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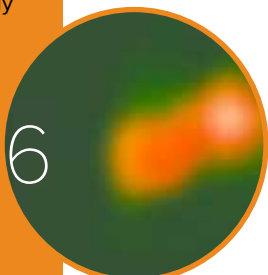
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Luis Elizondo to Keynote Symposium

I am delighted to announce that Luis Elizondo will be our keynote speaker at the 2018 MUFON Symposium. As most of you know Luis was the man in charge of the Pentagon UFO program revealed December 16, 2017, in a front-page article in The New York Times. I have had the privilege to speak with Luis several times over the past many months and find him to be an exceptionally bright, compassionate, and articulate champion of the UFO cause—something we are all very much interested in.

Late last year, Luis left his comfortable government employment to join To The Stars Academy (TTSA) as Director of Global Security and Special Programs, and has quickly become a worldwide sensation as the main spokesperson for the organization.

According to the TTSA website, Luis was a career intelligence officer whose experience includes working with the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense, the National Counterintelligence Executive, and the Director of National Intelligence. As a former special agent in charge, Luis conducted highly sensitive espionage and terrorism investigations around the world. As an intelligence case officer, he ran clandestine source operations throughout Latin America and the Middle East. Most recently, Luis managed the security for certain sensitive portfolios for the U.S. government as the Director for the National Programs Special Management Staff. For nearly the last decade, Luis also ran a sensitive aerospace threat identification program focusing on unidentified aerial technologies. Luis's academic background includes microbiology, immunology and parasitology, with research in tropical diseases. Luis is also an inventor who holds several patents.

Chase Kloetzke, our recently announced Director of Investigations, had the opportunity to interview Luis on his role at AATIP and his plans going forward with TTSA, and you as MUFON members get to read all about it in the feature article of this month's MUFON Journal. The mission of the new TTSA organization is to "Strive to be a powerful vehicle for change by creating a consortium among science, aerospace and entertainment that will work collectively to allow gifted researchers the freedom to explore exotic science and technologies with the infrastructure and resources to rapidly transition them to products that can change the world." Sounds a lot like the MUFON mission statement, The Scientific Study of UFOs for the Benefit of Humanity, since this "exotic" science and technology are coming directly from the study of UFOs. This is what it is all about, and why we do what we do as an international organization investigating UFO sightings and doing UFO research. It is finally, after long last, all coming together.

Come hear Luis firsthand at the 2018 MUFON Symposium. You'll have a chance to meet and speak with him, and ask those burning questions you have on your mind. ●



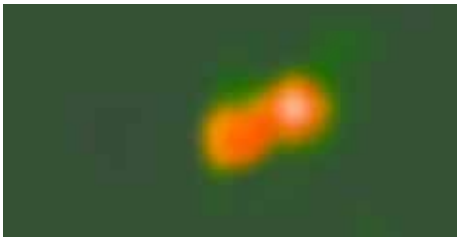
UFO TRAFFIC REPORT

ROGER MARSH, EDITOR

Worldwide news on the latest eyewitness testimony

Cases of interest are now pulled daily from the closed case files as an edited list of best cases. Witness testimony is edited for clarity.

British witness describes hovering object with red lights



Filtered witness image. (Credit: MUFON)

A British witness at Stirling reported a “huge craft” hovering under 500 feet near local rooftops, according to testimony in Case 82724.

The witness first noticed flashing in the sky on March 16, 2017.

“It was dark, but I could see something approaching the top of my street,” the witness stated. “I know it sounds crazy, but I was watching from my back garden and it was very dark. Then I saw red lights and next thing there was a huge craft in the sky in between two rooftops of the houses at the top of my street.”

The witness described the object.

“It dipped its front end down and had red lights/windows all round it. It hovered for a short time. I looked away for a split second and it was going away

again. I got a video, but can’t see a thing. I took some screen shots of the video and filtered it a bit and, although it’s not clear, you can definitely see an object with lights, and I noticed there was a puff of smoke coming from underneath it. I took photos from the same place I took the video and when you look at the filters you can clearly see that the object didn’t belong in the sky. I also submitted a photo in daylight of where the photo had been taken.”

British MUFON Field Investigator David Whitehouse closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“Witness says the object was huge and guesses around 100 feet in diameter,” Whitehouse stated in his report. “It had red lights all around. It did not move fast, it just hovered above the houses over the street and then left in the direction it came from, moving slowly. When it dipped forward she could see the top of it, and it looked like a large circle with raised parts over the surface. After looking on the database, there is a similar sighting in 2016, a year before and only a month apart. On top of this, there are a number of other sightings of strange lights in the sky in Stirling, Scotland, in 2013, 2010, 2006 and 1995.”

Florida witness reports orange oval-shaped object



Palm Springs, Florida. (Credit: Google)

A Florida witness at Palm Springs reported watching an orange, oval-shaped object rising to the south that made an abrupt turn east, according to testimony in Case 82838.

The witness was at home sitting in a parked car about 11:45 p.m. on March 14, 2017.

“I saw an orange, oval-shaped, glowing object through the trees to my north-east maybe at a 1,000-foot altitude and climbing,” the witness stated. “I figured this was probably a plane taking off from the West Palm Beach airport, but thought it was odd that the craft was orange.”

The witness watched the object as it moved away.

“It flew past my house heading south,

just underneath the roofline, temporarily out of sight. I got out of my car to see it reappear over the rooftop. Just as I saw it pass over the roofline of my house, as I'm now facing east, it took a sharp turn east and kept ascending and heading away from me."

The witness could not make out a definite shape of the object, but watched it ascending to the east.

"I assumed I was now looking at the back of the craft, which looked like a big jet engine glowing orange. I could barely make out the engine outline for a split second. The entire object was glowing orange the whole time, flickering slightly as it moved east away from me. I guess the object may have been wider in back and tapered slightly in front. I can't say for sure if it had wings. The object disappeared through clouds and was still glowing orange as I lost sight of it. It looked a little more flat and wide as it disappeared through the clouds."

The witness noted that it was a mostly clear night.

"The moon was just to the right of where it disappeared. I'm guessing the craft was somewhere between 100-200 feet long or wide. It was roughly three-quarters of a mile away from me and maybe 3,000 feet in altitude when I first saw it outside my car. The speed of it was pretty steady, nothing too extraordinary, and probably accelerated to a few hundred mph. It had none of the usual white, blue or red flashing lights I see on the wings of normal aircraft. It was solid orange the whole time. And it started south-southeast and banked sharply going due east out into the Atlantic, so it was headed toward the Bahamas or somewhere trans-Atlantic."

Florida MUFON Field Investigators Gary Paulis and Carol Paulis closed this case as an Unknown. The case was reported to MUFON on March 26, 2017.

"The description of the object's speed, size, altitude, and location match characteristics of a conventional aircraft taking off from the international airport, except for the lack of navigation lights and sound," the investigators wrote in their report. "Other possible explanations were: a sky lantern that was much closer to the witness's location then he estimated or a much closer toy drone with an orange light on it.

"Flightradar24 data indicated a Delta Flight 101 from Atlanta to Buenos Aires was in the vicinity of the sighting location at the time of the sighting, but it was flying at a constant altitude of 33,000 feet and traveling at a ground speed of 535 mph. No other aircraft appeared on the radar report, ruling out conventional aircraft.

"We discussed the possibility of the object being a sky lantern with the witness and he was positive it could not have been what he observed. We discounted the sky lantern due to the speed and direction change reported by the witness. Many toy drones can appear to be some kind of craft; however, they make noise and are small compared to aircraft. We discounted the drone due to the size and speed reported by the witness.

"The ISS was at azimuth 93°35' and altitude 1°14' at 23:45 EST. This was too low in the sky to have been the object; also the ISS is not orange or penny size. No similar cases were found in Palm Beach County, Florida, within plus or minus 30 days of this sighting.

"We believe this case can be closed as Unknown-UAV. The object's characteristics do not match conventional aircraft, spacecraft, or natural phenomena."

Palm Springs is a village in Palm Beach County, Florida, population 18,928.

