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Directors Report

AN ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS ERA

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At the end of the 1900s it is appropriate to take a look at where we have been to get an idea as to where we are going. Not that anyone can predict the future - other than to say that there will be surprises!

The modern era of UFO consciousness began with the famous sighting of nine shiny objects near Mount Rainier in 1947. Donald Keyhoe's researches and series of books helped bring UFOs more into the public eye, as did the famous series of sightings at Washington, DC in July of 1952. These sightings, however, resulted in an iron curtain of secrecy being rung down, as exemplified by a 1958 interview of Keyhoe by Mike Wallace. Keyhoe had stated that the U.S. Air Force said flying saucers were real and were piloted by intelligent beings. Wallace quoted the Air Force as saying that Keyhoe was a liar, and asked Keyhoe to respond. Keyhoe's response had to be limited, since he did not have the documentary evidence in hand, and so his credibility was greatly damaged. But in the intervening years, scores of UFO researchers have amassed vast documentary evidence, including thousands of UFO reports and thousands of pages of documents obtained from the U.S. government under the Freedom of Information Act. These documents make it plain that the government has been very interested in the UFO subject, contradicting official denials. New information about the crash or crashes near Roswell has been coming out. Another milestone was reached when Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard psychiatrist Dr. John Mack released his book titled Abduction. Then there is the recent report by French military and government officials supporting the reality of UFOs and asking "What must we do?" Today we have scientists taking a renewed interest in the UFO subject, exemplified by the Society for Scientific Exploration and the scientific consultants for MUFON, CUFOS, and those given funding by FUFOR. Scientist Peter Sturrock recently convened a panel of scientists which conducted a review of some of the best cases from a scientific standpoint. They concluded that further scientific study of the subject was justified. Joseph Firmage, founder of Silicon Valley titan US Web, has recently funded scientists with large amounts of money to investigate possibly UFO-related technologies, citing new theories of the nature of gravity in journals like Physics Letters and Quantum Gravitation.

There is an undercurrent of behind-the-scenes movement. Michael Lindemann said in his Oct. 9 presentation at the Hopkins House: "A discussion is going on, MUFON is not a part of it - but it will burst the walls." He thinks we will soon know the truth about ET: "There are far too many cracks in the edifice." Dwight Schultz, an actor who has appeared on "The A-team" and "Star Trek", but has extensively studied the UFO subject, says that many scientists in private do not disparage the UFO phenomenon, but seem to be compelled to ridicule the subject in public. He states in the most recent issue of UFO Magazine (Vol. 14, No.1, 2000): "When I worked on the film Fat Man and Little Boy I had the great pleasure to have many discussions with Robert Cornog, the chief physical engineer at Los Alamos. When I broached this subject with him, he spoke not with any kind of ridicule, rather it was with great respect that he talked about this subject. It was an indication of what [goes on] in the inner circles and corridors of science and the military and of what [scientist] Peter Sturrock said about astronomers - they know there is something that is unexplained but it is not

Minnesota Mufon Meetings

Sat., January 8th
&
Sat., February 12th
1:30-5:00pm

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outdoors, providing more
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appropriate to talk about it." He goes on to explain why it is not "appropriate": he explains that everything is connected to the government in this country, which ultimately defines what is appropriate. I would agree that the government is trying to do that, but it does not completely define it for me. I agree with it when it says that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty and property without due process, but I do not agree with it when it says that the 15,000 some UFO reports in the National Archives contain no evidence of technology beyond the range of present scientific knowledge. After all, the radar photos of the object which in October of 1969 zipped from one side of a B-52 to the other at 3000 mph or faster are hard evidence of technology I believe no earthly nation had at that time. Yes, we have hard evidence of the existence of UFOs as extraterrestrial objects and we are getting more evidence all the time. I eagerly wait for the day when Mike Wallace will recant and say "I knew it all the time!"

My congratulations to all of you who have taken the time to learn about this mystery, which is surely the greatest mystery of the millennium.

NEIL MORRIS FINDS NEW EVIDENCE OF A CRASH AT ROSWELL

On July 7, 1947, Colonel Blanchard, Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Roswell announced the Army had recovered a flying saucer and it was being sent to Fort Worth, Texas. On July 8, 1947, some debris from the alleged saucer was flown from Roswell to Fort Worth aboard an aircraft and met by Col. Thomas DuBose. He carried the debris to 8th Air Force Commander, General Roger Ramey's office. J. Bond Johnson a photographer for the Fort Worth Star Telegram was sent to General Ramey's office to photograph the debris. When J. Bond Johnson entered the General's office he was met by Col. DuBose who suggested that he unwrap the debris, while DuBose looked for the General. Bond spread the debris out on the floor to set up his photo session. Later the General arrived holding a message. Photographs were taken of General Ramey, Col. DuBose and Intelligence Officer Major Marcel with the debris. These photographs are virtually the only public evidence that remains of the debris. They were used throughout the Air Force's reports and explanations as proof that the debris was a Mogul balloon and a kite like RAWIN radar reflector. One glimpse at the photographs has convinced many the debris was paper covered with thin metallic sheets of foil and a few sticks of balsa wood that was a RAWIN reflector.

