything significant happen regarding UFO secrecy? The Pentagon warned him to drop his interest in UFOs. Why if UFOs do not exist?]

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Cosmonaut Victor Afanasyev commenting on a UFO sighting that occurred while en route to the Solyut 6 space station in April of 1979: "It followed us during half of our orbit. We observed it on the light side. When we entered the shadow side, it disappeared completely. It was an engineered structure, made from some type of metal approximately 40 meters long with inner hulls. The object was narrow here and wider here. And inside there were openings. Some places had projections like small wings. The object stayed very close to us. We photographed it and our photos showed it to be 23-to-28 meters away."

Earl of Kimberly, House of Lords Debate on Unidentified Flying Objects, Jan. 18, 1979: "UFOs defy worldly logic... The human mind cannot begin to comprehend UFO characteristics. Their propulsion, their sudden appearance, their disappearance, their great speeds, their silence, their manoeuvres, their apparent anti-gravity, their changing shapes ..."

James Kopf, U.S. Navy/National Security Agency aboard the USS JFK, Summer 1979: "We exited the Communications Center and went to the catwalk on the port side of the ship on the edge of the flight deck. We observed a large glowing sphere over the ship. It was hard to decide what size this thing was because there was no perspective. It was late in the evening. The Sun had gone down, it was twilight. But it looked huge..."

After that, I talked to a few shipmate friends that I had on the ship. One in particular worked in the radar department and he was on watch during the incident. He told me that all the radar screens were glowing ... and then nothing. They couldn't detect anything on radar. We stayed up most of the night talking about it. We heard that the compasses were not working on the bridge and that the radar navigational system had gone offline...

A few days later, the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer came on the closed circuit television system that we had on board. It was the only way that they could address the crew of 5,000. The Commanding Officer looked at the camera (and I will never forget this) and he said: 'I

would like to remind the crew that certain events that take place on board a major naval combative vessel are considered Classified and should not be discussed with anyone without a Need-To-Know.' And that was all he said..."

1980

Ronald D Story - American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics UFO Subcommittee -New York: Doubleday, 1980: "The opposite conclusion could have been drawn from The Condon Report's content. Namely, that a phenomenon with such a high ratio of unexplained cases (about 30 percent) should arouse sufficient scientific curiosity to continue its study."

"From a scientific and engineering standpoint, it is unacceptable to simply ignore substantial numbers of unexplained observations... The only promising approach is a continuing moderate-level effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means... involving available remote sensing capabilities and certain software changes."

Dr David M Jacobs, Professor of History, Temple University - (UFO Congress paper, 1980).

"Because few scientists have carefully studied the literature and conducted field investigations, most know practically nothing about UFOs. Their ignorance of the subject has much to do with their attitudes towards it".

1982

Dr. Brian T. Clifford, Pentagon official. New York press conference, Oct. 5, 1982: "Contact between U.S. citizens and *extraterrestrials* or their vehicles is strictly illegal."

1983

Dr. Robert Sarbacher, Nov. 29, 1983: "I still do not know why the high order of classification has been given and why the denial of the existence of these objects [has been perpetuated]."

1985

David Thorne, Air Commodore , Director of General Operations for the Zimbabwe Air Force:

"This is the first sighting in Zimbabwe where airborne pilots have tried to intercept a UFO. As far as my Air Staff is concerned, we believe implicitly that the unexplained UFOs are from civilizations beyond our Planet."

Azim Daudpota, Air Marshall, Zimbabwe speaking about a UFO sighting over the country in 1985: "This was no ordinary UFO. Scores of people saw it. It was no illusion, no deception, no imagination."

1986

Kenju Terauchi (Japan Airlines pilot): "It is impossible for any man-made machine to make a sudden appearance in front of a jumbo jet that is flying 910 kilometers-per-hour and to remain in steady formation paralleling our aircraft. ... Honestly, we were simply breathtaken."

1987

Peter A. Sturrock, "An Analysis of the Condon Report on the Colorado UFO Project," Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol.1, No.1, 1987: "Most scientists have never had the occasion to confront evidence concerning the UFO phenomenon. To a scientist, the main source of hard information (other than his own experiments' observations) is provided by the scientific journals. With rare exceptions, scientific journals do not publish reports of UFO observations. The decision not to publish is made by the editor acting on the advice of reviewers. This process is self-reinforcing. The apparent lack of data confirms the view that there is nothing to the UFO phenomenon. This view (prejudice) works against the presentation of relevant data."

1988

President Ronald Reagan while sharing the stage with former Russian leader, Mikhail Gorbachev "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an *alien* threat from outside this World."

[Was this stated to prepare the human race for an alien reality? Did alien contact influence the collapse of Communism?]

1989

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu from an interview with students of Waseda University in Tokyo in November 1989: "First of all, I told a magazine this past January that as an underdeveloped country with regards to the UFO problem, Japan had to take into account what should be done about the UFO question, and that we had to spend more time on these matters. In addition, I said that someone had to solve the UFO problem with far reaching vision at the same time.

Secondly, I believe it is a reasonable time to take the UFO problem seriously as a reality... I hope that this Symposium will contribute to peace on Earth from the point of view of Outer Space and take the first step toward the international cooperation in the field of UFOs. From the point of view of 'people' in outer space, all human beings on Earth are the same people regardless of whether they are American, Russian, Japanese, or whoever."

Auguste Meessen, professor of physics at the Catholic University in Louvain:

"On November 29, 1989, a large craft with triangular shape flew over the town of Eupen. The gendarmes von Montigny and Nicol found it near the road linking Aix-la-Chapelle and Eupen. It was stationary in the air above a field which it illuminated with 3 powerful beams. The beams emanated from large circular surfaces near the triangle's corners. In the center of the dark and flat

understructure was some kind of 'red gyrating beacon.' [StealthSkater note: sounds like a Black Triangle UFO => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

The object did not make any noise. When it began to move, the gendarmes headed towards a small road in the area over which they expected the object to fly. Instead, it made a half-turn and continued slowly in the direction of Eupen following the road at low altitude. It was seen by different witnesses as it flew above houses and near City Hall".

1990

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Mikhail Gorbachev, Premiere of the Soviet Union, interview as reported in 'Soviet Youth', May 4, 1990.

"The phenomenon of UFOs does exist and it must be treated seriously".

Dr. Auguste Meessen, Professor of physics at the Catholic University in Louvain: "There are too many independent eyewitness reports to ignore. Too many of the reports describe coherent physical effects and there is an agreement among the accounts concerning what was observed... But of course, there are also physical effects. The Air Force report [of the F-16 jet scramble incident on the night of March 30-31, 1990] allows us to approach the problem in a rational and scientific way. The simplest hypothesis is that the reports are caused by *extraterrestrial* visitors. But that hypothesis carries with it other problems. We are not in a rush to form a conclusion but continue to study the mystery."

1991

Dick D'Amato, National and International Security Specialist for Senator Robert Byrd and a member of the National Security Council, stated in 1991 that an incredibly powerful "black arm" of the Government has been keeping UFO information secret and has also been illegally spending enormous sums of money in this operation.

Major-General Wilfred de Brouwer, Deputy Chief, Royal Belgian Air Force ." ("Postface" in SOBEPS' Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un Dossier Exceptionnel, Brussels: SOBEPS, 1991): "In any case, the Air Force has arrived to the conclusion that a certain number of anomalous phenomena has been produced within Belgian airspace. The numerous testimonies of ground observations compiled in this [SOBEPS] book -- reinforced by the reports of the night of March 30-31 [1990] -- have led us to face the hypothesis that a certain number of unauthorized aerial activities have taken place. Until now, not a single trace of aggressiveness has been signaled. Military or civilian air

traffic has not been perturbed nor threatened. We can therefore advance that the presumed activities do not constitute a direct menace. ...

The day will come undoubtedly when the phenomenon will be observed with technological means of detection and collection that won't leave a single doubt about its origin. This should lift a part of the veil that has covered the mystery for a long time. A mystery that continues to the present. But it exists. It is real. And that in itself is an important conclusion

Lieutenant Frederick Fox: "There is a Military publication called JANAP 146E that has a section that says you will not reveal any information regarding the UFO phenomenon under penalty of \$10,000 fine and 10 years in jail. So the secret has been kept."

1992

Dr. Richard Haines, Psychologist specializing in pilot and astronaut "human factors" research for the Ames NASA Research Center in California-Chief of the Space Human Factors Office: "Reports of anomalous aerial objects (AAO) appearing in the atmosphere continue to be made by pilots of almost every airline and air force of the World in addition to private and experimental test pilots. This paper presents a review of 56 reports of AAO in which electromagnetic effects (E-M) take place on-board the aircraft when the phenomenon is located nearby but not before it appeared or after it had departed. "

"Reported E-M effects included radio interference or total failure, radar contact with and without simultaneous visual contact, magnetic and/or gyro-compass deviations, automatic direction finder failure or interference, engine stopping or interruption, dimming cabin lights, transponder failure, and military aircraft weapon system failure."

"We're not dealing with mental projections or hallucinations on the part of the witness but with a real physical phenomenon." (Haines, Dr. Richard, "56 Aircraft Pilot Sightings Involving Electromagnetic Effects," MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium Proceedings.)

