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August 31, 2021
Ref: DODOIG-2021-000805
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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
The Black Vault, Inc.
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Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for the following:

- All emails (including all attachments) sent to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) Randolph R. Stone, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations of Space, Intelligence, Engineering and Oversight, which contain the following keywords: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and/or Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and/or UAP and/or UAPTF and/or UFO and/or Unidentified Flying Object from January 20, 2021, through to the date of processing this request. By email dated August 12, 2021, you agreed to scope out all publicly available news articles not containing commentary or notes.
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We received your requests on May 4, 2021, and assigned them case numbers DODOIG-2021-000805 and DODOIG-2021-000811, respectively.

The Mission Support Team conducted a search and located records responsive to your requests. Upon review, we determined that the attached 66 pages are appropriate for release in part and 12 pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege; and (b)(6), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Joseph Kasper at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Searle' followed by a stylized flourish.

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Attachment(s):
As stated

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May 3, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
(Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in May 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the evaluation at the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Military Services, Combatant Commands, Combat Support Agencies, Defense Agencies, and the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the evaluation within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee or Military Service Member—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to (b) (6).

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If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6) at (b) (6), or (b) (6) at (b) (6).

Randolph R. Stone
Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight

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From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>
 Cc '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: Project title from notes
 Date Tue, 23 Feb 2021 21:05:32 +0000
 Message-Id <9ca5fa0780754a92af501dddc8c57d@DODIG.MIL>

Yeah that's my thought too
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
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 (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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 Subject: RE: Project title from notes

Mr. Stone,
 Sir, (b) (5)

V/r

(b) (6)
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 Work: (b) (6)
 Cell: (b) (6)

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 Subject: RE: Project title from notes

Thanks (b) (6). I think this title sound vanilla enough and not too controversial. Thoughts?

Randolph R. Stone
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<(b) (6)>

Subject: Project title from notes

Good morning Mr. Stone,

You asked for (b) (6) and me to revisit the notes from our initial meeting and email you directly. We believe you were in favor of the following title for the announcement memorandum:

"Evaluation of the Department of Defense's Actions Regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena"

Please let us know if this is what you would like.

v/r

(b) (6)

Space, Missile, and Nuclear Team
DoD Office of the Inspector General

(b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Cc "(b) (6) OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject FW: UAP Meeting
 Date Thu, 4 Mar 2021 20:44:59 +0000
 Message-Id <73511383c77a477587217879bb0d26d0@DODIG.MIL>

Excellent rundown of today's meeting (by (b) (6)). See below

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If you have any questions just let (b) (6) or I know.k

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(b) (6)
 (b) (6), Intelligence Division
 Office of the DoD Deputy Inspector General
 for Evaluations
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 Subject: RE: UAP Meeting
 Date: Fri, 5 Mar 2021 12:47:49 +0000
 Message-Id: <b78dccc3cdef43f891f8a17ff88ad55d@DODIG.MIL>

Morning, (b) (6) .
 Thank you for the recap.
 I had an opportunity yesterday to meet and speak with (b) (6) from the MILDET. I was following up on some comments he made during the latest MILDET 101 Presentations, and I will share details of that discussion when we meet on Tuesday.
 Have a great Friday,
 (b) (6)
 (b) (6)
 ., Research & Engineering Division
 Evaluations - Space, Intelligence, Engineering, & Oversight
 Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
 Office: (b) (6)
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From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD (b) (6) >
 Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:51 PM
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 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD (b) (6) >
 Subject: RE: UAP Meeting

(b) (5)
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Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

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Cc: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: UAP Meeting

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If you have any questions just let (b) (6) or I know.k

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(b) (6)

, Intelligence Division
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(b) (6)

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 Cc '(b) (6), OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: special EB
 Date Tue, 30 Mar 2021 15:04:35 +0000
 Message-Id <f2bd765e07a14e6d965c6d5f48410e05@DODIG.MIL>

You can sign it off. The unclass objective is the simple one that we discussed, IE "the DoD actions regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon". Correct?... Thanks

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
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 (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:01 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: special EB

Sir - the Pickup project is now loaded as #585 and is ready for you to sign off, or to delegate to have it signed off. I only put in the project title. The other paragraphs just have a statement to see the classified version. I can add the objective if necessary.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD
 Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:46 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: special EB

Good morning - the project is in the PPT as Project # 585.

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:29 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: special EB

Hi,

(b) (6) was asking about the proposal yesterday. We need to include him in the planning. I will be in the office tomorrow and Thursday.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:13 AM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD
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OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: special EB

Good Morning,

Based on the invite, we need to have a copy of the read-ahead at least one week prior to the meeting. Is the proposal ready for printing? Also, if you all want to do a run through I can come in the office on Thursday if anyone else is available that day.

Special EB with the classification level of TS/SCI in 2 phases:

Part 1: Read-ahead opportunity provided on project proposal/factsheet and supplementary briefing documents on JWICS (at least one week or more prior to meeting in part 2).

Part 2: Special EB meeting to discuss project proposal and addl. info. (We'll also need to schedule the SCIF).

r/

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:52 PM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD

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OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: special EB

All - I will be on leave April 7th..... I'm sure everyone will do great without me. :)

(b) (6)

Space, Missile and Nuclear Evaluations

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(b) (6)

From: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 To: "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings
 Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2021 23:26:26 +0000
 Message-Id: <e22f3a518a234019bf60c9d158969567@DODIG.MIL>

OK, thanks. I will be there!

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:11 PM
 To: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings
 Come to the classified EB April 7 w/Zola!!
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:02 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings
 I will be on leave Monday and Tuesday, but would love to hear more.

Very Respectfully,
 (b) (6)
 Office of Legislative Affairs and Communications
 DoD Office of Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:58 PM
 To: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings
 Thanks for sharing. (b) (5) I can tell you much more in person. I will be in the SCIF Monday at 1100
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:51 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings
 FYSA, I thought you might be interested in the article below.
 From: POLITICO Pro Defense <alert@email.politicopro.com>
 Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:48 PM
 To: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings

Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings

By Bryan Bender

03/25/2021 06:47 PM EDT

The truth may be out there. But don't expect the feds to share what they know anytime soon on the recent spate of UFO sightings.

Some military and spy agencies are blocking or simply ignoring the effort to catalog what they have on "unidentified aerial phenomenon," according to multiple current and former government officials. And as a result, the Biden administration will likely delay a much-anticipated public report to Congress.

The Senate Intelligence Committee has asked the director of national intelligence<<https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/publications/intelligence-authorization-act-fiscal-year-2021?source=email>> to work with the Defense Department to provide a public accounting by June 25 on unexplained sightings of advanced aircraft and drones that have been reported by military personnel or captured by radar, satellites and other surveillance systems.

The request came after revelations in 2017 that the Pentagon was researching a series of unexplained intrusions into military airspace, including high-performance vehicles captured on video<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rO_M0hLIJ-Q&source=email> stalking Navy ships.

But those advising the investigations are advocating for significantly more time and resources to retrieve information from agencies that in some cases have shown reluctance, if not outright resistance, to sharing classified information. And they worry that without high-level involvement, it will be difficult to compel agencies to release what they have.

"Just getting access to the information, because of all the different security bureaucracies, that's an ordeal in itself," said Christopher Mellon, a former Pentagon intelligence official who lobbied for the disclosure provision and is continuing to advise policymakers on the issue.

For example, he asserts that a Pentagon task force<<https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2314065/establishment-of-unidentified-aerial-phenomena-task-force/?source=email>> established last August and led by the Navy has had few personnel or resources and only modest success acquiring reports, video or other evidence gathered by military systems.

The Pentagon task force is expected to be the primary military organization contributing to the wider government report.

"I know that the task force has been denied access to pertinent information by the Air Force and they have been stiff-armed by them," Mellon said in an interview. "That is surprising but not unexpected."

The Air Force, which is historically most associated with UFOs from its investigations<<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/air-force/ufos?source=email>> during the Cold War, deferred all questions on the subject to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, which has similarly said little publicly about the effort.