RPIT Director and now retired Colonel J. Bond Johnson writes: "Almost fifty years later the international

Roswell Photo Interpretation Team (RPIT) has undertaken to evaluate these photographs." Neil Morris, senior photo interpretation specialist and a veteran technical staff member of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manchester in England, is an original member of the RPIT group. Morris and the RPIT group for more than a year have carefully compared every part described in detailed blueprints of the MOGUL and RAWIN devices with Roswell debris pieces displayed and photographed. The RPIT members have been unable to associate any of the pieces examined through the use of modern computer enhancement techniques with any parts expected to be found in a MOGUL/RAWIN crash. Morris and with others have made some amazing discoveries. They have determined that key parts of the debris contains hieroglyphic like writing. What originally was reported to be thin, paperbacked foil and solid wooden sticks -- such as might be found in a MOGUL/RAWIN train -- actually appears to be thick, massive sheeting attached to carefully formed and drilled hollow beams. The beams are covered with very unusual glyphs, which are undergoing further examination.

Neil Morris states "I realize some people have concluded that the RPIT project is nothing more than a wild goose chase reading symbols into "smudge" marks etc. But I hope you will take the time to go to the RPIT web sites to see some of the new discoveries." Some of the debris looks like a saw cut through thick aluminum. This does not look like any part of a Mogul Balloon train. It looks like a saw cut or fracture in the metal.

I live in the Northwest of Britain in the area that gave rise to the "Industrial Revolution," the builders of the 18/19th century where "cast iron" was often used. It has a grainy, crystalline structure, when subjected to high impact as from a demolition hammer it gives just this brittle type of fractured edge. I'm not for one-second saying this is cast iron, I'm just suggesting whatever it is might have similar properties of structure, e.g., tough, crystalline almost ceramic like, but when pushed beyond it's limits brittle, like smashed pottery. Some of these type of fractures can also be observed on the broken ends of some of the "sticks." I also wonder if this thick material is all solid, if you check the thickness around some of the edges you can see that it varies, thinning out in areas which seem to have sustained additional damage. Shadows cast onto the edges also seem to hint that the surfaces of the edges are not all flat, but sometimes slightly "hollowed out" as though an inner "softer" core material might have been eroded by whatever process generated the initial fracture damage. I'm left with the conclusion that this is a large piece of 1/2 inch thick material

which is totally at odds with the "usual" explanations for the debris.

Morris states, "I'm not saying it's ET at this point, but as sure as hell it's not part of a Mogul balloon train!" But when numerous details within these images fail to match the official blueprints of the ML307a- radar reflector nominated by the USAF as being identified as the cause of the wreckage within these images, I start to smell a rat. I have footage of the MOGUL launches showing the train configuration, I have details of the equipment packages and instruments they carried, I see none of this in the images, I therefore conclude, in my opinion, this is not MOGUL debris. Thanks to: Neil Morris and RPIT Project Director James Bond Johnson.

Note: At first glance I'll admit the debris looks like a RAWIN radar reflector. However, the new findings of the fracture damage to thick metal infers a strong impact with the ground. Several military witnesses describe a large and long crash site that matches this finding. Again the damage to the debris indicates something crashed at high speed or in a free fall from a high altitude. This discovery tends to rule out a Mogul balloon train that normally settles to Earth comparatively gently. These structures only fracture with an explosion or from a high speed impact. These photographs are evidence that tends to prove something other than a MOGUL RAWIN kite like device is in the photographs. If Neil's analysis is correct its apparent thick half inch beams were not used in the Mogul according to the Army Air Force's own specifications. I congratulate Neil Morris and members of the RPIT team for their findings. This debris is much more likely to be part of some type of a craft, but certainly not part of the Mogul balloon. The RPIT discoveries are at <http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/>. and <http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm>

MORE INDICATIONS A CRAFT CRASHED AT ROSWELL

Excellent researcher Wendy Connors of Project Sign has obtained a taped interview with Colonel Andrew Hemstreet, that states Alfred Loedding was sent to Roswell, and was the only one at T-2 to know the whole story. In 1947, T-2's job was to acquire, collect, analyze and produce foreign aerospace scientific intelligence for the Army Air Force. It later became the Foreign Technology Division. Civilian aeronautical engineer Loedding was an expert in such areas as Vertical Takeoff aircraft, the hydro bomb, rockets/fuel and low aspect ratio aircraft. Documents show Colonel Howard McCoy sent Loedding to the Pentagon as the first liaison between T-2 Intelligence and the AF Office of Intelligence (AFOIN). This was done in July 1947 because General McDonald wanted someone to work

with Dr. Charles Carroll in setting up the preliminary outline for a formal and parallel project to investigate the "flying disc" phenomenon that was rapidly developing. Loedding's expertise was necessary because at the time the "boys at the Pentagon" were of the opinion that the discs were advanced technology from Russia and invading US airspace. Loedding wouldn't tell any of them what he knew, even though the Roswell incident was a big topic of conversation with the T-2 boys and Loedding had been sent there. Wendy says, "I had nowhere to go with this statement since it was only his memory and really no way to back it up." Then, from out of nowhere, during a discussion with a new source who knew Loedding well (worked next to him for years), stated that Loedding was not the one ordered to Roswell at the time of the incident. (This source did not know of Hemstreet's admission at the time because neither of us told him.) I was given the name of this person. The Roswell crash is not a dead issue? In my mind, it certainly should be maintained as a valid exercise in Ufological research because at least one person from T-2 was ordered to go to Roswell by Colonel McCoy. Two separate confirmations by two different people who did not know what the other had said.

