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June 18, 2025

Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your May 16, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (OSD/JS) FOIA Requester Service Center received your request on May 18, 2020, and assigned it FOIA case number 20-F-1095. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, a component of OSD, conducted a search of their records systems and located 263 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Ms. Tanya Rose, IM Director, Public Affairs; Mr. Paul Plescow, Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security; Mr. C.C. Davison, Chief, Records and Open Government, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Mr. Richard Strong, Navy FOIA/PA Program Office, in their capacity as Initial Denial Authorities, has determined that portions of the 263 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552:

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(b)(6), information which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please note that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying exemptions under the FOIA in the processing of this request.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

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We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Turia Winkler, and reference FOIA case number 20-F-1095, if you have any questions or concerns.


Sincerely,

Adam Johnson
Pamela Andrews
for Chief, FOIA

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2:26 PM

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Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA); (b)(6)

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[Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Mike Turber - Tic Tac's a Balloon (Filer's Files)

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Note the flyby of a cube with sphere inside (portal) between the two F18 s in 2015 USS Roosevelt was not a ballon

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On Jan 27, 2021, at 9:26 AM, (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:

The object seen in the "Tic Tac" video is actually an F18 just beyond the ranging ability of the ATFLIR pods laser range finder. The video was filmed by (b)(6). You will note that (b)(6) wingman is unaccounted for during his flight even though they launched together. In the video link below you will see (b)(6) video on the left and a much closer F18 on the right but the outline is nearly identical. Take into account one is much further away. No one will debunk my video and as with all my statements I will just sit back and wait until the location of (b)(6) wingman or some other F18 pilot is shown on the actual data which was taken by the USAF to AFRL and if you remember I know about that data, where it went and some of what it shows. Caution-<https://youtu.be/O-YX9nGIago> < Caution-<https://youtu.be/O-YX9nGIago> >

Commander Fravor did not video anything but what he saw was an inflatable object made by Raytheon that was launched from a submarine, held by a tether briefly and then let go. Fravor ended up destroying it.

As I've said the entire time is the United States Air Force was testing spoofing technology back during that time frame. Who better to test it on than the United States Navy who just received brand new SPY-1B phased array radar? The sub's disturbance in the water was spotted by Fravor and he was able to spot the "Tic Tac" balloon on a tether darting around in the air from the light waves and slight wind. Imagine a balloon being held by a string 50 feet over the surface of the ocean with the other end attached to a sub.



So (b)(6) sees this and starts his descent and as he is coming down the balloon is released. As the balloon comes up he thinks it is matching his moves when it is merely floating up. No wings, no signs of propulsion etc. So he decides to cut the circle and fly directly to it not realizing he is much closer to it then thought. As he gets near it he mistakenly believe it accelerated and he flies so close he pops it. The balloon falls to the ocean but he believes it continued on the same path and must have disappeared over the horizon at ludicrous speed. Now all these spoofing balloons mimic each other making it appear they are moving incredibly fast. If you don't believe we are using this technology to fool the enemy then you need to go read up on it. Here I will help you. Caution-<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/29505/the-navys-secretive-nemesis-electronic-warfare-capability-will-change-naval-combat-forever> < Caution-<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/29505/the-navys-secretive-nemesis-electronic-warfare-capability-will-change-naval-combat-forever> >



Fast forward to Jacksonville, Florida and 2014-2015 events with the same deal. NAVY Carrier group training in the Atlantic Ocean and with new SPY-1B radar sees more UFOs, Gimbals and Go Fast. (b)(6) in all seriousness, which makes more sense? We have alien technology or we learned how to make it look like we do? How do you confuse everyone into believing the BS? Introduce impossible patents and hope < Caution-<http://ho.pe/> > people bite on them instead of using the secret patent process that they use all the time. (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:, Well Mr. Time Traveler I may be a moron in your eyes but remember who was the first to leak exactly what these objects actually are. So mudslinging aside let me know if you, and guests on this list, would like to know the next item up for bids on the price is wrong. Sometimes morons have info that intellects need ☺

Pais is the puppet. I know who the puppet master is. Ask yourself why they would publish and/or allow this info to be released in a simple FOIA request? What is the real reason behind all these patents? Follow the yellow brick road.....Best Regards, (b)(6)

Editor's Note: I have been informed there is effective radar spoofing technology that will paint a fake craft on the radar screen. However this technology has no effect on photos, video, or visual sightings. Also the technology is not effective against all radars. Conversely UFOs may not appear on all radars. Russia and other countries have similar technology.

(b)(6) writes, "***I am quite willing to entertain the possibility that all the Navy videos are fake or are misinterpreted.***" However, you are accusing (b)(6), (b)(6) and other US Navy military of intentionally lying. (b)(6) and other Navy pilots had visual close encounters. Your account below about (b)(6) is not what I heard him say about seeing incredibly fast accelerations. Leave that all aside; I am talking about the entire UFO phenomenon not specifically those fuzzy videos.

(b)(6) wrote: **Didn't you see my email from yesterday why totally demolished this nonsense? It's a bunch of crap in the Navy people who are behind it or either incompetent or it's some kind of disinformation operation, in any case it's a scandal and it needs to be investigated of course it won't be under Biden's fake admin run by China's Xi Jinping. Only a complete dunce who doesn't understand elementary physics will be fooled by this kind of nonsense. The only thing good about it is what they say about the military threat of such technology know how which I have but the Navy doesn't.**



(b)(6) wrote Navy "UFO Patent" Documents Talk of "Space-time Modification Weapon," Detail Experimental Testing. The Navy spent three years and considerable sums of money testing the "Pays Effect" and may have transferred the program to another agency.

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US Navy's 'UFO Patents' files reveal experiments for a 'Space-time Modification Weapons' ‘

(b)(6)



The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) conducted the experiments, exploring the work of (b)(6). 'UFO patents' had been vouched for by the head of the Navy's aerospace research enterprise. Navy was filing them as Chinese entities worked on similar technology advancements. The inventions are enabled through the 'Pais Effect' – a theoretical physics concept based on the 'controlled motion of electrically charged matter'. Approximately \$466,810 was spent conducting experiments for the project between the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2019.

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A U.S. Navy file dubbed the 'UFO patents' has revealed how military scientists spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on experiments involving nuclear fusion and electromagnetic fields as part of research into devastating future weapons. The documents claim a 'Space-time Modification Weapon' could make the Hydrogen bomb seem like a 'firecracker.'

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The head of the Navy's aerospace research enterprise said Chinese entities were working on similar technology advancements, the **War Zone** < Caution-<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/38937/navy-ufo-patent-documents-talk-of-spacetime-modification-weapon-detail-experimental-testing> > reports.



The High Energy Electromagnetic Field Generator (HEEMFG)

Naval Innovative Science & Engineering (NISE) – Basic and Applied Research (219BAR-17-009)

Objective: Design a test article and instrumentation to demonstrate the experimental feasibility of achieving high, electromagnetic (EM), field-energy, flux values toward the design of advanced High energy Density / High Power propulsion systems

Product Description: Test apparatus, instrumentation and operational method to prove that by coupling an electrically charged system's high frequency of axial spin (possibly coupled with high vibration frequencies) operated in a rapidly accelerated transient mode, we can achieve extremely high electromagnetic field-intensity (EM energy flux) values.