"To protect our people, maintain operational security and safeguard intelligence methods, we do not publicly discuss the details of the UAP observations, the task force or investigations," said Pentagon spokesperson Susan Gough, who declined to address the criticism.

The report due to Congress will include "a detailed analysis of unidentified phenomena data collected by" a host of means, including imaging satellites, eavesdropping equipment and human spies.

It also must include "a detailed analysis of data of the FBI, which was derived from investigations of intrusions of unidentified aerial phenomena data over restricted United States airspace." The report must contain "a detailed description of an interagency process for ensuring timely data collection and centralized analysis of all unidentified aerial phenomena reporting for the federal government, regardless of which service or agency acquired the information."

Gathering such information from across the national security bureaucracy is enormously challenging, Mellon said.

"They have to repeat that painful process with scores of different agencies," he said, citing the Army, CIA, National Reconnaissance Office, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

A spokesperson for Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines told POLITICO the report to Congress is in the works, but declined to offer further details. "We are aware of the requirement and will respond accordingly."

Any delay in delivering it is likely to be perceived by a large segment of the public as an attempt by the government to hide what it knows.

But there is growing pressure from Congress for a more organized effort to compile what the government has learned and reveal how it is trying to solve the mysteries.

Sen. Marco Rubio<<https://cd.politicopro.com/member/151820?source=email>>, who was responsible for requesting the report, told Fox News this week<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBaPSLmx964&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2Pixrpxvrd_Ls_d>

wfcryDJKIK6CN82H0xp42GPJPOrvNeu7_wNxqg5qT4&source=email> that he does not believe military and intelligence agencies have come to any solid conclusions about the origin of the UFOs. But he insisted that the reports demand a more comprehensive intelligence-gathering effort.

"We have to try to know what it is," the Florida Republican said. "Maybe there's a logical explanation. Maybe it's foreign adversaries who made a technological leap?"

Rubio also held up the prospect that agencies will need more time to complete the report. "I'm not sure they are going to come in on time," he said. "I'm not sure by June 1 they have reached a hard conclusion about what they are dealing with and there may be more questions, or new questions, than full answers ..."

"I can tell you it is being taken more seriously now that it ever has been," he added.

The pressure to disclose what the government is doing has only intensified after recent comments from the former top intelligence official.

"We have lots of reports about what we call unmanned aerial phenomenon," John Ratcliffe, who served as director of national intelligence under former President Donald Trump, said in an interview<<https://www.q13fox.com/news/former-director-of-national-intelligence-says-upcoming-pentagon-ufo-report-reveals-technology-we-dont-have?source=email>> with Fox News last week. "When we talk about sightings, we are talking about objects that have [been] seen by Navy or Air Force pilots, or have been picked up by satellite imagery that frankly engage in actions that are difficult to explain."

He cited "movements that are hard to replicate that we don't have the technology for ... or traveling at speeds that exceed the sound barrier without a sonic boom."

One such recent case, involving a swarm of unidentified "drones" that bedeviled a flotilla of Navy destroyers off the California coast in 2019, was revealed this week<<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/39913/multiple-destroyers-were-swarmed-by-mysterious-drones-off-california-over-numerous-nights?source=email>> by the technology website The Drive.

But there has been enormous resistance inside the bureaucracy to being forthcoming, said Lue Elizondo, who led research on UAPs<<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/12/16/pentagon-ufo-search-harry-reid-216111/?source=email>> in the Pentagon until 2017 and publicly resigned in frustration that the issue was not being treated seriously enough.

"You have all the stigma and the taboo that is associated with it," said Elizondo, who serves as an informal adviser to the military. "Organizations whose mission this might fall squarely into are resisting adopting this mission. There's been so much public taboo about this for decades that no one wants to risk their professional careers and that of their bosses on a topic like this without being directed."

He also sees what he called "passive resistance," or "they're just not going to do anything to support it," such as applying resources or personnel to the activity.

Others see a lack of cooperation among different agencies and a desire to protect sensitive information that could benefit adversaries.

"One of the challenges that [the Defense Department] has had in the past is that a lot of these intelligence-gathering organizations, a lot of the military services' organizations that gather data on intrusions, are all extremely stovepiped and federated," said Ellen Lord, who served as undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment until January and was briefed on the Pentagon efforts.

She also said there may be valid reasons not to make it all public. "I think it is sometimes easy ... to go down a rabbit hole for the sci-fi, alien piece of this," she said in an interview. "In reality, there is a lot of technology that has been leveraged by our adversaries and we have ways to deal with that."

"But that is something that is not typically spoken about in public forums. Therein lies the challenge of some of these things," she added.

The secrecy surrounding the effort has been demonstrated by the Pentagon's refusal to even discuss any details of its UAP task force, not even how many personnel are assigned to it or what budget it has been given. Elizondo believes there is little chance such obstacles can be overcome by June under the current level of effort and is advocating for an interim report that requests more time and resources. "We can do this right or we can do it right now," he said.

"It's certainly not sufficient time to provide a comprehensive, government-wide report that Congress not only expects, but that Congress deserves and frankly, so does the American people," he added.

Mellon thinks it could take months or longer. "In addition to the onerous job of trying get everyone to come clean," he said, "there will be a sensitive and probably difficult process of getting all the players ... to agree on the language and approve it. That process alone could take weeks or months."

Mellon also said the direct involvement of senior executive branch officials, including Haines and Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks, "is likely to prove necessary to compel the cooperation needed to do the job properly."

The good news," he added, "is the leadership on both sides appear to be taking this issue seriously and are acting in good faith."

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DEFENSE MORNING CLIPS
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President Biden stated at a press conference that he expected some U.S. troops would still be in Afghanistan after May 1 but would likely be withdrawn by the end of the year, Agence-France Presse wrote. At the same conference, President Biden announced that Fort Bliss would provide temporary lodging for up to 5,000 children who have crossed the southern border of the U.S., according to Stars and Stripes. Also of note, in wide-ranging SASC testimony, head of U.S. Special Operations Command Gen. Richard Clarke, acting ASD Christopher Maier, and head of U.S. Cyber Command Gen. Paul Nakasone, discussed SCSOC and CYBERCOM's ongoing efforts to intensify strategic focus on Great Power Competition. U.S. Naval Institute News reported.

1. Biden sees Afghan withdrawal this year but not by May deadline
Agence-France Presse, Mar. 25 (1609) | Not Attributed
US President Joe Biden on Thursday gave his clearest signal yet that he would not meet a deadline to pull out all troops from Afghanistan by May 1 but said he would likely end America's longest war within the year.
2. Fort Bliss to house up to 5,000 children as migration increases along U.S.-Mexico border
Stars and Stripes Online, Mar. 25 (1619) | Caitlin M. Kenney

Fort Bliss will have 5,000 beds available for migrant children after the west Texas base was approved to temporarily house them, President Joe Biden announced Thursday.

3. SOCOM Shifting To Great Power Competition Strategy, But Needs More ISR Capabilities, Commander Says
U.S. Naval Institute News, Mar. 25 (1625) | John Grady

Forty percent of U.S. Special Operations Command is now aligned to meet the challenges of great power competition, a shift that means the command needs modernized intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance hardware and software, and electronic warfare defenses, its commander told lawmakers Thursday.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

4. Military and spy agencies accused of stiff-arming investigators on UFO sightings

Politico Online, Mar. 25 (1853) | Bryan Bender

The truth may be out there. But don't expect the feds to share what they know anytime soon on the recent spate of UFO sightings. Some military and spy agencies are blocking or simply ignoring the effort to catalog what they have on "unidentified aerial phenomenon," according to multiple current and former government officials. And as a result, the Biden administration will likely delay a much-anticipated public report to Congress.

5. Teen shot by off-duty Pentagon police officer

Washington Post, Mar. 26 (0115), Pg. B2 | Peter Hermann

An off-duty Pentagon police officer shot and wounded a 16-year-old who the officer said tried to rob him on Wednesday night in Southeast Washington, according to D.C. police.