1993

Vladimir Kovalyonok, Major-General of Aviation: "On May 5, 1981, we were in orbit [in the Salyut-6 space station]. I saw an object that didn't resemble any cosmic objects I'm familiar with. It was a round object which resembled a melon. Round and a little bit elongated. In front of this object was something that resembled a gyrating depressed cone. I can draw it; it's difficult to describe. The object resembles a barbell. I saw it becoming transparent and like with a 'body' inside. At the other end, I saw something like gas discharging like a reactive object.

Then something happened that is very difficult for me to describe from the point-of-view of Physics. Last year in the magazine *Nature*, I read about a physicist... We tried together to explain this phenomenon and we decided it was a 'plasmaform'. I have to recognize that it did not have an artificial origin. It was not artificial because an artificial object couldn't attain this form. I don't know of anything that can make this movement... Tightening, then expanding, pulsating.

[StealthSkater note: UFOs as "Plasmoids"? => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

"Then as I was observing, something happened. Two explosions. One explosion and then 0.5 seconds later, the second part exploded. I called my colleague Viktor [Savinykh]. But he didn't arrive in time to see anything.

"What are the particulars? First conclusion: the object moved in a suborbital path, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to see it. There were 2 clouds like smoke that formed a barbell. It came near me and I watched it. Then we entered into the shade for 2-or-3 minutes after this happened. When we came out of the shade, we didn't see anything. But during a certain time, we and the craft were moving together." (Videotaped interview with Giorgio Bongiovanni in the village of Kosnikov near Moscow, 1993. Videotape courtesy of Michael Hesemann.)

1994

Gyorgy Keleti, Minister of Defense, Hungary, in article by Attila Lenart entitled "Ask a Question to the Minister of Defense: George Keleti, Are You Afraid of a UFO Invasion?", Nepszava, Budapest, August 18, 1994: "Around Szolnok, many UFO reports have been received from the Ministry of Defense which obviously and logically means that they know very well where they have to land and what they have to do. It is remarkable indeed that the Hungarian newspapers -- in general, newspapers everywhere -- reject the reports of the authorities."

1995

Jonathan Beaston, Machinist Repairman First Class U.S. Navy aboard the *USS Comte De Grasse* DD-974- Puerto Rico, Dec. 1995: "I was standing the mid-watch sounding security watch and always went to the fantail on my rounds to talk to the seaman who stood watch there. It was around midnight and we were just talking and looking up at the stars when this UFO just lite up in the sky about 1,000 feet high and a quarter-a-mile away aft of the ship so the bridge could not see it. It did not come from anywhere that we could see.

We don't know if it came out of the ocean or what. But all we saw was it just turned on it lights and was just sitting there. It did not make one sound and it had a few different color lights on it. Red, blue, and white I believe. I said to the seaman on watch 'Do you see what I see?'" and he said 'yes'. So I told him to call up to the bridge and see if they can see anything on their radar.

They replied that nothing was showing up on the screen. As soon as they told us that, this UFO took off like nothing I have ever seen. It looked like it traveled a 1,000 miles in just a split-second in a zig-zag motion not making any noise or even a sight of smoke."

1996

Senior Constable Andrew Luhrs -Gladstone,Southern Australia,May 22, 1996: "The light would throb with an increased intensity prior to each change of colour and hover in the sky for some time and then dart and cover large distances doing a number of right-angled turns at high speed".

1997

June McRain - Wright-Patterson AFB Secretary 1941-1952, June 27th 1997 interview with Police Sgt Clarkson: "They frequently saw them (UFOs) and then told me, I'm positive that there were 3 crashes by 1952".

1998

Sarah McClendon, White House Correspondent, and Dean of the White House Press Corps. Excerpts from a press release by McClendon on March 30, 1998: **Stephen Hawking** on C-Span Television-guest lecturer at the second Millennium Evening at the White House on March 6, 1998: "Of course, it is possible that UFOs really do contain *aliens* as many people believe and the Government is hushing it up."

"The real danger to the U.S. and perhaps this whole planet is the Government has placed such a heavy blanket of secrecy upon this issue. So much secrecy, those in Government who have knowledge showing UFOs are identifiable feel the subject cannot be discussed by those in the know without serious repercussions. Others are afraid that their friends and co-workers will think they are crazy if they even so much as insinuate that UFOs are identifiable as manned craft from outside the Earth.

"This particularly applies to newspaper editors and publishers, reporters, and analysts. Thus the U.S. is denying itself the chance to learn more about UFOs or to encourage research despite the fact the U. S. stands to gain from such discussions...

Not publicized but true is that the Clinton administration, soon after coming to office, had many briefings on the subject. Laurence Rockefeller provided the information for the President and Mrs. Clinton. Others provided documents and verbal briefings to presidential advisors Jack Gibbons (science), Bruce Lindsay (personal), Anthony Lake (national security), and Vice-President Albert Gore."

Dr Richard F. Haines, retired NASA senior research scientist, Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, 1998: "What I found was compelling evidence to claim that most of these aerial objects far exceeded the terrestrial technology of the era in which they were seen. I was forced to conclude that there is a great likelihood that Earth is being visited by highly advanced aerospace vehicles under highly 'intelligent' control indeed."

1999

President Bill Clinton: *"I want you to find the answers to 2 questions for me. One, who killed JFK? And two, are there UFOs?"*-- From Friends in High Places by Webster Hubbell, **Clinton's** associate attorney general.

Hubbell revealed that the President made the UFOs a priority when he appointed him. He continues: "Clinton was dead serious. I had looked into both. But he wasn't satisfied with the answers."

Clinton Update: Even President Clinton is talking about Roswell these days. During a recent visit to Northern Ireland, Clinton's somber plea for peace turned to UFOs when answering a young boy's question. "No, as far as I know, an *alien* spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947," the

President said. "If the United States Air Force did recover *alien* bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either ... And I want to know."-- Oct. 1999.

The latest Clinton Quote, Nov. 7, 1999: *"If we were being attacked by space aliens, we wouldn't be playing these kinds of games,"* Clinton told educators visiting Washington, DC.

2001

Brigadier General Thomas Dubose, Commanding Officer of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Affadavit 09/16/01: "After the plane from Roswell arrived with the material, I asked the base commander to personally transport it in a B-26 to Major General McMullen in Washington DC. The entire operation was conducted under strictest secrecy. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a cover story to divert the attention of the Press".

Brigadier General Arthur E. Exon: "We heard the material was coming to Wright Field. It was brought into our material evaluation labs. I don't know how it arrived but the boys who tested it said it was very unusual".

2004

John Podesta - Bill Clinton White House Chief-of-Staff ,News Conference October 22, 2004: "I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark on the question of Government investigations of UFOs. It's time to find out what the truth really is that's out there. We ought to do it because it's right. We ought to do it because the American people quite frankly can handle the truth. And we ought to do it because it's the Law."

2005

Paul Hellyer, Canada's Defence Minister from 1963-67, September 25, 2005 : "UFOs are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head. ... I'm so concerned about what the consequences might be of starting an Intergalactic war that I just think I had to say something"

General Igor Maltsev in the newspaper Rabochaya Tribune for April 19, 2005: "I am not a specialist on UFOs and, therefore, I can only correlate the data and express my own supposition.

General Igor Maltsev reported that he had reports of "more than 100 visual observations" compiled by commanders of several air defense units of the Moscow Military District of a UFO which has been seen in the area of Pereslavl-Zalesskiy in the northeast of Moscow on March 21, 1990.

Maltsev included with his report to the newspaper 5 testimonials including a report by a pilot who flew over the object and a report from a ground radar tracking station. The pilot saw only 2 lights and a dimly perceived silhouette of the object against city lights. The radar station reported a sighting of a rapidly moving, shining object with red lights and another with white lights that followed the first. The report included times, azimuths, and distances of the reported objects.

George Gregory Matanjun, Catholic Lay Minister, Tanjung Aru Beach in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia-October 8, 2005: "After about 2 minutes and maybe a thousand meter from where we first noticed it, a grey/white craft broke out of the water right where the white wave was and it continued to move in the same direction except this time it was flying in the air.

From what I could see, I could not make out any conventional means of propulsion that I know of. No propeller, no rotors, no jet exhaust, and completely silent from where I was.

I have no explanation whatsoever. I am a Catholic Lay Minister and a Catechist. An educator of Faith. I do not lie".

2008

Retired Air Force pilot Milton Torres discussing his F-86D Sabre fighter jet UFO incident in 1957 in which he was ordered to shoot down a UFO hovering over the British countryside, *Air Force Times Interview*, Oct 22nd, 2008: "This thing had to be going double-digit Mach making turns that I didn't think were possible, breaking all the rules of Physics. The man that visited me later told me in no uncertain terms to keep quiet. He told me that I would lose my pilot's license and it would be the end of my flying days. So for 30 years I've said nothing."

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C. B. Moore, General Mills Meteorologist and expert on weather balloons, when asked whether he believed the Roswell Incident could be explained by a Mogul balloon: "Based on the descriptions, I can definitely rule this out. There wasn't a balloon in 1947 or today that could account for this incident."