Warfighter Benefit: Realization of this technology moves propulsion technology beyond gas dynamic systems and enables the design of a field propulsion-based hybrid aerospace-undersea craft.



Transition Details: ONR, NRL, DARPA - possible continuation of project funding to be provided by these DOD agencies.

Transition Sponsor: If the feasibility study determines this experiment can be conducted at PSEF, funding will be pursued to build the test asset and run the test.

Transition Date: 9/30/2019 (Planned)

NAE Gap/STO: Strike Operations (STK)/STO-1: Responsive Engagement

Total S&T Funding: \$515.30K

Technical point of contact: (b)(6)

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Other Partners: (b)(6)

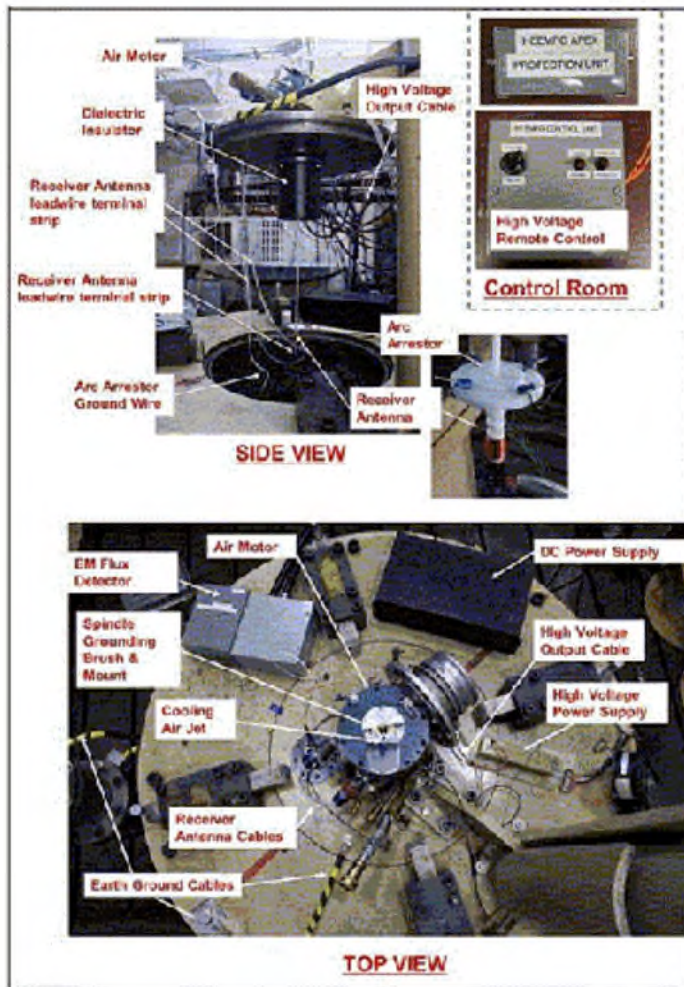
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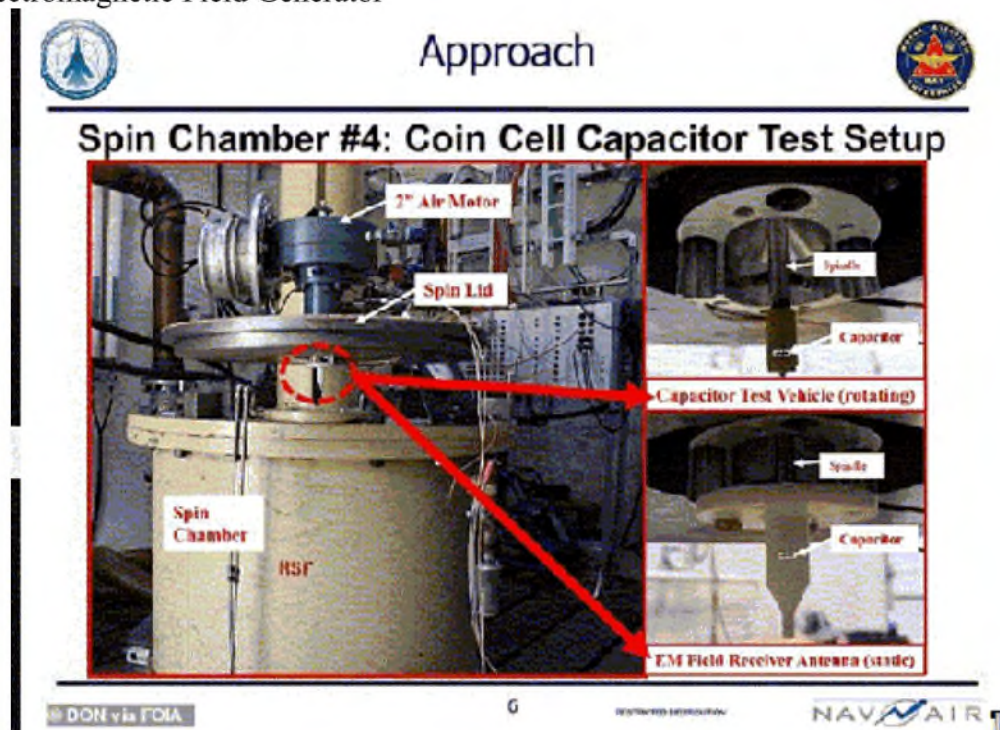
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Field Generator (HEEMFG) project. \$466.810 was spent conducting experiments for the. These documents mention how Pais's Plasma Compression Fusion Device patent could be used to design the ultra-powerful 'Space-time Modification Weapon.'

'Under uniquely defined conditions, the Plasma Compression Fusion Device can lead to development of a Space-time Modification Weapon (SMW- a weapon that can make the Hydrogen bomb seem more like a firecracker, in comparison)' the documents read.



High Energy Electromagnetic Field Generator



An overview of (b)(6) 'High Energy Electromagnetic Field Generator' technology

‘Extremely high energy levels can be achieved with this invention, under pulsed ultrahigh current (I) / ultrahigh magnetic flux density (B) conditions (Z-pinch with a Fusion twist).’

The NAWCAD explained that the technology has ‘National Security importance in leading to the generation of thermonuclear Fusion Ignition

.A 2018 quad chart for the High Energy Electromagnetic Field Generator (HEEMFG) project. \$466,810 was spent conducting experiments for the project between the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2019. Photographs from one of the spin tests performed

He devices that were tested seem to have been preliminary versions of (b)(6) HEEMFG model. They used spinning capacitors to ‘demonstrate the experimental feasibility of achieving high electromagnetic field-energy flux values toward the design of advanced high energy density / high power propulsion systems.’