COVID-19

6. USFK completes inoculating 32 pct of population against COVID-19

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea), Mar. 26 (0159) | Choi Soo-hyang

The U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) has completed vaccinating 32 percent of its population against the coronavirus, its officials said Friday.

EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

7. Biden wants to keep Trump policy that boosted armed drone exports - sources

Reuters, Mar. 25 (0613) | Mike Stone

The Biden administration wants to keep a controversial Trump policy that jump-started sales of armed drones to countries whose human rights records are under scrutiny in the United States and elsewhere, according to sources familiar with the discussions.

8. 'Why Are We Talking About It?' Congress May Face Impasse on Extremism in the Military

Military.com, Mar. 25 (1430) | Steve Beynon

As the military faces a reckoning on extremism within the ranks following the Jan. 6 Capitol Hill riot, the issue is turning rapidly into a partisan stalemate in Congress.

9. Biden Wants to 'End Endless Wars,' but Dodges the Big Battle

TheDailyBeast.com, Mar. 25 (0745) | Spencer Ackerman and Matt Fuller

Nixing the law, known as the 2002 Authorization to Use Military Force (AUMF), has been an antiwar priority for years, and it finally has traction in Congress. On Thursday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will mark up Rep. Barbara Lee's bill to repeal it. But it's also not the 2002 AUMF that matters most. That would be the 2001 AUMF, the 60-word document written after 9/11 that birthed a global unrestricted battlefield.

AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN

10. Sticky bombs latest weapon in Afghanistan's arsenal of war

Associated Press, Mar. 26 (0210) | Kathy Gannon

Sticky bombs slapped onto cars trapped in Kabul's chaotic traffic are the newest weapons terrorizing Afghans in the increasingly lawless nation, as Washington searches for a responsible exit after decades of war. The administration of President Joe Biden has alternated between coaxing and sharp words - even offering a ready-made peace proposal - to hurry the Taliban and the Afghan government toward an end to the conflict. In the Afghan capital last weekend, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said America wanted a "responsible end" to Afghanistan's relentless war. But in the meantime violence is escalating and taking the occasional new twist, such as the sticky bombs.

11. Germany extends military mission in Afghanistan into 2022

Reuters, Mar. 25 (1552) | Not Attributed

Germany paved the way for its troops to stay in Afghanistan beyond an April 30 deadline that the United States last year agreed with the Taliban for the withdrawal of U.S. forces after nearly two decades of war.

INDO-PACIFIC

12. North Korea confirms missile tests as Biden warns of response

Associated Press, Mar. 26 (0116) | Hyung-Jin Kim

North Korea on Friday confirmed it had tested a new guided missile, as President Joe Biden warned of consequences if Pyongyang escalates tensions amid stalled nuclear negotiations.

13. U.S. commands in Japan so far aren't revealing much about ongoing extremism training

Stars and Stripes Online, Mar. 26 (0224) | Erica Earl

U.S. military authorities at bases in Japan are mostly tight-lipped about what the rank-and-file are saying, if anything, during mandatory training sessions on extremism that must be completed by April 6.

CHINA

14. Biden says China won't surpass U.S. as global leader on his watch

Reuters, Mar. 25 (1647) | Jarrett Renshaw, Andrea Shalal and Michael Martina

U.S. President Joe Biden on Thursday said he would prevent China from passing the United States to become the most powerful country in the world, vowing to invest heavily to ensure America prevails in the race between the world's two largest economies.

15. U.S., Taiwan Sign Coast Guard Deal to Counter Chinese Pressure

Bloomberg News, Mar. 26 (0057) | Chris Horton and Cindy Wang

The U.S. and Taiwan signed an agreement intended to boost cooperation between their coast guards, in a move to push back at China's increasingly assertive maritime activities.

16. Chinese Ambassador to the US: China's goal is not to replace United States

CNN.com, Mar. 25 (1816) | Henry Hullah and Arnaud Siad

China's goal is not to replace the United States as the world's leading country, the Chinese Ambassador to the US said Thursday. "Our goal is to meet the growing aspiration of the Chinese people for better life. Our goal is not to compete with, or replace any other country," Cui Tiankai told CNN's Christiane Amanpour in an exclusive interview.

17. Philippines, Vietnam press China over vessels massing in South China Sea

Reuters, Mar. 25 (0656) | Not Attributed

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte expressed concern to China's ambassador about Chinese vessels massing in the South China Sea, his spokesman said, as Vietnam urged Beijing to respect its maritime sovereignty.

18. China sanctions UK figures over Xinjiang as rift widens with West

Agence France-Presse, Mar. 25 (2355) | Not Attributed

China foisted sanctions on British lawmakers and lobby groups Friday, widening a chasm between Beijing and Western powers critical of alleged rights violations in Xinjiang.

EUROPE

19. U.S. Secretary of State Blinken says West needs to cooperate more than ever

Reuters, Mar. 25 (1846) | Robin Emmott

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Thursday that cooperation between allies was more important than at any time in recent history and that relations with NATO and the European Union would be crucial to overcoming challenges.

20. EU eyes cooperation with Turkey if 'de-escalation sustained'

Agence France-Presse, Mar. 25 (1532) | Max Delany

European Union leaders agreed at a video summit on Thursday that they are ready to boost cooperation with Turkey, if a "current de-escalation is sustained" following a spike in tensions. Relations with Ankara were on the table as the bloc plots a way forward after ties suffered last year over Turkey's gas exploration in the eastern Mediterranean.

MIDDLE EAST

21. 'Turkey First:' Erdogan's power push poses challenge for Biden

Reuters, Mar. 25 (0706) | Orhan Coskun and Humeyra Pamuk

When Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan last received Joe Biden on official business, in August 2016, Erdogan had just sent tanks into Syria.

RUSSIA

22. Alleged Russia Spies Used Cold War Tactics

Wall Street Journal, Mar. 26 (0200), Pg. A7 | Georgi Kantchev

In early December, a high-ranking Bulgarian Ministry of Defense official sat down at his desk, took out a black Samsung smartphone and spent the next hour and 20 minutes snapping photographs of classified military documents on his work computer.

ARMY

23. Give Us Three Good Years: Army Chief On Tight Budgets

BreakingDefense.com, Mar. 25 (1532) | Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.

The Army Chief of Staff wants more soldiers but the service can't afford them, and he publicly accepts that. The Army can accept an end to endstrength growth and will economize on training to boost its modernization program, Gen. James McConville said Thursday.

MARINE CORPS

24. Investigation: 7-Month-Long 'Chain of Failure' Led to Nine Killed in AAV Sinking

U.S. Naval Institute News, Mar. 25 (1833) | Gidget Fuentes

The July drowning deaths of eight Marines and a sailor who sank with their amphibious assault vehicle off a California island were the result of poor training, a vehicle in "horrible condition," and lapsed safety procedures in a rush to deploy an operational AAV platoon, according to a command investigation of the incident reviewed this week by USNI News.

NAVY

25. New Navy Command To Oversee Unmanned Ships As They Work With Fleet

BreakingDefense.com, Mar. 25 (1334) | Paul McLeary

The Navy is preparing a first-of-its-kind operational command to test and develop concepts for its new generation of unmanned surface vessels, a major step in getting autonomous ships into the fleet.

SPACE FORCE

26. Space Force begins loaning anti-jamming GPS tech to allies

C4ISRNET.com, Mar. 25 (1454) | Nathan Strout

The U.S. Space Force created a three-year arrangement for allies to borrow and test equipment for navigation that uses a new GPS signal that is difficult to jam or spoof.

INSTALLATIONS

27. Training base evacuates T-38s to Florida amid severe weather threat

Air Force Times Online, Mar. 25 (1643) | Rachel S. Cohen

Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi has evacuated some of its T-38 Talon training jets to Florida's Space Coast as severe weather threatens to batter parts of the South this week.

MODERNIZATION & TECHNOLOGY

28. Don't Rush To JADC2 - Army Gen. Murray

BreakingDefense.com (Exclusive), Mar. 25 (1330) | Theresa Hitchens and Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.