Major Jesse Marcel, U.S. Army Intelligence Officer in a videotaped interview. Among the first to arrive at the crash site in Roswell, Marcel was well acquainted with all the weather balloons launched by the 509th Bomb Group, presumably including the Mogul balloons, one of which the U.S. Government now claims accounts for the Roswell wreckage.

"I was amazed at what I saw. The amount of debris that was scattered over such an area... The more I saw of the fragments, the more I realized it wasn't anything I was acquainted with. In fact, as it turned out, nobody else was acquainted with it...

"There was a coverup some place about this whole matter."

George Flier, Air Force Intelligence Officer 1958 -1978: "It isn't a question of whether-or-not Flying Saucers exist. The question is what are they and who do they belong to?"

"Flying saucers are probably real extra-terrestrial spacecraft."

From **Project Sign's "Estimate of the Situation"**--the final report issued by Project Sign which began in 1948 under the auspices of the Air Technical Intelligence Center in an effort to solve the UFO mystery. They studied 243 cases before issuing this final statement to the Pentagon.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye: "There exists a shadowy Government with its own Air Force, its own Navy, its own fundraising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of the National Interest free from all checks and balances. And free from the Law itself."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover: "The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been requested to assist in the investigation of reported sightings of flying disks..."

"We must insist upon full access to any disks recovered. For instance, in the La case, the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

Charles J. Camarda (Ph.D.) NASA Astronaut: "In my official status, I cannot comment on ET contact. However, personally, I can assure you, we are not alone!"

President Gerald Ford: "In the firm belief that the American public deserves a better explanation than that thus far given by the Air Force, I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation of the UFO phenomena. I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding UFOs, and to produce the greatest possible enlightenment of the subject." (remarks made during his years as a U.S. Congressman).

[Gerald Ford never again addressed the issue of UFOs.]

"That movie Close Encounters of The Third Kind is more realistic than you believe."

Steve Lewis, Former Air Force intelligence officer who spent many years investigating the UFO phenomenon for the US military. This statement was made after his retirement when he announced that he was convinced UFOs were intelligently-controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. He would give no further details of his work but said that very little of the information in possession of the Military had been released.

Senator and Air Force Reserve General Barry Goldwater (quoted from a letter he wrote dated April 11, 1979): "... So when people tell me they've seen UFOs, I don't say they haven't. In 15,000 hours of flying, I've never seen one. But I've talked to pilots who have. I talked to an airline crew that swore up-and-down that an object came alongside them one night, and before they could do anything it vanished. We lost a military pilot who went up to intercept strange lights and never came back. His plane disappeared too ... "

He said that he put faith in the reports of the Air Force, Navy, and commercial pilots who reported instances where a UFO would fly near them right off their plane's wing and then just zoom away at incredible speeds.

"I remember the case in Georgia in the 1950s of a National Guard plane going after a UFO and never returning. And I recall the case in Franklin, Kentucky when 4 military planes investigated a UFO. One of them exploded in mid-air and no one knows why."

"I certainly believe in *aliens* in space. They may not look like us, but I have very strong feelings that they have advanced beyond our mental capabilities."

He said that he was refused permission to check the Air Force files on UFOs and added: "I think some highly-secret government UFO investigations are going on that we don't know about-and probably never will unless the Air Force discloses them."

"It is true that I was denied access to a facility (the 'Blue Room') at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio because I never got in. I can't tell you what was inside. We both know about the rumors (concerning a captured UFO and crew members). I have never seen what I would call a UFO. But I have intelligent friends who have."

[Did anything significant happen regarding UFO secrecy? The Pentagon warned him to drop his interest in UFOs. Why if UFOs do not exist?]

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British Detective Constable Gary Heseltine - Police UFO reporting organization PRUFOS: "There are some definite flight type characteristics that are seen now that I would say represent genuine UFOs... e.g., instant acceleration; instant stop; vertical acceleration -up into the air and down to the ground; reverses in direction; right angle turns - all in silence -- multiple objects sometimes separating and then going back into each other.

"They are classic what I would call genuine UFO characteristics. Things that we cannot do in a conventional sense".

Dayne Hatten -NASA Fireman Apollo 15: "I uttered something that brought us to the attention of Dr. Gilruth and the others. 'What the crap is that?' What caused me to utter that phrase was the object took off straight up and went out of sight in less than a second. It may have been longer. But it seemed like it was gone in the <blink> of an eye. I was still aware that it had actually gone straight up. One of the men there (I still think it was Everette Shafer) turned and asked us what we were doing in the room. We told them that we were there to inspect the fire alarm panel at the rear of the room and to take our smoke break. And to ask a question of our own. 'What in hell was that about?' "

Colonel João Glasera was with a specialized UFO bureau called System of Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects: "From 1969 to 1972, the UFOlogical activities of this organization were most varied including the elaboration of information bulletins, a draft of SIOANI regulations,

contacts with interested parties, panels, catalogs of contacts and others, always attempting to contribute in this field of research that was already well known in Brazil."

Lieutenant Walter Haut, Roswell Army Air Base Public Information Officer (1947): "The story I put out was very simple to the effect that we had in our possession a Flying Saucer. It was found on a ranch up north of Roswell. It was being flown to General Ramey's office. The information was given to me almost verbatim by Colonel Blanchard. He said: 'I want you to give it to the local newspapers and radio stations. And do it post haste.'

" ... The cover-up was pretty well orchestrated. I think the thought of handling it that way came down from Washington through channels. We were told that we were all wrong. That it was just a weather balloon."

Dr. Jacques Vallee, astrophysicist: "Skeptics who flatly deny the existence of any unexplained phenomenon in the name of 'rationalism' are among the primary contributors to the rejection of science by the public. People are not stupid and they know very well when they have seen something out of the ordinary. When a so-called expert tells them the object must have been the Moon or a mirage, he is really teaching the public that Science is impotent or unwilling to pursue the study of the unknown."

Gen. Nathan Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: "This 'flying saucer' situation is not at all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomena. Something is really flying around. The phenomenon is something real and not visionary or fictitious."

Col. Steve Wilson: "I have no feelings, truthfully. My association with MJ-12 has left me dead inside. I feel myself still cold and calculating. I never let anyone get close to me. I feel like a human robot. I have killed mercilessly and lied for the good of the Country. Or so I believed at the time."

"The things I have seen are **beyond human understanding** and totally unbelievable. I only have a desire to help Humanity somehow through what is bound to come soon."

Major Jeremiah Boggs, U.S. Air Force: "We were naturally anxious to get hold of one of the [UFOs]. We told pilots to do practically anything in reason even if they had to grab one by the tail."

Col. Phillip Corso: "If you suppress the truth, it becomes your enemy ... If you expose the truth, it becomes your weapon. ... I had the evidence that a crash did happen. I ask you this: were you there with me? Did you have the clearances? They can't answer these questions. They simply criticize with no evidence."

Admiral Delmer S. Fahrney, former head of the U.S.Navy's guided-missile program (printed in the *New York Times*): "No agency in this Country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radars and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve... There are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds."

Robert Dean has served 27 years in the Army and has researched UFOs for the last 40 years once saw an astonishing super-secret NATO report entitled "The Assessment". This Top-Secret report had been compiled in the early 1960s by top-level military experts and scientists and its conclusions were:

- 1) Earth has been spied upon by several *extraterrestrial* civilizations for thousands of years.
- 2) These civilizations appear to be peaceful since they are so advanced they could have taken over our planet by now.
- 3) The visitors are increasing contact with us in a gradual unfolding of a plan in which they eventually interact with Earth's inhabitants.

Bob Dean's conclusions from his 40-year study is that "**The human race is a hybrid race** and not only are we not alone in the Cosmos, but we also have never been alone."

Dean also stated: "The human race has had an intimate inter-relationship with several high technology, extremely advanced *extraterrestrial* civilizations for several thousand years."

Wilfredo Feliciano - Director of the Vieques Municipal Police Department, Puerto Rico.

"It was a real big triangular object completely engulfed in a bright yellow light ... It seemed to be at an altitude of about 500 feet above the ground over property belonging to Camp García. I calculated the altitude based on the height of some trees in the area. What intrigued me the most was that the thing was suspended right over the area where the U.S. Navy has an airstrip or runway for their planes to land and take off ... And that it was an Unidentified Flying Object.

There were no military exercises at the time. So what was that object, that triangle of light, doing there over the runway? Thinking that I was observing something I shouldn't be seeing, I left the site at once. But from that moment on, I realized something very strange is taking place on the land controlled by the U.S. Navy.

This has happened on many occasions. Sometimes between 9 and 11 PM, and sometimes around 2 or 3 in the morning. They come out from the sea at a spot right in the middle of Punta Arenas and Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Ceiba".

Dan Willis, Naval Code Room Operator, US Navy Communication station, San Francisco speaking about receiving a priority message, classified as Secret, from a military ship near Alaska.

"The ship reported emerging out of the ocean near port bow, a brightly glowing, reddish-orange elliptical object approximately 70 feet in diameter. It shot out of the water traveling at about 700 mph. This event was tracked on the ships radar and substantiated".

Dr. Vladimir Azhazha: "Neil Armstrong relayed the message to Mission Control that 2 large, mysterious objects were watching them after having landed near the moon module. But this message was never heard by the public because NASA censored it."