The documents also highlight that the HEEMFG could be continued by the Naval and Air Force Research Laboratories

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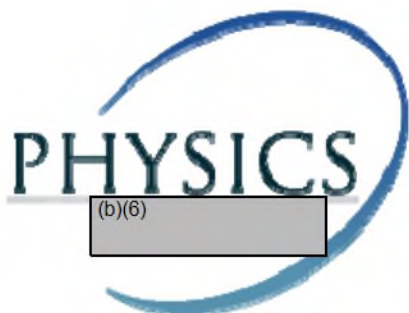
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Subject:

[Non-DoD Source] Re: Eric Davis is like those dolls you pull the string and out comes "you suffer from Dunning-Kruger effect"

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Professor of Physics

(b)(6)

Education

- BA California State University, Fullerton
- MA University of California, Irvine
- PhD University of California, Irvine

Research Interests

(b)(6) research interests include fiber optic sensing techniques as well as other areas of basic and applied optics. He also has interests in experimental and theoretical condensed matter physics, and basic theories of matter. In the past few years he has carried out major revisions of our upper-division laboratory courses ((b)(6) and (b)(6)) to introduce students to state-of-the-art experimental techniques in fiber optics, automated data acquisition and analysis, and sensor technology. His work on the (b)(6) course was funded by a National Science Foundation Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Grant. His research work has been funded by a number of grants from government agencies and private corporations. Several of (b)(6) publications have included undergraduate student coauthors.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Listen (b)(6), (b)(6) is a distinguished tenured full professor of physics at Cal State (b)(6) with a distinguished research record not a shoddy “adjunct” like you. He does not parade his entire CV in every email like you do. That proves your insecurity and pompous arrogance (b)(6). **You do not really understand General Relativity and neither does (b)(6).** (b)(6) is a good guy but is basically an experimental laser physicist. Neither (b)(6) nor you understand that his expression for gravity index of refraction is relevant only to the **Shapiro time delay effect of light around gravitating bodies.**

Eq. 3.4.18’ p. 124 Gravitation and Inertia Ciufolini and (b)(6)

(b)(6) **PV theory paper is full of errors of interpretation of the equations he writes, most glaring his remark about increasing c.**

Hal’s PV paper that he keeps sending is way out of date. Nowhere does he write Einstein’s field equation, and nowhere does he mention G/c^4 as the relevant coupling of source to gravity. Nowhere does he say anything about the energy barrier to warp drive and nowhere does he offer an explanation of how metamaterials fit in. I had all of this in rough form at 2011 NASA DARPA talk that you gaslighted me on.

All the references you gave to Robert Forward et-al were qualitative and not quantitative and testable like mine and do not justify your and Millis's attempts at suppression, censorship and gaslighting of my explanation of the entire UFO phenomenon - all of it.

Indeed, you are a danger to US National Security by misleading military and politicians.

I will let Wanser reply to your lies about him below.

On Mar 25, 2021, at 1:18 AM, (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

(b)(6):

(b)(6) did nothing of a sort. You're the chief insecurity officer here and you mislead everyone to death to hide your Dunning-Kruger disorder, jealousy and insecurities. (b)(6) doesn't know anything and he didn't work for the AAWSAP and AATIP as one of the two chief science advisors to the program managers. That was (b)(6) and I. I respect (b)(6) position and professional accomplishments in condensed matter theory at Cal State-(b)(6), and I applaud his strong interest in the UAP topic. But he exposed nothing because the DoD science work that (b)(6) and I did (and I'm still doing) for the AAWSAP/AATIP is above his pay grade and yours. And you misled him in the fundamentals of your low-energy metamaterial warp drive concept.

You're incapable of introspection and self-reflection because of your raging narcissism. You can't counter argue my facts so you resort to your usual bag of absurd, irrelevant diversionary assertions. You're jealous and insecure to the hilt. This prevents you from doing good physics. You were actually far better and more productive when you worked in the Cafe Trieste. I still applaud your deep and unwavering interest in and commitment to the UAP topic and its resolution, as well as your philosophical thinking on this.

The original ONI field investigations of the Nimitz UAP encounters and the other later UAP ("Go-Fast") encounters resoundingly eliminated (via forensic methods, MASINT analysis, and technology application assessments) (b)(6) utterly impossible military technology explanations for those UAPs. The sword of the scientific method and forensics killed him, but he's still an obnoxious ghost who'll mislead anyone that'll listen to him due to his Dunning-Kruger disorder. But you don't have all the answers until your work survives the sausage grinder of the scientific method.

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Ph.D., FBIS, AFAIAA

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(b)(6), Elizondo, De Longe and others at TTSA.

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BwahahahaahahAh....

Well regardless of Alpha or Omega they need to address the issue. I am guessing by this time next week they will. With the videos I am about to release and the calls I am going to make I hope to see movement.

I dont want them to do anything other than correct their mistakes. I corrected mine. My original thoughts on this very subject changed when I went to vet my own story.

But as it relates to the 3 videos and claims by TTSA my basic story is the same. This is United States technology. Not China or Russia or Aliens or anything else.

(b)(6) is probably going to be very quiet now. Someone probably advised him to do so.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021, 4:11 PM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:
Copy that.

Look on the Alpha - Delta scale of Aldous Huxley's Brave New World

No one at TTSA is an Alpha

Unfortunately, that is also true at the top levels of USG especially now that the crazies have taken the White House, both Houses and have intimidated SCOTUS. Don't get me wrong, very few Alphas are in Republican Party also, it's not just the Communist Party USA (aka Democrat Party 2021).



We are now living in



On Mar 25, 2021, at 12:52 PM, (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

Well (b)(6) here is how this works. If what I am saying is not true and is defamation then they should sue me right?

Here is their problem.

If they sue me then that means they can be deposed. It is also a well known legal response to a defamation suit that if what I am saying is true, there really is not much they can do.

So far I have pressed the issue about "GoFast" to the point that I am so confident that I am right that I am challenging them directly. You may have seen the huge argument I had with Lue on Twitter. Hundreds of replies and not once did he address my question directly. That gave the the green light to press harder.

Now here comes (b)(6) who brought me up in several posts. This was a huge mistake on his part. I would guess that by now he has calculated "GoFast" and he probably has made some phone calls asking how to handle it since he now knows I am correct.

There really is only one way to handle this and save face.

(b)(6) or (b)(6) should admit the mistake and remove all claims of extraordinary fight characteristics.

(b)(6) should apologize to me for the claims he has made that I don't know math and such which implies my math is wrong. It is not wrong.

This would mean all these people should "Man-Up".

I won't hold my breath.

Fun weekend coming!

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021, 1:19 PM (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

On Mar 25, 2021, at 9:59 AM, (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

Oh I know for a fact there are more videos. In fact you will remember I mentioned this on the same show you were on with (b)(6).

My main contention is this. We are being led to believe that the three videos that were released by the Department of Defense are representations of objects that they cannot classify. This is not true. Not only is it not true it was exacerbated through the lies told to us by Tom DeLonge, Lue Elizondo, Christopher Mellon, and basically everyone from TTSA.

(b)(6): These are serious allegations of criminal fraud. For the record, I am not making these allegations. I have no direct information nor competence in evaluating the authenticity of the videos nor the motives of those named by (b)(6).