Witness says deer noticed two hovering objects nearby



Pioneer is about 60 miles southeast of Sacramento. (Credit: Google)

A California witness at Pioneer reported watching two objects the size of a pencil emitting light and hovering near deer just 10 feet off the ground, according to testimony in Case 82988.

The witness was in her living room doing housework when she noticed a pulsating light down the hill from her location.

"I looked and then looked again," the witness stated. "I saw a pencil-like, definitely light-emitting 'thing' hovering. Then I noticed a second one, only it was pulsing slower. It was approximately 10 feet off the ground."

The witness then noticed a wild deer looking up at the object, then grabbing a mouthful of food, then looking back up at the object.

"No rotor, no feet, no noise, definitely larger than a pencil, but pencil-like. The second object was moving around a tree, first one side, and then the other, almost like it was trying to hide."

The witness said that she did not take a picture because there are a lot of trees and the object was small and would not have stood out in any picture.

"It was below me, but I knew if I went outside, it would have left when I opened the door and made noise. At first, I thought it was something hanging from the tree, but the longer I watched, the more I realized that I was

actually looking at a UFO.”

The witness described the objects.

“The main object (the one not hiding) pulsed light the entire length, but not the whole thing at once. It was like small lights all along the thing pulsing. Same for the other unit. The deer didn’t seem to be bothered much by the item, but it definitely knew it was there as it kept looking at it.”

The witness continued to watch.

“I was standing up, so I went to get a chair, and then watched for an additional 5 to 7 minutes. My phone rang. I went to answer it, and when I came back, both objects were gone. I know what I saw, and even though this might not be a large sighting, I wanted to report it as it was such an odd shape (to me)—one I wasn’t familiar with. I called my family to tell them what I saw, as we have been familiar with UFOs our entire lifetime. I wondered if these things were ‘monitoring’ the deer somehow. I’m sure they did not know I was watching. The rate of the pulse of light on the ‘main’ object varied, first fast, then slower, then fast again.”

Pioneer is in Amador County, California, population 1,094. MUFON California State Section Director Nancy Felipe closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Boise witness says sphere hovered over downtown buildings



Boise, ID. (Credit: Wikimedia Commons)

An Idaho witness at Boise reported watching a bright object with a red-orange surface meandering around

buildings at about 500 feet, according to testimony in Case 82840.

The witness was working at a laptop and facing west over downtown Boise at 11:25 p.m. on March 25, 2017, when the object was first noticed.

“I saw a bright object moving around above the buildings,” the witness stated. “At first I thought it was another helicopter, as they are always buzzing the city. It had no pattern of movement. It seemed to move randomly.”

The witness described the object.

“The object was a dull orange or amber color and suddenly got very bright. I thought a helicopter had its searchlight on and was pointed towards my building. That is when I really started paying attention to it. I watched it move around over the buildings and its brightness dimmed.”

The witness then ran to the bedroom and grabbed his binoculars.

“I came back to the living room and the object stopped moving. It froze in place for a few minutes. I know it was still because a star was just behind it in view and I could tell it was stationary. After about five minutes, it started to move from my left to right, or to the north. The brightness dimmed quite a bit and its brightness pulsed a few times before getting very dim and it moved faster as it left my field of view.”

Idaho MUFON Field Investigator James Millard closed this case as an Unknown Other.

“The object was a sphere, red-orange, and glowing,” Millard stated in his report. “The object changed direction, hovered, descended, ascended and was over a building. It appeared to be solid and glowed with a pulsating light. It was spherical in appearance. The size is unknown. It had a red-orange surface. It brightened and made no sound. There was an airplane and helicopter present both before and after the sighting, but not during the sighting. It never descended below 500 feet. The flight path changed direc-

tion. This incident lasted approximately nine minutes.

“This appears to be a fairly common type of UFO and has been seen often in Ada County, Idaho.”

Low flying Ohio UFO described as square



Pictured: Xenia, Ohio. (Credit: Google)

An Ohio witness at Xenia reported watching a square-shaped object moving over his home under 500 feet, according to testimony in Case 83058.

The witness and his son were outside at 10:10 p.m. on April 8, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“I witnessed a square-shaped UFO fly over our neighborhood in Xenia last night,” the witness stated. “It flew right over our home coming from the Spring Valley area straight towards Fairborn—which is where Wright Patterson Air Force Base is located about 9 miles from us.”

The witness described the object.

“It was square-shaped when overhead, but from a distance it was flatter from top to bottom. It appeared to have flames coming out of the rear of it and had no wings or other visible lights other than the flames and orange glow about it.”

The witness was hoping for more witnesses.

“I shouted for my girlfriend to come look, but she only saw it as it was flying from a further distance and not overhead. I tried to videotape it, but couldn’t get my phone fast enough.”

Xenia is a city in and the county seat of Greene County, Ohio, population 25,719. MUFON Ohio Chief

Investigator Ron McGlone closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Flying square object puzzles Philadelphia witness



Cropped and enlarged witness image. (Credit: MUFON)

A Pennsylvania witness at Philadelphia reported watching and photographing a slow-moving, square-shaped object moving overhead, according to testimony in Case 82950.

The witness was outside at the corner of Allegheny and Kensington in Philadelphia waiting for the bus at 8 a.m. on April 3, 2017.

“It was a lovely morning and I was looking at the sky and clouds and saw a black object quite high,” the witness stated. “I was facing north/northwest. My first thought was that it was some debris floating on the air currents—but it was not just floating along—it was moving quite slowly from east to west.”

The witness described the object.

“The object was dark black, shaped like a wide diamond—or a square object on a corner. It did not appear to reflect light—however, I noticed a light that flashed about four times in the 10 minutes or so I was looking at it.”

The witness decided to get a second opinion.

“I asked a young woman, also waiting for the bus, if she saw it—she said yes—I asked her if it looked like a helicopter? She said she didn’t think so. I’m afraid I didn’t get her name, but if I see her again I will ask. I did try to take some photos—but I don’t believe

they show much since the object was so high up and I’d think, quite distant. I’m attaching the photos from my phone.”

Pennsylvania MUFON Field Investigator Theodore Bloch closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

New Hampshire witness reports low hovering light



Hudson, New Hampshire. (Credit: Google)

A New Hampshire witness at Hudson reported watching a hovering, pulsating light just above the tree top level, according to testimony in Case 82743.

The witness was heading home for a lunch break at 3:45 a.m. on March 20, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“I work the third shift,” the witness stated. “My apartment is only five minutes from where I work. As I was arriving to my destination, an object towards the left of me caught my eye. It was hovering just over the parking lot, but high above the tree line. The object appeared to be hovering.”

The object was pulsating a very bright white color.

“It then turned into a ball of a bright, white light and flew over the trees, leaving a brief trail of sparkling flash behind it.”

The witness tried to calculate the object’s size.

“I can estimate that the object was as long as the building that I live in.”

New Hampshire MUFON Field Investigator Breann Smith closed this case as an Unknown UAV.

“I do not think that this fits as a meteor or a satellite based on the description the witness gave,” Smith stated in the report. “It also did not make any sounds, which is possibly something an aircraft would make. I am also not familiar with any aircraft that leaves a trail of sparkling white light. I think that the witness is sincere. As of now, I am classifying this as an unidentified aerial object. I don’t think that it really fits into a characteristic of any one thing. Without any tangible evidence such as a photograph or a video, I do not think that it can be definitively classified.”

Zimbabwe witness describes hovering object



Harare, Zimbabwe. (Credit: Wikimedia Commons)

A Zimbabwe witness at Harare reported watching flashing, sequential lights hovering and making abrupt direction changes, according to testimony in Case 83034.

The witness was called outside by his wife at 6:30 p.m. on April 8, 2017, and asked to look north.

“I was immediately able to make out three flashing, alternating beams of light,” the witness stated. “I initially thought it was an aeroplane slowly disappearing into the distance, obscured by the clouds. I soon noticed that the lights were emanating from a hovering source or object whose shape I could not see as the object was obscured by the clouds.”

The hovering object began to move.

“After about seven minutes, the object moved upwards in a leftward direction, lights still flashing and hovered again for about three minutes before mov-

ing slowly in a straight, northwards direction before the lights faded and disappeared. After noticing the abrupt upwards and leftward movement in a straight line, as well as the sudden hovering action after that, I can say that was the point I was convinced that what we were observing was a UFO.”