[According to a Dr. Aleksandr Kasantsev, Buzz Aldrin took color movie film of the UFOs from inside the module and continued filming them after he and Armstrong went outside. Armstrong

confirmed that the story was true but refused to go into further detail beyond admitting that the CIA was behind the cover-up.]

Scott Carpenter: "At no time when the astronauts were in space were they alone. There was a constant surveillance by UFOs."

[Carpenter photographed a UFO while in orbit on May 24, 1962. NASA still has not released the photograph.]

Dr. Brian O'Leary: "We have contact with *alien* cultures."

James McDivitt: "*At one stage, we even thought it might be necessary to take evasive action to avoid a collision.*" -- commenting on an orbital encounter that he and Ed White had with a "weird object" with arm-like extensions which approached their capsule. Later in the flight, they saw 2 similar objects over the Caribbean.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Mission veteran: "I've talked with people of military and government credentials and position and heard their stories and their desire to tell their stories openly to the public. And that got my attention very, very rapidly... The first-hand experiences of these credible witnesses that now in advanced years are anxious to tell their story. We can't deny that. And the evidence points to the fact that Roswell was a real incident and that indeed an *alien* craft did crash. And that material was recovered from that crash site..."

"I have been over the years very skeptical like many others. But in the last 10 years-or-so, I have known the late Dr. Alan Hynek who I highly admire. I know and currently work with Dr. Jacques Vallee. I've come to realize that the evidence is building up to make this a valid and researchable question. Further, because my personal motivation has always been to understand our Universe better and my own theoretical work has convinced me that Life is everywhere in the Universe that has been permitted to evolve, I consider this a very timely question By becoming more involved with the serious research field, I've seen the evidence mount towards the truth of these matters. I rely upon the testimony of contacts that I have had -- old-timers -- who were involved in official positions in government and intelligence and military over the last 50 years.

We cannot say that today's Government is really covering it up. I think that most of them don't know what is going on anymore than the Public..."

Gordon Cooper and Ed Mitchell: "The evidence points to the fact that Roswell was a real incident and that indeed an *alien* craft did crash and that material was recovered from that crash site," says Mitchell, who became the 6th man on the Moon in the Apollo 14 mission. Mitchell doesn't say he's seen a UFO. But he says he's met with high-ranking military officers who admitted involvement with alien technology and hardware. Cooper told a U.N. committee recently, "Every day in the U.S.A., our radar instruments capture objects of form and composition unknown to us." Cooper speculates that public skepticism toward UFOs will shift dramatically.

Colonel L. Gordon Cooper, Mercury and Gemini Astronaut: "I believe that these *extraterrestrial* vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets which obviously are a little more

technically advanced than we are here on Earth. I feel that we need to have a top-level, coordinated program to scientifically collect and analyze data from all over the Earth concerning any type of encounter and to determine how best to interface with these visitors in a friendly fashion.... For many years, I have lived with a **secret** in a secrecy imposed on all specialists and astronauts. I can now reveal that every day in the USA, our radar instruments capture objects of form and composition unknown to us. And there are thousands of witness reports and a quantity of documents to prove this, but nobody wants to make them public. ... As far as I am concerned, there have been too many unexplained examples of UFO sightings around this Earth for us to rule out the possibilities that some form of life exists out there beyond our own World." (in an address to the UN in 1985 after announcing that he had seen and chased UFOs over Germany in the 1950s)

Cooper also reported a *greenish* object which passed by his capsule going East-to-West (opposite normal man-made orbits) while in orbit in May of 1963. The object was tracked by ground-based equipment in Perth, Australia. The Press was told that it could not question Col. Cooper on this aspect of the mission. "I had a good friend at Roswell, a fellow officer. He had to be careful about what he said. But it sure wasn't a weather balloon like the Air Force cover story. He made it clear to me what crashed was a craft of *alien* origin and members of the crew were recovered."

Claude Poher, Ph.D. in Astronomy, founder and first director of GEPAN, the UFO investigative office under the French government's National Center for Space Sciences (writing in the GEPAN Report to the Scientific Committee): "Taking into account the facts that we have gathered from the observers and from the location of their observations, we concluded that there generally can be said to be a material phenomenon behind the observations. In 60% of the cases reported here, the description of this phenomenon is apparently one of a flying machine whose origin and modes of lifting and/or propulsion are totally outside our knowledge."

Ben Rich, head propulsion engineer for the legendary Clarence "Kelly" Johnson of Lockheed's 'Skunk Works' that developed the U-2 spyplane and SR-71 Blackbird and F-117 Stealth fighter: "The secrecy business is a bureaucracy. They use security (first) to protect jobs. Second, to protect budgets. And that's wrong! If you become too loose with it, you make everything secret. And that's bad. It's an abuse of power ...

"We already have the means to travel among the stars. But these technologies are locked up in 'black' projects and it would take an act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity... Anything you can imagine, we already know how to do."

Jim Goodall, aviation sleuth and curator of a Minnesota National Guard museum that contains an actual A-12 (SR-71) that Goodall obtained from the Military: "13-to-15 billion dollars [1992 budget] of research money is being controlled by a handful of people who are not accountable to anybody for Black Budget line items that you and I and 99% of Congress will never see. If you are a full Colonel or GS-14, ... you have almost as much power and prestige as Bill Gates ..."

"Ben Rich told me twice before he died: '*We have things in the middle of the Nevada desert that you and the best minds in the World won't even be able to conceive that we have for 30 or 40 years, and won't be made public for another 50.*'"

A friend of mine at Lockheed told me: '*We have things in the Nevada desert that are alien to your way of thinking. Far beyond anything you see on Star Trek.*'"

"One time I interviewed a retired senior master sergeant who had been at Groom Lake three different times as an Air Force safety specialist. ... At first, he was real nervous. But when he warmed up, he told me: *'We have things that would make George Lucas envious.'*

I know one retired guy who worked at Lockheed for 30 years, most of the time at Area-51. He's very proud of what he's done, and he wants the story of the place to be told so that his grandchildren will have some idea of what he was involved in. In the summer of '86, I asked him if he believes in UFOs. He said: *'They absolutely, positively do exist !'* I asked: *'Can you expand on that?'* And he said: *'No. I've said too much as it is.'*

[StealthSkater note: What I have found interesting is that some of the stuff surround UFOs seems to have gotten lost over time while other peculiarities remain to this day. For instance, we hear almost of nothing of the "green fireballs" or "foo fighters" that were so common in the early UFO reports. But "sharp-angled turns", "unbelievable accelerations", and "morphing" have remained all through the decades.

Captain Robert Salas, USAF, during a videotaped interview for the Disclosure program: "The security guard called and said: 'Sir, there's a glowing red object hovering right outside the front gate. I've got all the men out here with their weapons drawn. We lost between 16-18 ICBMs (nuclear tipped Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles) at the same time UFOs were in the area.'

(A high-ranking Air Force officer) said: "Stop the investigation. Do no more on this and do not write a final report. I heard that many of the guards that reported the incident were sent off to Vietnam."

Lord Admiral Hill-Norton (GCB), Chief of Defense Staff, Ministry of Defense, Britain; Chairman, Military Committee of NATO; Admiral of the Fleet; Member of House of Lords: "I have frequently been asked why a person of my background -- a former Chief of the Defence Staff, a former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee -- why I think there is a cover-up of the facts about UFOs. I believe governments fear that if they did disclose those facts, people would panic. I don't believe that at all. There is a serious possibility that we are being visited by people from Outer Space. It behooves us to find out who they are, where they come from, and what they want."

President Richard M. Nixon: "I'm not at liberty to discuss the Government's knowledge of **extraterrestrial UFOs** at this time. I am still personally being briefed on the subject"

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. World War I air ace: "Flying saucers are real. Too many good men have seen them that don't have hallucinations."

Captain Kervendal, French Gendarmerie: "Something is going on in the skies that we do not understand. If all the airline pilots and Air Force pilots who have seen UFOs and sometimes chased them have been the victims of hallucinations, then an awful lot of pilots should be taken off and forbidden to fly."

Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, Commanding Officer of the RAF during WWII: "More than 10,000 sightings have been reported, the majority of which cannot be accounted for by any scientific explanation (e.g., that they are hallucinations, the effects of light refraction, meteors, wheels falling from aeroplanes, and the like). They have been tracked on radar screens and the observed speeds have been as great as 9,000 mph. I am convinced that these objects do exist and they are not manufactured by any nation on Earth. I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from an *extraterrestrial* source."

Colonel Joseph J. Bryan III, founder member of the CIA's psychological warfare staff, advisor to NATO: These UFOs are *interplanetary* devices systematically observing the Earth, either manned or under remote-control or both. Information on UFOs including sighting reports has been and is still being officially withheld."

Colonel Carl Sanderson, USAF, commenting on his sighting of 2 circular silver UFOs in close proximity to his plane over Hermanas, New Mexico. The UFOs were said to make a series of seemingly impossible maneuvers before disappearing at an astonishing speed and showing up again over El Paso, Texas. "From their maneuvers and their terrific speed, I am certain their flight performance was greater than any aircraft known today".

