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**Message from the State Director**



Looking out the window and seeing the sunshine makes it difficult to sit down and write my director's letter. The temperature is 50°, and I can think of so many things to distract me from completing the task at hand. But first I need to give you an update on my condition. For those who

don't know, last September I fell at work and severely shattered my left leg. It required extensive surgery and a two-week stay in the hospital, followed by five weeks in a physical rehabilitation facility. Things seemed to be progressing well until the beginning of January. The rod inserted my leg has shifted, and new bone is not forming around the rod like it should. My doctor has referred me to one of the top trauma surgeons at University Hospital, and hopefully next week I'll find out what can be done.

This is one of the reasons why I'm looking at moving the MUFON of Ohio Conference from June to possibly September. The September date would not only give me more time to heal, but move our

conference farther away from the MUFON Symposium being held in Las Vegas the end of July. For those that don't know the topic of this year's MUFON Symposium is "The Case for a Secret Space Program". It sounds like a fascinating program with a number of excellent speakers. I hope things work out in a manner that will allow me to attend. The details for the next Ohio conference should be worked out by the next newsletter, and I will post the details on the MUFON of Ohio Facebook page as soon as they are finalized.

I cannot say how much I appreciate our MUFON of Ohio board members and field investigators. Ron McGlone has done a tremendous job not only assigning cases and overseeing all investigations, but completing a high number of investigations himself. Tim Kelly and Joe Polansky should also be commended for all their work in conducting investigations. They put in long hours doing a very cool job. I'd also like to welcome our newest field investigator Scott Miller. Kudos also goes to Phyllis Budinger for putting together such an excellent newsletter, Paul Althouse for managing the MUFON of Ohio website, Terry Althouse for handling finances, and Chris Parsons for conducting outreach programs. I can keep going

down my long list, but I would just like to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Recently I had the privilege of speaking at MUFON of Michigan's state meeting. There were approximately 50 people in attendance for the meeting which included: a field investigator's training session, brunch, and address by State Director Bill Konkolesky, then yours truly discussing the Coyne Helicopter Incident. Attendees made me feel right at home and actively participated throughout the program. The questions were excellent and thought-provoking. After the event I stayed another hour and a half to two hours discussing my own personal experiences. While I'm hesitant to say I'm an experimenter, regressions indicate I had number of encounters in the 1960s and 70s. I openly discussed what the regressions revealed in possibilities of heightened senses.

I'd like to attend Michigan's next meeting when Dr. Chuck Lietzau will be providing stories and insights from his own personal experiences of when a strangeness intruded on his exploration of the unusual. For those that don't know of Chuck's work, he has investigated a wide range of phenomena including UFOs, ghosts, Bigfoot, and crop formations. On the topic of crop formations, those attending the 2016 MUFON of Ohio Conference may remember a crop circle being reported near Bellville, Ohio. While we received no address data, Chuck was able to track down the location of the pattern. Chuck is going to provide more data once his research is complete, and I'll reveal the details at our Ohio meetings. MUFON of Ohio also received a donation of newsletters, via Bill Murphy, of the Center for UFO Studies. Bill supplied me with approximately 300 copies of the International UFO Reporter. MUFON of Ohio will put these to good use. Thanks to Bill for this great donation.

Last week I received a call from Brian Seech to present at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Butler Paranormal Conference on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The event to be held at the Tanglewood Senior Center in Butler, PA., and will run from 10am-7pm. Topics yet to be announced include Men in Black, Cryptozoology, and me with UFO's. At least this time I should not be fighting white out snow conditions like I did when driving to Michigan. I've been looking forward to presenting at one of Brian's events, and I'm glad he's given me the opportunity.

Since I'm hitting on such a wide range of topics in my director's letter why not include recent UFO sightings. Last week I received a call from MUFON International Director Jan Harzan concerning Case 82064. Due to the nature of the basic description, it received international attention via the MUFON national website news. Preliminary research has been done on the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 case which occurred in Circleville, Ohio at 9 pm. Details will not be revealed until the case is closed. Upon review, six other cases were reported in Highland, Ross, and Clinton counties over a three-night period at times ranging from 7:30-7:45 PM. Research into these events are also in the early stages, and I would feel pretty safe in saying that we are in the early stages of an alien invasion. But it's highly possible we have multiple witnesses observing the same event.

Last year MUFON of Ohio investigated 189 cases. This is down from the 330 cases we received in 2015. So far this year we have already received 25 cases, and the weather has not been consistently decent to bring people outside. Why the decline in the number of cases in 2015 to 2016? I don't really think it's due to the decline in sightings. Instead we may find a parallel in the popularity of UFO related television shows with increased or decreased numbers reports. I personally noticed an increased number of reports after an episode of Hanger 1 which featured the Mutual UFO Network. What 2017 will bring is hard to say. I've heard mention of another show in the works. Hopefully it's a quality product.

### Editor's Notes



Thanks, as usual, to Rick Hilberg for his "Ohio UFO Retro" items. Also we appreciate Chris Parsons' contribution on the importance of "reaching out" to people. This prompts me to say there are a number of Ohio MUFON members that give presentations. Tom Wertman, still on crutches because of complications from his bad fall last October, gave a well-received presentation to Michigan MUFON in on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Althouses are also available for lectures. Pete

Harteringer can frequently be heard on the radio. All are seasoned ufologists who can impart a lot of knowledge. All have an obsession to reveal the facts on UFOs to others. Feel free to ask them if you are looking for a speaker for some event.

Your humble editor made a subtle breakthrough on the angel hair mystery in December. It is documented in this newsletter issue as well as the Black Vault website. (<http://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/phyllis-budinger-collection>). I hope you enjoy the article.