Wendy says, "Our research is on-going. Many yelling for the end of the Roswell research don't have a clue to the reality of actual research." They sold out way too short when there are questions that still need answers. I do understand the simple concept that until enough documentation or circumstantial evidence is presented the Mogul theory, or any other theory can and should be questioned. Theories exist and efforts should be to prove their validity. It is important that those researchers, so inclined, be allowed to continue their work. Those who call themselves researchers who have not either been to Roswell, submitted FOIA's or even talked personally to some of the people involved, have no valid opinion except their own belief system or what they glean from the work of others. Nothing more. I don't think it was a flying saucer that crashed, but something damn well important happened and that exceeded the secrecy of a balloon laying tattered on the ground. Thanks to: Wendy Connors.

Note: Congratulations to Wendy on some great research. It seems rather doubtful that Colonel McCoy would send aeronautical engineer Loedding from Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio to Roswell, New Mexico to investigate a Mogul Balloon. The balloon train was not classified, only its mission to listen for Soviet nuclear explosions was classified. T-2 personnel were not balloon experts, their expertise was aircraft. Its reasonable to assume that Loedding flew to Roswell saw the wreckage and flew to the Pentagon to brief his findings to the general staff. He was then appointed

key man for further technical study of flying discs. Loedding later patented a disc shaped aircraft that is capable of flight. It seems logical that his patent was based on what he saw at Roswell.

Book Report by Dean DeHarpporte "Seeing Red - Redshifts, Cosmology, and Academic Science" by Halton Arp.

What relevance does a book on cosmology by a truly eminent astronomer have to UFOlogy? The answer is that the author faces the same dilemma as UFOlogy: how to introduce radical ideas into a scientific establishment that suppresses and ignores them in order to preserve the power of its elite. How to shake up the media which, in turn, slavishly parrots the proclamations of the "experts" rather than strive for a balanced picture as any good journalist should.

The author's revolutionary thinking - primarily that the universe is not expanding because galactic redshifts have been misinterpreted by lockstep mainstream astronomers - is based on his 40 years of galactic observations and the theories that flow from them. Arp describes how his work has been rejected by the few all-powerful referees of establishment journals who - with no check on their power or obligation to identify themselves to those they reject - have exclusive power to decide what will be published.

The book consists largely of approximately 100 photos of visible, X-ray, and radio source galaxies which show that the stars and quasars within them have vastly different redshifts. These differing redshifts are shown to be intrinsic to each stellar body rather than an indicator of the speed of motion of the galaxy away from the Earth. The mean redshift of an entire galaxy, which in the Big Bang theory is a measure of the speed of its motion is convincingly argued to be irrelevant. It is exhilarating to follow Arp as he challenges practically every major tenet of modern cosmology: there are white sources, not black holes; mass, which is created in spurts from the interiors of stable galaxies, initially consists of weightless photons which accrue mass as they age and become increasingly "aware" of other masses in the universe (consistent with Earnest Mach's famous principal explaining inertia); and the intrinsic redshifts of stars and quasars have discrete, i.e., "quantitized" values analogous to the quantum scale orbits of electrons rotating around atomic nuclei. The manner in which Arp brilliantly uses both accepted and innovative astronomical theories to tie these wildly radical ideas together and make them seem plausible and exciting to the non-specialist is an intellectual adventure of the first magnitude.

The final chapter of the book lists the issues (tectonic plate theory, the origin of AIDS, cold fusion, and even Cydonia) where the rigidity and aristocratic tenor of establishment science - to its detriment and the society it supposedly serves - has repeatedly impeded scientific progress and continues to do so.

Sound familiar? The message bears no cheer for UFOlogy. The inability of high-level scientists such as Arp to introduce their ideas into the mainstream and promote their intense study makes it most improbable that UFOlogy will ever be taken seriously until the apocryphal landing on the White House lawn occurs.

MICHAEL LINDEMANN PRESENTATION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS by William I. McNeff

After his presentation on October 9, 1999 at the Hopkins House, there was a question and answer period. Some of the more interesting Q & A are summarized below.