The military must avoid getting swept away in a "rush to lockdown requirements" for the Joint All Domain Command and Control (JADC2) strategy, cautions Gen. Mike Murray, head of Army Futures Command. Resisting that urge will one of the two biggest challenges for the services in making that new strategy for managing All Domain Operations real, he says.

CYBER

29. U.S. military conducted two dozen cyber operations to head off 2020 election meddling

C4ISRNET.com, Mar. 25 (1644) | Mark Pomerleau

In the run up to the 2020 presidential election, U.S. Cyber Command conducted over two dozen missions to block foreign adversaries' efforts to undermine voting integrity, the commander told senators Thursday.

NOTABLE COMMENTARY

30. The U.S. must confront China and racism at the same time

Washington Post, Mar. 26 (0115), Pg. A19 | Josh Rogin

The United States must compete with China and confront the Chinese government on a range of issues while simultaneously combating the rise of anti-Asian racism at home. These two missions are not at odds with each other, as the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would have you believe. In fact, they must go hand in hand.

31. Twin dangers for Biden's administration

Washington Post, Mar. 26 (0115), Pg. A21 | David Ignatius

In North Korea and Taiwan, President Biden faces two of the world's most dangerous problems. His challenge is to convince potential adversaries that a politically divided United States is stronger than it looks. Biden sounded a firm note on both fronts Thursday during his first formal news conference. He warned North Korea that "there will be a response" if it continues its recent missile tests, but he also offered "some form of diplomacy" with "the end result of denuclearization" of North Korea.

32. A new danger to Mr. Navalny

Washington Post, Mar. 26 (0115), Pg. A20 | Editorial

But the humor masks a serious and urgent health crisis for Mr. Navalny, and serves to underscore again our alarm that he remains in Mr. Putin's crosshairs. In August, security service officers tried to kill Mr. Navalny with a Soviet-era military nerve agent. Mr. Navalny's poisoning brought him close to death; his life was saved only by the brave decision of an airline pilot to make an emergency landing and by the care he received from first responders.

33. Battling climate change starts with military action

Defense News Online, Mar. 25 (1149) | Cmdr. Benjamin Simon

The effects of climate change are all around. They can be seen by the Gulf Coast bracing for seven named storms in 2020; wildfires in California interrupting electricity for hundreds of thousands; and winter storms

leaving millions without power. The changes I recommend will help solve problems that the military has been partially responsible for creating. But there is something we can do.

34. The Pentagon could help improve resilience of the U.S. electric grid

Defense News Online, Mar. 25 (1236) | Beth Lachman and Aimee Curtright

The recent, massive blackouts in Texas have revealed serious technical and market failures that have cost Texans dearly in terms of human suffering and economic losses. Post-mortem analyses and finger-pointing can be expected to continue for many weeks and months as the factors that contributed to the failure become better understood. However, one thing that can be said even now is that the resilience and robustness of the grid needs to be improved, especially given the likely increased occurrence and magnitude of natural disasters because of climate change. This is where government entities that operate large facilities in the United States, such as the Department of Defense, can potentially play a role.

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I spoke to (b) (6) this PM. (b) (5), (b) (6)

(b) (6) said he would let me know when he would be in the MC so that we could sync up so we can discuss further if necessary

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 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
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From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:34 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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Accept Mr R's comment. Then send a clean version to (b) (6). CC me and Mike. I have a 1530 with (b) (6)

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I provided an alternative option that is pretty similar.

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See attached

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I jinxed myself by saying it was good.

Here you are with the typo corrected.

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Sir,

Attached is a clean version ready to go to (b) (6). I reviewed it one more time and it is ready to go to (b) (6).

V/r,

(b) (6)

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:11 AM

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

See my one comment.

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Subject: FW: Special EB Results 4/7

Sir – here is the revised UAP announcement memo for your review.

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:18 AM

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Good morning,

Thank you for the clarification. Please find attached an updated memo addressing this and Mr. Stone's other feedback. I have highlighted the POC info line, pending determination of who will be lead for the project.

V/r

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:11 PM

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Hi,

(b) (6) is correct. "We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives" is boilerplate language in the STAR.

(b) (5)

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

I have the FY20 language on JWICS, (b) (5) . I will be in the office tomorrow and can scan if needed. (b) (5)

V/r

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

The FY 2021 language is attached. I did not scan the previous years language.

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From: (b) (6) , OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

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(b) (6) , OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: FW: Special EB Results 4/7

The attached memo is what Mr. Stone sent back to me when I sent him the three announcement options.

Do we have the text from both NDAs on NIPR? (b) (5)

Also, I think we have to keep the "We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives."

(b) (5)

(b) (6)

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Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:21 AM

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See my edits and comment bubbles

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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Sir,

This is what they put together. If we have decided to let (b) (6) team be the core to the project, we will list (b) (6) instead of (b) (6) as the POC.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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Thank you, ma'am. I have made the additional changes. Please advise if you see any additional issues.

V/r

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 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Hi,

Sorry I'm just responding back. I missed it when I was going through my emails earlier.

Understand what you're saying about the objectives and have no issues with how you have them. I just have a couple minor tweaks. Other than that, I think all three memos look good.

For memo 2, move the last paragraph onto page two so the signature block is all together.

For memo 3, in the first paragraph, looks like you have a paragraph marker after We that needs to be deleted.

Thanks. Have a good day.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:06 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Ma'am,

Thank you for reviewing these proposals. I incorporated the majority of your suggestions, but wanted to discuss the objective. (b) (5)

(b) (6)

Finally, I confirmed with (b) (6) that the FOUO marking is appropriate, given that we do not have an updated marking from the SASC. I have updated the page header and footer to reflect this on v2.

V/r

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:53 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Hi,

Just wanted to say again you've done a great job on the proposal and the announcement memos.

Here are my comments for what they're worth. (b) (5)

Thanks again.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:55 AM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >

Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >, (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >;

(b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >, (b) (6), OIG DoD

(b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Morning (b) (6):

I am returning each of the three memo versions you sent for review with few comments and suggestions. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Additionally, here is my copy of the most current order of precedence from the link: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/CMD/templates> to help with the distribution list.

Hope this helps.

r/

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6), Research & Engineering Division

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:30 PM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >, (b) (6), OIG DoD

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DoD (b) (6) >

Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Special EB Results 4/7

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you again for the guidance and support on this pickup project. Please find attached three Project Announcement memo options for consideration.

Version 1: (b) (5)

Version 2: (b) (5)

Version 3: (b) (5)

We attempted to capture the distro list on the second page, but I wasn't sure on a few of the offices mentioned in our original project proposal. I highlighted two specific offices that I couldn't find in the DoD Order of Precedence, and (b) (5)

Please advise if you have any thoughts.

V/r

(b) (6)

DoD Office of the Inspector General

Work: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:52 PM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD
<(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6),
OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Cc: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD
<(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6),
OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6),
(b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: Special EB Results 4/7

The evaluation briefed at the Special EB today was approved. Great job by (b) (6) and (b) (6) on the briefing materials and presentation!

The way forward: (b) (6) and (b) (6) will draft some options for the report title/objective for the announcement letter, and we will run the options by the IG FO and OLAC. OLAC also mentioned the potential of doing some proactive briefings with interested Congressional staff to discuss the project.

Attachment Name : smime.p7s

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject FW: FY 2021 PPT #591 (b) (5)
 Date Wed, 14 Apr 2021 21:01:51 +0000
 Message-Id <a3fc57cf140046d6bf75cf2ed9b9bf88@DODIG.MIL>

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
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 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:52 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: FY 2021 PPT #591 (b) (5)

Sir,

We will do our best, (b) (5), (b) (6)

r/s

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:45 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: FY 2021 PPT #591 (b) (5)

Are you able to fully support the UAP project? (b) (5)

Randolph R. Stone

Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:22 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FY 2021 PPT #591 (b) (5)

Morning Mr. Stone

Please see the attached project proposal for the next EB on 21 April.

r/s

(b) (6)

Research & Engineering Division
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 Date Wed, 14 Apr 2021 12:21:55 +0000
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From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:26 PM
 To: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD
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 (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD
 <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Proposed Disc. Topics for IG FO Weekly 4/14

(b) (5), (b) (6)

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

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From: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:08 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD
 <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>;
 Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD
 <(b) (6)>

Subject: Proposed Disc. Topics for IG FO Weekly 4/14

Draft discussion topics are attached for the IG FO weekly mtg. on 4/14 at 1030. Let me know if you have any suggestions. Mr. O'Donnell will attend the meeting, FYSA.