Pete Hartinger (both Ohio MUFON board member and Director of the Roundtown UFO Society) has posted the John Podesta's ET related emails, hacked by Wikileaks (Julian Assange), on the Roundtown website (<http://roundtownufosociety.com>). These were obtained from the Paradigm Research Group (PRG) website with their permission. John Podesta was a former White House Chief Of Staff for Bill Clinton, Counselor to Barack Obama and Campaign Manager for Hillary Clinton. As a UFO buff, he advocated public disclosure of government UFO files. The hack reveals how deeply involved he was.

These include email messages from fellow alien enthusiasts. Two notable ones include Edger Mitchell (sixth man to set foot on the moon) and Tom DeLonge rock star of the *group* Blink 182. DeLonge has since left the group due to his interest in UFOs. Mitchell wanted to set up a meeting with Podesta to discuss Zero-point energy and government disclosure. He passed away before this occurred. DeLonge requested a meeting and got it. It's unclear as to what was discussed, but he mentions he wanted to discuss his project. We know he has been working on fiction and non-fiction media projects regarding UFOs and extraterrestrials. His emails were the only side that was leaked. So we don't know what Podesta's response was.

There is a lot this detailed email information on the Roundtown site. I encourage anyone who's willing to wade through it to make a visit. Thanks, Pete for a 'heads up' on the post.

It is difficult to sift the "wheat from the chaff" in the subject of ufology. Is the article "fake UFO

news" or does it have authenticity? An article exposing a popular website for providing fake information is included in this issue. The maligned website issued a response which is also included. Who do you believe? This is a prelude to information concerning hoax websites which will be presented in the next newsletter. This future article will contain a list of hoax sites. This Editor found the list after this newsletter was put together. It should be a valuable reference for those who seek the truth. Meanwhile for those who can't wait until July the listing can be found in the following website: <http://ufotheater.com/ufo-channel-reviews/ufo-black-list>.

One of our members recommended that a table of contents be provided for the newsletter. You will find one after these Editor Notes. I thank Irena Scott for this suggestion. Any other ideas for improvement are greatly appreciated, as well as contributions of articles.

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## **The Importance of Reaching Out to the General Public**

**By Chris Parsons**



I've just entered my fourth decade of study on the phenomena of UFO's. In all of those years spent researching the subject I never really noticed just how casual and matter-of-fact the acquisition of this knowledge became to me.

My girlfriend Patty has been learning all about the subject over the last two years. She recently remarked about the sheer volume of information available. She had no idea just how much information there is on the subject, and how overwhelming it is. More importantly she noted, the quality of the various sightings along with the established credentials of the witnesses is particularly impressive.

I have taken for granted what we (UFO enthusiasts) have learned over the years of study of this subject. It occurred to me that in my four decades of study, it has only been in the last ten years that I finally started reaching out to other like-minded people, and began to finally talk to others about it. It is because of this contact with others that I have been able to see the impact of all of this collective knowledge taken together. In meetings and gatherings we all learn more than we previously knew, and we are all enriched by it.

So I find myself in a position of realizing just how important it is to reach out to others and share this knowledge with as many people as I can. For some people, like myself, MUFON can provide a much needed connection to people who share a passion for this subject. For others, reaching out provides a person to actually speak with and seek answers to questions that have long gone unanswered, because they never knew anyone who studied the subject and could speak intelligently about it.

At the time of the writing of this article (February 2017) MUFON of Ohio will have scheduled over twenty presentations across the State of Ohio in libraries and various organizations. We have the

ability to reach hundreds, and hopefully thousands of people who have an interest in the subject.

Last year alone I spoke to hundreds of people while making almost a dozen UFO presentations and I am hoping to eclipse that this year. What continues to surprise me is the number of people who are willing to talk about their personal experiences. At almost every venue last year there was at least one person in the audience willing to speak up about a personal sighting or encounter, and how that fundamentally changed them. It was so satisfying and heartening to learn how this subject has not only affected people all over the planet, but also right here in Ohio, a state rich in history of the UFO subject.

During the course of my presentations, I met person after person who asked great questions or shared amazing experiences. The presentations lasted an average of one hour but in many cases the Question and Answer Period would last for two hours or more. There were many times the Library would be shut down, and the meeting rooms would still be full of people enthusiastically talking about UFO's.

Besides educating the public about the reality of the UFO phenomena, I made sure to point out to the audience that I am so passionate about reaching out to the public on this subject matter because many people have no one in their lives that share their interest or want to talk meaningfully about UFO's. For decades I labored tirelessly reading every book I could get my hands on or watched every show or documentary I could find, all the while not having any consistent friends or groups to collaborate with.

It has only been in the last five years of my life that I found in MUFON a group of like-minded people passionate about the subject and diligent about ongoing investigation and research. Being a member of MUFON was exactly what I was missing for most of my life as I studied this subject mostly in solitude. Thanks to these presentations I have found people just like myself who are interested in reaching out and connecting with others who "need" to learn about UFO's.

So the importance of reaching out to the public cannot be overstated enough. There will never be

enough people interested in this subject and given the nature of the ridicule factor associated with it from the media, government, etc. We need all the good people we can gather if we ever want to contribute to the fundamental truth of the UFO reality.

If we are not reaching out to people we meet, or mentioning the subject of UFO's at least once a week in our personal lives, we are missing so many opportunities to connect with people, people who might be avidly looking for a group dedicated to the subject matter. I am personally contacting organizations and libraries all over the state of Ohio to set up meetings and presentations, and I challenge the membership to do the same. If you know of an organization, group, or library that would like to know more about UFO's let us know. Send us an email at [mufonohio@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mufonohio@columbus.rr.com) and we will make that presentation happen.

I know 2017 will be a great year for MUFON of Ohio. We are constantly meeting new people, sharing information, and reaching out to the public with the reality of UFO's. This is the time to take this collective knowledge and passion and let the public know ....Why UFO's Matter!