Q. What is the impact of The Watchers? [WIM note: Was this the book or a TV program?]

A. A friend told me that you can't walk down the street in Great Britain without seeing kids in grey alien costumes.

Q. What is the meaning of this explosion of Hollywood films dealing with aliens?

A. It doesn't mean anything. Hollywood will do anything [to make a buck]. There are people who are happy that Hollywood wants to do this anyway, will help Hollywood along, offer encouragement, financial incentives. You couldn't prove it was a structured program, but we are being desensitized, in my opinion.

Q. American Computer Company claims and claims of [Col. Phillip] Corso [who wrote a book which claims that US technology was obtained from a crashed alien disk]: What is the latest?

A. Corso died in July 98. I had the pleasure of interviewing him several times. I liked him enormously. He was a bona fide war hero, but he made some extreme claims in his book. He got involved in an ugly lawsuit with people who claimed they had the rights to his story - he may have made some bad deals. What is true in the book remains to be sorted out. In the last few months of this life, he handed over a great deal of information, but it is all the subject of litigation. Two weeks ago, Phil Jr. decided to talk and show this information. Feel[s] he has made a settlement. As for Jack Schulman, I won't say anything about him.

Q. What about the meeting between James Woolsey and Dr. Steven Greer?

A. I have had some dealings with John Peterson who runs the Arlington Institute, and he called me about a month ago to tell me about the meeting with Greer. He said "I invited him and my old buddy Woolsey to dinner and Woolsey is tired of Greer using his name in vain, and wants to publish a letter in CNI News." It was an open letter to Greer and it said "It was just a dinner -- you have blown this out of proportion...it is bad manners." Now, as a journalist, there are rules. Two years ago Dr. Greer brought together a group of UFO witnesses, took them to Washinton, and gave out briefing papers, one of which was a document previously published by Laurance Rockefeller; one thousand copies were published by Rockefeller to give to leaders in government, etc. Steven Greer had been on the project to produce the briefing document, but left due to a disagreement. Greer took the covers off the document, copied it and gave it out as his. I blew the lid off of this and consequently Dr. Greer hates me. I blind-sided Dr. Greer, and I shouldn't have done that. So now, invited by the former CIA director to publish a letter, I did the only fair thing: I sent it to Greer, told him I was going to publish it in 10 days, but he had the right to rebut it. Dr. Greer knows how to rebut! He quoted a letter Peterson had sent him: "We've got to tell Woolsey about UFOs!" [WIM Note: Greer also quoted Peterson as saying that Woolsey suggested getting together over dinner. Peterson also wrote: "If we do have dinner with Jim (Woolsey), we will have moved this whole thing {UFO disclosure} to a much, much higher plane and in doing so raised significant red flags for those who don't want to see this succeed."] I can't tell you more, but there is going to be fallout. After I published the letter and Greer's rebuttal, John Peterson called me and told me, "Yes, I wrote the letter, but you've got to understand the context." I said to him, "Tell me about the context, John." Peterson replied "Oh, no, Michael, I'm not going to play that game!" So there the matter rests, [and Woolsey and Peterson have egg on their faces. --WIM]

Q. What about "animal mutilations"?

A. I don't see how some of it can be anything from this earth.

Another interesting thing Lindemann mentioned: "When we moved to Ft. Collins [Colorado], word got around that my wife was an abduction researcher and would start an abduction support group. Neighbors down the block - an electrical engineer and his wife - came. They don't have any evidence of personal experiences, but their 2-year-old by has detailed descriptions [of beings]. Out of the mouths of babes...."

UK expert warns of human "mad cow" epidemic ahead By Edna Fernandes

LONDON, Sept 22 (Reuters) - The British government's chief medical adviser has warned it that the country could face a possible epidemic of human "mad cow disease" in the years ahead, with worst-case projections saying millions could be at risk. Professor Liam Donaldson made the comments in a report to Agriculture Minister Nick Brown which recommended the lifting of the beef-on-the-bone ban which has been in place since December 1997.

Brown told reporters earlier this week that Donaldson said at the end of June 1999, the total number of people who had died from the disease was 43. In 1998 alone, 16 people died -- a 60 percent increase on 1997, when there were 10 deaths.

Brown said earlier this week he hoped to lift the ban on consumption of beef-on-the-bone by the end of 1999, so long as the devolved regions of Scotland and Wales backed the move. So far Wales and Scotland have not agreed. If they do, such cuts of meat could be back in shoppers' baskets in time for Christmas.

The report came as Brown prepared to meet German Health Minister Andrea Fischer in London later on Wednesday. Brown is seeking to persuade Fischer that her government should end its ban on British beef imports. Germany has resisted, despite the European Union ending its ban in August. A spokesman for Britain's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said Brown would seek to reassure Germany about safety. Copyright 1999 Reuters Limited. All rights reserved.

Scientists sight 'millennium planet' December 16, 1999

LONDON (Reuters) -- British and American scientists said Wednesday they had made the first visual sighting of a new planet beyond our solar system.

Armed with a specially designed computer program and with the help of a huge telescope on La Palma in the Canary Islands they discovered faint light from the so-called millennium planet.