From "Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>, "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Cc "(b) (6), OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>, "(b) (6), OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: NYT - They Are Not Alone: U.F.O. Reports Surged in the Pandemic
 Date Fri, 16 Apr 2021 17:06:02 +0000
 Message-Id <9ff059e74f6b47c29f20906153218086@DODIG.MIL>

...and there is more...

Defense Department confirms leaked video of unidentified aerial phenomena is real

<<https://www.cnn.com/profiles/chandelis-duster>>

By Chandelis Duster<<https://www.cnn.com/profiles/chandelis-duster>>, CNN

Updated 10:23 PM EDT, Thu April 15, 2021

Pentagon confirms UFO video is real, taken by Navy pilot

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(CNN) -

The Defense Department has confirmed that leaked photos and video of "unidentified aerial phenomena" <<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/24/politics/us-navy-ufo-guidelines/index.html>> taken in 2019 are indeed legitimate images of unexplained objects.

Photos and videos of triangle-shaped objects blinking and moving through the clouds were taken by Navy personnel, Pentagon spokeswoman Sue Gough said in a statement to CNN. She also confirmed that photos of three unidentified flying objects - one "sphere" shaped, another "acorn" shaped and one characterized as a "metallic blimp" - were also taken by Navy personnel.

"As we have said before, to maintain operations security and to avoid disclosing information that may be useful to potential adversaries, DOD does not discuss publicly the details of either the observations or the examinations of reported incursions into our training ranges or designated airspace, including those incursions initially designated as UAP," Gough said.

She also said that the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force <<https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/13/politics/pentagon-ufo-task-force/index.html>>, created in August to investigate UFO sightings observed by the military, has "included these incidents in their ongoing examinations."

The Navy photos and videos were published by Mystery Wire <<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/new-uap-photographs/>> and on Extraordinary Beliefs' <<https://www.extraordinarybeliefs.com/news4/navy-filmed-pyramid-ufos>> website last week but had been circulating online since last year.

There have been "a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years" the Navy said in 2019. Last year, the Pentagon released three videos <<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/27/politics/pentagon-ufo-videos/index.html>> showing "unidentified aerial phenomena" - clips that the US Navy had previously confirmed were real.

US intelligence agencies have been directed to give unclassified reports <<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/10/us/ufo-report-emergency-relief-bill-trnd/index.html>> about UAP's to Congress in June.

CNN's Michael Conte contributed to this report.

Michael C. Zola, Esq.
 Assistant Inspector General
 Legislative Affairs & Communications
 Department of Defense
 Office of Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 11:58 AM

To: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: NYT - They Are Not Alone: U.F.O. Reports Surged in the Pandemic

Thanks for sharing!

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From: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>

Date: Sunday, Apr 11, 2021, 11:20

To: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>, Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>

Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>, (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>

Subject: NYT - They Are Not Alone: U.F.O. Reports Surged in the Pandemic

Good morning, Michael and Randy - hope you are having an awesome weekend (today's weather is extraordinary). Sharing this from the New York Times. Enjoy. Michael

They Are Not Alone: U.F.O. Reports Surged in the Pandemic

With skies lacking light pollution and most nights free, New Yorkers reported nearly twice as many mysterious sightings last year.

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Virginia "Cookie" Stringfellow says Memorial Point at Bear Creek Harbor in Ontario, N.Y., is one of the places she was "taken" by alien beings. She does not use the term "abducted," because she went willingly. Credit...Libby March for The New York Times

<<https://www.nytimes.com/by/sarah-maslin-nir>>

By Sarah Maslin Nir <<https://www.nytimes.com/by/sarah-maslin-nir>>

April 9, 2021

In the years since she says extraterrestrial beings took her from her suburban yard outside Rochester, N.Y., Virginia Stringfellow has kept her story mostly within a close-knit community of people who say they have also encountered U.F.O.s.

But over the past year, that pool has grown: Each of her monthly locals-only U.F.O. meet-ups average about five new people who believe they have seen a mysterious object in the sky - not including about 50 out-of-towners who have tried to join.

"I have to turn away people," said Ms. Stringfellow, 75.

Sightings of unidentified objects in 2020 nearly doubled in New York from the previous year, to about 300, according to data compiled by the National U.F.O. Reporting Center. They also rose by about 1,000 nationwide, to more than 7,200 sightings.

But according to ufologists (pronounced "yoof-ologists"), as those who study the phenomena call themselves, the trend is not necessarily the result of an alien invasion. Rather, it was likely caused in part by another invader: the coronavirus.

Pushed to stay home by lockdown restrictions, many found themselves with more time to look up. In New York, droves of urbanites fleeing the virus took up residence in places like the Catskills and the Adirondacks, where skies are largely free from light pollution. About a quarter of the reports nationally came in March and April of last year, when lockdowns were at their most strict. Glimmers wobbling across the sky have gone viral on TikTok, racking up millions of views <<https://www.dailydot.com/unclick/tiktok-ufo-sightings-fyp/>>.

Longtime U.F.O. enthusiasts say the pandemic clearly has more people scanning the night skies. But there is another reason that the public might be newly receptive to the idea that the flicker on the horizon is worth reporting: The Pentagon revealed over the summer that it would soon convene a new task force to investigate so-called "unidentified aerial phenomena" observed from military aircraft. Last year, it declassified three videos of such sightings.

In addition, the \$2.3 trillion appropriations package signed by former President Donald J. Trump late last year includes a provision that the secretary of defense and director of national intelligence collaborate on a U.F.O. report and release it to the public.

"It's encouraging to many of us in the field of ufology that the government is willing to confirm that they are aware of these circumstances, that they are conceding that people are reporting these events," said Peter Davenport, the director of the U.F.O. reporting center, known as NUFORC.

Previously, he said, the government appeared to have believed "that people like me are just crazy - and we're not."

Mr. Davenport and his peers are quick to point out that any uptick in sightings does not mean a spike in flying saucers. Unidentified flying objects are just that - airborne phenomena that have not yet been identified. The vast majority of sightings called in to the reporting center are swiftly determined to be things like birds, bats, satellites, planes and drones, he said.

A number of sightings last year were quickly identified as satellites launched by SpaceX, Elon Musk's space exploration initiative which conducted test runs over Northern Idaho last year. One viral TikTok video of an object hovering in New Jersey last year turned out to be a Goodyear blimp<https://www.tiktok.com/@adammasri02/video/6872491264634391813?referer_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dailydot.com%2Fclick%2Ftiktok-ufo-sightings-fyp%2F&referer_video_id=6872491264634391813&refer=embed>.

"A skilled U.F.O. investigator is one of the most skeptical people around," Mr. Davenport said.

Only a small fraction of reports scrutinized by NUFORC, which is based in Washington State, are truly not identifiable. That proportion has not changed even as more calls have poured in, according to the director. Ufologists are frequently prickly when it comes to the subject of apparent increases in U.F.O. sightings, warning that bumps occur with regularity over the years, and are a favorite subject of news reports. The coverage itself may also drive up so-called sightings, they warn.

In New York, as city dwellers have tried to escape the virus by relocating to the countryside, they have driven up rural sightings, said Chris DePerno, the assistant director of the New York State branch of the Mutual U.F.O. Network, a nonprofit organization that uses civilian investigators to study reports of U.F.O.s.

Absent urban light pollution, he said, the transplants are taking new notice of the night sky and whatever may be in it.