### **J. Allen Hynek's Hidden Life** By Phyllis Budinger

Anyone interested in the subject of Ufology knows its guru, Dr. J. Allen Hynek. His bio for the most part is well-known by most. However, I have briefly summarized it for the reader's recall below before I get to his hidden life.

J. Allen Hynek was professor of astronomy at Ohio State University. Later, he became chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University.

He acted as scientific advisor to UFO studies undertaken by the U.S. Air Force in the 50s and 60s. These studies included in sequence: Project Sign (1947–1949 ), Project Grudge (1949–1952 ), and Project Blue Book (1952-1969). His assignment was to determine if there was an astronomical explanation for a UFO sighting.

Hynek was initially skeptical of the existence of UFOs. But after examination of many hundreds of

UFO events he became convinced they were worthy of serious study.

Hynek said, "I had started out as an outright 'debunker,' taking great joy in cracking what seemed at first to be puzzling cases. I was the arch enemy of those 'flying saucer groups and enthusiasts' who very dearly wanted UFOs to be interplanetary. My own knowledge of those groups came almost entirely from what I heard from Blue Book personnel: they were all 'crackpots and visionaries.' My transformation was gradual, but by the late sixties it was complete. Today I would not spend one further moment on the subject of UFOs if I didn't seriously feel that the UFO phenomenon is real and that efforts to investigate and understand it, and eventually to solve it, could have a profound effect -- perhaps even be the springboard to mankind's outlook on the universe."

For decades after the closing of Project Blue Book in 1969, he devoted his time to independent UFO research, developing the Close Encounter classification system, and is widely considered the father of the concept of scientific analysis of both reports and, especially, trace evidence purportedly left by UFOs. He passed away on Sunday, April 27, 1986.



Cameo appearance of J. Allen Hynek in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"

The above brief bio being offered, I can finally get to the point of this missive. There was a veiled side to the man that few know about, or at least did not expound on. I first heard about it from Ted Phillips, a seasoned Ufologist well-known for examining UFO physical traces, and who was a very close friend to Hynek. In a conversation I had with Ted about 15 years ago, we were discussing his work with Hynek. Out of the blue Ted said, "Phyll, did you know that Hynek was delving into the paranormal?" He actually used an Ouija board

and other techniques one employs for contacting spirits/underworld entities.

Recently, I found an excellent biography about Hynek entitled "The Secret Life of J. Allan Hynek" written by John French, a freelance writer, which reminded me of that conversation with Ted. [http://www.csicop.org/si/show/the\\_secret\\_life\\_of\\_j\\_allen\\_hynek](http://www.csicop.org/si/show/the_secret_life_of_j_allen_hynek). It appeared in *Skeptical Inquirer* Volume 37.1, January/February 2013. Okay, okay I can hear all of you ufologists groan from here! Even though it appeared in *Skeptical Inquirer*, it is an honest well-done, unbiased picture of the man. French presents Hynek's life in detail (nine pages) which is well documented with many references (36). Toward the end of the article he details Hynek's interest in the paranormal, and also indicated what J. Allen thought of the occult relationship to UFOs. Excerpts from the article follow.

"Hynek was often evasive when asked to give his own theories on the nature of UFOs. Despite his cameo in 1977's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, he had by then rejected the notion that UFOs were "nuts and bolts" spacecraft piloted by extraterrestrials (Gardner 1997, 247). His occult studies had pointed him in a very different direction. As early as 1967, he speculated that UFOs might be "observational devices that are materialized into our world by the denizens of another" (Vallee 1996, 306). He later offered a variation on this theory: UFOs as "psychic projections" created by an "extradimensional intelligence in some parallel reality" (Gardner 1997, 253). Speaking to the ufologist Jerome Clark, Hynek was more specific. The astronomer allegedly told Clark that he believed "elementals"—nature spirits—were behind the UFO phenomenon (Clark 1998).

"It is easy to question the veracity of Clark's startling claim, but it makes sense when one realizes that Hynek was strongly influenced by Rudolf Steiner, the Austrian mystic. Steiner argued that the hard sciences merely offer humankind "a vast amount of popular information." By employing sense-free thinking, the enlightened individual, on the other hand, could "pierce the veil" and discover what lay behind the material world revealed by science. In Steiner's view, elementals—spirits of air, earth, water, and the ether—dwelled in this hidden realm inaccessible to the senses. If Hynek

did indeed believe that UFOs were nature spirits, he may have specifically identified them with this last class of elemental—the etheric "beings of the higher elements." Steiner claimed that "what exists in the sky is not merely the physical sun, but that with the sun's warmth and light etheric beings stream down to earth" (Steiner 1922). Did Hynek suspect that UFOs were Steiner's "etheric beings" streaming down to Earth?"

"For those very few who knew of Hynek's fascination with the occult, his 1975 piece on Johannes Kepler—the great seventeenth-century astronomer—in the journal *Vistas in Astronomy* had an extra meaning. In this eye-opening, one-page article Hynek argued that science historians are wrong to dismiss Kepler's practice of astrology as merely something he did to keep alive. "Both his [Kepler's] astrology and astronomy grew out of and partook in large measure of his deep mystical outlook," Hynek (1975) wrote. He went on to assert that modern astronomy, with its exotic concepts like quasars, pulsars, and black holes, offered "a broad playing field for the metaphysicist." According to Hynek, there was a "tenuous bond" linking present-day astronomy's metaphysical thinking and Kepler's brand of metaphysics, with both systems of thought being "the repository of fundamental questions not entertained on the present playing field of physical science" (Hynek 1975, 455). Hynek apparently saw Kepler as a kindred spirit, and, in this article, he was defending not only Kepler's beliefs but his own."

"I have never stopped thinking about what must lie beyond all this," Hynek once remarked to Vallee in Colorado as he sweepingly gestured toward the Rockies and the Great Plains (Vallee 1996, 232). For the professor, UFOs represented the "beyond," that point where science could not reach. Having become an astronomer in order to discover the limits of science, Hynek wanted, maybe even needed, to believe in UFOs. It was a case of wishful thinking."