Star gazing

"The signal is very faint, but it tells us that it's coming from a planet twice the diameter and eight times the mass of Jupiter -- a real monster," said Dr Andrew Collier Cameron of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Twenty-eight new planets have been reported in the past four years but Cameron and his team are the first people on Earth to see light from one. The planet's parent star, Tau Bootis, can be seen with the naked eye but the planet itself has not been directly observed. Tau Bootis is located 55 light years from the Earth. One light year is the equivalent of 6 million, million miles. Astronomers know other planets are out there by star wobbles. As a planet orbits around a star it tugs on the star and causes a wobble in the light coming from it. Until now scientists have not been able to confirm the planet's existence directly.

"This is the first time that we have been able to detect the light that is coming to us from the planet itself," Professor Keith Horne, who worked on the project, told Reuters. "It makes it possible now to start studying the atmospheres of these planets and learning what types of molecules are present."

The research, published in the science journal Nature, also gives astronomers information about the size and makeup of the planet and whether or not it can sustain life.

"It is one of the major steps that people have been looking for on the road to finding if there is life on planets around other stars," Horne added.

The astronomers now know that the mass of the new planet is eight times that of Jupiter -- the heaviest planet in our solar system. Its atmosphere reaches 2000 degrees Celsius (3632F).

"The next thing to do is to try to determine the composition of the atmosphere, what kinds of clouds and greenhouse gases are present," Horne said.
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What's New At Groom Lake?
Nothing We'll Be Learning About Soon -
Clinton Signs New Area 51 Law
FROM: www.UFOcity.com Report for
Nov., 1999 "The Truth Matters"
By Peter Robbins, UFOcity.com Editor

The White House - via the Department of Defense and the Air Force - recently issued a "Presidential Determination (No. 99-37) on Classified Information Concerning the Air Force's Operating Location Near Groom Lake, Nevada." The summary of this determination reads as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that the President has exempted the United States Air Force's operating

location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local provision respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal that would require the disclosure of classified information to any unauthorized persons."

On the surface, this may sound more like a trash collection memo than a national security directive, but the President's statement goes on to note, "I find that it is in the paramount interest of the United States to exempt the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake...from any applicable requirement for the disclosure to unauthorized persons of classified information concerning that operating location."

In the paramount interest of the United States? When even your trash is classified, it's fair to assume that something worth hiding is continuing to take place at the Groom Lake facility.

New Survey Reveals That More Than 70% Of americans Think ET Is Already Here

The syndicated television show "Dateline: USA" has released the results of a national poll it recently conducted. Among their findings: . More than 70% believe that there is other intelligent life in the universe. 50% believe that alien life forms will be hostile, 50% believe they will be friendly. 80% feel their technology is more advanced than ours. 65% are convinced that we would be annihilated in a conflict with them. 26% believe we would ultimately defeat a hostile alien force. Almost all those surveyed agreed that other intelligences would look different than human beings. The poll of nearly 1,500 people included leading astronomers and astrophysicists.

MORE AREA 51 NEWS

The Las Vegas Review Journal on Thursday, December 16, 1999 reported that the 38,400-acre rectangle surrounding Groom Lake are (a.k.a. Area 51) is being relinquished by the Department of Energy and is being officially handed over to the Air Force for total control, ownership and jurisdiction. The full article can be found at: http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj_home/1999/Dec-16-Thu-1999/news/12566049.html

Here is an excerpt (posted on Dec. 16 by Glenn Campbell of Las Vegas and webmaster of world-renowned www.UFOMIND.COM) from the article by Keith Rogers of Las Vegas Review Journal:

The Department of Energy made it official Wednesday: the Nevada Test Site has grown by nearly 200 square miles thanks to some surface contamination from a

1968 nuclear test and President Clinton's signature on a law this year. The new law, according to an Energy Department statement, also serves "to correct several land use and jurisdiction misalignments throughout the complex". That means the Air Force takes control over DOE's rectangle around Groom Lake, along the northeastern corner of the test site, which had been controlled by the Air Force under a secret agreement.

The location, also known as Area 51 - the site of at least one classified airstrip - has been shown on

government maps as a 38,400-acre rectangle primarily in Lincoln County that belonged to the Department of Energy but was controlled by the Air Force and had not been shown by DOE as part of the Nevada Test Site.

The "misalignments", according to the Energy Department's statement, "had become outdated and inefficient because of evolving mission needs among the Department of Energy and Department of Defense.