Image

Chris DePerno, assistant director of the New York State branch of the Mutual U.F.O. Network, said transplants fleeing the city during the pandemic drove an increase in sightings. Credit...Libby March for The New York Times

"They come up toward the Hudson Valley, it's beautiful up there, you get clear skies and then all of a sudden you see this thing zipping through the sky, that stopped on a dime, goes straight up, takes off again, stops, comes back - we're talking incredible speeds," said Mr. DePerno, a retired police detective.

"With the Covid thing, more people are looking up," he said.

The seeming uptick in reports has come as a relief to some who say they've seen mysterious floating craft, but feared they were alone.

"Because of the Pentagon being outed, there is more news now, there is more reporting now," said Ms.

Stringfellow, who goes by Cookie. "People aren't so afraid to say, 'Oh, jeez, I was in the woods now, or I was by the lake, and this thing came down.'"

But for a 65-year-old retired New York State Park Police officer from Granville, along the state border with Vermont - who asked not to be named because he worried about going public with his belief in U.F.O.s and extraterrestrial life - full acceptance still feels a ways off. The lingering fear of ridicule may be suppressing the true numbers of U.F.O. sightings, he suggested; there might in fact be more out there.

He urged city folks to stay calm should they see a U.F.O., just as he did one evening about 30 years ago, when, he said, he spotted a football-fields-long object floating beside the Taconic State Parkway as he finished a patrol shift. And most importantly, he said, people should not let fear of being mocked prevent them from reporting what they see.

If enough people report U.F.O.s when they see them, the retired officer added, the world will believe they are telling the truth.

Sarah Maslin Nir covers breaking news for the Metro section. She was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her series "Unvarnished," an investigation into New York City's nail salon industry that documented the exploitative labor practices and health issues manicurists face. @SarahMaslinNir<<https://twitter.com/SarahMaslinNir>>

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(b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To '(b) (6)', OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: Joint Planning Groups and DCIE
 Date Tue, 20 Apr 2021 16:12:10 +0000
 Message-Id <1146243ed7fe4739a95034a291dcd82e@DODIG.MIL>

When will you have the UAP memo to me?
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:55 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: Joint Planning Groups and DCIE

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V/r,

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 3:13 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: Joint Planning Groups and DCIE

Please see note below and respond directly to this e mail

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 1:16 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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 Subject: FW: Joint Planning Groups and DCIE

Randy and (b) (6),

Can you ask the PDs in SIEO and PCO which Joint Planning Groups (JPGs) we run/chair across Eval? We need to respond to (b) (6) by next Friday, so I need the list by Thursday.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 1:09 PM

To: Meyer, Troy M., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Cc: FitzHarris, Leo J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: Joint Planning Groups and DCIE

Troy and Michael,

(b) (5)

I am also interested in ensuring I and SPI have better visibility of our current JPGs and am hoping that the two of you can provide me with some information on the JPGs.

Specifically, if available, I would like the following information:

1. a list of all JPGs, and who is currently chairing each
2. for each JPG, a list of participants (organizations not individuals)
3. copies of any charters or governing documents and a brief description of the topics being covered

This is not an urgent issue, but if I could get the JPG information by next Friday that would be great (if that timeline is not workable, please let me know as this is a flexible request). (b) (5)

. But until then, I would also appreciate any thoughts either of you have regarding this general idea.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>
 Cc "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Tue, 20 Apr 2021 14:59:27 +0000
 Message-Id <7a2aa09dbfd74acaa5b26f31f566e60c@DODIG.MIL>

Please send me the as discussed version
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:57 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Sir,

I did a comparison and the only verbiage difference was in the sentence:

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V/r

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:38 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Sir,

This is what we sent (b) (6).

Different than what (b) (6) printed yesterday because I didn't 'cc' (b) (6) originally. (and I couldn't print from 10th floor, so I didn't step out to get it).

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:00 PM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD

<(b) (6)>

Subject: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

(b) (6),

Attached is a draft announcement memo for the project that was discussed at the special EB on April 7.

V/r,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Space, Missile and Nuclear Evaluations
Department of Defense Office of Inspector General

(b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To '(b) (6), OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>
 Cc '(b) (6) OIG DoD' <(b) (6)>, "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Tue, 20 Apr 2021 14:58:08 +0000
 Message-Id <8b045de088e646c8b1d85c998dcae09d@DODIG.MIL>

This doesn't look the correct version. (b) (5)

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:38 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Sir,

This is what we sent (b) (6).

Different than what (b) (6) printed yesterday because I didn't 'cc' (b) (6) originally. (and I couldn't print from 10th floor, so I didn't step out to get it).

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD
 Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:00 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

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V/r,

(b) (6)

Space, Missile and Nuclear Evaluations
 Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
 (b) (6)

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 To "(b) (6), OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Cc "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>, "(b) (6)
 (b) (6) OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Tue, 20 Apr 2021 16:17:45 +0000
 Message-Id <4fc020f0472f448ea0b8cc75ff597aa7@DODIG.MIL>

Thanks!
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:16 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6) OIG DoD
 <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Sir - this is the one that was printed for the discussion yesterday. (b) (5), (b) (6).

(b) (6)
 From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:36 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 I did a comparison and the only verbiage difference I could find was in the sentence

(b) (5)
 [Redacted text block]

vs.

(b) (5)
 [Redacted text block]

I believe we discussed this specific wording at one point, but defer to you on which version is preferable (the second is what I printed yesterday, (b) (5)). This version is attached so you can choose which to go with.

V/r

(b) (6)
 From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:11 AM
 To: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Not your fault... my fault for not including you. If I had access to a printer from that computer on the 10th floor I would have printed it and had it ready.

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:31 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Good morning,
 My apologies-I printed the last copy that I had from you before it went to Mr. Stone. Hopefully it was not significantly off.

I will check the version I printed and compare.

V/r

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>

Date: Monday, Apr 19, 2021, 5:28 PM

To: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>>

Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Looks like you weren't cc'd on this.... my fault, because I can't find any other e-mail showing that you received this.

(b) (6)

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To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD

<(b) (6)>

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Space, Missile and Nuclear Evaluations

Department of Defense Office of Inspector General

(b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To "(b) (6)", OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Wed, 21 Apr 2021 18:39:34 +0000
 Message-Id <eee9fec96acf4016bbb64be27de93d10@DODIG.MIL>

Yeah I don't think that is the exact way we originally phrased it

Randolph R. Stone

Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations

Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight

DoD Office of the Inspector General

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

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 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Sir,

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V/r,

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 To "(b) (6)", OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Wed, 21 Apr 2021 18:56:58 +0000
 Message-Id <3fa98df661bb4a9eb4bd139363dbcba0@DODIG.MIL>

I started editing it just in case. But it still doesn't feel right , like the first version we did

Randolph R. Stone

Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations

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 Subject RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement
 Date Wed, 21 Apr 2021 13:43:26 +0000
 Message-Id <eff11cfd7b344f5d9659799041e039e9@DODIG.MIL>

(b) (5)
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6)

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 7:30 AM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement

Sir,

(b) (5)
 Either way, we'll be ready. I pulled the project number yesterday and (b) (5).

V/r,

(b) (6)
 From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:05 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement

(b) (6), etc.

I spoke to Michael Z. (b) (5)

Thanks!!

Randy

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(b) (6)

From: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:53 PM
 To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement
 Thank you, Randy - per our chat a few minutes ago, I will circle back with you tomorrow after our OLAC Update meeting with the IGFO. Michael

Michael C. Zola, Esq.
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 Legislative Affairs & Communications
 Department of Defense
 Office of Inspector General
 (b) (6)

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 (b) (6)

From "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To "Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 Subject RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement
 Date Wed, 21 Apr 2021 15:19:48 +0000
 Message-Id <fc6ff08e3a854f4a86634d62aa66e501@DODIG.MIL>

Anytime now is good too
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Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: UAP Project Hill Engagement

Thank you, Randy - when do you intend to push the Announcement?