What is perplexing to me is the fact that one of the three videos is so egregious and so outrageously filled with self-debunking information that it was even allowed to remain as one of the three. I mean seriously, how in the world could this have slipped through the cracks with the crackpot team that was put together by (b)(6) (b)(6)?

The other two videos are at least arguable because it's very difficult to prove anything with the clarity and information provided.

The reason why I'm putting so much emphasis on this one video is because it is the only video of the three that I can prove 100% without any argument that I am correct in my measurements of altitude and measurements of speed and measurements of size. In fact I'm obviously not the only one who has done this. But I have gone directly to the sources as best I could to get them to take another look at their own video and to correct any errors that they find. Did they do this? No of course not! They doubled down and reiterated the same information on a television show that they created. How amazingly stupid is this?

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Checkmate (b)(6), you picked the wrong guy to pick on. Have a great day, because your weekend probably won't be so fun.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

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(b)(6), I have no love for (b)(6) as you know. I suspect that he is really a hybrid of a frog with a human. ;-)

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However, please look at this video

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Can you estimate the size of the object?

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Attachments:

Proposed Redactions Greenwald Responses to Query v2 (002).pdf; Proposed Redactions Press Query VICE.pdf; Proposed Redactions UAP Query On Release of Videos.pdf; Proposed Redactions Vice Motherboard follow-up Qs with proposed answers 16 September.pdf; Proposed Redactions VICE Motherboard RTQ v1.pdf; Proposed Redactions WORKING DOCUMENT Popular Mechanics Q-A of 25 November 2019 (v3).pdf; DON-NAVY-2020-007231 Case File.pdf

Signed By:

katherine.d.davis@navy.mil

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Please review and let me know if you are in concurrence with the proposed redactions and if there are further redactions necessary.

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Requester Information

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Organization	The Black Vault	Submitted Date	04/28/2020
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	04/28/2020
Email Address	john@greenewald.com	Perfected Date	
Phone Number	8004562228	Last Assigned Date	09/22/2020
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Has Description Been Modified?

No

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Attached Supporting Files

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Appeals

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			REQ - Release to Requester Only		
Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date

No records have been uploaded.

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
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No restricted materials have been added.

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: Media

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
No tasks have been assigned.								

Existing Comments (2)

Date Created		Last Edited On	User Name
04/28/2020 02:00 PM		04/28/2020 02:00 PM	Clint Messner
Comment	Requester is seeking records pertaining to copies of FLIR1 images data from engagement between US Naval aircraft and UAP Recommend re-assignment to NAVAIR for responsive records CTM		
04/30/2020 07:38 PM		04/30/2020 07:38 PM	Robert Miller
Comment	ADMIN LOG 4/30/20 - 10m - Case in processed via FOIA Online 4/30/20 - 10m - Recommend re-assigning to NAVAIR for processing.		

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order	Review Outcome	Assigned Reviewer	Review Date
No reviewers have been assigned.			

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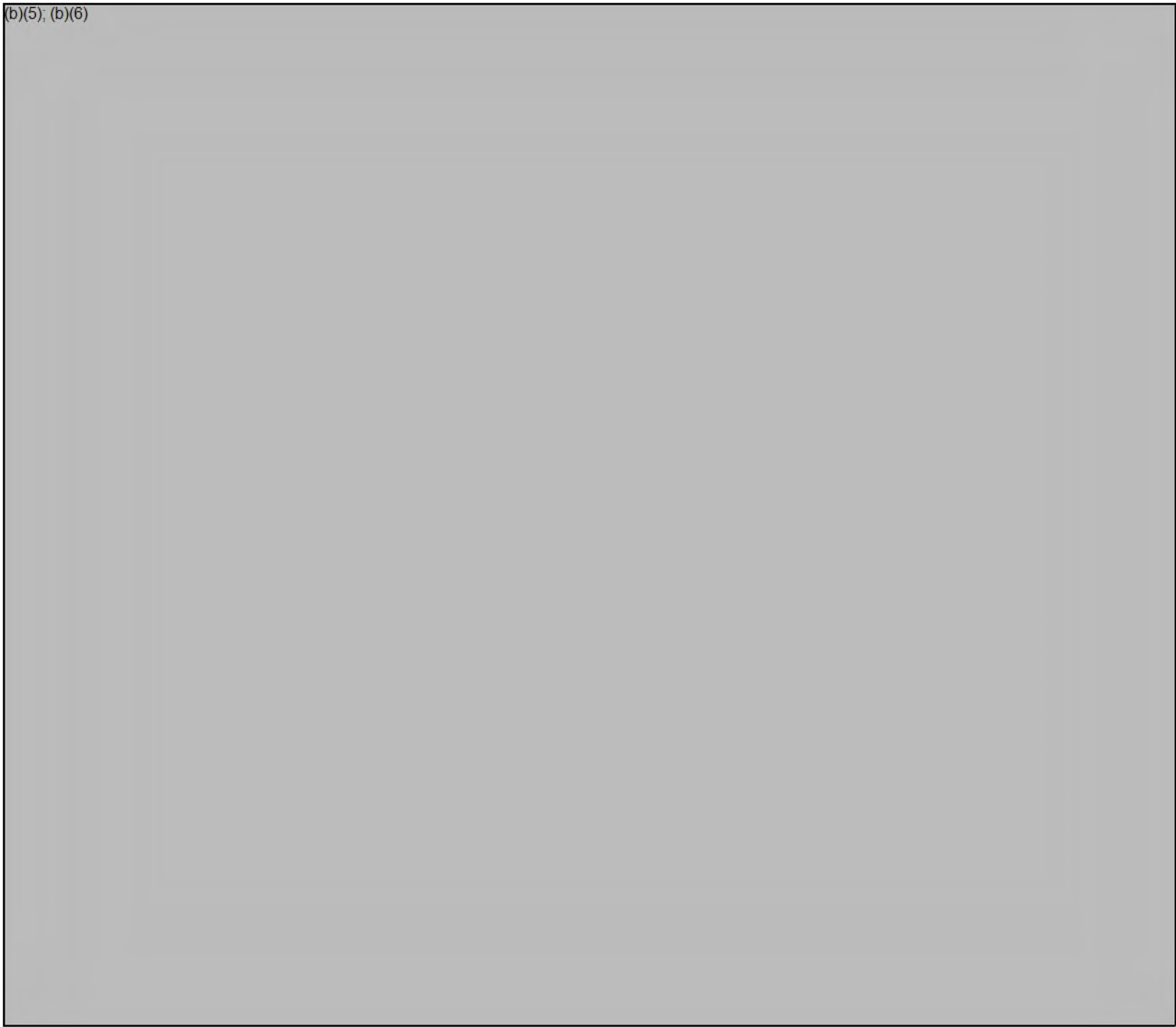
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From: john@greenewald.com <john@greenewald.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 3:06 PM

To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Request for comment - Videos release via DD Form 1910 - Navy was OCA

Dear Mr. Gradisher,

I hope you recall our pleasant conversation a couple months ago. I appreciated your time on the phone. As a reminder, I work as a television producer and writer in Los Angeles, and have reported quite a bit on the claims of “To the Stars Academy of Arts & Science”, along with the U.S. Navy videos they released claiming they are UFOs/UAPs etc.