So I will end this epistle with an appropriate quote from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy". This is a powerful quote which implies to me that "our philosophy" can be one of many, and that skeptics and scientists can be no surer of the truth than anyone else.

Maybe something new is around the corner that none of us have thought of.



## Why These Scientists Fear Contact with Space Aliens

Authored By Rebecca Boyle

(Posted on the Drudge Report and  
(<http://www.nbcnews.com/mach/space/why-these-scientists-fear-contact-space-aliens-n717271>)

The more we learn about the cosmos, the more it seems possible that we are not alone. The entire galaxy is teeming with worlds, and we're getting better at listening — so the question, "Is there anybody out there?" is one we may be able to answer soon.

But do we really want to know? If aliens are indeed out there, would they be friendly explorers, or destroyers of worlds? This is a serious question no longer confined to science fiction, because a growing group of astronomers has taken it upon themselves to do more than just listen. Some are advocating for a beacon swept across the galaxy, letting E.T. know we're home, to see if anyone comes calling. Others argue we would be wise to keep Earth to ourselves.

"There's a possibility that if we actively message, with the intention of getting the attention of an intelligent civilization, that the civilization we contact would not necessarily have our best interests in mind," says Lucianne Walkowicz, an astrophysicist at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. "On the other hand, there might be great benefits. It could be something that ends life on Earth, and it might be something that accelerates the ability to live quality lives on Earth. We have no way of knowing."

Like many other astronomers, Walkowicz isn't convinced one way or the other — but she said the global scientific community needs to talk about it.

That conversation is likely to heat up soon thanks to the Breakthrough Initiatives, a

philanthropic organization dedicated to interstellar outreach that's funded by billionaire Russian tech mogul Yuri Milner. Its Breakthrough Message program would solicit ideas from around the world to compose a message to aliens and figure out how to send it. Outreach for the program may launch as soon as next year, according to Pete Worden, the Breakthrough Initiatives' director.

"We're well aware of the argument, 'Do you send things or not?' There's pretty vigorous opinion on both sides of our advisory panel," Worden says. "But it's a very useful exercise to start thinking about what to respond. What's the context? What best represents the people on Earth? This is an exercise for humanity, not necessarily just about what we would send." Members of the advisory panel have argued that a picture (and the thousand words it may be worth) would be the best message.

Next comes "more of a technical expertise question," Worden says. "Given that you have an image or images, how do you best encrypt it so it can be received?"

Breakthrough Message will work on those details, including how to transmit the pictures, whether through radio or laser transmitters; how to send it with high fidelity, so it's not rendered unreadable because of interference from the interstellar medium; which wavelengths of light to use, or whether to spread a message across a wide spectrum; how many times to send it, and how often; and myriad other technical concerns.

The scientific community continues to debate these questions. For instance, Philip Lubin of the University of California, Santa Barbara, has published research describing a laser array that could conceivably broadcast a signal through the observable universe.

Breakthrough is also working on where to send such a message, Worden adds. The \$100 million Breakthrough Listen project is searching for any evidence of life in nearby star systems, which includes exoplanets out to a few hundred light years away.

"If six months from now, we start to see some interesting signals, we'll probably accelerate the Message program," he says.

The fact that there have been no signals yet does pose a conundrum. In a galaxy chock full of worlds, why isn't Earth crawling with alien visitors? The silence amid the presence of such plentiful planets is called the Fermi Paradox, named for the physicist Enrico Fermi, who first asked "Where is everybody?" in 1950.

In the decades since, astronomers have come up with possible explanations ranging from sociology to biological complexity. Aliens might be afraid of us, or consider us unworthy of attention, for instance. Or it may be that aliens communicate in ways that we can't comprehend, so we're just not hearing them. Or maybe aliens lack communication capability of any kind. Of course there's also the possibility that there are no aliens.



Stephen Hawking announces the "Breakthrough Starshot" initiative in New York in 2016. Dennis Van Tine / Star Max/IPx via AP

But those questions don't address the larger one: Whether it's a good idea to find out. Some scientists, most notably Stephen Hawking, are convinced the answer is a firm "No."

"We only have to look at ourselves to see how intelligent life might develop into something we wouldn't want to meet," Hawking said in 2010. He has compared meeting aliens to Christopher Columbus meeting Native Americans: "That didn't turn out so well," he said.

Others have warned of catastrophic consequences ripped from the pages of science fiction: Marauding aliens that could follow our message like a homing beacon, and come here to exploit Earth's resources, exploit humans, or even to destroy all life as we know it.

"Any civilization detecting our presence is likely to be technologically very advanced, and may not be disposed to treat us nicely. At the very least, the idea seems morally questionable," physicist Mark Buchanan argued in the journal *Nature Physics* last fall.

Other astronomers think it's worth the risk — and they add, somewhat darkly, that it's too late anyway. We are a loud species, and our messages have been making their way through the cosmos since the dawn of radio.

"If we are in danger of an alien invasion, it's too late," wrote Douglas Vakoch, the director of Messaging Extraterrestrial Intelligence (METI) International, in a rebuttal last fall in *Nature Physics*. Vakoch, the most prominent METI proponent, argues that if we don't tell anyone we're here, we could miss out on new technology that could help humanity, or even protect us from other, less friendly aliens.

David Grinspoon, an author and astrobiologist at the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, says he first thought, "'Oh, come on, you've got to be kidding me.' It seems kind of absurd aliens are going to come invade us, steal our precious bodily fluids, breed us like cattle, 'To Serve Man,' " a reference to a 1962 episode of "The Twilight Zone" in which aliens hatch a plan to use humans as a food source.

Originally, Grinspoon thought there would be no harm in setting up a cosmic lighthouse. "But I've listened to the other side, and I think they have a point," he adds. "If you live in a jungle that might be full of hungry lions, do you jump down from your tree and go, 'Yoo-hoo?'"