None of the witnesses were able to take pictures or videos.

“It was already dark, and the flashing beams of light were in a lateral and upwards direction and not directed downwards so those who tried to capture videos got nothing but the dark.”

Lee George Strydom for MUFON International reviewed the case and closed it as Information Only.

Orbs reported floating over South Carolina beach



Still frame from witness video. (Credit: MUFON)

A South Carolina witness at North Myrtle Beach reported watching white and orange orbs over several nights floating near the ocean water, according to testimony in Case 83070.

The witness was in town on vacation on April 9, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“We were staying here for vacation for the week,” the reporting witness stated. “Have seen lights both nights we have been here so far.”

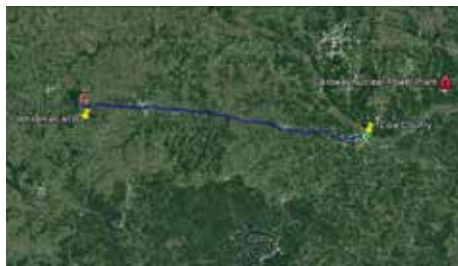
South Carolina MUFON Field Inves-

tigator Richard Zachary Harvin and State Director Cheryl Ann Gilmore investigated and closed this case as an Unknown Other.

“While on vacation, the witness saw on several different nights orbs out over the ocean in Myrtle Beach,” Harvin and Gilmore stated in their report. “One night the orb was brilliant white. On another night, the orb was orange. They had several sightings on different nights out over the ocean. The one orange orb seemed to be down close to the water. The witness stated the next day there were a lot of dead jelly fish on the beach. She said the TV in the room on the ground floor level they were in had red and green bars up and down on the screen like some sort of test pattern. The picture was also fuzzy and spotty. She said this lasted for at least an hour. The TV problem was on the night they saw a really bright, white orb they got several pictures off, which have been added to this report. It looks like other orb photos we have seen in the past. When enlarged, it appears to have smaller lights within it. There was no sound associated with any of the sightings. This reporting witness is the spokesperson for the group. There have been several sightings of this type in that area. Also, the military does exercises over the ocean in that area. This did not appear to be one of those.”

The witness included two video clips with the report, which was filed on April 10, 2017.

Missouri witness says object was ‘horizontal Ferris Wheel’



Map shows UFO sighting location and the nearby base and nuclear facility.

A Missouri witness at Taos reported watching a low flying object described as a “horizontal Ferris Wheel,” according to testimony in Case 82996.

The witness was at home at 1:30 a.m. on April 6, 2017, when the incident began.

“I got up from bed to go to the bathroom, came back, and then noticed very bright lights through my window,” the witness stated. “I said, that’s no plane. It was more like a horizontal Ferris wheel.”

The witness described the object.

“The lights were changing direction and moving up and down. It made no sound. Changed directions very fast. It was really neat to see. If I had to guess, I think it might have been a new type of military drone. I live near Whiteman Air Force Base where they store the Stealth bomber.

Missouri MUFON State Director Debbie Ziegelmeyer investigated this report and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The Callaway Nuclear Plant is a power plant located on a 5,228-acre site in Callaway County, Missouri, near Fulton, Missouri,” Ziegelmeyer stated in her report. “It began operating on December 19, 1984. Many cases involving national security issues have occurred in the past over nuclear facilities.”

Witness says diamond-shaped object was ‘humongous’



York is about 26 miles southeast of Harrisburg, PA. (Credit: Google)

A Pennsylvania witness at York reported watching a “humongous” object fly directly overhead after a smaller object was ejected from it at a distance, according to testimony in Case 83329.

The witness was inside watching television when two bright lights were noticed at a distance.

“I thought, oh, a new tower with two huge lights attached. But no tower,” the witness stated. “Went outside. The lights did not move at all and a light came off the top right corner and a small craft came off the light and hovered below.”

The larger object then moved toward the witness.

“The big UFO took off towards me and went right over my home extremely low. It was diamond-shaped and had a rectangular light underneath it. In that rectangle was a red light, then a white light, and then a green light. The lights were not flashing. The UFO was humongous and made a humming noise.”

Both objects then began to move.

“When it took off, the small thing that came out of it went straight up. When the light came out of the right corner or what would have been the right corner (the only thing I could see at that point were the two huge lights) it seemed that the small thing came off that light. Almost like it was poured out of that light.”

The witness was afraid of the sighting.

“Anyway, it scared me a lot, and I have looked for a hovering jet picture on the net, but did not see any that looked like it. And why would a hovering jet be spitting out a small craft like that? Before it took off, it had stayed unmoving at least 10 minutes, maybe longer, before I noticed it. In relationship to its size, it was huge. I watch planes in the distance from my backyard and the little thing that came out of the big UFO would have been the size of a commercial airplane like I see all the time going toward Harrisburg Airport. So, the big UFO was

really, really, big.”

Pennsylvania MUFON Field Investigator Larry Shaak closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle. York is the city serving as the county seat of York County, Pennsylvania, population 43,718.

Glowing object reported low over South Carolina



Irmo, South Carolina. (Credit: Google)

A South Carolina witness at Irmo reported watching a green glowing object with a trail moving along at treetop level, according to testimony in Case 83129.

The witness was outside taking a walk at 8:43 p.m. on April 12, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“I was looking at the clear sky with stars hoping to see a meteor shower,” the witness stated. “I then noticed a small, glowing object coming over the horizon at treetop level. The object glowed green with the outline pulsing and seemed to have a white, smoky trail visible in the street lights.”

The witness noted that the object came in from the northwest directly overhead and disappeared over the treetops.

“I was unable to get my phone camera working in time, but immediately after the object was beyond visible range, used my phone compass to get a location fix and azimuthal direction: Location 34°7'15"N, 81°9'45"W heading 113°SE, visible for five seconds. Object seemed to leave a trail, but no

lingering exhaust or smoke remained in its wake. There was no sound.”

South Carolina MUFON State Director Cheryl Ann Gilmore and Field Investigator Charles Beers closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The object was identified as a green/white teardrop-shaped object traveling from northwest to southeast in a wobble motion,” Gilmore and Beers stated in their report. “The witness frequently takes walks in the twilight hours in his local neighborhood for recreational health reasons. The distance from home to the observation site is approximately 600 feet. He heard an airplane noise, and when he looked up, he noticed this object travelling about 50-75 estimated feet in a northwest to southeast direction at treetop level. The object had a green glow slightly pulsing. As it traveled, he observed it moved in a wobble motion and seemed to have a white smoky trail. As it came overhead to him, he said it appeared to slow before moving on. There was no sound, he said, from the object itself.

“During the few seconds it was overhead from the witness, he started to get feelings of unease. He also stated he had an unusual need to go to the bathroom and remarked his phone had significantly lost some of its charge.

“The witness did feel that it was not a firework rocket (even though it appeared to travel like one) because it slowed and then proceeded until it was out of sight. He also stated that he could not see an outline, which eliminated a drone or remote-controlled craft.

“The witness did state that he has had a few other personal incidents, which he feels may be additional sightings. Once when he was a young boy in India and secondly during an airplane trip. Neither incident was related in behavior or object description to this incident.”

Irmo is a town in Lexington and Richland counties, population 11,097.



PERCEPTIONS STANTON FRIEDMAN



More UFO research by proclamation

There have been many strange questions asked by UFO debunkers over the years. A recent one from a Canadian astronomer was why would aliens only visit Earth? I have seen no indication that there is evidence showing that Earth is the only planet in the galactic neighborhood being visited by aliens. Well, why don't they land on the White House lawn? I think the question is idiotic. The president certainly doesn't speak for 7+ billion Earthlings. Furthermore, the White House is a no-fly zone, which presumably includes aliens. Not much planetary business takes place there. Intruding aircraft would be quickly attacked.