There is much controversy about what they label the FLIR1, Gimble and GoFast videos. In short, it has been determined that Mr. Luis Elizondo requested their release via a DD Form 1910, but only for USG use only, and not for publication. Now, through a recent FOIA release, a string of emails show Mr. Elizondo’s communication with DOPSR. What I am seeking comment on, is the most chronologically recent email in the chain. I put a screen shot below for reference.

Mr. Luis Elizondo (GS-15, civilian) worded the DD Form 1910 request for USG use only and the videos were not to be published in any form to the public. However, through email, Mr. Elizondo said to broaden the request for usage to “unrestricted.” Please look at DOPSR’s Michael C. Russo’s message below, in which he asked for the OCA (in this case, the Navy) to offer up their stance that if metadata was removed, the videos would be unclassified. If they did, unrestricted access would be granted by DOPSR. So, it relied on the Navy.

It appears by this FOIA request, that the Navy never communicated any verification. If they did, it was not released in this FOIA response. So, instead of operating off the assumption, I am seeking comment to the below questions, if possible. This is for a story this week, so I would appreciate any response you could give me as time permits.

- 1) Did the Navy respond to DOPSR’s request to approve a “unrestricted” release authority to Mr. Elizondo in regards to these three videos? If so, does that email grant an unrestricted, PUBLIC, release for these videos?
- 2) Mr. Luis Elizondo described the videos on the DD Form 1910 as “UAV, Balloons and other UAS.” In addition, Mr. Elizondo’s emails describe the videos in generality, as “balloons, commercial UAVs, private drones such as quadcopters, etc). Does the Navy agree these are the proper identifiers to describe the referenced Flir1, Gimble and GoFast videos?
- 3) Mr. Elizondo, and To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science describe these three videos as UFOs or UAPs, and not with the same description as Mr. Elizondo on official paperwork. Can the Navy comment on the claims made by TTSA, that these videos represented as UFOs/UAPs by them, and the fact that they were described in a much different way on official documents?
- 4) I have a statement from OSD regarding the videos (which I will also put below for reference). I’d like to ask, since the Navy was the OCA for them, if you could comment as well. In question form, according to the U.S. Navy, were the videos labeled as FLIR1, Gimble and GoFast ever released to the public, or was the approval only for internal use?

5) If the answer to #4 is that the videos were not meant for public release, can you tell me the security classification of the videos at the time they were requested, and the security classification as it stands right now, if it has changed.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. As I mentioned, time is of the essence, so anything you can provide me would be greatly appreciated.

Reference Email from Michael C Russo:

Pentagon Statement about video release:

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
Owner/Founder
The Black Vault
<http://www.theblackvault.com> <<http://www.theblackvault.com/>>

Toll Free: (800) 456-2228

International: 1 (818) 655-0474

Fax: (818) 659-7688

Mailing Address:
The Black Vault
27305 W. Live Oak Rd., Suite 1203
Castaic, CA 91384-4520

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From: (b)(5) (USA) (b)(5)
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:19 PM
To: (b)(5) USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Cc: DONFOIA-PA
Subject: FOIA Request - DON-NAVY 2020-007937 007966 007971
Attachments: 007937 Snapshot.pdf; 007966 Snapshot.pdf; 007971 Snapshot.pdf

Sir,

We are also in receipt of three very closely related FOIA requests. Please review, advise, and take for action as appropriate.

Sent on behalf of the DNS-36 Director.

V/r,

(b)(5)
Information Specialist/FOIA-PA
SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Office
Department of the Navy
Office: (b)(5)
Direct: (b)(5)
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DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil

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DON-NAVY-2020-007937 Request Details

Case Status: Initial Evaluation **Due Date:** N/A **Clock Days:** 0 (Never Started)**Case Phase:** Evaluation

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald
Organization	The Black Vault
Requester Has Account	Yes
Email Address	john@greenewald.com
Phone Number	8004562228
Fax Number	8186597688
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203
City	Castaic
State/Province	CA
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384
Tracking Number	DON-NAVY-2020-007937
Submitted Date	05/16/2020
Received Date	05/18/2020
Perfected Date	
Last Assigned Date	05/16/2020
Assigned To	Chief of Naval Operations
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Simple
Fee Limit	\$15.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No ▼
Request Track	Simple ▼
Fee Category	Select Fee Category ▼
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	FOIA ▼
Request Perfected	No ▼
Acknowledgement Sent Date	05/18/2020
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No ▼
5 Day Notifications	

Description

1642/2000

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be found on my website: www.johngreenewald.com. I am currently working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I am a freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be found on my website: www.johngreenewald.com.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this request be denied.

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the following:

ALL emails sent TO / FROM (or cc'd or bcc'd) Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare, which include the following keywords:

"UFO"

and/or

"unidentified aircraft"

and/or

"unidentified aerial phenomena"

and/or

"unidentified aerial phenomenon"

and/or UAP.

I agree to omit responsive records released in FOIA DON-NAVY-2019-006272. I also agree to omit PUBLICLY sourced material (ie: newspaper articles). I ask that all included commentary w/ responsive, however, the articles themselves can be omitted.

I lastly request that NIPR, SIPR and JWICS communication systems are searched for responsive records.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
27305 W. Live Oak Rd.
Suite #1203
Castaic, Ca. 91384
FAX 1-818-659-7688

Has Description Been Modified

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

N2N6 UFO Communications

Additional Information

Appellate Authority

OJAG14

Case #

Name of Local Command

Contract/Sol.#

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DON-NAVY-2020-007966 Request Details

Case Status: Initial Evaluation Due Date: N/A Clock Days: 0 (Never Started)

Case Phase: Evaluation

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald
Organization	The Black Vault
Requester Has Account	Yes
Email Address	john@greenewald.com
Phone Number	8004562228
Fax Number	8186597688
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203
City	Castaic
State/Province	CA
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384
Tracking Number	DON-NAVY-2020-007966
Submitted Date	05/17/2020
Received Date	05/18/2020
Perfected Date	
Last Assigned Date	05/17/2020
Assigned To	Chief of Naval Operations
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Simple
Fee Limit	\$15.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No ▼
Request Track	Simple ▼
Fee Category	Select Fee Category ▼
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	FOIA ▼
Request Perfected	No ▼
Acknowledgement Sent Date	05/18/2020
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No ▼
5 Day Notifications	

Description

1470/2000

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I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this F

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the following:

1) All emails sent to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) Navy Spokesperson Joseph Gradisher, with the e-mail of joseph.gradisher@navy.mil (include all other email address that may be different utilize following keywords:

GIMBLE

and/or

GIMBAL

and/or

FLIR1

and/or

"GoFast"

and/or

"GO FAST" (Please search for this as a phrase).