J. Allen Hyneck, PhD, former scientist with Project Bluebook: "For the Government to continue to maintain that UFOs are non-existent in the face of the documents already released and of other cogent evidence presented in this book is puerile and, in a sense, an insult to the American people".

General Benjamin Chidlaw, Air Defense Command: "We have stacks of reports about flying saucers. We take them seriously when you consider that we have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them".

General Lionel M Chassin, French Air Forces, Air Defense Coordinator of the Allied forces of NATO: "The number of thoughtful, intelligent, educated people in full possession of their faculties who have 'seen something' and described it grows every day. We can say categorically that mysterious objects have indeed appeared and continue to appear in the sky that surrounds us".

Albert M. Chop, deputy public relations director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and former United States Air Force spokesman for Project Blue Book: "You must remember that I was privy to the project files. These contained hundreds of official reports of UFO encounters made by military personnel from all branches of the service. They were all Classified with a high degree of security classification. Almost all of these made pretty scary reading from the verbatim descriptions of the pilots concerned.

"I've been convinced for a long time that the flying saucers are real and *interplanetary*. In other words, **we are being watched by beings from Outer Space.**"

Dr. Walther Riedel (once the chief designer and research director at the German rocket center in Peenemunde): "I am completely convinced that UFOs have an **out-of-world** basis."

Dr. Harold Puthoff (Director, Institute for advanced studies at Austin, author of Fundamentals of Quantum Electronics): "The possibility of reduced-time interstellar travel either by advanced *extraterrestrial* civilizations at present or ourselves in the Future is not fundamentally constrained by physical principles."

Dr. Maurice Biot (leading aerodynamicists and mathematical physicist): "The least improbable explanation is that these things are artificial and controlled ... My opinion for some time has been that they have an *extraterrestrial* origin."

Nick Pope, Head of the "UFO desk" at Air Secretariat 2-A, British Ministry of Defence from 1991-1994: "I concentrate on the science. I'm interested in the UFOs seen by the police and military witnesses. I'm interested in the near-misses that pilots report, where their aircraft nearly collide with these things. I'm interested in the visual sightings backed up by radar. I'm interested in the military bases that are overflowed by these things. I'm interested in the cases where you have radiation readings on the ground.

"These are no lights in the sky. These are not misidentifications of fantasy prone individuals. This is a cutting-edge technology being reported by reliable, trained observers and is something that goes beyond what we can do.

"That to me suggests that if it is not ours, it belongs to someone else. If that technology is better than ours, then the *extraterrestrial* hypothesis seems to me the best explanation."

"... .. Certainly when I socialized with my RAF colleagues, I would find that they were a little bit more receptive to the idea of UFOs -- and by that I mean perhaps even an *extraterrestrial* explanation for this -- than you might have supposed. One of the reasons for that was that so many RAF pilots had actually seen things themselves. Many of them have never made an official report. I had one chap tell me that he had seen something over the North Sea. I asked him why he hadn't reported it, and he said 'I don't want to be known as Flying Saucer Fred for the rest of my career.'"

"... ..We were asking the Americans 'Are you operating a prototype aircraft in our airspace?' That, of course, was nonsense. You simply would not do that from a diplomatic and political point of view. It would undermine the entire structure of NATO if you were putting things through someone else's airspace -- particularly a close ally -- without seeking the proper diplomatic clearance.

"But we had to ask. And the Americans -- having had similar reports, I guess, since the Hudson Valley wave [New York state, mid-1980s] -- had been quietly asking us if we had some large triangular-shaped object that could go from 0 to Mach 5 in a second. Our response was that we wished we did. This was the bizarre situation. That we were chasing the Americans and the Americans were chasing us.

"The official line from the Ministry of Defense is 'Yes, this happened. No, we don't know what it is. But we say that it is of no defense significance.'

"How can it possibly be of no defense significance when your best jet is left for standing by a UFO? And again, how can it be of no defense significance when your air defense region is routinely penetrated by structured craft?"

Admiral M Herbert B Knowles, U.S. Navy: "I shall be very glad to accept appointment as a member of the (NICAP) Board of Governors and be listed as a 'believer' in the reality of UFOs with the understanding that I shall resign if it appears at any time that your big group is being used to cover up for the top brass.

I know that there is a real need to break through the official Washington brush-off and get the truth home to the people. There seems to be a great fear among the Powers-That-Be that the American people will panic if told the truth. How little they know and understand their countrymen. I feel that millions of our people already believe in the reality of the UFOs."

Dr. Felix Y. Zigel, Professor of mathematics and astronomy at the Moscow Aviation Institute: "Unidentified Flying Objects are a very serious subject which we must study fully. We appeal to all viewers to send us details of strange flying craft seen over the territories of the Soviet Union. This is a serious challenge to Science and we need the help of all Soviet citizens.

"Observations show that UFOs behave 'sensibly'. In a group formation flight, they maintain a pattern. They are most often spotted over airfields, atomic stations, and other very new engineering installations. On encountering aircraft, they always maneuver so as to avoid direct contact. A considerable list of these seemingly intelligent actions gives the impression that UFOs are investigating, perhaps even reconnoitering...

"The important thing now is for us to discard any preconceived notions about UFOs and to organize on a Global scale a calm sensation-free and strictly scientific study of this strange phenomenon. The subject and aims of the investigation are so serious that they justify all efforts. It goes without saying that International cooperation is vital."

Captain Ray Bowyer, 50, of local airline Aurigny, spotted a "bright-yellow light" 10 miles west of Alderney at about 3pm during a flight from Southampton while his aircraft was 30 miles from the island at 4,000ft. He recounted:

"It was a very sharp, thin yellow object with a green area. It was 2,000ft up and stationary. I thought it was about 10 miles away, although I later realized it was approximately 40 miles from us. At first, I thought it was the size of a [Boeing] 737. But it must have been much bigger because of how far away it was. It could have been as much as a mile wide."

"The evidence that there are objects which have been seen in our atmosphere and even on terra firma that cannot be accounted for either as man-made objects or as any physical force or effect known to our scientists seems to me to be overwhelming... A very large number of sightings have been vouched for by persons whose credentials seem to me unimpeachable. It is striking that so many have been trained observers such as police officers and airline or military pilots. Their observations have in many instances... been supported either by technical means such as radar or, even more convincingly, by... interference with electrical apparatus of one sort or another..."

Dr J Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and scientific consultant for Air Force investigations of UFOs from 1948 until 1969 (Projects Sign, Grudge, and Blue Book): "Before I began my association with the U.S. Air Force, I had joined my scientific colleagues in many a hearty guffaw at the "psychological postwar craze" for flying saucers that seemed to be sweeping the Country and at the naivete and gullibility of our fellow human beings who were being taken in by such obvious "nonsense." It was almost in a sense of sport that I accepted the invitation to have a look at the flying saucer reports..."

"I had started out as an outright 'debunker' taking great joy in cracking what seemed at first to be puzzling cases. I was the arch enemy of those 'flying saucer groups and enthusiasts' who very dearly wanted UFOs to be interplanetary. My own knowledge of those groups came almost entirely from what I heard from Blue Book personnel; they were all "crackpots and visionaries."

"Now, however, documentation which puts the UFO-U.S. Government controversy in quite a new light has become available. The authors have made revealing use of documents released through the mechanism of the Freedom of Information Act and other data which have been made available to them, often through private sources which show that the CIA and NSA protestations of innocence and lack of interest in UFOs are nothing short of prevarication."

"The reader must judge for himself or herself just how far these implications extend. But certainly no one can deny any longer that various intelligence agencies of our government were long cognizant of UFOs and the Global extent of this phenomenon. Official dispatches from our embassies and air bases in other countries to these agencies, to the State Department, and even, on occasion, to the White House bear incontrovertible witness to this."

"For the Government to continue to maintain that UFOs are nonexistent in the face of the documents already released and of other cogent evidence presented in this book is puerile and in a sense an insult to the American people."

"... .. "Project Blue Book was ballyhooed by the Air Force as a full-fledged top-priority operation. It was no such thing. The staff, in a sense, was a joke. In terms of scientific training and numbers, it was highly inadequate to the task. And the methods used were positively archaic. And that is the crack operation that the general public believes looked adequately into the UFO phenomenon".

"... .. Blue Book was now under direct orders to debunk... I remember the conversations around the conference table in which it was suggested that Walt Disney or some other educational cartoon producer be enlisted in the debunking process".

Vladimir Azhazha, Moscow Physicist and Oceanographer: "The object came low over the harbor. It hovered over a moored ship 465 feet in length. A comparison to the size of the ship would place the UFO at about 350 feet in diameter. After a while, a smaller object separated from the main body and fell straight down, disappearing under the water. At that moment, the main part suddenly accelerated and disappeared.

"In my opinion, what was seen over Petrozavodsk was either a UFO, a Carrier of high intelligence with crew and passengers, or it was a Field of Energy created by one."

Captain Jose Lemos Ferreira with Sergeants Alberto Covas, Salvador Oliviera, and Manuel Marcilino, after an alleged encounter with a UFO on a flight out of Ota Air Base, Portugal:

"We've got no conclusions, except after this, do not give us the old routine of Venus, weather balloons, aircraft, and the like which has been given as a general panacea for almost every case of UFOs."