Well, why would aliens visit Earth anyway? Maybe to check out our primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare? We spend a trillion dollars a year on military activities. Maybe to steal minerals or chemicals from us? Maybe to keep us from taking our nuclear weapons out there to destroy the neighborhood? After all, we have exploded 2,000 nuclear weapons. In WWII we killed 50 million of our own kind and destroyed 1,700 cities. Maybe our visitors work for the Galactic Federation and are trying to keep the peace. Maybe we are somebody's colony? Perhaps a penal colony? The explorers who crossed the oceans of Earth hundreds of years ago had many objectives—gather slaves, steal minerals such as gold, fight wars, drill for oil, hunt for animals and fish. One

size doesn't fit all. My grandparents went from Europe to North America to get away from pogroms (religious wars).

Maybe some visiting aliens are graduate students doing their thesis research about primitive life forms. Maybe Earth is the devil's island of this corner of the galaxy.

My own basic philosophy is that the latest data on the abundance of planets (based on the Kepler satellite) suggests that on the average each star has about 1.6 planets. So, in the galaxy, there would be over 160 billion planets. Locally (within 100 light years) there are about 10,000 stars implying 16,000 planets. It is common for astronomers to suggest that alien visitors would have to travel hundreds of light years to get here, which would supposedly take thousands of years and enormous amounts of energy. This is ludicrous when we know many stars are less than a light year from another star. My favorite pair of sun-like stars are Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli, just under 40 light-years from here and only an eighth of a light-year apart from each other, in the southern sky constellation of Reticulum. It seems reasonable to me that the closer one's neighboring planets in a nearby solar system, the more likely they are to be visited. This is a probable location of planets based on the star map observed on board an alien spacecraft by Betty Hill in 1961 and based on the many models built by Marjorie Fish.

Now as a nuclear scientist, I have to point out that we primitive Earthlings in the 1920s thought our star, the sun, was just a mass of burning gas. I presume all aliens would want to know how their stars produce all that energy. We didn't determine that the process was far more energy-dense than burning gas until 1938. Turns out it is nuclear fusion. Interestingly, nuclear fission was theorized that same year--because of measurements showing low atomic number elements produced by uranium-capturing neutrons. Naturally, Earth scientists wanted to use these processes for military application. A big WWII bomb carried by a large airplane released the energy of 10 tons of dynamite. The first fission device (atomic bomb) exploded at Trinity site in New Mexico released the energy of about 15,000 tons of dynamite. The first fusion bomb (H-Bomb) in 1952 released the energy of 10 million tons of dynamite. The Soviet Union tested Tsar Bombe in 1961 releasing the energy of 50 million tons of dynamite. The point here is not to scare people, although it should, but to point out fission and fusion, besides offering lots of destruction in a small package, could also be used to reach the stars. At Aerojet General Nucleonics in San Ramon, California, not far from San Francisco, in 1962 we did a \$9 million Air Force study of fusion propulsion for interstellar travel. The director of the study was Dr. John Luce, who had headed the fusion research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennes-

see and had 40 patents. I consider him the smartest scientist for whom I ever worked and a real gentleman as well. I worked on the radiation shielding aspects. Our conclusion was that fusion would cost a great deal of money but could do the job.

Robert Hastings' book, *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites*, clearly gives strong evidence that aliens are interested in our nuclear facilities, including installations storing nuclear tipped missiles.

There is, of course, ample evidence of the successful operation of nuclear-powered submarines, which can go around the world underwater without refueling. Diesel subs can stay under for only a day or so. There are also a number of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, which can operate for the U.S. Navy for 18 years without refueling. It is not well-known that three different U.S. organizations successfully ground-tested nuclear rocket engines. I worked for Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory in Large, Pennsylvania, when we operated the NRX A-6 nuclear rocket reactor propulsion system at a power level of 1,100 megawatts. Aerojet General operated the X E-1 at a power level of 1,000 megawatts and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory operated the Phoebe 2B at a power level of 4,000 megawatts. The hydrogen propellant left the reactor nozzles (all less than eight feet in diameter) at a temperature of about 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Hoover Dam, by comparison, produced 2,000 megawatts and is obviously larger.

Interesting and typical of the disdain with which many authors show toward UFOs are comments in several of the articles in *First Contact: the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence* edited by Ben Bova and Byron Preiss and published in 1990 by NAL books, an imprint of Penguin books. It has a suggested reading list of only 47

items and, of course, no mention of the large-scale scientific studies of UFOs, such as "Project Blue Book Special Report 14," or the Congressional Hearings of 1968 or the Condon Report of 1968 or Dr. J. Allen Hynek's *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry* (Henry Regnery, 1972). After all, Allen was the USAF scientific consultant on UFOs for about 20 years and chairman of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University. Of course, there is no mention of any of the many PhD theses done on UFOs, which one would think would be important sources of information, nor of any of the UFO organizations.

Typical of the biased comments, from the jacket: "Despite the thousands of reported UFO sightings and hugely speculative works such as *Communion*, there is no concrete evidence for the existence of extraterrestrial beings." Multiple witness radar visual sightings don't count. The thousands of physical trace cases collected by researcher Ted Phillips from 80+ countries don't count. The blacked out and whited out government documents about UFOs don't count. Police often have to deal with cases NOT having "concrete evidence." Let's also ignore the fact that while naysayers decry eyewitness testimony, the reason most sightings can be explained is that eyewitness testimony is quite often reliable.

Here is another gem (p. 29): "The fact that in Earth's history no aliens have reached us (as far as we know, and never mind the UFOmaniacs) would indicate that advanced technologies like our own are indeed excessively rare." This is a NON fact. It would be as foolish to claim that since fewer than three naturally-occurring isotopes are fissionable, none are, or that since fewer than 1 percent of people are seven feet tall or can run a mile in under four minutes, none can.

I certainly agree with this claim (p. 41): "Scientific opinions, supposedly

based on evidence rather than dogma, are tentative by Nature." This book and much of the SETI literature clearly indicate that the writers have ignored the relevant evidence. On page 69 we find this claim: "There is presently no convincing evidence that Earth has been visited at any time in the past—at least no evidence compelling to the majority of scientists." He quotes no polls. My own experience giving 700+ lectures in 50 states, 10 provinces and 19 countries certainly indicates that the majority of scientists have almost no awareness of that evidence. During my lectures, after summarizing the large-scale scientific studies, I ask after each one, "How many have read this volume?" Rarely do more than 2 percent of the hands get raised. When Dr. Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute and I each gave three lectures on a free cruise on the Queen Elizabeth 2, he didn't raise his hand for any of the five. More than 10 years later, he claimed the fact that he didn't win our debate on Coast to Coast AM radio didn't mean he was wrong (I won 53-37-10. At least he outscored Dr. Michael Shermer of the Skeptic Society, who lost our debate 80-20). I must admit to being terribly disappointed that our rematch scheduled for a stage in Vancouver on April 8 was cancelled. Any readers want to arrange for such a debate?

On page 310 we have an excellent example of research by proclamation: "There may be strange and surprising meteorological, electrical or astronomical phenomena still unknown to science which may account for the very few UFOs that are both genuine and unexplained. There is no hard evidence that Earth has ever been visited from space." Amazingly, in "Blue Book Special Report 14," analysts found 689 of 3,201 cases could not be Identified—separately from 298 that were listed as Insufficient Information. Very few? Debunkers are kidding themselves. ●

LUIS ELIZONDO

MUFON's EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

by Chase Kloetzke, Kerry McClure, and Roger Marsh

Chase Kloetzke interviews the former head of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program and reveals groundbreaking information

December 16, 2017, is a date to remember. Both The New York Times and the Washington Post featured articles that boldly proclaimed that the U.S. government was funding the study of UFOs. Then Luis Elizondo was hurled into the international spotlight. As a former director of the Pentagon's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), and knowing a lot more than he is able to say, he graciously granted MUFON a little glimpse into his time at AATIP and into his mind. With all of the knowledge garnered during his experience in the government, his thoughts had some serious gravitas.

Across a table in one of the many restaurants located in the Pentagon sat the man himself. Although he was a highly decorated intelligence officer, he was warm and friendly and anyone would feel immediately comfortable with him. "I prefer people just call me Lue," he told Chase Kloetzke, MUFON's Director of Investigations. Coming from a military life, she instantly connected with Lue, and, as a veteran radio host and guest, she knew just the right questions to ask.