Please include all years available to electronically search for responsive emails. Also, please ensure that NIPR, SIPR and JWICS communications are searched.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
27305 W. Live Oak Rd.
Suite #1203
Castaic, Ca. 91384
FAX 1-818-659-7688

Has Description Been Modified

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Spokesperson Communications

Additional Information

Appellate Authority

OJAG14

Case #

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DON-NAVY-2020-007971 Request Details

Case Status: Initial Evaluation Due Date: N/A Clock Days: 0 (Never Started)

Case Phase: Evaluation

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald
Organization	The Black Vault
Requester Has Account	Yes
Email Address	john@greenewald.com
Phone Number	8004562228
Fax Number	8186597688
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203
City	Castaic
State/Province	CA
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384
Tracking Number	DON-NAVY-2020-007971
Submitted Date	05/17/2020
Received Date	05/18/2020
Perfected Date	
Last Assigned Date	05/17/2020
Assigned To	Chief of Naval Operations
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Simple
Fee Limit	\$15.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No ▼
Request Track	Simple ▼
Fee Category	Select Fee Category ▼
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	FOIA ▼
Request Perfected	No ▼
Acknowledgement Sent Date	05/18/2020
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No ▼
5 Day Notifications	

Description

1365/2000

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1) All emails sent to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) Navy Spokesperson Joseph Gradisher, with the e-mail of joseph.gradisher@navy.mil (include all other email address that may be different utilize following keyword:

ELIZONDO

Please include all years available to electronically search for responsive emails. Also, please ensure that NIPR, SIPR and JWICS communications are searched.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
27305 W. Live Oak Rd.
Suite #1203
Castaic, Ca. 91384
FAX 1-818-659-7688

Has Description Been Modified

Description Available to the Public

No ▼

Short Description

Navy Spokesperson Communications

Additional Information

Appellate Authority

OJAG14 ▼

Case #

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 12:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA); Stratton, John F (Jay) SES
USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6) USN DCNO N2N6 (USA);
Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: FW: DON-NAVY-2020-007330
Attachments: DON-NAVY-2020-007330 Case File.pdf; DON-NAVY-2020-007330 Attachment - AFOSI
Investigation pg 2.pdf; DON-NAVY-2020-007330 Attachment - AFOSI Investigation.pdf;
2020-007330 Final Response.doc

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Having said that, does that in any way cause a hiccup with the fact that NAVAIR was the release authority for the public release of all 3 videos in response to the earlier FOIA?

Regards,

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(b)(6) U.S. Navy (Ret)

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 2:04 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6) Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA
(USA) (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: FW: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Good Afternoon,

This is in reference to a FOIA request we received for records "regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)".

During our search for records, we discovered that the video(s) history and custody did not fall under our cognizance. After consulting with CSG-8, they conducted a search and provided a No Records response below. Please let us know if you concur with our final response to requester.

Thank you!

V/R,

(b)(6)

NAWCAD Command Operations Group
Admin & Records Management Division
47122 Liljencrantz Road
Patuxent River, MD 20670
Phone: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) USN COMCARSTRKGRU EIGHT (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:29 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Ma'am,

I am the IDA for CSG-8. Our Staff, CVW-1, and VFA-11 were not able to locate any records responsive to the request.

Let me know if you need any other information.

V/R, (b)(6)

(b)(6), JAGC, USN
Staff Judge Advocate
Carrier Strike Group EIGHT
Office: (b)(6)
NIPR: (b)(6)
SIPR: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:26 PM
To: (b)(6) USN COMCARSTRKGRU EIGHT (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

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I thought I would check I to see if you were able to confirm if CSG-8 had responsive records on this request or if you could provide a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!

V/R

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:56 AM
To: (b)(6) USN COMCARSTRKGRU EIGHT (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

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I believe the requester is looking for information on the “Gimbal” video which was obtained from VFA-11. If you can confirm that CSG-8 has no responsive records or a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!

V/R

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) USN COMCARSTRKGRU EIGHT (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:47 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Ma’am,

Good morning - from your emails below I am tracking the following request:

Records “regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)”

If there is anything else you need, please let me know and I will coordinate with the CVW-1 and VFA-11 to get you a formal response.

V/R, Grif

(b)(6), JAGC, USN

Staff Judge Advocate
Carrier Strike Group EIGHT

Office: (b)(6)

NIPR: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) USN SECOND FLEET (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 1:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) USN COMNAVAIRLANT NOR VA (USA) (b)(6) (b)(6) USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6) (b)(6) USN COMCARSTRKGRU EIGHT (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (US) (b)(6) (b)(6) CIV USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) USN (USA) (b)(6) (b)(6) USN CNIC WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

All:

(b)(6) copied above, is the SJA for CSG-8. (b)(6)
he may not yet be up on email. (b)(6) is the best POC at CSG-8 for FOIA questions.

V/r,

(b)(6) JAGC, USN

Fleet Judge Advocate
U.S. SECOND Fleet

Phone: (b)(6)

Cell: (b)(6)

Email: (b)(6)

SIPR: (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Good Afternoon,

This FOIA request is for records "regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)". I believe that is the "Gimbal" video which was obtained from VFA-11.

If you can confirm that CSG-8 has no responsive records or a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you all for your assistance!

V/R

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Admin & Records Management Division
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Phone: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) USN COMNAVAIRLANT NOR VA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:53 AM
To: (b)(6) USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) USN (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) USN CNIC WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) USN SECOND FLEET (USA) (b)(6)

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On the east coast, CSGs provide all the "legal" care and feeding for their subordinate units. So CSG-8 would serve as FOIA IDA for VFA-11. I can't speak for CNAP concerning VFA-41.

Adding C2F JAG for SA as the east coast CSGs fall under C2F.

V/r

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(b)(6) JAGC, USN

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Thanks. (b)(5)

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All:

The videos are posted on the NAVAIR FOIA Reading Room page (it's linked to there from the DoD Press Release about the publishing of the videos). DoD Press Release containing the link is called "Statement by Department of Defense on the Release of Historical Navy Videos" from April 27, 2020.

VFA-41 is assigned to CVW-9, which appears to be attached to CSG-3...west coast.
VFA-11 is assigned to CVW-1, which falls under CSG-8...east coast.

V/r

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(b)(6),

We are the OCA of the information not the videos, so we need to refer this FOIA request to the appropriate FOIA Office for processing. I looked up VFA -11 and VFA-41 and they fall under CNIC. I will contact them

Thank you!

V/R

(b)(6)

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(b)(6),

I checked with Jay Stratton to get the background at how the videos ended up there at PAX.

My back and forth with him is attached.

It looks like the videos were passed from the squadron and/or fleet level through him and on to PAX without a releasable paper trail.

All via classified networks, from the looks of it.

Does that provide what you need?

Regards,

(b)(6)

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Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret)
N2N6 Strategic Engagements

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Subject: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

(b)(6)

We have received the attached FOIA Request and need your assistance. The request is asking for records regarding the history and custody of the UAP videos. I checked with our Program Office and was informed the squadron/fleet does not fall under our cognizance. Do you know what squadron/fleet the videos were under? Who should I refer this FOIA request to?

