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The September 19, 1976 Iranian Jet Encounter **By Dick Moss, MUFON MN State Dir.**

Thirty-two years ago there was an unusual encounter involving a UFO and two F-4 Phantom jets flown by Iranian pilots. Citizens began calling the Iranian Air Force to report an odd-looking object in the night sky. An Iranian Air Force Duty Officer made a phone call to Assistant Deputy Commander of Operations, General Nader Youssefi, who didn't seem interested at first. Upon eventually taking a look for himself, he ordered an F-4 jet from a nearby base to investigate an object north of the base. Due to its brilliance the object was visible from seventy miles away.

An alarmed Youssefi ordered a second jet scrambled which headed toward the UFO and made radar contact. The size of the object could not be estimated because of its brightness.

For a while the jet gained a bit on the unknown object but the UFO eventually and rapidly accelerated away from the F-4. Then, a smaller object emerged from the larger craft and moved at a very fast speed toward the Iranian F-4. At this point the F-4 crew armed a missile but immediately lost the use of their weapons control panel and communications. Apparently, both of these systems had been jammed. The object was now heading toward the F-4 and the jet went into a dive. The smaller UFO followed the F-4 for a few moments but then turned away towards the larger craft a distance away at which time the F-4's instrument panel came back online.

Although it was first thought to be shaped like a rectangle, another description was that it was cylindrical. It was said to be about eight yards long and maybe two yards wide. Each end was pulsating with a bluish-white color. There was a small red light orbiting around the middle of the cylindrical object.

The light that it gave off was that of flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern of alternating blue, green, red and orange colors. The sequence of the lights was so fast that all the colors seemed to be visible simultaneously.

One account suggests that the UFO may have landed. The F-4 crew was taken to an area where the UFO could have landed but nothing was noticed. Upon circling the area they picked up a sort of beeper signal. They landed near a house and asked those living there if they had noticed anything during the night. They admitted to hearing a loud noise and a very bright light having the intensity of lightning.

Another account reads that at the last moment a ball (smaller UFO) did a turnaround and went back into the larger object. Then, a second ball of light separated from the larger object and dived straight down



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where it landed. The plane's crew circled it as it was clearly visible from twenty-five thousand feet. It then accelerated upward and disappeared. The object had been so bright that it took the pilot a good amount of time for him to get his night vision back so that he could land his plane.

Years later it was discovered that the object had been tracked by a DSP satellite, which are used to detect missile launches. During the night of this incident a DSP satellite detected a heat signature, while over Iran, which could not be matched with any known aircraft in the military's heat signature database.

In a classified military journal, one finds a narrative that reads, "Sometime in his career, each pilot can expect to encounter strange, unusual happenings which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. The previous narrative recounts such an episode as reported by two F-4 Phantom crews of the Imperial Iranian Air Force during late 1976. No additional information or explanation of the strange events has been forthcoming; the story will be filed away and probably forgotten, but it makes interesting, and perhaps disturbing, reading."

It happens that there are a large number of internet and written narratives that describe the UFO event above. Although accounts are quite similar, there are the usual-and-customary variations in the basic story. The reader is encouraged to find other articles that describe this high-strangeness event.

**Scientists Develops Program to
Understand Alien Languages
Alien life form: the new program would
compare alien language sounds with
those of 60 human languages
By Richard Alleyne, Science
Correspondent, 15/10/2008**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?view=DETAILS&grid=&xml=/earth/2008/10/15/scialien115.xml>

A computer program which could help identify and even translate messages from aliens in outer space has been developed by a British scientist. Even if there are extra terrestrials are one day discovered, scientists fear their alien tongue may make it impossible to understand them. But John Elliott of Leeds Metropolitan University believes he has come up with software which at least will decipher

the structure of their language - and be the first step in understanding what they are saying.

Dr Elliott's program would compare an alien language to a database of 60 different languages in the world to search see if it has a similar structure. He believes that even an alien language far removed from any on Earth is likely to have recognizable patterns that could help reveal how intelligent the life forms are. "Language has to be structured in a certain way otherwise it will be inefficient and unwieldy," he told New Scientist magazine.

Previous research had shown that it is possible to determine whether a signal carries a language rather than an image or music. Dr Elliott, from Leeds Metropolitan University, has gone a step further by devising a way to pick out what might be words and sentences.

All human languages have "functional terms" that bracket phrases - words like "if" and "but" in English. According to Dr Elliott, such terms in any language, are separated by up to nine words or characters. This limit on phrase length seems to correspond to the level of human cognition - how much information we are able to process at once.

In an alien language, analyzing these phrases might make it possible to gauge how clever the authors of the message are. If they are much smarter than us, there would a lot of words packed into the phrases.

The program should also be able to break a language up into crucial words such as nouns and verbs, even though their meaning is unknown. It can, for instance, locate adjectives from the fact that they are almost always next to nouns.

Because languages have different word orders, Dr Elliott is amassing a library of the syntaxes of 60 human tongues. If a message is received from outer space, it could be compared against this database. Scientists would then be able to see if it resembled anything human, or a mix of Earthly languages.

Dr Elliott admits that in order to translate what the aliens are actually saying it may still be necessary to have a "code book" of some sort. But US linguist Dr Sheri Wells-Jensen, from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, points out that "you have to start somewhere". She added: "My money is on being able to understand aliens."

Prediction and Prophecy: What are the lessons from 10/14? ©2008 by Craig R. Lang, MS CHt

In recent articles in my blog (<http://blog.360.yahoo.com/craigrlang2002a>), I have speculated about the predicted arrival of the Visitors in the skies over Alabama. The prediction was channeled by Blossom Goodchild a psychic in Australia, (www.blossomgoodchild.com), who stated that she was in contact with "The Galactic Federation of Light." Her E.T. correspondents told her that they would show up unambiguously on October 14th, revealing the presence of the Visitors once and for all. Over the next few days, channeling from other psychics appeared to reinforce Goodchild's 10/14 prediction. So, skeptics and believers alike, all awaited the day - would they appear or would the Alabama skies remain empty?

October 14th came and went, and as far as I know, there was no mass sighting in the Alabama skies. In the next few days, the recriminations flew. To her credit, Goodchild issued a statement apologizing for the prediction not coming true. I watched her YouTube video and to me, it seemed that she sincerely believed in the verity of the prediction. When it didn't come true, she genuinely seemed betrayed.

Assuming that she is sincere (and I think she is), I wonder - why would she receive such a prediction? If it came from "Them" then was it deliberate deception? For what purpose? Or was it some form of misunderstanding? Predictions and prophecies have dotted the esoteric and metaphysical landscape. They have spoken of everything from storms and disasters to the return of Jesus. In that same vein, we have seen many UFO-arrival predictions, and Blossom Goodchild's prediction is merely one of a long string of such claims. What lessons can we learn from this and similar unfulfilled prophecies?