Lord Rankeillour, Member of the House of Lords: "Many men have seen them [UFOs] and have not been mistaken. Who are we to doubt their word?... Only a few weeks ago, a Palermo policeman photographed one and 4 Italian Navy officers saw a 300-foot long fiery craft rising from the sea and disappearing into the sky... Why should these men of law enforcement and defense lie?"

Lt. Frank Schofield - Later Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, Aboard the U.S.S. Supply, Eastern Coast of Korea: "3 objects appeared beneath the clouds, their color a rather bright red. As they approached the ship they appeared to soar, passing above the broken clouds. After rising above the clouds, they appeared to be moving directly away from the earth. The largest had an apparent area of about six suns. It was egg-shaped, the larger end forward. The second was about twice the size of the Sun. And the third, about the size of the Sun.

"Their near approach to the surface appeared to be most remarkable. That they did come below the clouds and soar instead of continuing their southeasterly course is also curious. The lights were in sight for over 2 minutes and were carefully observed by 3 people whose accounts agree as to the details."

Police Constable William Bryne -Banbury, Oxfordshire. (Object also witnessed by Police Constable Perry Jackson) "It was cigar-shaped and yellow in colour. It travelled along slowly for a few seconds ... then shot off into the night at a fantastic speed. We didn't know what it was. Nor had we ever seen anything like it. But many reports have been made at the police station of strange lights and objects".

L. Clerebaut -Secretary General, Belgian Government: "Scientifically we eliminate the simple hypotheses: It's not a plane. It's not a helicopter. It's not a natural phenomenon because the descriptions don't match. Therefore this global phenomenon resists any other explanation. The only remaining hypothesis is the hypothesis of *extraterrestrial* origin."

Lord Davies of Leek-Member of the House of Lords: "If [only] one human being out of tens-of-thousands who allege to have seen these phenomena is telling the truth, then there is a dire need for us to look into the matter."

USAF Introductory Space Science, Volume II - Department of Physics, USAF: "50,000 virtually reliable people have reported sighting Unidentified Flying Objects... From available information, the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years. This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of *alien* visitors to our planet or at least of *alien*-controlled UFOs. The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind and not take an extreme position on any side of the question."

John Maynard, Defense Intelligence Agency, Military Intelligence Analyst: "I said: 'Now this is supposed to be a system that tracks radar anomalies on Earth, right?' He says: 'Yep, that's what it does.' So I ask: 'Then why are half of them pointed toward Outer Space, towards the Moon, towards areas that are just blank space? What are they looking for?' He says: 'Well, you've got to have a [top-secret] Need-to-Know [classification] to know about that'."

" ... We go back to a comment made by one of the astronauts when he stepped on the Moon. It was the day after they got there. And he said: 'You're right. They're already here.' It got out on the airwaves. I know several people who recorded it. It was quickly taken out of all tapes that were public broadcast."

Louis Breguet - French aircraft designer and manufacturer: "The discs use a means of propulsion different from ours. There is no other possible explanation. Flying saucers come from another world."

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant, Professor Robert Jacobs, Disclosure, pp. 184, 187: "So this thing [UFO] fires a beam of light at the warhead, hits it, and then it moves to the other side and fires another beam of light. And the warhead tumbles out of Space. What message would I interpret from that? [The UFOs were telling us] don't mess with nuclear warheads."

"Major Mannsman said: 'You are never to speak of this again.' After an article [about the incident years later], people would call and start screaming at me. One night somebody blew up my mailbox."

Marine Corps Corporal Jonathan Weygandt: "I was arrested [by an Air Force officer]. He was saying: 'Do you like the Constitution?' I'm like, 'Yeah.' He said: 'We don't obey. We just do what we want. And if you tell anybody [about us or the UFO], you will just come up missing'."

Major General Vasily Alexeyev, Russian Space Communications Center, Disclosure, pp. 345-347: "As a rule, [places where UFOs appear] are objects of strategic significance... [The air force] came up with a table with pictures of all the shapes of UFOs that had ever been recorded. About 50 ranging from ellipses and spheres to something resembling spaceships... The study of UFOs may reveal some new forms of energy to us or at least bring us closer to a solution."

U.S. Army General Stephen Lovekin, Disclosure, pp. 230 - 236: "Colonel Holomon brought out a piece of what appeared to be metallic debris. He went on to explain that this was material that had come from a New Mexico crash in 1947 of an *extraterrestrial* craft and that was discussed at length..."

"I got an opportunity to travel with the President [Eisenhower]. He was very very interested in what made [the UFOs] go. But what happened was that Eisenhower got sold out. He realized that he was losing control of the UFO subject. He realized that the [study of these technologies] was not going to be in the best hands. That was a real concern."

Dan Aykroyd: "In my view and in that of millions like me, there is no question as to the existence in multiple of these advanced machines and in diverse forms-discs, crosses, wedges, triangles, boomerangs, cigars, and their respective occupants in various manifestations-greys, blues, humanoids, reptilians, and Mothmen, etc. The question is not whether they exist but rather are some of them here to do our species harm or good?"

Muhammad Ali witnessed UFOs on at least 2 occasions: "If you look into the sky in the early morning you see them playing tag between the stars."

David Bowie: "They came over so regularly we could time them. Sometimes they stood still. Other times they moved so fast that it was hard to keep a steady eye on them."

Major-General Pavel Popovich, pioneer Cosmonaut, "Hero of the Soviet Union":

"Today it can be stated with a high degree of confidence that observed manifestations of UFOs are no longer confined to the modern picture of the World or the simple refutation of the orthodox natural Science paradigm. The historical evidence of the phenomenon, the singularity of its newly gained kinematic, energetic, and psychophysical features allows us to hypothesize that ever since Mankind has been co-existing with this extraordinary substance, it has manifested a high level of intelligence and technology.

"The UFO sightings have become the constant component of human activity and require a serious global study. In order to realize the position of Man on Earth and in the Universe, UFOlogy (the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon) should take place in the midst of other sciences dealing with Man and the World...

"The influence the UFO has on people as well as the effects it produces should become the items of special research. The UFO's interaction with the environment, the behavior that it motivates, and its genesis, also present interesting areas for concentrated study.

"Today, many specialists have come to the opinion that [UFO] phenomenon research should be taken up along with understanding and comprehension of other unexplained phenomena... The development of new approaches for the identification and study of energy and information processes will allow for an enthusiastic move toward the comprehension of the phenomenon. The results of these studies should aid the survival of the people on Earth...

"It's necessary to carry out the popular UFOlogical enlightenment since the probability for a meeting of a person with a UFO exists and this person should be ready for this event. Precautionary measures are especially important. It's necessary to tell the truth which has been distorted previously by the politically-engaged sciences and most recently by UFOlogical dilettantes.

"The main purpose of the primary local groups (that of controlling the UFOlogical situation) mustn't be forgotten. The UFOlogists should know all the UFO's landing places and contacts in their regions. They should have relations with the local authorities and, in particular, with the police, the civil defense bodies, as well as information, scientific, and medical organizations." (Popovich, P., "Ufology in the Commonwealth of Independent States: Organization Problems," in the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium Proceedings.)

Colonel Ross Dedrickson, U.S. Air Force/Atomic Energy Commission: "After retiring from the Air Force, I joined the Boeing company and was responsible for accounting for all of the nuclear fleet of Minuteman missiles. In this incident, they actually photographed the UFO following the missile as it climbed into space and, shining a beam on it, it neutralized the missile.

"I also learned of a number of incidents which happened. A couple of nuclear weapons sent into Space were destroyed by the extraterrestrials. Our Government sent a nuclear weapon for explosion on the Moon's surface [and] the ETs destroyed the weapon as it went toward the Moon. [Apparently] the idea of any explosion in space by any Earth government was not acceptable to the *Extraterrestrials*. That has been demonstrated over-and-over."

Professor Robert Jacobs, Lt. USAF 1369th Photo Squadron: " ... We were testing ballistic missiles that were to deliver nuclear weapons on target ... My duty [was] to supervise the instrumentation photography of every missile that went down in that western test range ... Into the frame came something else. It flew into the frame and shot a beam of light at the warhead.

"Now remember, all this stuff was flying at several thousand miles an hour. So this thing fires a beam of light at the warhead, hits it, ... the warhead tumbles out of space. The object -- the points of light that we saw, the warhead and so forth -- were traveling through subspace about 60 miles straight up and were going somewhere in the neighborhood of 11,000-to-14,000 thousand miles-an-hour when this thing caught up to them, flew in, flew around them, and flew back out."

Bernard Haisch, Astrophysicist: "I propose that true skepticism is called for today. Neither the gullible acceptance of true belief nor the closed-minded rejection of the scoffer masquerading as the skeptic.

"One should be skeptical of both the believers and the scoffers. The negative claims of pseudo-skeptics who offer facile explanations must themselves be subject to criticism. If a competent witness reports having seen something tens-of-degrees of arc in size (as happens) and the scoffer (who of course was not there) offers Venus or a high-altitude weather balloon as an explanation, the requirement of extraordinary proof for an extraordinary claim falls on the proffered negative claim as well. That kind of approach is also pseudo-science. Moreover, just being a scientist confers neither necessary expertise nor sufficient knowledge.