DON-NAVY-2020-007330 - All information and records including (but not limited to) reports, correspondence, queries, documents, letters, messages regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) » in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached file for reference). The release of this video was investigated by the AFOSI in 2018 and the report mentions the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division as being in possession of those videos.

Thank you!

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DON-NAVY-2020-007330 request Details

Due Date: N/A Clock Days: 0 (Never Started)

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. MARC CECOTTI	Tracking Number	DON-NAVY-2020- 007330
Organization		Submitted Date	04/30/2020
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	04/30/2020
Email Address	(b)(6)	Perfected Date	
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	05/05/2020
Fax Number		Assigned To	(b)(6)
Address	(b)(6)		(Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division)
City		Last Assigned By	(b)(6)
State/Province			(Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division)
Zip Code/Postal Code		Request Track	Simple
		Fee Limit	\$10.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	No
Fee Category		Perfected Date	
Fee Waiver Requested	No	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status		Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

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Has Description Been Modified? Yes

Long Description Modified

Description Available to the Public? No

Short Description

Additional Information

Appellate Authority	N/A
Case #	N/A
Name of Local Command	N/A
Contract/Sol.#	N/A
Limit Request To Clearly Releasable Info	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
EWo7djBWAAiGfu.jpeg	0.603	JPEG Image
warfare.jpg	0.4263	JPEG Image

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
FOIA Request DON-NAVY-2020-007330 Submitted	System	Mr. MARC CECOTTI	04/30/2020

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

- Tracking Number: DON-NAVY-2020-007330
- Requester Name: Mr. MARC CECOTTI
- Date Submitted: 04/30/2020
- Request Status: Submitted
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Marc CECOTTI

FILE NUMBER 3290517356125	AFOSI INVESTIGATIVE COMMUNICATION		DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 20180421
TO: Office of the Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301		FROM: AFOSI Detachment 334 1165 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5E1037 Washington, DC 20330	
SUBJECT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 334, Case#: 3290517356125, December 2017, Det 334, 12/17, Unauthorized Disclosure of Potentially Classified DOD Videos.			
REFERENCES			
ITEM(S) CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. THIS MATTER IS PENDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (AFR 124-4)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE LISTED BELOW		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. ATTACHED IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION		
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. REQUEST STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND/OR DATE REPORT MAY BE EXPECTED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. REFER ATTACHED TO INTERESTED COMMANDER FOR INFORMATION OR ACTION IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE RETAINED DOWNGRADED TO CANCELED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY"		
REMARKS			
CASE AGENT: (U) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AFOSI Detachment (Det) 334 Pentagon, Washington, DC.			
BACKGROUND:			
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This investigation was initiated on 22 Dec 17 following the 16 Dec 17 release of a video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified flying object (UFO) to the New York Times news agency. The video in question named "Gimble" was previously classified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and it was unknown if the proper declassification authorization was gained prior to the release of the video. Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (SUBJECT), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) however, a short time later he disclosed his involvement (to several news outlets) with the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which focused research issues on Unidentified Flying Objects.			
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Prior to SUBJECT's departure from the DoD in October 2017, he submitted a request to have three classified videos downgraded via a DD Form 1910, "CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION," to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Defense Office of Reproduction and Security Review, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The videos were "GoFast," "Gimble," and "FLIR," all three videos were classified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The downgrade request was submitted on 9 Aug 17, but there was no indication the request was ever granted. (Agent Note: The DD Form 1910 was the form provided, but was not a form used for the declassification process. The DD 1910 is used for the public release of DoD information.) The request for release there was no indication the videos would be release to any news media outlet. The reason for publication was listed as, "Not Applicable. Not for publication. Research and analysis ONLY and info sharing with other USG and industry partners for the purposes of developing a database to help identify, analyze, and ultimately defeat UAS threats." (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated he would not have approved the videos for release to the media. Additionally, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) never received confirmation the videos were declassified.			
NAME, GRADE, TITLE, AND SIGNATURE (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA, USAF Commander, AFOSI Det 334	ATTACHMENT(S)		COPIES TO: 1 - File 1 - USD(I)

REMARKS (Continued)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 9 Mar 18, AFOSI Detachment 334 (DET), Pentagon, Washington, DC, received confirmation from Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Unauthorized Disclosure Office, 1550 Crystal City Drive, Arlington, VA the videos released by SUBJECT to the media were determined to be (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Division Head, Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who in turn submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Deputy Security Manager, FA-18 Program Office, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who sent the lead to the Radar and EO_IR IPT office. The result was "No sensitive symbology or other items of concern."

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 12 Mar 18, DET 334 conducted an interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained the videos did not go through the proper channels to obtain their declassification, although the videos are (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the videos would not undergo the formal declassification process just because they were inadvertently released to the public. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) relayed there was no indication the videos were classified in the first place. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated 100% of all F-18 videos go through his office for declassification and public release. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the videos which SUBJECT released never went through his office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained there were no identifying features on the videos to determine when or where the videos came from in order to find out who would have originally classified them. This made it difficult to find the exact video. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained individual units kept track of their footage, but did not keep every video. Some videos were kept for training purposes and some for situations such as SUBJECT's public release of unauthorized videos (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On 13 Apr 18, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and confirmed that after conducting an official classification review, the three videos obtained by SUBJECT were confirmed to be UNCLASSIFIED. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office considered the matter closed.

CONCLUSION:

AFOSI Det 334 considers this matter closed and will forward the appropriate documentation to the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence, Pentagon, Washington DC for action.



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IN REPLY REFER TO

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AIR 11.4/FD 2020-007330

VIA SAME DAY E-MAIL marc.cecotti@gmail.com

Marc Cecotti

(b)(6)

SUBJECT: FOIA CASE DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Dear Mr. Cecotti,

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request entered into FOIA online on 30 April 2020 in which you requested all information and records including (but not limited to) reports, correspondence, queries, documents, letters, messages regarding the history and custody of the videos described as "video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an identified Flying Object (UFO)" in the AFOSI File number 3290517256125.

During the course of processing your FOIA request, we contacted our F-18 Program Office and was informed that the videos were not maintained by the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). This office contacted the Carrier Strike Group Eight (CSG-8), Carrier Air Wing One (CVW-1) and Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA-11) to conduct a search for applicable records. Accordingly, CSG-8, CVW-1, and VFA-11 searched their databases for records regarding the history and custody of the videos and advised NAVAIR that they have found no records responsive to your request.

Because no records were located, you may appeal this determination. Appeals must be received within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at:

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There are two ways to file an appeal-through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.
2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at AD_FOIA.GM.fct@navy.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dowdle
Senior Associate Counsel
By Direction of the Commander

Boampong, Dana M CTR OSD PA (USA)

From: Tipton, Neill T SES OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:39 PM
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OSD (USA); Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: FW: Mainstream News Coverage on UAPTF
Attachments: Compilation UAP Task Force Announcement 17 August 2020.docx
Signed By: (b)(6)
Categories: UAP AATIP Elizondo UFO

Sir,

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Thanks
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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:18 PM
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Cc: (b)(6) USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6)
(b)(6); (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: Mainstream News Coverage on UAPTF

Folks,

Attached is a compilation of mainstream print/online and TV/radio news reports on Friday's announcement of the establishment of the UAPTF. There were multiple tv/radio mentions in several markets nationwide on the 14th/15th. The CBNC clip is representative of most segments, but our Media Analysis Team also included links to the major ABC and FOX hits.