In past sessions, more than one experiencer has told me that the Visitors would soon be arriving openly in our skies. One particular experiencer accurately described a number of past events (in my own life and the lives of others known to me, which she could not have known of, except through the phenomenon), lending credence to her account. She then predicted that an unambiguous sighting would occur soon. Several of her predictions paralleled those by Goodchild.

Ultimately, one of the lessons this experiencer concluded from our sessions was about the need for discernment. Indeed, she speculated, one purpose of such predictions is just that - to teach us the need for discernment. Unfortunately, as if to confirm this lesson, the sighting this experiencer predicted never occurred.

Why did the phenomenon deceive my friend? Perhaps it has a lot to do with the fundamental nature of prophecy. What is prophecy and what is prediction? Are they the same thing? According to many spiritual scholars in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the role of prophecy is to be a warning from God. The message delineates a choice, "If you don't reform your ways and return to God, disaster will befall you..." Meanwhile, prediction is a forecast of events to come - no choice involved, just a statement that "X" will happen, at time "Y". It appears that predictions are far more common, and far less reliable. Are they always wrong? No - sometimes they are spectacularly accurate, such as the myriad of premonitions of 9/11. However, they are seldom definitive - often too ambiguous to be acted upon.

What is the role of prophecy? Are we allowed to see the future? We are allowed at best, only limited glimpses into the future. In It is a constructive ambiguity, and I often wonder if it is "designed" to teach us a lesson - "do this or else..." with limited details of what

"this" and "else" really mean. the words of the Bible, we appear to see into the esoteric world "through a glass darkly," perhaps just enough to teach us, or to warn us of something coming soon.

So when we hear a prediction that the aliens are coming and will appear on a certain date, when we are told civilization will collapse on 12/21/2012, we need to use all available discernment. Perhaps it might just be true, but more likely there is a warning or lesson to heed, and we sincerely need to learn it. Why are the aliens coming - or not coming? Why has our civilization reached the edge of collapse and what do we need to do to prevent it?

So, perhaps a reason for the recent spate of alien-arrival predictions is that, rather than telling us of an upcoming aerial spectacular, somebody out there really wants us to shape up. Whatever it may be, we must discern the intent behind the prediction, understanding the message rather than the date and details of the alien arrival. Still, if in

deep trance, an experimenter tells me that the Visitors are about to arrive openly on a particular date, I don't think anyone will mind if on that day, I keep a sharp eye to the sky....

**UFO INCIDENT AT MINOT, NORTH
DAKOTA, OCTOBER 24, 1968**
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October 24, 2008 was the 40th anniversary of one of the best UFO cases of the 20th century.

In the 1960s, after some highly publicized sightings in Michigan, pressure began to build on the U.S. government to do something about UFOs. Congress held hearings on the subject, and the Air Force tasked the University of Colorado to carry out a comprehensive study of UFOs. Well-known physicist Edward U. Condon was placed in charge. Not surprisingly, controversy dogged the study early in the program. When the study was concluded, the scientists who took part had been unable to identify about a third of the unknown objects studied. Nevertheless, Dr. Condon wrote in his conclusion that further study of UFOs could not be expected to advance science. The Air Force shut down its own program for investigating UFOs, known as Project Blue Book, in 1969 and sent microfilms of its files to the National Archives at Washington, DC, after expunging names of civilians to protect their privacy.

In the 1980s, I visited the National Archives twice and conducted research into the UFO subject. I was especially interested in the Minot, ND case of which I had previous information, as will be explained later. There were about 100 pages of information on this case in the Blue Book files. Below is a small portion of it:

PROJECT BLUE BOOK FILES
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA, OCTOBER 24, 1968
NATIONAL ARCHIVES ROLL #82 FILE 12546-12628 [10-26-68 to 2-10-69]

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

At about 1730 hours [5:30 PM] the FTD Duty Officer called Lt. Marano [at Wright – Patterson AFB, Project Blue Book] and said they had a pretty important sighting from Minot AFB....[the] crew of a B-52 had sighted and photographed a UFO...I called Col. Quintanilla and told him of the sighting, then called Minot and talked to Lt. Col. Werlich,

the UFO investigator....He gave details: "At about 0300 hours local time, a B-52 that was about 39 miles NW of Minot AFB ...making practice penetrations sighted an unidentified blip on their radar. Initially the target traveled 2-1/2 miles in 3 seconds or about 3000 mph. After passing from the right to the left of the plane it assumed a position off the left wing. The blip stayed off the left wing for about 20 miles at which point it broke off. Scope photos were taken. When the target was close to the B-52 neither of the transmitters in the B-52 would operate properly, but when it broke off both returned to normal function.

At 0308 hours the initial report was received from a Maintenance team between [missile sites] Nov 8 & 7. All observed the object. They stated it was reddish orange in color, a very large object with flashing green & white lights. After they entered Nov. 7 IF, the object came directly overhead with the sound of jet engines. Sgt. Bond stated the object looked to him as the sun and came near the Handred antenna at Nov. 1. It then moved to the right and he sent the SAT to check. The object then moved about 1 mi. away with the SAT following. They came within 1/2 mi. from where it appeared to be landing. When it reached [the] surface, the lights became dimmer and finally went out. S. Sgt. Smith at Oscar 1 saw the object separate in two parts and go in opposite directions and return and pass under each other. At this time Juliet team and Mike Flt. team observed the same things...Observation period 45 minutes." [End of Blue Book notes.]

The above are notes I took during my research in the National Archives in Washington, DC. This case was originally called to my attention, I believe in 1969, by my brother-in-law, Richard Clark, who was a security officer at Minot AFB at the time of the incident. He knew that I was interested in UFOs and gave me a set of prints of the radar scope photos, which were not classified. He also told me that during this incident two of the three perimeter alarms on one of the Minuteman missile silos went off: the external perimeter alarm, (which was apparently triggered by interference with a gate in the chain link fence), and the inner alarm which is only supposed to go off if the concrete lid on top of the silo is disturbed.

Let's examine in more detail the events that started early on that October morning of 1968. Airman 1st Class Mike O'Connor and another airman had been dispatched to make routine repairs to a missile silo

in the area. O'Connor said, "We made our turn and approached the missile site. Out of the corner of my eye, I observed what I thought was a farmyard light, but it looked awfully bright. As we proceeded down the road, it sort of paralleled us to the missile site and seemed to lift off the ground and hover [some distance away]. At this point we got out of the truck and it just kind of hovered there."