Many have already tried, albeit some more seriously than others.

In 2008, NASA broadcast the Beatles tune "Across the Universe" toward Polaris, the North Star, commemorating the space agency's 50th birthday, the 45th anniversary of the Deep Space Network, and the 40th anniversary of that song.

Later that year, a tech startup working with Ukraine's space agency beamed pictures and messages to the exoplanet Gliese 581 c. Other,

sillier messages to the stars have included a Doritos commercial and a bunch of Craigslist ads.

Last October, the European Space Agency broadcast 3,775 text messages toward Polaris. It's not known to harbor any exoplanets, and even if it did, those messages would take some 425 years to arrive; yet the exercise, conceived by an artist, raised alarm among astronomers. Several prominent scientists, including Walkowicz, signed on to a statement guarding against any future METI efforts until some sort of international consortium could reach agreement.

Even if we don't send a carefully crafted message, we're already reaching for the stars. The Voyager probe is beyond the solar system in interstellar space, speeding toward a star 17.6 light-years from Earth. Soon, if Milner has his way, we may be sending even more robotic emissaries.

Milner's \$100 million Breakthrough Starshot aims to send a fleet of paper-thin space chips to the Alpha Centauri system within a generation's time. Just last fall, astronomers revealed that a potentially rocky, Earth-sized planet orbits Proxima Centauri, a small red dwarf star in that system and the nearest to our own, just four light years away. The chips would use a powerful laser to accelerate to near the speed of light, to cover the distance between the stars in just a few years. A team of scientists and engineers is working on how to build the chips and the laser, according to Worden.



Internet investor and science philanthropist Yuri Milner shows the Starchip, a microelectronic component spacecraft. The \$100 million project is aimed at establishing the feasibility of sending a swarm of tiny spacecraft, each weighing far less than an ounce, to the Alpha Centauri star system. Beбето Matthews / AP, file

"If we find something interesting, obviously we're going to get a lot more detail if we can visit, and fly

by," he says. "Who knows what's possible in 50 years?"

But some time sooner than that, we will need to decide whether to say anything at all. Ultimately, those discussions are important for humanity, Worden, Walkowicz and Grinspoon all say. "Maybe it's more important that we get our act together on Earth," Grinspoon says. "We are struggling to find a kind of global identity on this planet that will allow us to survive the problems we've created for ourselves. Why not treat this as something that allows us to practice that kind of thinking and action?"



At 9:00 p.m. on July 24, 1979, four persons in the South Euclid area reported seeing a large round object, flat on the bottom with some sort of dome on top, traveling from west to south.

The witnesses described the object as being dull silver in color on the bottom, and seemingly spinning or wobbling as it slowly moved over their area.

The UFO was in sight from five to ten minutes, and seemed to be slowly gaining altitude until it was finally lost to sight.

Source: *Northern Ohio UFO Casebook*, Rick Hilberg 1997.

### **Unraveling the Mystery of 'Angel Hair' - A Step Closer** **By Phyllis Budinger**

The mystery of 'Angel Hair' has fascinated me for many years, and in fact, is what piqued my interest to analyze any physical traces related to UFOs. And so, UFO related analysis is where I decided to focus my time and energy after retirement as an Analytical Chemist.

'Angel Hair' is a fibrous appearing substance that has been observed concurrently with UFO sightings. Many people have purportedly witnessed it being dispersed by UFOs. A number of samples of this strange substance have been submitted to my laboratory over the years. My reports on 'Angel Hair' can be found on the Black Vault website.<sup>1</sup> They are: UT002, UT003, UT008, UT017, UT018, UT046, and UT096. In every event the material was identified as a "primarily a biologically derived silk typical of that produced by spiders." And so these analyses concluded it was just spider silk, from perhaps ballooning spiders.

Then it happened. An 'Angel Hair' sample was received in November (2016), and finally opened my eyes (UT096). It was observed by two very credible witnesses. The background of the witnesses provided to me by Bill Schroeder, the principal investigator, follows (in his words).

*"Witness 1 is an adult male. The witness has been in the aviation industry for more than 30 years. He has designed military and civilian aircraft systems over that time. He is familiar with aircraft propulsion systems and overall designs. He has a PHD level of education related to the industry. This individual has been personally known to the Investigator over 40 years.*

*Witness 2 is an adult female. The witness is a college educated professional. The witness is also a well-known artist (painter)."*

Also in the principal investigator's words is a description of the event which occurred in Illinois.

*"On November 4th, 2016 the Investigator was contacted by witness 1. He advised that he and witness 2 had observed a number of Barbell shaped objects in flight over his dwelling. The object first observed was silver metallic in color and 20 to 30 inches in length. When first observed the object was at rooftop level or about 35 feet over his head. The object was moving silently and laterally towards a small lake just south of the dwelling. At the time of the sighting witness 1 was in the company of witness 2. Witness 1 noted that there was no visible means of propulsion observed and no sound detected. As the object arrived to the center of the lake it stopped moving laterally and began to rise. As it started to rise it began exuding a white filament*

*like material. The material was very fine and stretched all the way to the ground. After it had risen to several hundred feet it was joined by more than 12 other like objects that seemed to be circling it as it continued to rise. At this point in time the white material was spewing from the devices in such quantity it looked like rain. The objects rose together into a clear sky until they were no longer visible.*

*The white material that had fallen remained visible in trees for about 24 hours before dissipating. When witness 1 contacted the Investigator, he was requested to get samples if possible. The witnesses were able to obtain some samples of the material. Witness 1 also sent an email report of the sighting. Witness 2, who is a professional artist, painted a picture that depicted the sighting. The material was collected using a clean shish-kabob skewer. At the Investigators request the samples were placed in paper and plastic bags. The samples were sent to the Investigator via USPS Priority mail with tracking.*