"Any scientist who has not read a few serious books and articles presenting actual UFO evidence should out of intellectual honesty refrain from making scientific pronouncements. To look at the evidence and go away unconvinced is one thing. To not look at the evidence and be convinced against it nonetheless is another. That is not Science."

Brian Zeiler: "UFO debunkers do not understand Occam's Razor and they abuse it regularly. They think they understand it. But they don't.

"What it means is that when several hypotheses of varying complexity can explain a set of observations with equal ability, the first one to be tested should be the one that invokes the fewest number of uncorroborated assumptions. If this simplest hypothesis is proven incorrect, the next simplest is chosen. And so forth.

"But the skeptics forget two parts. The part regarding the test of the simpler hypotheses and the part regarding explaining all of the observations. What a debunker will do is mutilate and butcher the observations until it can be "explained" by one of the simpler hypotheses. Which is the inverse of the proper approach".

John B. Alexander, Ph.D. Advisory board for the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS):

"The undeniable reality is that there are a substantial number of multi-sensor UFO cases backed by thousands of credible witnesses. In the physical domain, there are many photos, videos, radar tracking, satellite sensor reports, landing traces including depressions and anomalous residual radiation, electromagnetic interference, and confirmed physiological effects. Personal observations have been made both day and night, often under excellent visibility with some at close range. Included are reports from multiple independent witnesses to the same event. Psychological testing of some observers has confirmed their mental competence. Why is none of this considered evidence?

There are over 3000 cases reported by pilots, some of which include interference with flight controls. On numerous occasions, air traffic controllers and other radar operators have noted unexplained objects on their scopes. So too have several astronomers and other competent scientists reported their personal observations. Many military officials from several countries have confirmed multi-sensor observations of UFOs. The most senior air defense officers of Russia, Brazil, Belgium and recently a former Chief of Naval Operations in Chile all have stated that UFOs are real. These cases and comments are a miniscule fraction of the total body of evidence.

Of course they do not constitute irrefutable proof. However, to state there is no evidence suggestive of intelligent *extraterrestrial* life simply belies the facts. Decades in duration and global in nature, there are too many hard sensor data-points and millions of eyewitnesses to ignore. We certainly can debate the significance of specific data and question whether-or-not it establishes a causal relationship between the observations and *extraterrestrial* life. However, it is only through ignorance or pomposity that one can say no evidence exists."

John E. Mack, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard University, Pulitzer Prize winning author:

"I will stress once again that we do not know the source from which the UFOs or the *alien* beings come (whether or not, for example, they originate in the physical universe as modern astrophysics has described it). But they manifest in the physical world and bring about definable consequences in that domain."

Bruce Maccabee, optical physicist: "For nearly 40 years, the science establishment has ignored the UFO problem, relegating it to the domain of "true believers and mental incompetents" (a.k.a. "kooks and nuts" [according to the former editor of *Applied Optics* magazine]). Scientists have participated in a "self-cover-up" by refusing to look at the credible and well-reported data.

Furthermore, some of those few scientists who have studied UFO data have published explanations which are unconvincing or just plain wrong and have "gotten away with it" because most of the rest of the scientific community has not cared enough to analyze these explanations. The general rejection of the scientific validity of UFO sightings has made it difficult to publish analyses of good sightings in refereed journals of establishment science."

Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, Professor of Space Science and Astrophysics and Deputy Director of the Center for Space Sciences and Astrophysics at Stanford University (Survey of American Astronomical Society): "The definitive resolution of the UFO enigma will not come about unless and until the problem is subjected to open and extensive scientific study by the normal procedures of established Science.

"In their public statements (but not necessarily in their private statements), scientists express a generally negative attitude towards the UFO problem and it is interesting to try to understand this attitude. Most scientists have never had the occasion to confront evidence concerning the UFO phenomenon."

Leonid Kadeniuk, independent Ukraine's first astronaut and participant in NASA's Columbia International Mission STS-87 in 1997, has gone on record stating that he believes "UFOs are real and of *alien* origin" in an interview with the Pravda Ukraine newspaper. Although he has not seen a UFO himself, he recalls that during his time as a fighter pilot in Moscow in the days of the old USSR, he had met other pilots who had encountered them while on missions. He also mentions that he was warned by his superiors and trainers that "In the event of seeing a UFO while flying, he should avoid any contact and not attempt to approach them."

He has studied the topic and has come to the conclusion that UFOs use electro-magnetic and gravitational forces to fly. He argues that the current human method of travelling into Space has run its course and it is time we too attempt to develop methods using these forces for space travel. He believes in this manner, we will conquer Space's mind-boggling distances.

Boris Sokolov, retired Russian Colonel ran an in-depth study in 1980. "For 10 years," Sokolov said, "the entire Soviet Union became one gigantic UFO listening post."

There were 40 cases where pilots encountered UFOs, explained Sokolov. Initially, they were commanded to chase and then shoot the UFOs. But when the pilots engaged, the UFO would speed up.

On 2 occasions, pilots gave chase, lost control, and crashed with the crew killed on impact. After these unfortunate incidents, the pilots received another order: When they saw a UFO, they should change course and get away.

On October 5, 1983, Sokolov received an order from his commander to leave immediately for the Ukraine. A report from the base commander to the Chief of the General Staff claimed that the day before from 4 until 8 in the evening, a UFO had been observed near the base. During that time, the **missile launch codes had mysteriously been enabled**.

Yuri Andropov, the former Soviet leader and long-time head of the KGB, had an acute personal interest in UFOs and ordered a 13-year program that required every soldier in the military to monitor sightings over Russian territory. Through Andropov's personal interest, in 1978, two committees were established to investigate UFOs (one military and one civilian). Andropov ordered 4 million Soviet soldiers to file detailed reports of incidents. According to some sources, the program led to hundreds of thousands of sightings being recorded in the 13 years before it was abandoned with the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1990.

UFO sightings by Soviet cosmonauts are not uncommon. Unlike American astronauts' reluctance to talk about the subject, Soviet references to UFOs were reported from the very beginning with Yuri Gagarin. In documents, Gagarin is quoted as saying "UFOs are real. They fly at incredible speeds and that he would tell more about what he had seen in orbit provided he be given permission to do so."

According to Cosmonaut Mus Manarov on the 1991 Mir Mission: "It happened during a visit mission when all our attention was focused on the slowly approaching space capsule... It is possible that it was a kind of UFO."

Ralph Noyes, Senior Official with British Air Ministry, retired as Under Secretary of State in 1977:

"Here we had a number of objecta seen coming in across the North Sea on coastal radar. It looked like a Russian mistake. Jet aircraft were scrambled. The objects were travelling at quite impossible speeds like 4,000-5,000 mph and then came to an abrupt halt near to one of these stations not very high up. Jet aircraft picked them up on aircraft radar. The objects then simply made rings round them."

"Inevitably this led to the sort of inquiry which you would put in hand if you had any military responsibilities. Had something gone wrong with ground radar or with aircraft radar? We experienced pilots going out of their minds? Were people having fantasies? We had to investigate cases of that kind. Over the years (although there were not an enormous number of such cases), there were a sufficient number to persuade me -- and a number of Air Staff friends with whom I had to work -- that something was going on, sporadically, in British airspace which we could not explain. "But we did not particularly want to make public statements about that. Not for something that we had no explanation."

Mexico City Senior Air Traffic Controller Enrique Kolbeck - DP p. 129: "When you have the view of the airspace and the radar screen and you see the UFOs go around 20-or-30 miles-a-second, that is very real. They can turn suddenly almost 90 degrees in a second or half-a-second. The UFOs can go vertically straight up very quickly."

Dr. Richard Haines , NASA Research Scientist (Gemini, Apollo, Skylab) -DP p. 131:

"Air Catalogue is a rather extensive library I've been collecting for almost 30 years from commercial, private, and test pilots. I have over 3,000 cases. My estimate is that for every pilot who does come forward and makes a confidential or a public report, there are 20-to-30 other pilots who don't."

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Dwyne Arneson - DP p. 176:

"I was a Top-Secret control officer. I happened to see a Classified message go through my com [communications] center which said 'A UFO has crashed on the Island of Spitsbergen, Norway and a team of scientists are coming to investigate it'."

Merle Shane McDow , U.S. Navy Atlantic Command, - DP p.241:

"We had contact with an Unidentified Flying Object that had entered our air space. The order was given by Admiral Trane to get this object forced down out of the sky if at all possible by whatever means possible. 2 gentlemen began to question me about this event. They were being

pretty rough. I remember literally putting my hands up and saying 'Wait a minute fellows. I'm on your side.' My logbook, I never did see that again."

Dr. Robert Wood , McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Engineer - DP p. 434:

"I had access to special libraries. So we could go up to the library that the Air Force ran and sort of paw through Top-Secret material. Since I was interested in UFOs, I'd look to see what they had. For about a year, I was getting quite a few hits. Then all of a sudden, the whole subject material vanished. The entire classification for the subject just vanished."

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Brown , U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations -DP p. 247

"We had objects with four-way confirmation. Ground visual, ground radar, airborne visual, airborne radar. It doesn't get any better than that. In my following of unusual aerial phenomena for the past 50 years, there seems to be some reason to discredit very viable and very reputable witnesses when they say something is unidentified."