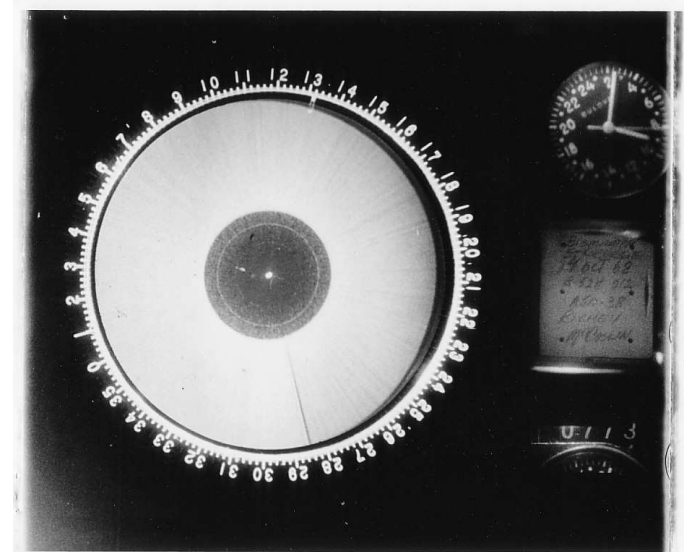
UFO reports were received that morning by S. Sgt. Bill Smith, who was in charge of security for ten nuclear missiles. Said Smith, "These objects would rise, they would hover and dart quickly one way or another, speed up, slow down and hover...."

Apparently part of this incident was suppressed, that is, not documented, in the Project Blue Book report. UFO historian Thomas Tulien in his researches learned that after the UFO had landed near a missile silo, Air Force personnel later found two airmen unconscious near their vehicle. At first they thought the men were dead, but they revived and reported on their experience: "The UFO came down low, we thought it was going to hit the vehicle. We ran, it got hot, we fainted." The concrete lid for the silo was off to the side on the grass. This had triggered the alarm. Under normal operation of the missile silo, the concrete lid would only be pushed aside shortly before the missile was to be launched. This removal of the concrete lid was a highly unusual event. The Air Force investigated the disturbance of the silo and could not provide a good explanation. Note that other UFO cases, particularly close encounters, have involved feelings of strong heat on the part of witnesses; the Cash-Landrum case is a good example.

Back on the B-52, Capt. Brad Runyon was the copilot: "The Air Traffic Controller asked us if we would mind going out to this one area and looking for something. I said, 'What do you want us to look for?' They said, 'You'll know it if you find it.' The navigator, Capt. Patrick McCaslin, suddenly identified an object on his radar screen. McCaslin stated, "I saw a [radar] return, faint one sweep, bright on the next. The object on radar was about 3 miles away." Capt. Runyon said, "I told the radar navigator to switch on the radar scope camera, which would take pictures of the radar screen. The radar showed the object flying in formation with us. This thing was climbing out with us and maintaining the same heading we were. That was unusual. But what really watered my eyes was

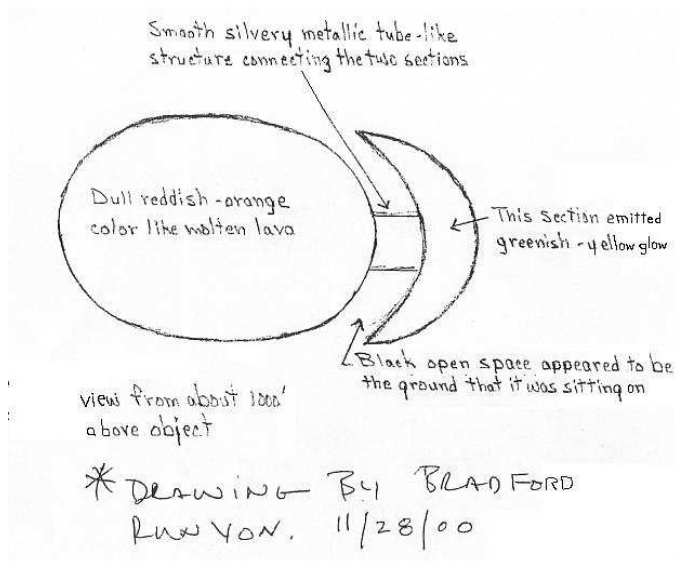
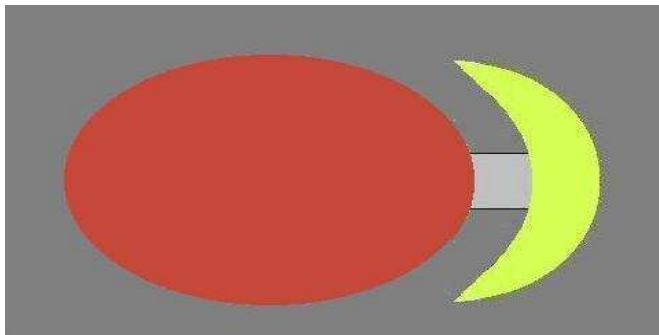
when the object backed away and allowed us to turn inside of it!"

After the radar navigator discovered the unknown blip, which at times appeared larger than an Air Force tanker on his radar screen (See scope photo 3), he turned on the scope camera which automatically took a photo of the radar screen every three seconds. (A dozen of these photos were later made a part of the incident documentation in the Blue Book files.) A few seconds later the UFO took up a position 1.4 miles off the right wing. (The object itself could not be seen from the B-52 at that time due to a thick cloud cover at its altitude.) Then three seconds later, the UFO had suddenly zipped over and taken a position 1.4 miles off the left wing. To do this, it had to move 2.8 miles in three seconds or less, which means it accelerated from the speed of the B-52 to at least 3000 mph, then again decelerated quickly to the B-52's speed. This was a maneuver that, to the best of my knowledge, no aircraft of earthly manufacture could carry out at that time or today. This implies that the UFO was an unearthly craft.



After about 30 seconds, the unknown blip "broke off" (moved away) from the B-52. In the meantime, the control tower at Minot AFB had picked up the unknown on their radar. When the object suddenly disappeared from the radar screen, the B-52 was asked to go back and look for it. The B-52 made a left turn and headed back to the NW. Capt. Runyon was the first to see the glowing craft hovering near the ground. "When things like that are happening it seems like time just stands still. My estimate was that it was at least 200 feet in diameter and it was hundreds of feet long." The massive object had a

metallic cylinder attached to one end, with a crescent moon-shaped section glowing yellow-green connected to the cylinder. (See illustrations.)



Runyon stated, "I was fairly sure I was looking at an alien spaceship...something that came here from another planet." This is a very reasonable conclusion. If the United State had a craft like that in its inventory, then or now, it could hardly fail to be noticed just sitting out on a runway at most air bases.

Copilot Runyon and others of the crew reported on the object after they landed. As they came off the flight line, a security officer asked them if they had any UFOs to report. The crew responded emphatically in the positive. The officer interviewed each of the men separately and had them fill out reports, and he locked the undeveloped radar film from the B-52 in the security room.