*The samples arrived intact on November 9th, 2016. Upon arrival the envelope was opened by the Investigator who was in the company of a second Investigator. The package and enclosed samples were photographed by the Primary Investigator. The samples were then placed in evidence bags and bottles by the Investigator. The bags and bottles were then sealed and initialed by the Investigator. The arrival, repackaging, and sealing of the evidence was recorded on video tape for later review. Witness 2 painted a picture that re-created the scene at the time of the sighting. A scan of the painting was forwarded to the Investigator. A partial jpeg image is included with this report.*

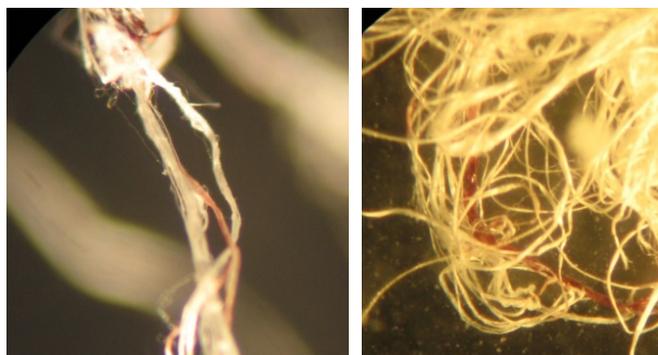
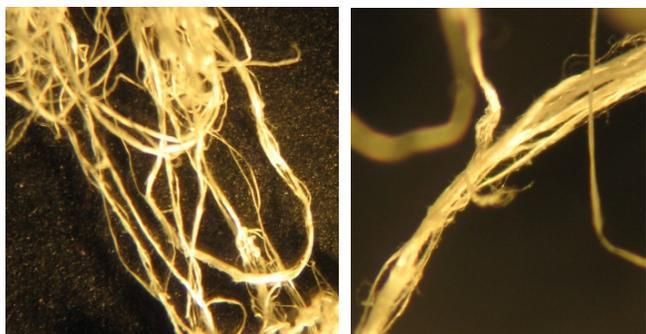
*The evidence was placed in a safe at the Investigators residence. Part of the evidence was later sent to Robert Powell and Phyllis Budinger for examination and lab testing."*

Following is a painting of the objects dispersing the "Angel Hair" by witness 2.



<sup>1</sup><http://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/category/ufos/ufological-history/the-phyllis-budinger-collection>

Microphotographs of this substance are below.



Once again, spider silk was identified. Additionally very small amounts of other materials were detected. Some may be contaminants. (Typically spider silk is sticky and picks up all kinds of environmental debris. Many times dirt elements are detected such as trace amounts of silicon, calcium, magnesium etc.) And so, the fibrous spider silk compared to the other 'Angel Hair' samples analyzed by this laboratory as well as other laboratories. Other laboratories have also done very credible research and issued extensive reports involving spider silk fibers that fell concurrent with UFO sightings.

In the past the identification of 'spider silk' for a number of 'Angel Hair' samples, has always been

dismissed as being from a natural environmental origin. The ballooning spider variety doing its migration/travelling has been predominantly mentioned. Therefore, because it is of a common natural origin no one would link it to UFO deposition. Connection with UFOs was dismissed. This event proved to me that the spider silk is *INDEED* being spewed by UFOs! It would seem that for some reason 'they' have an interest in these arthropods. Its silk appears to be a byproduct dispersed from an unknown process involving spiders.

As an analytical chemist, I served as a problem solver for a large company in possibly one of the best analytical groups in the country at the time. A problem solver does not just present the analysis to identify the material but then tries to provide reason for its presence in the situation. So I would put all the analytical data together to come up with the cause and the solution to whatever problem the company was having. This carries over to my analysis of materials related to UFOs. Once the anomaly is identified, "What is the reason it is being found?" So this problem solver speculates.

First, there are a number of theories on the origin of 'Angel Hair'. Paul Hill (a well-known NASA scientist) speculated that 'Angel Hair' may be part of little understood UFO processes in his book "*Unconventional Flying Objects: A scientific Analysis*". Along this line some have opined that as UFOs pass from one dimension to another the energy involved results in physical interaction of inter-dimensional forces with the elements in the Earth's atmosphere. This forms the 'Angel Hair'. Others think 'Angel Hair' results from natural processes in the atmosphere. And still others relate their formation to waste products from conventional aircraft. Knowing this is spider silk, which is biologically derived, I reject these ideas. So I would like to throw another idea into the mix. I admit it may be way out, but it's an iota better than others I have heard. It may, or may not, be worth contemplating by those with a vast knowledge of genetics. I admit to having none in this science.

Let me start by pointing out that we do know from a number of publications there has been a lot of research on spider silk by our scientists, because

the silk is very strong and elastic.<sup>2</sup> It has been called “bio-steel” because it is, on a weight basis, stronger than steel and comparable to Kevlar. Many products have been proposed such as bulletproof vests, parachutes, armor, tethers, etc. Ways of mass producing spider-strength silk is the objective of some scientists. For example, Chinese genetic engineers said they had successfully implanted genes into silkworms. Canadian scientists have implanted spider genes in a herd of goats. This results in the production of silky strands in the goat’s milk. What is of interest here is NOT the spider silk, but the inclusion of spider gene into the genome of other animals.