Inside AATIP

When asked just how he was tapped to head such a secret and unconventional program, Lue explained, that, after a series of meetings, he was told in an undisclosed DOD facility, "Look, we have this issue. We don't know what it is, we don't know how it works, and there's nothing we can do about it." And then he was asked to run the counter intelligence piece, the insider threat and security apparatus. It took a while before he really understood what they were talking about. He had set up programs throughout his career and this was just another program.

As he became more acquainted with his new responsibility, he developed "a slow, steady understanding of, hey, what we're really dealing with is something extremely, extremely

nuanced, something very, very advanced." He knows foreign intel pretty well and added, "There ain't nothin' that I've ever seen that this compares to, from the foreign side. So, is it our technology? Or is it something else? And I think we were able to rule out, very quickly, that wasn't our technology either."

When Chase asked how others reacted when they were apprised of the sensitive information, Lue explained, "Different people react differently to different information. It is really a personal thing. Most of them would look at me and look at my deputy. They'd kind of shake their heads and say, yeah, I kind of figured this is what we're talking about. Some people will laugh at it, some people will kind of gasp, and then hold their breath. Other folks might make jokes at it. Not to be funny, but it's a way of relieving some of the stress that evolved when you're seeing something that is outmaneuvering anything we have. There are about 30 percent of the people, in my experience, who absolutely can't process it. It's too much; they don't want to talk about it. They don't want to even think about it, for whatever reason. And I respect that."

A typical day with AATIP, Lue explained, was like "feast or famine." He would experience "moments of complete panic, followed by days of complete boredom and nothing going on."

He went on to say, "Our office was there to collect information. By the time we got it, it had gone through several different layers. When we did get information in, it was kind of a scramble, a mad scramble, where it was all-hands-on-deck. We'd have analysts looking at it. We'd have our colleagues look at it. We'd have our friends in other agencies look at it. We would have briefings on it. And then, other times, we really wouldn't see anything for weeks." And just how serious are the intrusions considered behind closed doors? Lue answered with one word, "Extremely."

He added, "I wore many hats. For many years, I did state, local, tribal intelligence, law enforcement integration. I did information sharing, foreign intelligence relations, I did Guantanamo Bay and I happened to be, for the last 10 years, also part of the AATIP program."

Although he couldn't go into the exact numbers, Lue described how those involved with AATIP worked together: "We had folks that were directly supporting our efforts, and then we had folks that we could rely upon that were aware of our efforts that had certain expertise in other organizations and agencies, and then there were people we could rely upon, but they had no idea what we were working on. So, basically, we would task them to do something. They were very good at what they were doing. They were experts and they would get back to us with their analysis, not realizing what they were analyzing."

When Chase asked if he learned anything that keeps him up at night, he replied, "I think it's not necessarily negative. I think we are on the precipice of potentially understanding a new paradigm. You know mankind, our evolution, has been marked with moments of clarity. When mankind first created the steam engine and later the internal combustion engine and then the airplane, right? Then the computer; those were pivotal moments that changed us, fundamentally, as a people, and as a society, and our future. I believe we are on the precipice of understanding a little bit more of our place in the cosmic neighborhood and I think that should be exciting and thrilling. We must remain cautious and diligent, but I'm not sure we necessarily need to be afraid. Concerned, sure. I'll buy that. Afraid, I don't think so."

Why the government keeps secrets about UFOs

Next, the discussion delved into the big question everyone is wondering about: "Why do you think the government would continue to keep this perceived threat secret and hidden from the public when they're so open with other threats, such as North Korea or possible pandemics?"

"When you're talking about a potential threat that we don't have any understanding at all of what it is, how it works, where it comes from, or who's behind it, that's a different conversation, because, as a national security instrument, we are paid to have those answers on behalf of the American people," Lue explained. "We've been dealing with this problem for a long time, if not decades. And the fact that our government and other governments aren't really any closer to understanding some of those basic interrogatives is very unsettling. So, naturally, people don't want to have that conversation, especially the Department of Defense."



The AATIP is responsible for collecting information and expert analysis to illuminate the evidence.

"So, in essence, we are the government, and the government is us. It shouldn't be an us-versus-them." Lue then explained, "So, when we say, 'Does this government hold things back from the American people?' Well, we know they have in the past. If they do, it's not because we don't trust the American people, it's because we don't trust foreign adversaries with that information, right? But if Americans want their government to do something, it is up to Americans to tell the government, and stop complaining, and go to your elected leaders and tell them what the hell you want." He added, "I think it's also important to know that the program never went away. People will say, 'Oh the program was disestablished in 2012.' No, it wasn't."

"Right now, when it's clear that everyone seems to be searching for extraterrestrial confirmation," Chase started, "we see the Vatican and the Church of Rome coming out in front of the extraterrestrial issue. China has invested millions on the world's largest radio telescope. The world governments are opening files, starting discussions, and sharing information with their populations. SETI continues to be funded and almost every university that is focused on technology and science is racing to find life on other planets. It would seem that the time is now to absolutely get our lawmakers up to speed and disclose this reality." Then she dropped the big question, "How close are we?"

Lue replied, "In my opinion we already know there's life in the universe, because here we are. Okay, the biggest UFO that we've ever seen is this planet. We are, by definition, an unidentified flying object." He added, "And keep in mind, the government is not in the business of just satisfying people's idle curiosity. We don't have enough time. It's not just what the government says, it's sometimes what the government doesn't say. The government never said this didn't exist. The government hasn't said, for the record,

'It's not real, AATIP wasn't real, what they found wasn't real.' If you're looking for them to tell you it's real, that may never happen, but the fact that they haven't told you it's not should be a very clear indicator."

He also thought it was important to remind people that "The Department of Defense is not the enemy. It is an organization full of the most incredible men and women, both at the Pentagon and those who work for the Pentagon around the world. They put their lives on the line on a daily basis. They are patriots; they want to do the right thing. It is an issue with the system and the system needs to be remedied. The Department of Defense is very good at what it does, normally, identifying a threat and coming up with remedies. It's not so good with undefined threats. And if there's any man who can fix it, it is Secretary Mattis. Believe me, I've seen him in action, I've seen him in combat. The man can fix it, absolutely."

Chase asked Lue to dig deeper into how the political arena plays a part in the government's role of looking into UFOs. "Everything is political fodder," Lue answered. "It doesn't matter what side of the aisle you're on. And there are political agendas and there are political landmines that we have to be cognizant of. But if you ask me, I don't think this has to be a political discussion at all." Both Chase and Lue agreed that "It's a science discussion."

The subject of private contractors is frustrating to civilians because they're involved with things we want to know about, but they're not responsible for any public scrutiny, nor are they required to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. Chase asked if one of the reasons the information doesn't come out is because of the national security ramifications when private industry works closely with the Department of Defense.

"All of them are subject to non-disclosure agreements. All of them are contractually bound to protect inherent government information. Federal law, by the way, requires that." Lou continued, "When it is a job, it is a profession to work for the government, and your livelihood depends on it; you have to abide by those governmental rules if you want to continue having a job. There's a big difference between disclosure and leaking. Leaking is providing classified information in an unauthorized manner, period. If you do that it's called espionage. What we're doing is having a discussion about unclassified information. Is there classified information involved? Absolutely, and I won't discuss that, but the stuff that is unclassified is unclassified."

He continued, "I think having the discussion that the phenomenon exists and showing the compelling evidence - how we know it exists without revealing sources and methods and classified information—is not only okay, I think it should be encouraged in order for us to better understand

what we're dealing with, as long as we don't cross that line of revealing classified information, which is illegal."

Chase wondered if the President was briefed on the UFO events being investigated by AATIP or the military. Lue said that briefing the President was not his assigned task, but that "any President who's been briefed on this has tremendous opportunity to finally do something we have never really taken seriously in the past." He was also unable to comment on whether or not the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and those directly involved with the defense budget were briefed.

When asked, "Is there a space force?" Lue smartly answered, "Next question. Can I buy a vowel?"