The next morning, a team of investigators arrived, headed by a colonel (probably Col. Hector Quintanilla). Upon learning that the radar film was in the security room, he ordered that it be handed over to him. But his name was not on the access list

posted on the security room door, and the officer in charge refused to hand it over. The colonel promptly "hit the ceiling," but the officer was adamant. Only when the Base Commander arrived was the colonel given the film. He ordered the security officer to take it, get it developed and have prints made. The officer complied, and in a short time a set of prints were in the hands of the colonel. They confirmed what he had been told verbally, that the unknown craft had moved at a speed of at least 3000 mph. There had been a total of 18 Air Force personnel and some civilians who reported seeing a UFO or UFOs that October morning.

In the Blue Book files, the Air Force issued the explanation that the UFO was possibly a "plasma". But the apparently intelligent maneuvers of the object would rule out a plasma phenomenon, which would be similar to ball lightning. Furthermore, the "plasma" explanation violates the known laws of electricity, according to my electrical engineering education. A ball of plasma would either be charged positively or negatively, or else would have zero charge. The B-52 would probably have a static charge on it due to the friction of its passage through the atmosphere, and if the plasma had a charge, it would either be attracted or repelled to the B-52. If the plasma were neutrally charged, it would drift aimlessly with respect to the aircraft. Under no conditions would it pace the aircraft. Finally, a plasma would be in the form of a round ball, not an oblong structured object as reported. So the plasma explanation simply does not hold water.

There is a possibility that the Air Force was, in a sense, partly right after all: plasma may be part of the propulsion or support systems of these unknown objects, according to scientists who have studied UFO reports. In any case, the October 24, 1968 event stands out as one of the most important UFO cases on record, with the testimony of highly reliable Air Force officers in charge of an aircraft capable of delivering nuclear weapons, and physical evidence in the form of radar scope photos and physical changes in a missile site and Air Force personnel.

A few years ago, I made historian Tulien aware of the radar scope prints that I had. After investigating, he advised me that they were better than the prints one could get from the National Archives. At the request of ABC-TV, I loaned the prints to Tulien, and he loaned them to ABC. ABC used them in their Special, "UFOs: Seeing is

Believing", which aired February 24, 2005. ABC subsequently returned the prints to Tulien and he has loaned them to a couple of scientists for further study. Tulien has videotaped interviews with several of the officers who were involved in the incident.

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The UFOs Of ABC
By Billy Cox, October 21, 2008
The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida,
<http://tinyurl.com/6npnu2>

What's up with UFOs and ABC News? It's like they're flirting with porno: "Yeah, sure, we're curious - but HEY now, JEEZ, we're not THAT curious."

De Void wrote 'em off last month after a spectacularly insipid 'effort' called UFOs: Seeing Is Believing. This was a dispirited rehash of a 2005 Peter Jennings special by the same name. Maybe it had something to do with newsroom cutbacks.

Anyhow, suddenly, over the course of the last 24-hour news cycle, ABC has jumped all over the latest UFO documents declassified by the British Ministry of Defense. That's because an eyewitness to one of the most compelling encounters - involving a U.S. pilot ordered to shoot down a UFO on May 20, 1957 - is still alive.

Now retired in Miami, Milton Torres was quoted in various wire reports saying he felt vindicated by the British paperwork, which described his orders to blast the intruder out of the skies above the North Sea. Torres never got a visual on the UFO he was ordered to intercept, but it had "the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier" on his radar before fleeing his weapons like "some kind of spacecraft."

Afterwards, Torres, who was flying out of a British base, claimed he was briefed by a civilian who told him the mission was classified, and that he was prohibited from discussing it with his commander.

Military efforts to get rough with UFOs - at least during the 1950s - aren't new. In 1952, after UFOs repeatedly punctured restricted air space over Washington, D.C., the U.S. Air Force issued shoot-down orders for UFOs that refused to comply with

orders to land. But finding a pilot willing to go on record about those scrambles is a rare thing.

So ABC's Nightline ran with it Monday night, and Good Morning America aired the same story again this morning. But who's the reporter? He signs off from London as Ed Watt, but Diane Sawyer introduced him today as Nick Watt.

It's a typically schizoid ABC piece that tries to have it both ways. Ed/Nick Watt starts off with a straightforward rendering of the 1957 incident, only to degenerate into his own glib and unrelated encounter with a Brit named Brenda who claims to take photos of ETs in the woods.

"If aliens do want to make contact with our leaders," Watt wonders aloud, "why would they chat with Brenda in a remote forest?"

Good question. Here's another good question: Why doesn't ABC News do some reporting on a UFO incident that's not half a century old? Why doesn't the network ask the Air Force why it won't release radar records from the Stephenville, Tex., region on Jan. 8 this year? Maybe it's waiting for The History Channel?

The CE4 Corner
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November/December, 2008 - What happens next... I recently finished writing up my notes from follow-up interviews with a number of experiencers I've met over the last several years. Lately, I've been interested in the way in which their relationship with the phenomenon seems to evolve over the years. So far, the results have been consistent, interesting, and even a bit surprising. So read on...

This is only the humble beginnings of a long endeavor. To date, I've re-interviewed only a fraction of those I have worked with over the last ten-plus years - I have a lot more work to do. Yet nearly universally, I have found that the relationship does indeed evolve. Like all aspects of life, each person's experiences seem to pass through distinct stages. To some degree they appear consistent, suggesting that there is a lifecycle to a person's "career" as an experiencer.

When I first meet someone who has had encounter(s), it is often because they have had a frightening or puzzling experience. These unexplained influences

may bring challenge and chaos to their lives. They may have had a lifelong history of strange events, but only recently become aware of a UFO connection, and this awareness often hits them like a ton of bricks. The result can range from powerful curiosity to overwhelming fear. While under it all lies an unfulfilled need for answers - and eventually, reconciliation. This time-period in the experiencer's life, I will refer to as the crisis stage.

Toward the end of each interview, I have asked each experiencer what pearls of wisdom they had for people going through this crisis stage. More than one told me that the first and most important thing is to get a handle on the fear. One can do this in any number of ways, including counseling, hypnotherapy - or just talking with a (very) trusted friend. Yet in the end, fear turns out to be the biggest enemy of the experiencer.

The next thing, many told me, is to begin to rebuild one's shattered reality. For most people, it is necessary to have some form of mental model of their world. In short, the world needs to make sense, if only temporarily, until a yet-clearer picture emerges. Somehow, the experiencer needs to rebuild their reality in a way that can incorporate their encounters.

The third thing experiencers have told me – It is important to discern whether there might be a lesson in one's encounters. Several have described how the Visitors seemed to be trying to convey the message that they have free will, and more mental power than they ever imagined. Others have described various gifts – psychic abilities, healing talents, sophisticated mathematical or esoteric knowledge, new levels of spiritual awareness, etc. The phenomenon appears to be a mixed bag, and the positive side of encounters can contain many such advances.