--End Excerpt--

COMMENTS by Norio Hayakawa:

What does this all mean? This basically means that the DOE gained 200 additional square miles in Nevada in partial exchange for relinquishing "ownership" of land around Groom Lake to the Air Force, which was exactly what the latter had wanted all along! It means that the Air Force finally got what it always wanted from the very beginning, i.e., total control and "ownership" of the 38,400-acre rectangle that surrounds Groom Lake (a.k.a. AREA 51, which had always been a strictly DOE-designated name, not an Air Force-designated name). This was the final result of a series of Public Hearings which were held during 1998 in Nevada to correct "misalignments" and "confusing jurisdictions" of the past that would have hindered any new modifications to future land use of the entire Nevada Test Site. This means that there will be no more "secret agreements" with DOE necessary. Now the Air Force will be free to name this base in Air Force's terms, for example, "Groom Lake Air Base", etc. and expand its multifaceted programs at the base, which they are already doing anyway. This would be perfectly all right with us, as long as they address once and for all the yet unresolved issue of former workers' compensatory rights and also abide by environmental statutes. This also means that the Air Force will be able to provide its own Air Force's Guard Shack and Air Force's own Security Personnel, without having to rely on "anonymous", semi-private security contracted through DOE's Special Response Team (SRT) or even other entities such as Wackenhut Special Security personnel. The Air Force will also technically be empowered to

erect a definite, clearly-marked security fence (for safety to the public) all along the borderlines of Groom Lake base. What new changes will actually be made at the restricted boundary line on Groom Lake Road, as a result of this new "change of hands", remains to be seen.

CHINESE BIGFOOT TRACKED AT NATURE PRESERVE

On Sunday, December 5, 1999, the China Daily reported that a scientific team in the Shennongjia mountains of Hubei Province, China had found physical evidence of a large hairy hominid, which they called "a wild man."

"Standing eight feet tall with long red hair and a taste for corn on the cob, (China's) Big Foot is back and apparently running around a nature preserve in central China."

"Chinese scientists are on the trail of the legendary beast after a hunter reported seeing a creature in Hubei province in Shennongjia Nature Reserve two months ago, the China Daily said. The scientists found 16-inch footprints, brown hair and chewed corn cobs and concluded they were not left by a bear." (See USA Today for December 8, 1999, "Big Foot Returns," page 24A) (Editor's Note: Reports of hairy "wild men" in the Shennongjia mountains of Hubei province date back to 2,000 B.C. More recently, Zhou Guoxing encountered a seven-foot-tall hominid in the preserve in 1977. See Unexplained Mysteries of the Twentieth Century by Janet and Colin Bord, Contemporary Books, 1982, page 207.)

METALLIC MATERIAL FOUND ON MUTILATED CATTLE

HEREFORD - The Amarillo Globe Daily News story reports: Law-enforcement officers in the Hereford, Texas found they had something in common with officers in the Taos, N.M. On Dec. 9, 1978, officers found out that a metallic material on the hides of mutilated Texas cows was nearly identical to the material found on mutilated cows in New Mexico. The unexplained mutilations occurred during the previous summer. Between 15 and 20 of the mutilations happened near Hereford while 12 cattle were killed inexplicably in northern New Mexico. In both places, the mutilations were discovered after local people reported seeing UFOs. To make the incident even more strange, ranchers in both places reported that the udders, rectums, tongues, ears, testicles and

sometimes tails were cut off the animals with sharp and precise instruments. Entire reproductive tracts were missing from some of the animals. But other cattle were left intact. Officers in both places reported that there were no tracks or traces of human activity around or leading to where the cattle were found dead. The substance found at both places looked like slivers of gray paint and contained high amounts of potassium and magnesium. The material was not fully identified, but was believed to be some type of Teflon. Thanks to twitch02@hotmail.com (Jeff Behnke) and compiled by Terry Moore (Globe - News writer) website: http://www.amarillonet.com/stories/120999/new_tales.shtml. Ed Note: Similar slivers of silver material has been found on abductees in New Jersey.

BLT Research has new Website

The team of Baker, Leavengood, and Talbot (BLT) has started a website to publish their crop circle study findings. URL= <http://www.bltresearch.net/>

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Field Investigator Update: Jan., 2000 A Tale of Two Sightings By Craig R. Lang (MN MUFON FIC)

This month finds two new sighting investigations under way, which pertain to older sightings of objects, but which do not apparently involve entities or abductions.

The first case I will describe occurred in the late 70's, in North Dakota. The witness who was in his early 20's at the time, was bicycling after dark, on a summer night. Stopping to rest at the edge of the road, he observed a light in the distance which appeared to be unusual to him. While not apparently different from other rural yard lights, this light seemed to hold his attention for a considerable time, until he suddenly noticed it rising from the yard. As he watched, it became apparent that the light was associated with a large lenticular disk which began to slowly move toward him. It passed silently, nearly overhead, and performed a maneuver resembling a figure-8. It then

shot off into the distance. The witness was quite frightened, but otherwise no worse for the wear as a result of this. The witness had tried, for many years, to tell someone about his sighting, but no one would take his account seriously until eventually he contacted MN MUFON. (Note: this case is described in more detail on the MN MUFON website, www.mnmufon.org).