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 Subject FW: UAP Project Hill Engagement
 Date Wed, 21 Apr 2021 15:21:14 +0000
 Message-Id <b96b2189bbde43b88c60aa4bc8be31ce@DODIG.MIL>

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 Subject FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date Thu, 22 Apr 2021 21:05:10 +0000
 Message-Id <31bc107153fc424ca494e944da874e93@DODIG.MIL>

(b) (6)
 Fyi btw thanks for the help on this ! (b) (5)
 Randy

Sent with BlackBerry Work
 (www.blackberry.com)

From: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>
 Date: Thursday, Apr 22, 2021, 12:44
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>
 Cc: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>
 (b) (6) >>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Thank you, (b) (6)

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 Department of Defense
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 (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:42 AM
 To: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: FW: proposed UAP Announcement Memo

Mike,

I should have cc'd you on this. We'll work directly with you on a rollout plan, but we don't plan to announce tomorrow. We need to make sure the wording for the objective works for everyone, and there are other things the team should do prior to sending it out.

V/r,

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD
 Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:25 AM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
 Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 10:19:50 +0000
 Message-Id: <05c75e12d0f24130afc073f76b04733e@DODIG.MIL>

(b) (6),
 Thanks! I accepted your edits and we'll push forward with a May 3rd announcement.

V/r,

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:14 PM
 To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: RE: proposed UAP Announcement Memo
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Thanks,

(b) (6)

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From: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
 To: "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>, "(b) (6)", OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
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 Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2021 17:11:46 +0000
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Sir - will do. Thanks.

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 Subject: RE: Approved UAP announcement memo
 I will be out Thursday after 1300 and all Day Friday. Please place my signature on the announcement for me.
 Thanks
 Randy
 Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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 Subject: Approved UAP announcement memo
 (b) (6),

Attached is the approved announcement memo. We intend to announce on Monday, May 3rd (not next Monday as previously discussed), and we will carefully coordinate an announcement rollout plan with Michael Zola. External Coordination for this announcement has been waived by the DIG.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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Department of Defense Office of Inspector General

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From: "(b) (6)", OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
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Will do.

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 Subject: RE: UAP Announcement 5/3

Ok then do me a favor and go into the WAR and correct my edits!!!!

Randolph R. Stone

Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
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 Subject: RE: UAP Announcement 5/3

No Sir, the announcement will go out on 5/3, and Mr. Zola will send to congress after he sees that we have sent it to the department.

Publicly posted on Tuesday. (May the Fourth be with you). :)

I'll have the e-mail ready today and send it between 0800 & 0830 Monday morning.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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 Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:13 PM
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 Subject: RE: UAP Announcement 5/3

So the announcement will go to the Department and Hill on Friday (tomorrow)? Publicly posted Monday?

Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations

Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
DoD Office of the Inspector General
(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: UAP Announcement 5/3

Yes Sir, we are good to go. We built the e-mail, have the signed announcement, I'll consolidate all of the e-mail addresses after the NEOCG and we'll be ready to go.

I've spoken with Michael Zola twice, and we're in synch. He and (b) (6) will be cc'd when I send the announcement out, and they will work their magic from there.

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From: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
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Subject: UAP Announcement 5/3

(b) (6)

How are the final prep/coordination going for the UAP announcement on Monday? OLAC/IG FO, everyone is good to go?

From: "(b) (6) .., OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
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 Date: Mon, 3 May 2021 14:44:22 +0000
 Message-Id: <de2709bde2e1481992f5f4ee76ecb05c@DODIG.MIL>

Good Morning Gentlemen,
 Per our conversation at the OLAC Weekly, please see the below article link and excerpts from the New Yorker coverage on UAP's.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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 DoD Office of Inspector General

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OIG DoD
 Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:12 PM
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 Cc: Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD <(b) (6)>; (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)>
 Subject: News of Interest: How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously | The New Yorker

Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

I hope you're enjoying your weekend.

Please see the below article from the New Yorker and highlighted excerpts, ahead of the upcoming UAP announcement.

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/05/10/how-the-pentagon-started-taking-ufos-seriously>

How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously

On May 9, 2001, Steven M. Greer took the lectern at the National Press Club, in Washington, D.C., in pursuit of the truth about unidentified flying objects. Greer, an emergency-room physician in Virginia and an outspoken ufologist, believed that the government had long withheld from the American people its familiarity with alien visitations. He had founded the Disclosure Project in 1993 in an attempt to penetrate the sanctums of conspiracy. Greer's reckoning that day featured some twenty speakers. He provided, in support of his claims, a four-hundred-and-ninety-two-page dossier called the "Disclosure Project Briefing Document." For public officials too busy to absorb such a vast tract of suppressed knowledge, Greer had prepared a ninety-five-page "Executive Summary of the Disclosure Project Briefing Document." After some throat-clearing, the "Executive Summary" began with "A Brief Summary," which included a series of bullet points outlining what amounted to the greatest secret in human history.

Over several decades, according to Greer, untold numbers of alien craft had been observed in our planet's airspace; they were able to reach extreme velocities with no visible means of lift or propulsion, and to perform stunning maneuvers at g-forces that would turn a human pilot to soup. Some of these extraterrestrial spaceships had been "downed, retrieved and studied since at least the 1940s and possibly as early as the 1930s." Efforts to reverse engineer such extraordinary machines had led to "significant technological breakthroughs in energy generation." These operations had mostly been classified as "cosmic top secret," a tier of clearance "thirty-eight levels" above that typically granted to the Commander-in-Chief. Why, Greer asked, had such transformative

technologies been hidden for so long? This was obvious. The "social, economic and geo-political order of the world" was at stake.

Greer's "Executive Summary" was woolly, but discerning readers could find within it answers to many of the most frequently asked questions about U.F.O.s—assuming, as Greer did, that U.F.O.s are helmed by extraterrestrials. Why are they so elusive? Because the aliens are monitoring us. Why? Because they are discomfited by our aspiration to "weaponize space." Have we shot at them? Yes. Should we shoot at them? No. Really? Yes. Why not? They're friendly. How do we know? "Obviously, any civilization capable of routine interstellar travel could terminate our civilization in a nanosecond, if that was their intent. That we are still breathing the free air of Earth is abundant testimony to the non-hostile nature of these ET civilizations." (One obvious question seems not to have occurred to Greer: Why, if these spacecraft are so advanced, do they allegedly crash all the time?)

At the press conference, Greer appeared in thin-framed glasses, a baggy, funereal suit, and a red tie askew in a starched collar. "I know many in the media would like to talk about 'little green men,' " he said. "But, in reality, the subject is laughed at because it is so serious. I have had grown men weep, who are in the Pentagon, who are members of Congress, and who have said to me, 'What are we going to do?' Here is what we will do. We will see that this matter is properly disclosed."

Kean's book, which was praised by the theoretical physicist Michio Kaku as "the gold standard for U.F.O. research," and to which John Podesta had contributed a foreword, enhanced and expanded her influence. In June of 2011, Podesta invited Kean to make a confidential presentation at a think tank he founded, the Center for American Progress. Standing alongside a physicist from Johns Hopkins University and foreign military figures, Kean advised the audience—officials from NASA, the Pentagon, and the Department of Transportation, along with congressional staff and retired intelligence officials—that the challenge was "to undo fifty years of reinforcement of U.A.P. as folklore and pseudoscience."