However, if there are gifts lessons inherent in one's encounters, how do they fit in with one's own beliefs? Many of the perceptions and events that come with the UFO encounter challenge our discernment. The Visitors often tell lies, offering visions and prophecies that seldom if ever come true. Each person needs to use his/her own discernment. How does what the aliens tell you square with your own personal beliefs?

Often, many experiencers say that, once they come to terms with the phenomenon, they in some way become transformed. While the crisis stage may be

painful, many ultimately find themselves looking back upon it favorably. Whitley Strieber, among others, speaks of an initiatory aspect to this phase, a challenge that leads to a higher level of awareness. It can be a driver for growth, and in the end, the result is often positive.

Once resolution has occurred, several experiencers have indicated that the phenomenon has become far less visible in their life. Many effects, such as paranormal fallout and psychic sensitivity, may continue unabated. Yet actual visitor encounters appear to fade away to almost nothing. Those experiencers who have also had other types of extraordinary events in their lives say that close encounters become just one more anomaly - taking their place in the larger pantheon of the extraordinary.

Each experiencer needs to decide how to resolve their relationship with the Visitors. I often ask an experiencer what they would like that relationship to be. Do they want to come to terms with it, incorporating it into their lives? Do they want to shut it out entirely? Do they want to fight it, deny it, or form some other relationship altogether? Most I have talked with to date have chosen the first path - incorporating it into their lives. In addition, a few readers will doubt that a positive "coming to terms" response is likely – or even possible. Some have described their experiences as far more negative. Yet many have described them ultimately as positive – all things considered.

While eventual acceptance appears to be the theme, I have noted a number of interesting variations. At least one person indicated that he was not interested in talking to me, as he was not an abductee - even though in the past, he had described various Visitor encounters. Several others have described themselves as contactees, or similar (positive – not abductees), while others have described overwhelmingly negative experiences. Yet, in all cases, the evolution of the person's encounters through phases appears to be there. In cases where present-day interaction is benevolent, events in the past may have varied tremendously perhaps being considerably less positive. Still, in nearly every case, the effect was some form of profound growth, spiritual or otherwise.

In summary, there are many forms of interaction and many stages to the phenomenal lifecycle. But in most cases, there appears to be a pattern - stages

progressing from pre-awareness, to crisis, to resolution, to acceptance and finally, to growth and learning. And for some, this might be the biggest lesson of all. Perhaps interaction with the Visitors is just one more means of fostering growth and awakening.

Like other extraordinary events, the Visitor experience challenges us, shattering our reality. Like any challenge, it forces us to cope, to rebuild and renew, an opportunity to grow stronger. For some, this might even be a gift. For after the darkness comes the light – it is the gift of what happens next...

Argentina: La Rioja UFO Witness Suffers Facial Paralysis

Source: Diario El Dia, October 29, 2008

<http://www.eldia.com.ar/edis/20081029/200810292220.htm>

Man reports seeing three UFOs in La Rioja and experienced facial paralysis; says that event "changed his life" affecting him not only psychologically but also physically.

Witness claims seeing three UFOs over the locality of Villa Castelli; experience left him with "facial paralysis".

Fernando Guerrero, who was intensely sought after by news media throughout Argentina, stated on radio that he has been feeling "very strange" since he saw the strange phenomenon.

The event took place on Saturday, October 25, when Guerrero, who drives the only ambulance owned by that community of La Rioja, reached his place of work in fear and told his co-workers what he had seen.

As he drove the ambulance from Villa Union toward neighboring Villa Castelli, he became aware of a significant increase in the light coming from the cell phone he was using at the moment.

"It's going to burn up." That was the first thought that crossed his mind, adding that the CD he was listening to at the time "suddenly stopped, and a loud squealing sound could be heard."

At that moment three objects moved along in the sky. The privileged witness did not doubt to use his cell phone to capture the image.

"I immediately used my phone to take a picture of them, it was lovely, a real spectacle," the driver told his co-workers, who ultimately chose to report it to the local print media.

Now, Guerrero decided to speak to the press for the first time, insisting over and over that he feels "different" and explains that since the dramatic close encounter, half of his face is numb, exactly in the parietal region where he was struck by the "powerful light" by the Unidentified Flying Object.

"The part of my head that was exposed to the light when the UFO appeared now feels numb and hot," said the man, who refused to say if he received phone calls from scientists and researchers.

It emerged that researchers had tried to get in touch with the witness to the phenomenon to glean details of the sightings as part of the search for new eyewitness accounts for UFO events in this region.

The two latest cases occurred on April 14 and 15, when tourists visiting Quebrada del Condor in Tupungato, Mendoza, and residents of the Riojan department of Arauco, respectively, claimed seeing strange objects in the sky.

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UFO Photos Examined With New Process - MUFON Investigates American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA, September 20, 2008 <http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/74925>

For more than a month now, MUFON have been investigating photos displayed on www.Profindsearch.com of the STS-75 tether incident. The images have been enlarged using a special process and reveal detail never before seen.

MUFON is the world's largest UFO investigative group and have recently completed an investigation into the Texas Stephenville Sightings. In January of this year a number of UFO sightings were made in Stephenville and following some very thorough research into this incident, MUFON released their findings in May. Although they were unable to obtain sufficient evidence to confirm an ET invasion, there was also no evidence to suggest this was a hoax or the result of more conventional

(earthly) objects. Sadly, for the moment, this will remain a mystery.

An even more spectacular event occurred in 1997 called the "Phoenix Lights", witnessed by hundreds of people. A number of lights appeared in the sky which seemed to be attached to a huge V-shaped craft. Using this new process, one of the "lights" has been enlarged revealing what could be "portholes" on the "craft" and maybe even an "alien" at one of these windows. Please visit our special page: http://www.profindsearch.com/proof_that.aliens.exist.htm to view these images for yourself.

With the help of MUFON and their Optical Scientist, we hope to discover much more about the STS-75 'UFO' incident and maybe this is one mystery that will be solved once and for all.

Since publishing these reports we have received many requests for older UFO photos to be re-examined using this new process (including photos connected to the Roswell incident). Sadly, this process is quite time consuming and it may take awhile to examine all the photos that have been suggested.

However, there is no doubt that the new photo process will provide the answer to many unsolved mysteries in the near future, we just have to be patient for a little longer.

The special page will be updated as often as possible with new images and information, so please be sure to visit on a regular basis.

Ian Brockwell is the creator of Profindsearch.com and interests include writing, teaching, politics, climate change, UFO reports, businesses of all descriptions, medicine and generally trying to enjoy life. Profindsearch is a very small search engine, which hopes to be a Google one day! (We can all dream)

WHY ET DID NOT RETRIEVE AT ROSWELL by Anthony Braglia, The UFO Reality, October 27, 2008

<http://ufor.blogspot.com/2008/10/why-et-did-not-retrieve-at-roswell-by.html>

Many who wonder about the Roswell crash wonder why ET did not retrieve its own craft and crew. How can we fathom that they left their own on the desert floor? This is a question that has an answer, though we have no obligation to provide one. This is

because the Alien Intent can never be fully discerned with any certainty. But we can try.