Denise McKenzie , Secretary , Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), -DP p. 451

"Sophia Hoffer asked me to come work at SAIC. I came in and there wasn't any paperwork to fill out. She just said 'You have the job.' I didn't even know what department it was at the time..."

"These supervisors were playing games on their computer. There was nothing on their desks. A supervisor gave me letters to respond to. He said 'Oh, you know. Just put a letter together and send it off.'"

"I opened up the files and even the letters that were in there were backdated several years saying the same exact form letter. It was talking about sometimes millions of dollars in contracts. It looked like there had never been any activity on it. That struck me as very odd."

Sophia was in the position of one of the head scientists. Which I thought was interesting because I had met her working at a fabric store. They were getting a lot of money for doing nothing and I didn't know where the money was going.

Later, I put her last name in a computer to do a search. It took me to this DEA site. There was a picture of her with a different first name but the same last name. But this was the deceased site for DEA or CIA agents. I was shocked. This person is supposed to have been dead for years."

General Alfredo Moacyr Uchôa, former deputy director of the Military Academy of Brazil:

"There were eight of us, including me and the farm owner. We had 3 military men, including my son (then a lieutenant and now a major) and a friend of his, a major in the air force, a professor of physics, a professor of law, and others in different professions."

There were eight of us, all friends, and we saw the object clearly in front of us radiating an intense bluish-whitish light. Then quickly the object disappeared and immediately appeared to the right at a higher point in the mountains."

Major P. Lambrechts of the Belgian Air Force General Staff: "The aircraft had brief radar contacts on several occasions. [But the pilots]... at no time established visual contact with the UFOs... Each

time the pilots were able to secure a radar lock on one of the targets for a few seconds, there resulted a drastic change in the behavior of the detected targets...

[During the first lock-on at 0:13 hrs.] their speed changed in a minimum of time from 150-to-970 knots [170-to-1,100 mph and 275-to-1,800 km./hr.] and from 9,000 -o- 5,000 feet [2,700 m.-to-1,500 m.], returning then to 11,000 feet [3,300 m.] in order to change again to close to ground level."

Colonel Wilfred De Brouwer (now Major General and Deputy Chief of the Belgian Air Force), Chief of Operations of the Royal Belgian Air Force: "What impressed me the most were the witnesses -- some of whom I know personally -- and convinced me that in fact something was going on. These were credible people and they told clearly what they saw.

"We always look for possibilities which can cause errors in the radar systems. We cannot exclude that there was electromagnetic interference. But of course, we cannot exclude the possibility that there were objects in the air. On at least one occasion, there was a correlation between the radar contacts of one ground radar and one F-16 fighter. This weakens the theory that all radar contacts were caused by electromagnetic interference. If we add all the possibilities, the question is still open. So there is no final answer."

Larry Workman: "I was a Marine during the Viet Nam war period attached to 1ST Marine Division Force Logistics Command. My duty station was a place called Red Beach. It was a huge supply base for the I-Corp area just a few clicks from Da Nang.

One night during the Tet offensive, a small group of Marines went through the base gate and marched into the jungle approximately 3 clicks to a point where two of the uncounted trails known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail crossed and set up our ambush waiting through the long hot jungle night for "Charlie" to come walking down the trail. It was hot enough that you could hear yourself sweat.

The night passed uneventful. We knew there was enemy activity in the area. But "Charlie" probably went in another direction that night. We broke ambush early am and had marched back down the trail and had just entered a clearing when suddenly up in the sky just above the jungle canopy and slightly behind us was the UFO visible for a short time.

Apparently "Charlie" saw it too and opened fire with rpgs (rocket propelled grenades) and small arms fire with no effect on the UFO. We did not fire but only watched as it hovered over us for maybe 5 minutes ... then seemed to drift sideways and as suddenly as it had appeared it was gone. We started marching again toward Red Beach. Nobody said anything. But the Captain told us to forget about it. We got back to base without incident. But to this day I can still see it. And so can the rest of us."

Ron Hayes: "2300 hours" I Corps" was the location. Sound of rushing wind in a distance. It took about 5 min. to reach or area. It rattled the cans tied in the barbwire. It was at this time that me and another Marine looked up. It was black, no lights, 200 ft. off the ground and disk shape. It was Huge and moving no more than 10 MPH. It took about a minute for it to completely cross over. We were in a free firezone but no one fired a round. It was also reported at the other end of our perimeter by 2 other Marines."

Russian Naval Rear Admiral Yury Beketov: "On several occasions the instruments gave reading of material objects moving at incredible speed. Calculations showed speeds of about 230 knots, of 400 kph. Speeding so fast is a challenge even on the surface. But water resistance is much higher. It was like the objects defied the laws of Physics. There's only one explanation. The *creatures* who built them far surpass us in development".

Captain 1st rank Igor Barklay: "Ocean UFOs often show up wherever our or NATO's fleets concentrate. Near Bahamas, Bermudas, Puerto Rico. They are most often seen in the deepest part of the Atlantic Ocean, in the southern part of the Bermuda Triangle, and also in the Caribbean Sea."

Vladimir Azhazha, Russian Naval Officer: "50 percent of UFO encounters are connected with oceans. 15 percent more with lakes . So UFOs tend to stick to the water".

Don Phillips, U.S. Air Force, Lockheed Skunkworks Engineer: "When I was working with the Skunkworks, we signed an agreement with the National Security Agency and the National Security Council as well as the CIA. We kept very quiet about this. Anti-gravitational research was going on... We know that there were some captured craft from 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico. And yeah, they were real. And, yes, we really did get some technology from them. And, yes, we really did put it to work... [StealthSkater note: which is what Philip Corso always maintained => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

"We knew each other from what we call 'unseen industry'. We can term it 'black', 'deep black', or 'hidden'. The knowledge I have of these technologies came from the craft that were captured here. I didn't see the craft nor did I see the bodies. But I certainly know some of the people that did. There was no question that there are peoples or beings from outside the Planet".

Colonel Ryszard Grundmanem - Former Head of Poland's 'Air Traffic, Air Force and Air Defense':

During the 1955 Warsaw Pact exercises, a radar station in the area of Warsaw recognized 2 targets over the Gulf of Gdansk. The targets were moving at a speed of 2,300 km/h at an altitude of 20,000 meters. In those days, there was no aircraft with such performance. At one point, it was noticed that the 2 objects did a 90 degree turn literally on the spot with no turning radius. This maneuver at such high speeds cannot be done. Most modern aircraft are unable to do so even today. And that was 50 years ago!"

Captain Armindo de Sousa Viriato, Brazil: "On radar, I got to do 4 interceptions and radar contact with all. But I could not visually see anything at any time. Just on the radar. And what impressed me was taken by the target acceleration from a certain moment. Accelerated rapidly until he desacoplasse the radar and I believe around Mach-15 more-or-less because it was very fast acceleration. Now I was 1.2, 1.3 times the speed of sound and the object reached a speed much higher than I was."

Colonel Ariel Sanchez (Cridovni), Uruguayan Air Force: "The most shocking events involved Uruguayan aircraft pursuing a UFO. It occurred mainly in 1986. 2 military aircraft tried to intercept a UFO which entered Uruguayan airspace without authorization.

"It was around 20h30 when those 2 fighters that I've mentioned tried to approach an object maneuvering over a dam. They tried twice to reach the UFO. They didn't succeed because the object managed to escape maneuvering at great speed which our aircraft could not follow.

"A peculiar thing was seeing the object changing colors while increasing its acceleration. It went from yellow to orange and then turned red. It moved away at an enormous speed until it disappeared from our sight.

"In a second attempt to intercept it, the object did the same thing. When the Pucara got closer, the UFO vanished at an incredible speed towards the West. Without much they could do, the pilots simply quit the pursuit and returned to the base".

"I've never seen anything like it," says **Timothy Collins**, a Navy radar technician who tracked an unidentified object over the Florida sky. "And I don't want to see anything like it again."

Collins was among at least a dozen workers at the Navy's Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range who said they spotted brightly lit objects.

"The computer wouldn't handle it," said Lt. Cmdr. John Sullivan, commander of the Range used by the Navy to train its combat pilots in tactics for avoiding enemy weapons.

"... .. I was the watch tower guard that night and there are some facts that were not mentioned. Such as that Jacksonville NAS launched 2 aircraft to intercept. Once they were on our radar, the UFO vanished. They had it locked into their radar as well. Our radar locked onto one of the UFOs. I have never seen a radar act so crazy. Spinning around-and-around up-and-down.

"... .. I just wanted to add my 2 cents worth due to the fact that I saw the UFO first from the tower. I and airman K.C. woke the Petty Officer of the day and dragged him up the tower to see what we saw. That night we were told not to talk to anyone about this by the commanding officer. I have told this story to many of my friends and they all thought I was crazy. I am sure you can check Navy records to confirm I truly was there".

Conclusion by Australian scientist **O.H. Turner** who studied DAFI UFO cases from 1950 to 1954:

"The evidence presented by the reports held by the R.A.A.F. tend to support the ... conclusion. Namely, that certain strange aircraft have been observed to behave in a manner suggestive of an extraterrestrial origin."

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