MUFON's place in all this

First and foremost, Chase wanted to know how AATIP may have used the data and statistics mined from historical UFO reports. Lue explained, "There was enough historical information out there that the general populous could consume. Where we found our niche was the very nuanced information, classified and unclassified, that was derived from DOD assets, equities, equipment, and personnel that we could access and nobody else could. So, we were talking to pilots, radar operators, air-traffic controllers, and those types of individuals, who were part of the greater DOD apparatus or architecture, if you will."

Chase pushed: "Did AATIP, at any point, have concerns with UFO reports coming in from other agencies like SETI?" The personnel at AATIP needed to insulate themselves from any potential mission creep and analytical overlay, much like a self-imposed sequestration. Lue told Chase that they didn't want to let "that data somehow effect the data analytics that we were doing in-house."

More importantly, were they interested in the hundreds of eyewitness accounts that continue to be reported to places like MUFON or Peter Davenport's site, the National UFO Reporting Center? Lue suggested, "Let me answer by saying there should be an interest. Whether there is or there is not, that is a question you have to bring up to the government. The DOD should absolutely be interested and be conducting outreach, in my personal opinion. I think anything that involves national security needs to have national security involvement by the government. If not just for situational awareness alone." He added that, like the civilian air corps, "MUFON, or other organizations, is that civilian workforce. These are patriots; these are Americans that have their heart and their minds all in the right place. And MUFON, like any other respectable organization, if it has the infrastructure, and it has the integrity to protect information, absolutely should be leveraged."



Lue's view on healthy skepticism: "Ask your leaders to get the facts for themselves, and then you make the decision, you make your own opinion."

Chase shared that MUFON has had many cases with government intervention, reports and even investigations that included military jets or helicopters chasing UFOs. These cases often look like the footage put out by To The Stars Academy (TTSA), but MUFON may have different views of these jets or military activity in the area of these unexplained objects. She asked, "Is there any desire for To The Stars Academy to look at some of this evidence?"

"To The Stars Academy of Arts and Science intends to look at...all these incidents." Lue answered, "No matter how serious or how ridiculous, we want the full spectrum. We want the chips to fall where they fall and let the data speak for itself, while we develop and fully implement this community of interest. It's going to be an extremely powerful tool. It is going to be every bit as capable as Google or anything else. This is the first time we can analyze data nearly in real time, in a manner that allows us to determine very quickly: is it something legitimate or is it a hoax?"

Chase asked if there is a place for MUFON to continue the lobby efforts. She added that, of course, MUFON is not screaming disclosure, it's educating. He continued, "I think the role of MUFON now is more important than ever. Period. Now is not a time to throttle back, now is the time to push forward."

Lue continued, "We need to be very careful. There's a fine line between education and propaganda, right? So, the agenda shouldn't be any agenda. We want to give people information and data so they can make up their own minds. MUFON's been very good at that so far. We should never, ever, ever feel we have a mandate to influence anybody."

Lue on To The Stars Academy

When asked if this discussion of UFOs is better placed in private industry versus government, Lue replied, "I think there's goodness when the government and private sector can come together."

Chase mentioned that the videos To The Stars Academy have shared have been criticized because only small portions of the full videos were shown. Lue acknowledged that there was a reason why the public at large cannot watch the full videos, "because we're talking about classified information either before or after, that the classification authority has deemed too sensitive—for example, locational data, handles of certain pilots, what their names are, what their weapon load-up might or might not be, and the purpose of the mission. There's no way to scrub it, and, by the way, it's not just audio, it's not just visual, there's also metadata in these videos. And these are things that people have to understand; it's not that we're trying to be mysterious. On the contrary, we're trying to be as open as possible, while also being mindful of the rules and regulations that U.S. law has imposed on us on providing classified information."

Lue continued, "Good, healthy skepticism is important. I want them to ask for the facts and look at the data themselves. That's what they need to do and healthy skepticism is vital. So, don't believe me; in fact, I would encourage you, dammit, go out and get the facts. Ask your leaders to get the facts for themselves, and then you make the decision, you make your own opinion. Don't let Luis Elizondo do it for you."

Chase brought Lue's attention to the fact that To The Stars Academy is an arts and entertainment organization, as well as a scientific group, but is it also a lobby group for Bigelow? Lue replied, "So, first and foremost, I think people who are saying that don't understand how the contract process works. They're going back to the fact that Bigelow got the contract back in 2007/2008. It was the DIA who made the selection for Bigelow and it went through the official contract process of the U.S. government. I will also tell you, in my opinion, Robert Bigelow is a hero. The man has done more for this country, quietly, than most any politician has ever done publicly." And he added that working with him is "an honor and a privilege."

Lue went on to describe how the contracts were awarded. "In this particular case, you had Senator Harry Reid, who again, I believe, is an absolute national hero for doing what he did. But you also have Senator Ted Stevens, who was a Republican, by the way, on the other side of the aisle. You also had Senator Inouye. All these guys are veterans who served their country; in fact, Inouye literally gave his right arm for his country, and then you have John Glenn, the astronaut and senator. All of them saying, 'This is something we need to do. Hey, DIA, look at it. We're going to get Bigelow Aerospace and because he's the one who put in the contract, he won the contract.' That's how that went down. Look, I've made a career out of being in the shadows. The last thing I want to do is have national level exposure as the crazy UFO guy. But that is the position I'm in. And I think going back to what you said about contracts and the entertainment piece, this is also important. To The Stars Academy of Arts and Science is not an entertainment company. There's an entertainment piece to it, and we recognize the perception, so we're working right now to try to insulate some of our internal business processes, in order to allow us to more easily focus on the hard science piece. So, why wouldn't you want to capture, like we do everything else, this story about mankind's journey, the ultimate journey? Now, do you want to sell t-shirts and bubble gum in the same vein? Probably not, but do we want to tell mankind's journey in a way that is truthful, that is compelling and that is inspiring? Well, yeah, of course we do. Why not?"

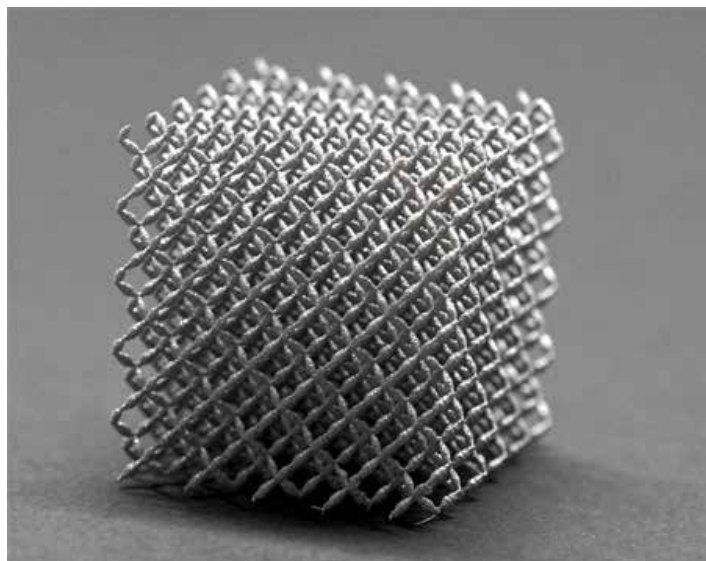
Meta materials

And finally, the famous metal alloy reported to be otherworldly and alluded to in The New York Time's article, is addressed. Lue described it in a way not reported before: "So, let me start by saying the metal alloy discussion was something; it was an honest attempt by someone who needed to take a little bit more complex discussion and distill it down to a more consumable format. So, it was never about unidentified metal alloys. As someone had pointed out, any second-year metallurgist will tell you elements are

elements and we can figure it out. What was actually discussed was the potential discovery of certain meta materials in which their isotopic ratios at the molecular level are so unique and so precise that they are not found naturally on this planet, nor, based on the complexity, we don't currently have the engineering capability to make such materials. So, therefore, it is not unidentified metal alloys; the discussion actually involved meta materials whose isotopic ratios are so unique that the origins of those materials remain unknown. And that is how you get a convoluted, complex issue that we have now, where everybody thinks we're talking about unidentified metal alloys. And that was never the discussion."