There are seven possible scenarios- one of which may well have played out in July of 1947 over the skies of Chaves and Lincoln Counties:

1) Perhaps the craft that crashed did not have a "companion craft" or "mothership" in the nearby cosmos to be able to arrive in time to Earth to make a recovery. Man has never sent multiple spaceships at the same time to the same destination.

2) If such a ship were in the area, perhaps the retrieval of all the strewn debris, craft components and corpses would have too difficult to accomplish (and cover up) in time to remain undetected. ET did not wish to risk further exposure -or perhaps even confrontation- with Man. It took us many days and many people to retrieve everything. And still it was not done effectively. The retrieval was seen by those who should not have seen, with some of the material being taken by them.

3) Maybe ET did try a crash retrieval, but simply failed to locate the craft and arrive in time. The debris and bodies may have already been discovered by us by then. Sightings of UFOs in the region spiked in the days immediately following the crash. Was ET still looking for its fallen?

4) ET may well have had a concern about the safety of retrieval. Whatever caused the crash to occur in that area at that time (such as a missile or triangulated radar beams) could cause a retrieval craft to come in harm's way too. The risk assessed, they elected not to initiate a recovery operation.

5) Warring factions of visitors caused one to ram to the ground. The aerial battle engaged- priority and concern was for survival, not retrieval.

6) Just as it was the first time that we did not know immediately quite how to handle the situation, it was the first earthly crash that ET had experienced. They may well have had similar hesitancy or disagreement about dealing with the event. This delay may have prevented a timely retrieval.

7) ET did not want to retrieve. They may have in some way desired to "seed" or "plant" themselves and their technology with Man at that point in history. The crash would give Man concrete knowledge that he is not alone in the Universe. They may have hoped that this would curtail

further development of nuclear armament, promoting peace and openness. ET can be wrong.

Man must assign cause or motive to the unexplained. It is our compulsion... for man learns nothing except by going from the known to the unknown. But why they came here, why they crashed and failed to retrieve- are things perhaps forever unknowable.

UFO Lobbyist Offers to Brief Obama on Extraterrestrials

By Lauren Davis, Aug 23 2008

<http://io9.com/5040849/ufo-lobbyist-offers-to-brief-obama-on-extraterrestrials>

Jeff Peckman, who came to national attention earlier this year when he launched a ballot initiative to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission in Denver and later announced that he possessed actual footage of a live ET, continues his campaign to thrust alien life into the political limelight. This week, he invited Barack Obama to hear a briefing on UFOs and extraterrestrial life from a private citizen's perspective. Adjust your tin foil hat and find out what Peckman has to say to the presidential candidate and why he wants to say it before the election.

Peckman hopes to chat with Obama before he's elected, when the CIA - gatekeeper of all shadowy information - hands the senator its own version of the extraterrestrial truth. At least one former president did get the full Facts of Intergalactic Life, according to Peckman:

President Reagan's UFO/ET briefing at Camp David March 6-8, 1981 is described in a twenty-one page alleged transcript that was declassified from "Top Secret" last October 2007. The document suggests that CIA Director William Casey and several other unnamed advisors revealed facts about UFOs and ETs that clearly astonished Reagan.

But Democrats have apparently not have been afforded the same courtesy:

The day after his inauguration, President Jimmy Carter requested information on the UFO/ET issue but was denied the material by CIA Director George Bush Sr. Key Republicans like Bush Sr. are reported to have a big role in keeping information about UFOs from the public.

President Clinton was also not allowed a briefing from high level government officials. Instead he had to rely in large part on credible witness testimony from former high-ranking military, intelligence agency, and government contractor personnel organized by Dr. Steven Greer of the Disclosure Project.

So does Peckman think he'll actually win Obama's ear? Probably not. He says the offer "is just a courtesy." But ultimately, he wants the Democratic Party to force the issue on extraterrestrial disclosure by adding four objectives to its platform:

- To hold open, secrecy-free hearings on the UFO/Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth.
- To hold open hearings on advanced energy and propulsion systems that, when publicly released, will provide solutions to global environmental challenges.
- To enact legislation which will ban all space-based weapons.
- To enact comprehensive legislation to research, develop and explore space peacefully and cooperatively with all cultures on Earth and in space.

There is no indication that Peckman plans to make a similar offer to Senator McCain. Perhaps McCain is one of those "key Republicans" keeping aliens and their technology under wraps.

The Right to Access Information is Central to Our National Security **Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esq., August 26, 2008**

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/72219>

The right to access information is regarded as the ability of a citizen to obtain information from our government. That is factual information, which is useful and practical, capable of helping the citizen to make an informed opinion on an issue and not simply being overwhelmed by unlimited amounts of government propaganda.

Unhindered access to information, apart from being regarded as essential in democratic governance, is also regarded as a fundamental right. This fundamental right is basic to human rights and specifically granted to us by our country's founding fathers, in the U.S. Constitution. Intellectual freedom is also fundamental, for

without the freedom to think one's thoughts, conceive ideas, formulate views and express them freely there is no possibility of a real democratic state. Without real information intellectual freedom is stifled, our Constitution becomes meaningless and the national security strategy (NSS) fails.

There is usually a tension between the right of access to information held by the government and the need of the government to exempt certain records on the basis of its interest. These secrets include such materials as nuclear weapon designs, military plans, and intelligence information. Few people dispute the value of keeping certain information secret, but many believe that the secrecy is excessive.

To facilitate a workable solution The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was implemented by our legislatures. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 4, 1966 (Amended 2002), and went into effect the following year. This act allows for the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States Government. The Act defines agency records subject to disclosure, outlines mandatory disclosure procedures and grants nine exemptions to the statute.

The problem is that the FOIA is not effective. The exemptions have created large "loop holes" in the law and allows the government to exempt a great deal of information. By many accounts, far too much information. The most egregious of the exemptions allows an Executive order to keep anything secret that might be in "the interest of national defense" and is "properly classified" pursuant an Executive order.

Simply stated anything can be kept secret as long as someone in the Executive thinks it might be of national defense significance or at least takes actions to indicate such interest. This exemption and others allow for wide abuse and misuse of the system. It is important to note that the Executive may be the largest employer in the United States and includes the U.S. Armed Services, the State Department, and the CIA to mention a few of its organizations. What this means is there are a large number of people exempting information.

Our government seems to be uncomfortable with the notion of openness and prefers to operate beyond the view of public scrutiny. The discovery of the secrecy surrounding the rendition of suspected

terrorist prisoners is a case in point. A more recent example, is the United States Air Forces' secrecy and their failure to reply to the FOIA request for radar records that tracked a Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) near Stephenville, Texas, on Jan. 8, 2008. It seems that government secrecy has become a way of life.