Podesta told me, "It wasn't a bunch of people coming in looking like they were going to a 'Star Wars'-memorabilia convention—it was serious people from the national-security arena who wanted answers to these unexplained phenomena." Soon after the event, he said, a Democratic senator invited him for a meeting. "I thought it was going to be on food stamps and tax cuts or whatever, and the door closed and they said, 'I don't want anybody to know this, but I'm really interested in U.F.O.s, and I know you are, too. So what do you know?'" Reid reached out to Senator Ted Stevens, of Alaska, who believed he'd seen a U.F.O. as a pilot in the Second World War, and Senator Daniel Inouye, of Hawaii. In the 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Bill, twenty-two million dollars of so-called black money was set aside for a new program. The Pentagon was not enthusiastic. As one former intelligence official put it, "There were some government officials who said, 'We shouldn't be doing this, this is really ridiculous, this is a waste of money.'" He went on, "And then Reid would call them out of a meeting and say, 'I want you to be doing this. This was appropriated.' It was sort of like a joke that bordered on an annoyance and people worried that if this all came out, that the government was spending money on this, this will be a bad story." The Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program was announced in a public solicitation for bids to examine the future of warfare. U.F.O.s were not mentioned, but according to Reid the subtext was clear. Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies, or BAASS, a Bigelow Aerospace subsidiary, was the only bidder. When Bigelow won the government contract, he contacted the same cohort of paranormal investigators he'd worked with at his institute. Other participants were recruited from within the Pentagon's ranks. In 2008, Luis Elizondo, a longtime counterintelligence officer working in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, was visited by two people who asked him what he thought about U.F.O.s. He replied that he didn't think about them, which was apparently the correct answer, and he was asked to join.

Within a month of the Times article's publication, the Pentagon's U.A.P. portfolio was reassigned to a civilian intelligence official with a rank equivalent to that of a two-star general. This successor—who did not want to be named, lest U.F.O. nuts swarm his doorstep—had read Kean's book. He channeled the cascade of media interest to argue that, without a process to handle uncategorizable observations, rigid bureaucracies would overlook anything that didn't follow a standard pattern. At the height of the Cold War, the government had worried that the noise of lurid phantasmagoria might drown out signals relevant to national security, or even provide cover for adversarial incursions; now, it seemed, the concern was that valuable intelligence wasn't being reported. (The Nimitz encounter didn't become subject to official investigation until years after the incident, when an errant file landed on the desk of someone who decided that it merited pursuit.) "What we needed," the former Pentagon official said, "was something like the post-9/11 fusion centers, where a D.O.D. guy can talk to an F.B.I. guy and an N.R.O. guy—everything we learned from the 9/11 Commission."

The mysteries have shown no signs of abatement. In early April, the eminent U.F.O. journalist George Knapp, along with the documentary filmmaker Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell, best known for his participation in an ill-begotten crusade to "storm" Nevada's Area 51, released a video and a series of photos that had apparently

been leaked from the U.A.P. Task Force's classified intelligence reports. The video, taken with night-vision goggles, shows three airborne triangles, intermittently flashing with eerie incandescence as they rotate against a starry sky. Kean texted me, "Breaking huge story." She was trying to get to the bottom of the video, but doubted that any of her sources would be willing to authenticate something so hot. The next day, the Department of Defense confirmed that the video was real and said that it had been taken by Navy personnel. Mick West argued, persuasively, that the pyramids were an airplane and two stars, distorted by a lens artifact. Kean, for her part, told me that she was "only just starting to look into the situation," but volunteered that West was "being reasonable." The Pentagon refused further comment.

The government may or may not care about the resolution of the U.F.O. enigma. But, in throwing up its hands and granting that there are things it simply cannot figure out, it has relaxed its grip on the taboo. For many, this has been a comfort. In March, I spoke with a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force who said that about a decade ago, during combat, he had an extended encounter with a U.F.O., one that registered on two of his plane's sensors. For all the usual reasons, he had never officially reported the sighting, but every once in a while he'd bring a close friend into his confidence over a beer. He did not want to be named. "Why am I telling you this story?" he asked. "I guess I just want this data out there-hopefully this helps somebody else somehow."

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Very Respectfully,

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 Date: Mon, 3 May 2021 12:16:53 -0400
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All,

On 5/3/2021, the Deputy Inspector General for Evaluations announced "Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena," Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000.

The project supports the following operations: None

Please click on the hyperlink below for the announcement letter:

<https://infolink.dodig.mil/portal/audit/ProjDat/Announcements/D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000.pdf>

For additional information, please contact <(b) (6)>, OIG DoD, <(b) (6)>, or <(b) (6)> (cc'ed).

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, Zola, Michael

Subject: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Mr. Randolph R. Stone, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations, we plan to begin the subject evaluation in May 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP).

We will perform the evaluation at the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Military Services, Combatant Commands, Combat Support Agencies, Defense Agencies, and the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Organizations on the "To" line of this email: please provide us with a point of contact for the evaluation within 5 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee or Military Service Member GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent.

For the Military Services, we are requesting points of contact from both your intelligence staff or service intelligence center and your Military Criminal Investigation Organization.

Please send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to

(b) (6). If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6) at (b) (6)

(b) (6), or (b) (6) at (b) (6).

V/r,

(b) (6)

Space, Missile and Nuclear Evaluations
Department of Defense Office of Inspector General

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 Date Tue, 4 May 2021 22:12:04 +0000
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Good afternoon,

FYSA, below is a PoliticoPro article on the announced UAP evaluation:

Pentagon watchdog opens new probe into military's handling of UFOs

By Bryan Bender | 05/04/2021 02:20 PM EDT

The Pentagon's inspector general has launched an evaluation into the actions the military has taken to address the spate of UFO sightings in recent years involving high performance aircraft that have violated military airspace.

The probe comes as Congress awaits a public report, due next month, from a host of national security agencies on the issue, and as advocates complain<<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/03/25/ufo-sightings-report-478104?source=email>> that some departments and agencies are not fully cooperating by sharing data.

"The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)," Randolph Stone, assistant inspector general for evaluations on space, intelligence, engineering, and oversight, wrote in a Monday memo<https://media.defense.gov/2021/May/04/2002633947/-1/-1/1/D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000_REDACTED.PDF?source=email> to the heads of the military branches and other top military commanders and intelligence chiefs.

"We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives," it added.

The memo was first reported by The Debrief.<<https://thedebrief.org/inspector-general-launching-evaluation-of-the-pentagons-actions-with-ufos/?source=email>>

It was not immediately clear who decided that the department's independent watchdog should take on the issue.

The Pentagon set up an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force<<https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2314065/establishment-of-unidentified-aerial-phenomena-task-force/?source=email>> last year.

But one former top Pentagon intelligence official who has lobbied Congress to take more action on such sightings<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rO_M0hLIJ-Q&source=email> said on Tuesday that the IG's involvement is a positive step.

"You are looking at how is it possible that restricted military airspace is being routinely violated for months and years and nobody is informed in the Defense Department or the Congress and there is a complete system breakdown," said Christopher Mellon, former deputy assistant secretary of defense for intelligence. "That's a valid thing for them to investigate."

Very Respectfully,

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From "Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>
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Yes, sorry, I thought the risk of confusing people by sending them a 2nd copy of the announcement letter was worse than a typo on one word.

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Sir,

Since I didn't hear back from you right away, I checked with Mr. Roark. He asked me not to send it out again, because he didn't want to confuse them with another letter.

The team has the updated announcement for any future correspondence, and the correct version went out to the public.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>

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Subject: RE: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

We fixed it prior to PA posting to our public website.

Do you want me to resend to the original e-mail with the update? (I guess yes or you wouldn't be asking.....)

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:53 AM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

Let me know when reissued please!

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From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>

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Date: Monday, May 03, 2021, 20:17

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)> >>

Subject: RE: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

Murphy's law better fix it asap or we will look pretty silly

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)> >>

Date: Monday, May 03, 2021, 17:25

To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)>

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Subject: RE: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

(b) (5) Nobody caught it.

From: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 4:41 PM

To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

The memo has the NRO as a organization! Its office!

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)> >>

Date: Monday, May 03, 2021, 08:00

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Subject: Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (Project No. D2021-DEV0SN-0116.000)

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Mr. Randolph R. Stone, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations, we plan to begin the subject evaluation in May 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP).

We will perform the evaluation at the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Military Services, Combatant Commands, Combat Support Agencies, Defense Agencies, and the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Organizations on the "To" line of this email: please provide us with a point of contact for the evaluation within 5 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee or Military Service Member GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent.

For the Military Services, we are requesting points of contact from both your intelligence staff or service intelligence center and your Military Criminal Investigation Organization.

Please send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to

(b) (6). If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6) at (b) (6)

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V/r,

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