Lue was unable to answer if the material was used to develop anything, but added, "One would assume that we want to analyze and try to exploit as much as possible any type of new material that we find. So, we're most likely not going to hear too much more of that, much like all of a sudden we have Velcro or Teflon."

MUFON's Special Assignments Team is actively researching examples of meta materials and what they are currently being used for; for example, shape-changing metals, self-healing materials, and invisibility-cloaking devices.



Amir Zadpoor, TU Delft

An example of a meta material that researchers developed using 3D-printing.

Lue's theories on what's visiting us...and how

"After all your years involved in this, and the things you've seen," Chase presents the question everyone wants to know the answer to, "what is your best guess on the intelligence behind these craft?"

"I think there's lots of possibilities. But as I said before, it could be from outer space, inner space or the space in

between.” Then Lue expounded his theory in detail: “Let’s say, for example, they’re not from the Pleiades or Alpha Proxima or wherever the hell people think they might be from.... But let’s look at another paradigm here: the present is nothing more than an infinitesimally small point in space-time. Probably measured in plane-time, in which elements of the future become elements of the past, right? And everything that we do as human beings is experienced in that infinitesimally small moment of space-time; by the way, it’s not static, it’s moving.

“In fact, one could use the analogy, time is like a fuse, and the parts of the fuse that have already burned that are ashes—that’s the past. The part of the fuse that remains intact—that is the future, and this moment, this flash right where the future becomes the past—that’s the present. If you were to look at that moment in space-time, and you were to go ahead and magnify that, you’d find something very, very interesting.... The point of ignition, where that point of future becomes the past, is really hard to define, because, if you were to zoom in close enough, you would see parts of the fuse burn unevenly. Parts of the future and parts of the past are kind of lying over each other, and we’re now seeing this in the quantum world. In quantum mechanics, we now know, for example, that an electron around an atom is not necessarily truly orbiting an atom. In fact, they call it an electron cloud, because scientists believe that the electron is actually going through the fabric of space-time and is actually ebbing out of existence and reappearing at an infinitely fast rate. And so, therefore, that electron is everywhere and nowhere all at the same time.

“So, if we experience everything through this tiny little optic, everything we’ve built, everything we’ve learned, every emotion, love, fear, hate, every experience as a human being is through this tiny little moment of space-time as we’re moving forward. What if there were other species or even humans, where their understanding of the present, that optic, that spark, is maybe a little bit bigger? Maybe that optic is a little bit wider. Rather than being a point, maybe it’s a range. Maybe the understanding of the present isn’t a point, but it’s a range, and maybe there’s elements of the future and the past that are experienced as the present, and, therefore, what we perceive as linear space-time maybe others don’t. In fact, maybe these are things that have lived here forever, before us. Maybe, we share the space with them. So to say that things are from outer space or inner space—there’s a lot of different options, a lot of variables. So we can speculate all day long where these things are from, but until we have more data, we have no idea. People say, well, if they’re not from here, they must be from over there. Well, not necessarily. They could be from anywhere, and I’m not a smart enough man to tell you or the readers that they are from outer space, because, frankly, I don’t know and I could be wrong.”

Lue’s descriptions of how time may be experienced differently by other beings was an extraordinary point. The SAT Team is looking into Lue’s comments and how, perhaps, this is the way they are able to move in ways that seem to defy physics or, maybe, how the manipulation of time plays an important part in their means of interstellar or inter-dimensional travel.

Ask the hard questions

As the interview came to a close, Chase asked one last question, “If you had a child about to enter the science fair, what would you suggest as a project that would best demonstrate or explain the future technology goals of To The Stars Academy?” Lue answered in his good-humored way, “Can I suggest she skip that day? And call in sick? I would never want my daughters to have to be involved in anything remotely what I’m involved in, only because I want the best for them and I’m a selfish father. Go make a lot of money and don’t do what I’m doing. But in the same respect, I would ask them to do exactly what you’re doing. Ask the hard questions and pursue the truth.”

“I’ve raised my daughters to constantly challenge authority,” he stated. Lue concluded his talk with powerful words we should all take heed of: “Someone once said a good citizen follows the laws and obeys orders. A good patriot challenges their government. We should always be asking the hard questions and the same is true for To The Stars Academy or any other institution I belong to. We need people to remain objective. You have to ask the hard questions...let’s look at religion or governments, right? You’re never going to be a true patriot until you really understand what your government is there to do. And the only way you’re going to know this is by asking questions: why do we have a constitution? Why do we have laws, why are we doing it this way, why are we doing it that way? That’s inquiry; that’s not negative; that’s what we should be doing as Americans, as patriots. So, my daughter going to the science fair, she should say, dad, what are you doing? Why are you doing this? How are you doing it? And is this something you should be doing? That’s what she should be asking at the science fair.

“And, by the way, To The Stars isn’t that type of company, we don’t want a bunch of ‘yes people.’ In fact, I want alternative analysis, and I want you to stand on your desk and bump your fist in the air and stomp your feet giving me your opinion, even if it’s 180 degrees from mine.”

Thank you, Lue, for your time, your patriotism, and your in-depth thoughts on the biggest mysteries we currently face. Keep up the good work, and know that MUFON is here, gathering the data to help solve those mysteries. ●



ONE-ON-ONE MARIE CISNEROS

Margie Kay

Today the One-On-One sits down with Missouri Assistant State Director Margie Kay. Margie is also the director of Quest Paranormal Investigation Group. She has completed over 460 reports for MUFON and over 1,100 paranormal investigations which include animal mutilations, Sasquatch sightings, extra-terrestrials and UFOs. Margie is the CEO of a forensic investigation company and contracting business in Kansas City, Missouri. Her job includes writing investigation reports for attorneys, insurance adjusters, and fire investigators, and training professionals in the industry. Margie studied business and communication at the University of Missouri and is currently obtaining her State Fire Investigator Certification. Kay owns UnXMedia Publishing company and publishes her own books as well as books for others who write about unexplained phenomena. Margie is the author of 13 books including *The Homeowner's Guide to Chimneys and Fireplaces*, *The Kansas City UFO Flaps*, *Gateway to the Dead*, and a new book coming out this year called *A Case for Remote Viewing*. Websites: Margiekay.com, unxmedia.com, missourimufon.org. Contact Margie at: margiekay06@yahoo.com or 816-833-1602.

JOURNAL: When did you join MUFON?

MARGIE: 1996

JOURNAL: As Assistant State Director and Field Investigator who has investigated hundreds of cases, do you have a favorite case?

MARGIE: I have several favorites, but one case occurred during the UFO flap in Kansas City in October of 2011, where we received 87 sighting reports, and out of those there were at least 12 witnesses that had a very close encounter with a huge craft. This happened between 8 and 9 p.m. on October 4, 2011. The same craft was seen hovering over a crowd in Lee's Summit, then under 100 feet above a market in Raytown, just five feet above the ground at an apartment complex near 63rd street and I-435 at the border of Raytown and Kansas City, and again above I-435 Highway. One particular incident involved two men, one woman, and six children. The craft was floating five to six feet off the ground and just a few feet away from the two men. One man was likely abducted, since both cameras have 20 minutes of a time gap, even though both men were continuously taking pictures. A green mist came out of the craft onto one of the men, who stuck his arm into it only to see his arm disappear before pulling it back. He also saw and took photos of extraterrestrials. I am still investigating since the men

continue to have ongoing experiences and sightings. I wrote an article for the MUFON Journal about this case, and it was a front-page story. This case was also number one in October of 2011 and in the top 10 MUFON sightings in 2011.

JOURNAL: What was your least favorite case?

MARGIE: I'd have to say a hoax case in Gladstone, Missouri. This couple told an elaborate tale involving sightings of ETs, missing time, and abductions, but when they gave me photos of the ETs in trees outside their yard, it turned out to be the exact same ETs in an app that was available online. Thank goodness I don't get many hoaxes!

JOURNAL: With over 30 years in the UFO field, including independent investigations, have your perceptions about the phenomenon changed from when you first started?