Access legislation such as the FOIA is ineffective if our society does not have the capacity to exercise its right of access. Exemptions to the law must be minimized. The government should therefore, deploy resources to create an enabling environment that will facilitate a competent response to information requests. As well as amend the FOIA to restrict the exemptions.

Our information access legislation, lofty as it appears to be, is unlikely to have any real impact unless more steps are taken to build openness. Since the government does not seem to be moving in that direction we must act. In other words, we need to develop litigation and advocacy strategies for promoting and defending the right of access to information. If we don't the so called "national defense" exemption will create the biggest national security risk of all, our Constitution's demise..

UFOs From Heaven, or Hell?

By Greg Bishop, Oct 29 2008

<http://www.ufomystic.com/wake-up-down-there/ufos-from-heaven-or-hell/>

The last post on Richard Shaver and his unruly offspring of hollow-earthers brings up a strange dichotomy that should bother anyone interested in the UFO subject: Those who study the saucers and space people generally assume that they come from the heavens. A minority vote for underground civilizations in the hollow earth, or at least vast cave systems supporting evil broods of scary monsters.

This recalls a quote from William S. Burroughs. Referring to a rich American who is looking for the secret of eternal life in the pictograms of Mayan priests, he says: "[he] does not think of himself as a Christian, yet all of his thinking is formed by Western Christianity. He thinks in either/or, that is one-god terms...must be one thing or the other,' he tells himself."

Likewise, many of us may be laboring under the misguided assumption that our "aliens" must come from heaven or hell, at least in abstract terms. This is the subconscious model that informs much of our

major public discourse: "Is it good or bad?" Labels are insidious and possibly misleading, especially in areas that we don't understand fully as yet.

It may be that most people really want the imponderables to come from the sky, where gods have always lived. If we can't explain it fully, at least we can reassure ourselves that it is probably good. After all, manna comes from above, and sulfur and brimstone are spit out by the earth. Anything that comes from below is bad.

This seemingly ignores the view of a host of worldviews that worship the earth as a life-giving mother, such as Native American beliefs that all life originally emerged from a hole in the ground. The southwestern tribes call this opening the sipapu, and include a representation of it in their buildings used for ritual purposes.

This is not to suggest that one view is better than the other. It is mentioned to point out the fact that people have different belief systems which influence their ideas about aspects of the human experience which may be new, unexplained or undecided.

People generally want to assume the best about things, so it is understandable that we would point to the sky as the origin of UFOs. After all, most of them are seen flitting though the atmosphere or disappearing into it.

To go out on an ontological limb, perhaps they appearing there because we want them to. The tiny minority of unidentifieds that are reported disappearing into the ground or emerging from it might be the products of paranoid thinking, at least in the Western mind. For many of us, this brings up fancies that may extrapolate the origins of the phenomenon too far.

As Nick and I have written repeatedly on this site, there are far more ways to look at this UFO thing than a simple dichotomy of good or evil, and locking ourselves into it creates a blind alley from which many have not yet emerged.

Minnesota-Two Sightings Reported

September, 2008-20th & 24th-both sightings about 9:00 PM-city of Owatonna-Two witnesses, husband and wife. My husband and I were outside smoking on both occasions. The first incident happened on a Saturday about 9-9:15 PM.

My husband noticed a star that looked like it was moving. We both watched it and it started moving towards our direction and it wasn't moving very fast. Just enough to notice that it was moving though. At first we thought that it was a plane of some sort, but as it got closer it started getting brighter (like it had a spot light coming from it). As it got almost directly above our heads, the light instantly went dim and within a few seconds just disappeared.

Now, tonight we were outside again and I noticed that another star-like object was moving again. The first one started off in the southwest and moved more north, and the one tonight was moving from west to east (at least from the direction that we were at). Again the same thing happened. We noticed that once it got almost above us it just disappeared. They never seemed to go past the roof on our home. No flashing lights, and this one didn't really radiate the bright glow that the first one had, but was definitely bright.

If you could possibly give some sort of insight into this we would appreciate it. It's kind of freaking me out a bit. I'm going to try and make a point to go outside again tomorrow night around the same time in hopes to see if it's starting to become recurring. KA & JA-source:

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/o92908.html>

MoD Bans Crop Circle Photos Over UFO Fears by Joel Taylor, Metro - London, UK, October 20, 2008

<http://tinyurl.com/6zt3aj>

Military chiefs tried to stop armed forces helicopters flying over and photographing crop circles in case UFO enthusiasts thought they were taking them seriously, it has emerged.

The MoD warned Army and Navy personnel after the Centre for Crop Circle Studies questioned its alleged study of the phenomenon.

'The UFO lobby will see this as active investigation of UFO-related activity (as they view crop circles),' the 1991 MoD memo said.

But both services refused the request, arguing officials were being 'over-sensitive'.

UFO shows on the Discovery Channel

Don't miss the MUFON-centric show "UFOs Over Earth" on the Discovery Channel. This will be the first of three episodes that highlight MUFON field investigations. The show will also air again on November 3 at 11PM CST and on Nov. 15th at 7PM. The other two episodes will air in November some time.

"UFO Hunters" premier this season is Wednesday night (Oct. 29) at 9PM. UFO Hunter's should air every Wednesday for a while.

The Silver Bridge Returns! Book Review, Oct 06 2008 Nick Redfern's Blog at UFO Mystic.Com - Pasadena, California <http://tinyurl.com/3p58c4>

The Silver Bridge by Gray Barker, ISBN: 978-1-4392-0427-6 Publisher: Metadisc, Seattle, Washington

This is great news! Gray Barker's own take on the Mothman controversy, namely his classic and much-sought-after book, The Silver Bridge, has just been re-published by Metadisc of Seattle, Washington.

I had my review-copy arrive today; however, Andy Colvin - who has put the new edition together - told me just now that it won't be up on Amazon until later this week or maybe next. So, when I get an alert it's at Amazon, I'll let you know.

Here's what the back-cover blurb of the book justifiably says: What kind of book is The Silver Bridge?

Well, it is primarily not about the collapse of the "Silver Bridge" in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia, which killed almost 50 people back in 1967 - though it does describe the strange events that preceded the collapse.

Is it about Mothman, the hypnotic bird-man who terrified the Ohio and Kanawha Valleys in 1966 and later became as famous as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster. Or? Is it a dramatic, emotional docudrama, such as when we hear the sobbing of a sad child, calling for his dog after the unfortunate animal has been mysteriously snatched out of this world?

And what about Woody Derenberger, wondering whether he should tell his neighbors about the otherworldly Indrid Cold, who stopped his van on Interstate 77 for a mind-shattering "interplanetary" interview? It can't be science fiction, because these events actually occurred, as a search through the newspaper files of this time will prove.