This invites the question, “Has anyone investigated the inclusion of spider genes into the human genome?” It turns out they have. “Scientists are now discussing the possibility of adding silk-producing genes into the human genome to produce ‘bulletproof’ skin.”<sup>3</sup> Studies have also found that there are genomic similarities between spiders and humans.<sup>4</sup> And furthermore, much new research has been done on spider genomes to provide insight into compositions and evolution of venom and silk.<sup>5</sup>

It has been widely purported by many well-known and seasoned ufologists that the primary interest of UFOs coming here is a human reproduction/genetics program. Could it be that spiders in some way are involved in their genetics program? Are they using something from the spider genome for altering human DNA? I feel our

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<sup>2</sup> Frank K. Ko, Sueo Kawabata, Mari Inoue, Masako Niwa, Stephen Fossey and John W. Song, “Engineering “Properties of Spider Silk”

([www.material.drexel.edu/fml/classes/biomaterials/ko.pdf](http://www.material.drexel.edu/fml/classes/biomaterials/ko.pdf))

<sup>3</sup> Anthony Gucciardi, “Scientists to Add Spider Genes to Human Genome to Create ‘Bulletproof Skin’.

(<http://naturalsociety.com/scientists-to-add-spider-genes-to-human-genome-to-create-bulletproof-skin>)

<sup>4</sup> Alexander Saltarin Tech Times “There is a Spider-man in you. Scientists find out genomic similarities between spiders and humans.”

(<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/6775/20140511/there-is-a-spider-man-in-you-scientists-find-out-genomic-similarities-between-spiders-and-humans.htm>)

<sup>5</sup> Kristian W. Sanggaard, Jesper S Bechsgaard et al, “Spider genomes provide insight into composition and evolution of venom and silk”. Nature Communications 5, Article Number: 3765 (2014). (<http://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms4765>)

technology just touching the surface in this area of research.

*(Purportedly President Trump was tailed by another UFO on January 19, 2017. The following article was found on the Mysterious Universe website. (<http://mysteriousuniverse.org/2017/01/ufos-seen-near-donald-trumps-plane-before-inauguration>). Other websites have reported this event. This UFO is in addition to the object seen around his helicopter when he was a candidate last year. See the Ohio MUFON issue. They don’t look like F16 escorts to me!. February 2016. Ed.)*

## **UFOs Seen Near Donald Trump’s Plane Before Inauguration**

**Authored by Paul Seaburn, January 22, 2017**



It happened in Iowa early in the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and now it’s happened again, this time on the day before the winner of that nomination and the election was inaugurated as president. A video of then president-elect Donald Trump’s “official government plane” (not his personal plane and not Air Force One) leaving New York on January 19th to travel to Washington DC for the inauguration and festivities shows what appears to be two UFOs. What could they be? Was the soon-to-be-president aware of them? Did they influence part of his inaugural address?

The video was shown on the FOX 10 Phoenix channel in Arizona. The UFOs – one at 1:50 in the video and the other at 2:55 – were spotted by many people, including a witness who reported it on the MUFON web site (case 81655).

Spotted two different objects while viewing a video of Mr. Trump’s flight to the White House. Saw a white saucer shape object. Then later near the

end of the video and black square one. I took photos off my pc to show my UFO group.



The objects appear to be different – one white and one black – and are suitably blurry enough to defy accurate identification. Popular speculation beyond aliens monitoring the president-elect is that the first is a plane or drone and the second looks suspiciously like a bug or bird passing in front of the lens.



This is not the first time a UFO has been seen near an aircraft with Donald Trump on board. Photographers captured a UFO behind Trump's personal helicopter while leaving the Iowa State Fair in March 2016.



At about the same time, UFOs were spotted over Russian President Vladimir Putin's hometown of St. Petersburg, a city that has had its share of UFO sightings.

Hillary Clinton and her campaign manager, John Podesta, promised to open the secret government files on UFOs and aliens if they won the election. Last week, the CIA declassified and released 13 million pages of documents, many containing reports of UFO sightings, as one of its last acts under the Obama administration. President Trump is certain to be the most photographed and videoed president in history and those images will be studied with intense scrutiny. In these tense times, his plane and the airspace over wherever he is on the ground will be protected by the most powerful and possibly most secret military aircraft ever.

And yet ... will jets, drones, birds or bugs be able to explain every UFO seen around him?

### **“Walking Among Us, The Alien Plan to Control Humanity”** A Book Review by Phyllis Budinger



In a previous book “Threat” David Jacobs reported “change” is coming. There would be human-like hybrids intermingling with humans. In this book he believes the integration plan has kicked into high gear. He selected interviews of 14 abductees --- a small fraction of 1,150 abduction events that he's investigated over the years to make his point. (Jacobs said the aliens didn't want some of the abductees to talk to him.) He believes they are quietly invading us for their own purposes. They have no concern about

humanity. They intend to take over. Specific alien events/meetings with abductees are presented. I found some events discussed are redundant and could easily have been omitted.

He goes into more detail on their breeding program than in his previous book. He has rethought his hypothesis on aliens' origins based on their appearances and activities (again only using the testimonies of the 14.) He thinks the insectoids (he calls them insectalins) are either the original aliens or the least hybridized. They rule the whole thing. All the rest of the types are defined by how hybridized they are. Each group has their own responsibilities in the abduction program. The final product is what he calls 'hubrids' who look like us and live among us. However, they appear naive in our ways. They are taught like a textbook. So I would think it well be extremely difficult for them to successfully integrate.

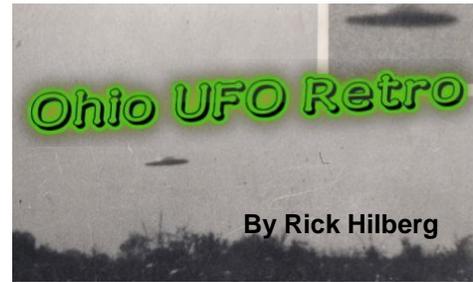
He has no idea why they are doing it. This is the secret they are keeping from us. So at the end of the book he makes speculations. One is for survival of their species. This sort of fits with the dying planet hypothesis. Another maybe for geo-political strength, i.e. for empire building or a power-accruing operation. The last speculation is they want our resources, and therefore enhance their economic well-being. This book by David M. Jacobs is disturbing and unsettling if you have a tendency to agree with him.