Another case, which occurred on a late winter evening in the mid 1970's, involved two boys walking along a stream west of the twin cities. Looking down-river, they observed what appeared to be a pair of searchlights shining onto the frozen surface of the stream. The source of the lights was just emerging from around the river-bend, moving slowly toward them at treetop level. The lights appeared to be sweeping back and forth across the stream, "as if searching for something". The boys first speculated that the object was a helicopter, but then realized that it could not be that - for as the object was moving steadily closer to them, there was absolutely no sound from it. They stood transfixed as they watched the object bearing the lights passed directly overhead. As it did, they were able to observe an apparent dark superstructure, to which the lights were fixed. However, since the lights were blindingly bright, they were unable to discern any form to the object. As the object/lights moved into the distance, the boys - rather shaken - continued on their way. They agreed that they should never tell anyone about this event (although to this day, they do not know why they decided this).

While these two sightings were considerably distant from each other in both time and location, there are some remarkable similarities between them. In both cases, the sightings occurred in areas that were slightly off of a main road, but close enough that other witnesses should have seen the UFO. In both cases, the witnesses had put these sightings out of their minds for many years, until for varying reasons, they contacted Minnesota MUFON. Both were very curious about their sightings, but have no other indications of having had UFO or close encounter experiences. However, each remembered a handful of paranormal or metaphysical experiences throughout their lives. At least on the surface, none of these other events appears to be related to the UFO phenomenon. However, we again see a history of paranormal sensitivity on the part of witnesses, that seems to be somehow associated with UFO sightings. In my view, a closer understanding of this relationship would shed much light on the mystery that is the UFO phenomenon.

If you know of any information that might bring to light any sightings or encounters, or have any further

information on events discussed in this column, please contact Craig Lang (Field Invest. Coordinator) at: Phone: 612-560-1532, e-mail: cllang@mm.com, or contact Minnesota MUFON through our webpage at: www.mnmufon.org. You can also check the website for current sighting reports and the results of completed investigations.

For those wishing to become a field investigator themselves, classes are conducted approximately three times a year, as sufficient interest is indicated. If you are interested, and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity to be a UFO investigator, please contact Craig Lang. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We always need more investigators in our effort to better understand the UFO phenomenon. Those who seriously take up the study of UFO events, will always find a trail of challenge and mystery to follow.

Happy investigating...

CSETI announced on Monday completion of the movie Trailer for its planned five-part Documentary series "Disclosure".
By Tony Craddock, Web Admin., CSETI,
<http://www.cseti.org>

The Trailer, hosted by Oscar-nominated actor James Cromwell, and featuring Dr. Steven Greer, CSETI's founder and International Director, provides a synopsis of the series. The Trailer can be played from the CSETI Website, and a companion written summary and proposal are also available for download. Videos of the trailer and copies of the written summary are available for serious investors.

Why don't you help CSETI network in to an investor to fund this potential blockbuster?

A blockbuster that would help pave the way for the release of non-polluting technologies that are currently buried deep in "black" projects, and which can do nothing but help create a sustainable civilization. Members of Congress and Government have told CSETI that such a Documentary is needed to provide them with the political "Cover" to hold open Hearings on the UFO/ET issue, which would get the issues and technologies back into the public domain and under Constitutional controls.

Also featured on the CSETI Website is Dr. Greer's commentary on the movie "The Insider", which deals with the betrayal of tobacco industry whistle-blower Dr. Jeffrey Wigand by CBS News "60 Minutes". Dr. Greer's Position Paper compares this scenario with the difficulties of getting a major TV network to do an expose on the UFO/ET subject.

Berkeley engineers report chip breakthrough

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<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/computing/9911/23/transistor.reut/index.html>

BERKELEY, California (Reuters) -- A new semiconductor transistor so small that a single computer chip can hold 400 times more of the devices than before could help lead to significantly faster and cheaper chip technology, scientists said on Monday.

Chenming Hu, a professor electrical engineering and computer sciences at the University of California, Berkeley, said the tiny transistor was much smaller than any other ever developed.

"It's a new world record," Hu said of the prototype, dubbed "FinFET". Details of the invention, which was funded by the U.S. Defence Advanced Research Project Agency, will be unveiled next month at the International Electronic Devices Meeting in Washington.

The Berkeley breakthrough, announced in a news release, changed the design of the "gate", or switch, on the transistor which controls the flow of electric current in electronic devices.

While previously this gate was a flat conductor that controlled only one side of the passage through which the current flows, the Berkeley team has redesigned it as a fork-shaped prong straddling both sides of the passage. This gives much better control and reduced current leakage, meaning the transistor can be made much smaller.

Hu said the FinFET's gate is 18 nanometers long, or about the width of 100 atoms. While far too small to be viewed by the naked eye, it is visible through a scanning electron microscope.

Hu said it was already about 10 times shorter than the standard semiconductor transistor now used by the industry. And he hoped to cut the FinFET's length by another half in the future.

The new transistor could help extend the success of the electronics industry, which has profited by making

transistors ever smaller over the past three decades and delivering cheaper, better and faster computer "brains" for electronic products.

Chip engineers have long held that the number of transistors on a chip will double every 18 months. But scientists believed that the laws of physics were going to stop that progress soon -- unless a design breakthrough like that proposed by Hu proves practical.

Hu said the FinFET prototype was successfully fabricated last July and appeared to perform well. He said no patent had been taken out on the device. "We made the decision not to patent," Hu said. "We want the widest possible usage. We hope this becomes a mainstream transistor structure in the future."