One suspects that Barker has in fact written something completely different. It's a new genre of sorts, about a creature that, ironically, may be very old. Ancient lore tells us that flying avatars similar to the Mothman, such as the Garuda, Thunderbird, and Piasa, have been around a long time.

The Silver Bridge is multi-layered and will likely be interpreted differently by each reader. Some will rave of its "deep psychological content," others its "social commentary". Many will be content to sit back and simply enjoy this hair-raising narrative - though it might well creep nightmarishly back into their minds late at night, like the barely audible chanting of robed figures in the foggy, moonlit woods. Regardless of what The Silver Bridge really is, one thing is certain: it will haunt you forever?

This 2008 edition features new introductions by ufology legends Alan Greenfield and Jim Moseley, as well as a foreword by paranormal researcher Andy Colvin, aka 'The Mothman's Photographer' whose book trilogy of the same name renewed interest in the MIB conspiracies discovered by Barker.

Paradigm Research Group PRG Media Notice - October 27, 2008 Million Fax on Washington

Washington, DC - This initiative to direct one million letters, faxes and emails to the office of the President Elect calling for formal acknowledgement of the extraterrestrial presence - Disclosure - early in the next administration continues to make progress. "Million Fax on Washington" has gone from zero search returns on Google and Yahoo to 2290 and 25,000 respectively since October 1. An "Open Letter to Barack Obama and John McCain" notifying the candidates of the pending correspondence is making its way across the Internet. And interest in participating is spreading to other countries. PRG executive director Stephen Bassett is available to talk about this initiative. Contact: PRG@paradigmresearchgroup.org, 202-215-8344.

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Hacker Gary McKinnon to be extradited to US within days

Ian Grant, 13 Oct 2008

<http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2008/10/13/232645/hacker-gary-mckinnon-to-be-extradited-to-us-within-days.htm>

Self-confessed hacker Gary McKinnon's final appeal to be tried in Britain was turned down this afternoon. He is expected to be extradited to the US within days, where he faces charges that he was responsible for "the greatest military hack in history".

A statement from Gary McKinnon's lawyers, Kaim Todner, said, "The secretary of state has advised via the Treasury solicitors that despite Mr McKinnon's diagnosis with Asperger's Syndrome [an autistic condition] she will now be making arrangements for his extradition based on her order for extradition of 4 July 2006.

"She has failed to make any request for repatriation to the US when other countries make similar requests on behalf of their citizens."

McKinnon's attorney, Karen Todner, said she has asked Secretary of State Jacqui Smith for permission to seek a judicial review of the decision to extradite McKinnon. Smith will give her decision tomorrow morning.

If granted, McKinnon will have 14 days to apply for the review, which will be held by the High Court. If he decides not to ask for the review he will have 10 days to prepare himself for extradition.

Todner described McKinnon as "devastated". "He has been suffering from depression for several months now," she said. She added she was "optimistic" that Smith would grant permission for the judicial review.

McKinnon has failed in his appeal against extradition in every available court in the UK and Europe.

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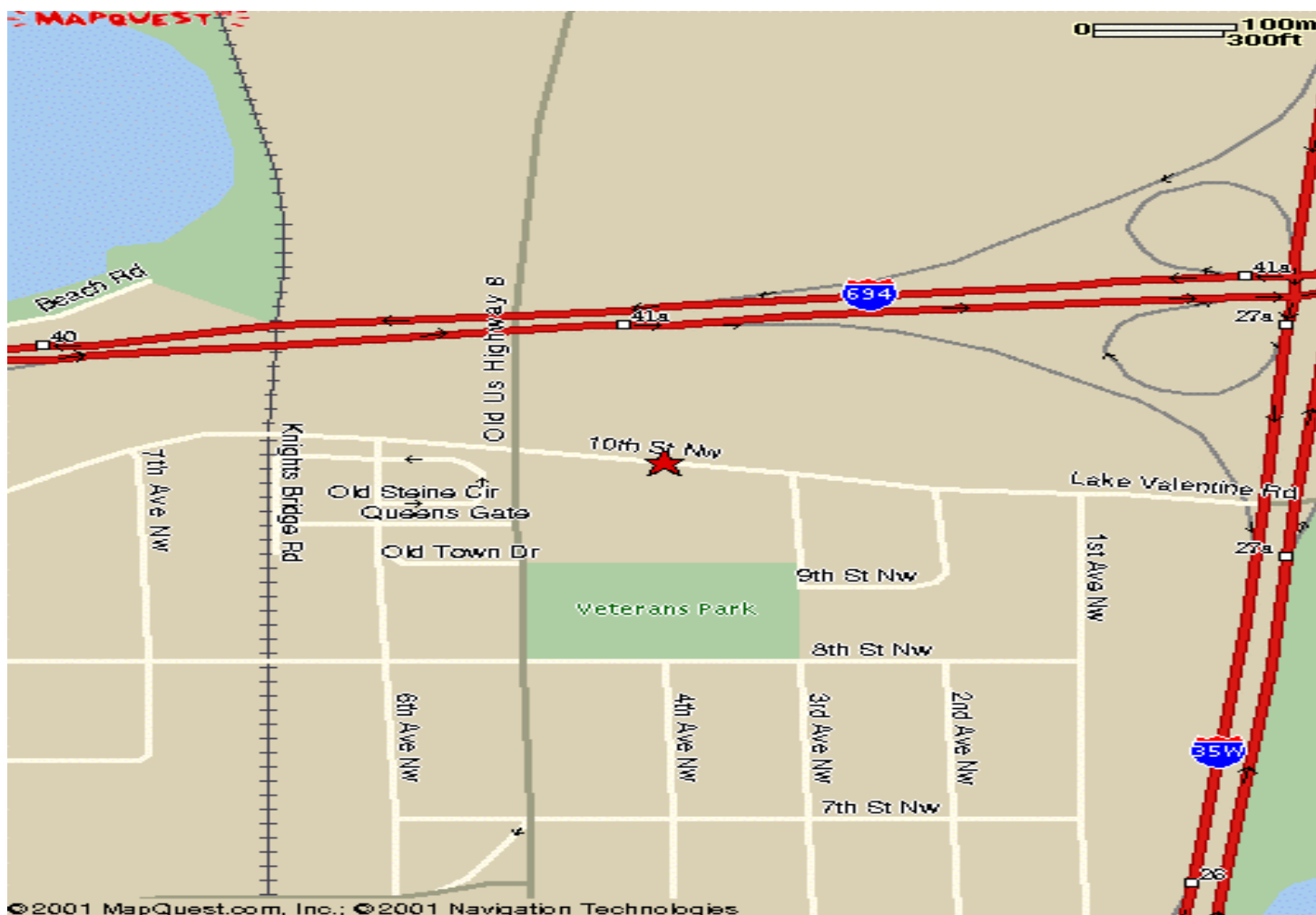
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