MARGIE: My perception changes on an almost daily basis. The more you dig, the more you realize that there is much more to understand, and that perhaps we will never know the entire truth. We're talking about not only extraterrestrials, but inter-dimensional beings, time-travel, worm holes, portals, men in black, and, of course, our government. What a mess to try to unravel. The technology is extremely advanced, and there are indications that this phenomenon has been going

on for millennia. How do you wrap your mind around that?

JOURNAL: What historical case would you have liked to have been involved in?

MARGIE: There was a UFO crash near Odessa, Missouri, in 1943 that I would have liked to have witnessed or investigated. This case is very strange, in that the person who was sent to investigate was a Nazi who investigated many UFO crashes around the world, including Russia, Germany, and the U.S. I got this information from the daughter of the investigator, so it is credible. There were at least three other UFO crashes in Missouri, including the Cape Girardeau crash in 1941, and I'd really like to know why these occurred in Missouri and why so much is going on in our state to this day.

JOURNAL: Would you have done anything differently with that case?

MARGIE: I don't know. The possibility of causing real panic among the public with information like this is real. But I would have liked to have been a fly on the wall to see everything that happened.

JOURNAL: There has been increased chatter in the media about disclosure recently. Have we reached that point yet?

MARGIE: With the recent release of CIA documents proving they investigated UFOs, and the ongoing disclosure from many countries, it is highly likely that we are going to continue to see disclosure from around the world. I wouldn't be surprised if NASA confirms a small alien life form in the near future, and more after that. With the increase of reports of extraterrestrial sightings as of late, I think the ETs have taken matters into their own

hands and are making themselves and their craft more visible.

JOURNAL: Even though there has been some increased media coverage about UFOs and related phenomena, there is still a perception that there is no need to study them, or to spend money doing it. What is your opinion on that?

MARGIE: I think that perception has changed. The public is demanding an explanation.

JOURNAL: You have worked solving criminal cases with the use of remote viewing. Some people may be familiar with the military's involvement with remote viewing, which was depicted in the movie "The Men Who Stare at Goats." Can you tell our readers more about remote viewing? How does it work?

MARGIE: I was not formally trained in remote viewing, I am a natural remote-viewer. I was born with natural abilities which have increased over the years. I can only explain my own method—which is to first get to a relaxed state of mind, then send my consciousness out to a location and time and watch what occurred. It is like watching a movie in great detail, and that includes sound. So far, I've worked on 54 criminal cases and helped solve 51 of them using this method. I've also worked on some cases involving UFOs, just to add some bit of information that might be helpful for the investigators. According to remote viewers who have gone through a formal program, anyone can learn how to do this.

JOURNAL: You are also the director for Un-X Paranormal Investigation Group, investigating anomalous cases. Can you tell us about a case you investigated?

MARGIE: A case that comes to mind involved a woman and her son living in a rural part of Missouri. I worked with her by phone for months. The two experienced poltergeist phenomena, such as banging in the walls, doors opening and slamming shut, and dishes flying out of cabinets. The woman told me that her son was visited almost nightly by ghosts, who physically hurt him and left marks on his body. Sometimes they took him somewhere else and brought him back later. She could see this from her bedroom but was unable to get up when it occurred. One day I asked her to describe the ghosts in detail, and she said that there were three short, gray ghosts who walked through the wall of the house. They had large heads and large black eyes. At that point, I knew we had more going on than a poltergeist and that these were likely extraterrestrials.

JOURNAL: As an experienced investigator, with many years in the field, what advice would you give to someone new to the field?

MARGIE: Keep an open mind, and study all paranormal subjects including UFOs, spirits, Sasquatch, crop circles, psychic phenomena, etc. because often witnesses experience multiple types of phenomena. As a serious investigator, you can't ignore one aspect of an event just because you don't know about or believe in a subject. As an example, someone who has seen a Sasquatch on their property, then saw a UFO right afterwards, is not necessarily crazy. In fact, the two could be related. I'm working on two such cases right now and looking for evidence of damage by a UFO and evidence of Sasquatch in each case. If I ignored that, I could be missing a huge piece of the puzzle.

JOURNAL: Thanks Margie Kay for sitting down with the One on One. ●



MUFON MINUTES **KERRY MCCLURE**

MUFON welcomes new Field Investigators:

Kristen Fyffe, KY; Krystal Higgins, CA; Chris Giliberti, NJ; David Gordon, WA; Christopher Des Marais, SC; Philippe Mougeot, France.

Congratulations to the following MUFON appointees:

Chase Kloetzke, Director of Investigations; Steve Hudgeons, Director of FI Operations; Steven Bates, State Section Director, TX; Dr. Isabelle Azzopardi, Assistant National Director, Malta.

COLORADO MUFON

holds regular monthly meetings open to public second Saturday of every month in greater Denver. Interested in the history of Ufology and want to meet like-minded people, please join us. See Comufon.org.

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MUFON meets first Saturday monthly, AD's Pizzeria Restaurant & Lounge, 377 S. Center St., Windsor Locks, CT 06096. 11 a.m. Round-table discussions, self-purchase meals. See mufonct.com.

ILLINOIS MUFON (Rockford, IL, area) meets 4th Saturday monthly, 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rockford Public Library East Branch, community room, 6685 E. State St., Rockford, IL

61108. Open to public. See facebook.com/mufon-rockfordil.

LAKELAND MUFON presents Andrea Perron, of the movie "The Conjuring," to share her paranormal experiences, hosted by Teri Lynge-Kehl and Enigmatic Anomalies, Saturday, May 12, 2018, 1 – 4 p.m., Unity Chapel, 6230 Lakeland Highlands Rd., Lakeland, FL.

MAIN LINE MUFON (part of MUFONPA) hosts free program featuring Joseph Foster, MUFON FI, speaking about his experiences involving UFOs as Coast Guard veteran, Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m., Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Rd., Strafford, PA 19087. See MainLineMUFON.com.

MISSOURI MUFON will host monthly meetings in St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia, and Joplin, starting soon in Branson and Cape Girardeau. The Missouri MUFON State Conference, The Real Truth, presented all day May 19, 2018, Courtyard Marriott, Columbia, MO. See missourimufon.org.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MUFON South Bay – San Jose Chapter meets every 3rd Sunday of every other month, 1 – 4:30 p.m., Community of Infinite Spirit Center, 1540 Hicks

Avenue, San Jose, with speakers and MUFON case reports. \$5 admission, open to public, need not be member to attend. Contact Ruben Uriarte at ruben_uriarte@hotmail.com or northerncalifornia-mufon.com.

The Shasta Chapter will host its meeting in Redding, CA. Email Stacey at shastamufon@yahoo.com. The Marin-Sonoma Chapter meets 1st Saturday monthly, 1– 3 p.m., Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. Open to public, \$5 admission. See mufon-marinsonoma.com.

PHOENIX MUFON Phoenix MUFON welcomes author/researcher Tom (TL) Keller, who will lecture on Spacecraft Carriers—ET or Man-Made?, Saturday, May 19, 12 noon – 3 p.m., Arizona Historical Society Museum, Tempe. See phoenixmufon.com.

ROCKLAND MUFON

meets monthly, Round Table Pizza, back room, 4885 Granite Dr., Rocklin, CA, second Saturday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. For anyone interested in learning about and discussing UFOs, ETs, underground bases, government cover-up, disclosure, conferences, reporting sightings, and everything Ufology. Experiencers welcome. See meetup.com/Rocklin-UFO/.

SACRAMENTO MUFON

meets every other month, Coco's Restaurant, 7887 Madison Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95610, last Saturday of month, 4 – 6 p.m. See mufonsacramento.net.

SAN ANTONIO MUFON

meets 4th Tuesday monthly except December, next meeting May 22, 6:30 p.m. (6 to eat and socialize), Luby's, 4541 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78201. Free to public. Ken Jordan presenting "The Secret Space Program and UFOs, Ours or Theirs?" and the "Alien of the Month" feature. Live streamed on Facebook with interactive chat. See facebook.com/search/top/?g=mufon%20san%20antonio.

SEDONA MUFON welcomes Mike Bara, Friday, May 18, 7 – 9 p.m., Sedona Public Library, on Ancient Aliens and JFK. Available to autograph purchased copies of his book. See sedonamufon.com.

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