Rating for Jacob's book: (3 out of 5)

**Postscript:** I asked two very well-known abduction researchers, who I knew would be attending a conference where Jacobs was speaking, to ask him a question. The question was: "Why didn't the aliens prevent him from writing the book", (noting he said they didn't want some abductees to talk to him). One asked him the question three times and he never answered it, but digressed into other topics. The other researcher hasn't seen convincing evidence that his abductees are accurately recalling their involvement in assimilating "hubrids" into our society. From the missives I have received from them, he seems to be easily distracted and gets off the point. They were wondering if he believes what he is saying. By the way, one

researcher recommended I read a book by Suzy Hanson "The Dual Soul Connection" that has a completely different scenario. I will have to get it.



November 19, 1966 - Another in a series of what seems to be mysterious sightings in eastern Ohio occurred today a 6:00 a.m. on Route 9, north of Cadiz.

Richard Harbourt of Scio notified the Cadiz sheriff that he saw a UFO "all lit up" and flying quite low.

Harbourt described the object to deputies as a "dirigible-type" looking object that was very near the ground.

Harbourt, who had just gotten up and was on his way to work from his Scio home, could not be found for comment. No other reports were received.

Source: Bellaire, OH *Times-Leader* November 19, 1966.



*(The following article is about a popular UFO website, and was found in the Drudge report originally taken from the UK's The Sun publication <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2910071/youtuber-secureteam10-accused-of-publishing-ufo-videos-which-do-not-show-real-aliens>. The article maligned the website which delivered a rather harsh response. Both sides are presented here, and this is a good example of what people who seriously study ufology have to deal with. Ed.)*

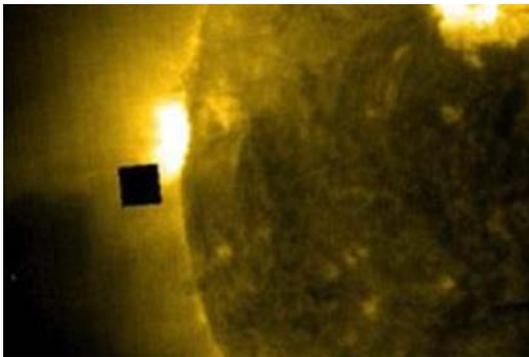
**World famous UFO hunter under fire over claims his videos do NOT prove existence of extraterrestrials... by rival alien spotter**

by JASPER HAMILL

20th February 2017, 4:08 pm

A YOUTUBE channel that claims to post UFO sightings has been blasted as a fake... by another online publisher devoted to extra-terrestrial mysteries.

SecureTeam10 has published videos claiming to show aliens zooming past the International Space Station, a fortress on the moon and black cubes sucking energy from the sun in the past year alone.



This image is taken from a video about a cube draining energy from the Sun



SecureTeam10 spotted this 'pyramid' in the wastes of Antarctica.

These have been picked up by news outlets across the world and are so popular they earn the operator of the YouTube channel up to £600 a day, according to figures from the website SocialBlade.

But now a representative from rival Lion's Ground has presented The Sun Online with a dossier of evidence which suggests SecureTeam10's videos are not the unquestionable evidence of

extraterrestrial visitations some people would like them to be - and are damaging "real" UFO research.



Heathcliff, owner of the production company Lion's Ground

Lion's Ground has produced a series of videos calling these claims into question and suggesting they damage "real" UFO research.

Heathcliff, owner of Lion's Ground, said: "He outsmarted the UFO believers and today he drives a fancy car thinking: thank you donkeys."

He said that one recent sighting of a "flying saucer" in Antarctica was actually a pond.



Does this image show a body of water or a flying saucer?

*(The Response Ed.)*

**A WORLD famous UFO hunter who goes under the name SecureTeam10 has furiously denied claims he fakes the videos posted on his YouTube channel.**

Yesterday, a rival alien spotter from a production company called Lion's Ground told The Sun Online that SecureTeam10 earns a healthy living of

up to £600 a day by posting videos which are NOT concrete proof of alien life.

But in an astonishing twist to the story, it has emerged that "Heathcliff", the owner of Lion's Ground, made some of his accusations in a bizarre rap video in which he wears a pink wig, swigs from a bottle and suggestively puffs on a rolled up cigarette.



SecureTeam10 pointed The Sun Online towards the video, which makes for very weird viewing

His arch-rival, SecureTeam10, has now issued a statement about the claims.

Tyler, the man who runs SecureTeam10, wrote: "Of course I don't post fake videos. Anyone who subscribes to me and watches my channel on a regular basis (and I have nearly 800,000 of them) know that I'm very passionate about this research, and have grown in popularity precisely because of this.

"But as with any successful entity, especially on YouTube, you will almost always have a small marginal group of haters."

He added: "Speaking to his professionalism: in some of his videos he can be seen wearing a pink wig, singing along to rap music while slandering my channel.

"It's honestly pretty disturbing and speaks to his true nature of being a troll.

"Everyone I know sees him as nothing more than a jealous hater."

Lion's Ground has 40,176 followers on YouTube compared to SecureTeam10's 785,726.

"I learned of him after he came out of the woodwork a few weeks back and started attacking not only me, but some other very reputable and popular UFO researchers," SecureTeam10 added in a statement.



Edgar H. McClure, a steeplejack of Lima, Ohio, was among about fifteen men who got a good view of a "flying saucer" on August 14, 1957. McClure was driving his car in Lima when he spotted the object. He stopped the car to get a better look at it. The saucer was at an altitude of about 15,000 feet, and had a diameter of 100 feet, according to McClure. It made no sound, was traveling at very high speed, and looked like a glowing light bulb. It was shaped like a disk, and had no windows or markings on any kind on it. During the period of observation, the object made an extremely sharp turn which eliminated the possibility of it being a conventional aircraft.

Source: "Jim Moseley and the Saucer News Years," Rick Hilberg 2007.

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