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**Conflicting signals:
Attempts to speed up the hunt for aliens
dismay astronomers by Kurt Kleiner
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OVERZEALOUS HACKERS have tinkered with the software volunteers use to help search for extraterrestrial intelligence to make it run faster. But the scientists who run the project say the altered program could be more of a hindrance than a help. "I don't think people intend to maliciously hurt the SETI programme, but we're recommending that people do not use these programs," says Dan Werthimer of the University of California at Berkeley, chief scientist on the project.

SETI@home is an ambitious attempt to harness the spare power of thousands of computers to search for signals from intelligent life (New Scientist, 25 July 1998, p 46). Scientists break down observations from the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico into 12-second chunks and send them over the Internet to volunteers. Whenever a volunteer's computer is idle, the SETI@home program sifts the data for any signals that might have come from an alien civilisation.

In October, someone going by the name of Olli released a "patch" to the program--an additional section of code that makes the calculations run much faster. At least two other patches have followed. Only a few hundred of the 450,000 active volunteers are using the patches. But Eric Korpella, an astronomer with the project, says they're still a problem. "We really want a consistent set of science code," he says.

Critics reply that the SETI managers are turning away much needed help. "I'm not encouraging people to sabotage the project," says Bradley Kuhn, a programmer in Cincinnati, Ohio. But since programs can never be perfectly secure, he argues, the project managers should let users examine the code and suggest ways to make it as secure as possible. But Korpella says the project will not release its source code, and the program is being rewritten to make it harder to alter. However, he hopes it will also run faster in future--the time saved may be devoted to more detailed analysis.

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**What Could It Be?
Mysterious Blobs Along N.J. Shore Have
Scientists Scratching Their Heads
By Michael P. Regan, Sept. 12, 1999**

SEA ISLE CITY, NJ - Environmentalists, tourists and local officials agree: They've never seen anything quite like it. In fact, authorities were so puzzled by the huge blobs of the white, gelatinous substance that washed up on the Jersey Shore last week they had to send pieces of it to a lab in Louisiana. They are still waiting to hear back on what the material is.

At least they know a little about what it isn't. The estimated five to seven tons of material - which was on the shore in at least four communities - is neither toxic nor radioactive. And while "the blob" doesn't appear harmful to humans, some environmentalists are wondering what it might do to sea life.

"It may be harmful to other animals," said Tony Totah, a marine biologist with New Jersey's nonprofit Clean Ocean Action group. Totah is especially concerned sea turtles and small whales may mistake the material for jellyfish or other saltwater delectables.

"They may try eating it and it may block their digestive system," Totah said. And if smaller parasites start growing on the chunks, he said, "that makes it look more inviting to them." And humans, too, could not resist giving the rubbery chunks - some as long as 15 feet - a poke or two with bare feet or sticks.

It Came From the Sea

Beachgoers were startled Labor Day when the mysterious blobs - which resembled giant pieces of used chewing gum - rode ashore along waves churned by the remnants of tropical storm Dennis. The material landed on the sand in the towns of Atlantic City, Ocean City, Strathmere and Sea Isle City, officials said.

Some people didn't know what to think.

"I'm surprised the EPA didn't react with some type of press release or public service announcement," said Chris Onderdonk, a tourist from Pennsylvania who watched the blobs wash up. "I'll tell you, some people were afraid it might be a health hazard. ... I was surprised to see parents letting their kids play on it even though they knew nothing about it."

An emergency response team from New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) rushed to the beaches Monday to do field tests. But they determined the blobs nontoxic, and decided to keep the beaches open.

"It wasn't radioactive, didn't have any hazardous aspects to it," said Loretta O'Donnell, a spokesperson for the DEP. "It was treated like a solid waste," she said, and is "not going to have a residual or environmental impact."

Coast Guard Lt. Dan Higman said the field tests are accurate enough to assess their risks. Nonetheless, the Coast Guard sent samples down to a lab in Louisiana to find out more. "The hope is that if we can ID exactly what it is, we may be able to track it to a source," Higman said. "It's just so large, the clumps of it coming in are huge, so we really have no idea," Higman said.

Higman said the lab tests that will give the chemical breakdown of the blobs should be back this week. Until then, officials and beachgoers continue to speculate on the origin of the puzzling chunks.

The theories along the beach in Sea Isle City on Monday ranged anywhere from space alien life-forms to some kind of elaborate packaging used by drug smugglers.

"Some of the best guesses are it might have come from a vessel offshore, or a container might have fallen overboard," Higman said. The only thing remotely similar to these chunks, Higman said, was "a spill up around that neck of the woods about three years ago." He said that "wound up being a component of hand cream." Not that anyone should rub this stuff on their chafed hands.

"If they don't know what it is that's washing up on the beach, people shouldn't handle it," said Totah, the marine biologist. "If it's something that doesn't look natural, who could say that next year something happens and people say it's the same stuff and it's not the same stuff."

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