Regards,
Sue

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1. Pentagon to set up new unit to investigate UFOs – 8/15

Agence France-Presse | Not Attributed

The Pentagon said Friday it was setting up a new task force under the US Navy to investigate UFO sightings.

With the creation of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF), the Defense Department hopes "to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs," spokeswoman Susan Gough said in a statement.

Rather than little green alien invaders, the US military is actually concerned about "unidentified aerial phenomena" connected with its terrestrial adversaries.

Washington is particularly concerned about China's spying capabilities, using drones or other airborne means.

"The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to US national security," Gough said.

The Pentagon take "any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report," she said.

"This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing."

Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist approved the establishment of the new task force on August 4.

The US Senate intelligence committee in June said it wanted to regulate a Pentagon UFO program, confirming the existence of an informal working group which was revealed by the New York Times in 2017.

In December 2017, the Pentagon acknowledged funding the secret multi-million-dollar program to investigate sightings of UFOs, although it said it had ended in 2012.

The announcement of a new task force comes after the Pentagon in April officially released three videos taken by US Navy pilots showing mid-air encounters with what appear to be UFOs.

The grainy black and white footage had previously been leaked and the Navy had acknowledged they were Navy videos.

One of the videos was shot in November 2004 and the other two in January 2015.

In one, the weapons-sensor operator appears to lose lock on a rapidly moving oblong object which seconds later suddenly accelerates away to the left and out of view.

In another video tracking an object above the clouds, one pilot wonders if it is a drone.

2. [Fox News 8/15/2020 6:47:45 PM](#)

Anchor: Time now for a story that is out of this world - Pentagon establishing a task force to study UFOs. Our government now calls them unidentified aerial phenomenon. Mark Meredith has the story.

Mark Meredith: The Pentagon says this new task force will essentially be investigating UFO sightings by military pilots and personnel officials are calling it the unidentified aerial phenomenon task force. The deputy secretary of defense approved the creation of the group last week. And while we don't know how many people or resources will be involved, we do know what officials will be looking for. The Pentagon says in a statement the mission of the task force is to detect, analysis and catalog UAP that could pose a threat to U.S. national security. Now back in April the Pentagon released three videos taken by Navy from years earlier that appears to show some unidentified flying objects near military aircraft. The videos went viral instantly. A portion of them had already leaked out to the media before the government released them but they also showed how stunned pilots were onboard as they try to determine what in the world or universe they were looking at...

Earlier a Senate intelligence committee made it clear it hopes that government could compile data on potential unidentified threats. Former Senate majority leader Harry Reid who has also pushed in the past for government investigations into the UFOs tweeted, "this task force is a step in the right direction," he says, "I'm glad to see that defense department recognizing the importance of looking in to unidentified phenomenon." The Pentagon insists this task force is serious and it is also about safety as the military would want to know as much information as they can about any object that might be flying within military air space.

3. [US defense department creates taskforce to investigate UFOs – 8/15](#)

Taskforce to detect and analyze unidentified aerial phenomena that could 'potentially pose a threat' to national security, Pentagon said

The Guardian (U.K.) | Guardian Staff

The US department of Defense has formed a new body to investigate what it calls “unidentified aerial phenomena” (UAPs) following reported sightings of what most people call UFOs.

The move is likely to spark wide interest in alien hunters worldwide looking for signs that humanity is not alone in the universe. Although the dry language of the Pentagon’s announcement of the new group belied its intent as watchers of the sky for potential first contact.

The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF) was created by the deputy defense secretary, David Norquist, on 4 August, strengthening an already existing effort that since 2018 has been under the purview of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

“The Department of Defense established the UAPTF to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs. The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to US national security,” the Pentagon said in a statement.

The move is only the latest from the Pentagon when it comes to UFOs.

The Senate recently required the director of national intelligence and secretary of defense, working with other intelligence and law enforcement agencies, to prepare a public report of government findings on the UAP issue.

In April the US also released three declassified videos that show US navy pilots encountering what appear to be unidentified flying objects. The Pentagon said it released the footage to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real or whether or not there is more to the video.

4. Pentagon forming UFO task force after Donald Trump told Fox host he’d look into it – 8/15

Defence Department previously released footage of US aircraft encountering unidentified flying objects
South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) | Not Attributed

A week after President Donald Trump told Fox Business host Lou Dobbs that he would follow the conspiracy theory-peddling host’s lead on investigating UFOs, CNN is reporting that the Pentagon is forming a UFO task force.

According to that report, the task force is being headed by Deputy Secretary of Defence David Norquist and will be announced soon. Other entities with sway in Washington – arguably more so than Dobbs – have recently pushed for the nation’s intelligence apparatus to address the topic as well.

The president appeared on Dobbs’ programme on August 4 for a chat where the host derided “The Deep State” then asked Trump about unidentified flying objects.

“Actually a lot of my friends are very concerned about what the federal government is doing when it comes to UFOs,” Dobbs said. “So if I could just ask you, are we going to commit, are you going to commit more resources to exploring UFOs and open the documents to the public?”

“Well, I think probably in this country, you are the UFO expert, so I’m going to be totally guided by the great Lou Dobbs and I will tell you that I will do whatever you ask me to do, including total transparency,” the president answered.

In June, the Senate Intelligence Committee asked the Pentagon to take a look at recent videos of US aircraft having run-ins with foreign objects, then tell the public what is going on.

Committee Chairman Marco Rubio told WFOR-TV last month that knowing what is in the sky where US military exercises are taking place is a good idea.

"Frankly, if it's something from outside this planet, that might actually be better than the fact that we've seen some sort of technological leap on behalf of the Chinese or the Russians or some other adversary," the Republican senator said.

Former Democratic senator Harry Reid praised the Pentagon in April for releasing aerial video footage that helped pique curiosity about "unidentified aerial phenomena" observed by the US Navy.

"I'm glad the Pentagon is finally releasing this footage, but it only scratches the surface of research and materials available," the retired Nevada lawmaker tweeted. "The US needs to take a serious, scientific look at this and any potential national security implications. The American people deserve to be informed."

The Pentagon has not commented on the alleged formation of a UFO task force.

5. Navy-led task force will detect, analyze and track 'unidentified aerial phenomena' - 8/15

Stars & Stripes | Aaron Kidd

The Navy will lead a new task force charged with detecting, analyzing and cataloging encounters with what used to be called UFOs that could threaten the United States, the Pentagon announced in a statement Friday.

The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, approved Aug. 4 by Deputy Secretary of Defense David Norquist, was established so the Department of Defense can improve its "understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins" of mysterious flying objects, the statement said.

The Department of the Navy will head up the task force and report to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

The announcement comes about two months after the Senate Intelligence Committee voted to require the Defense Department and intelligence agencies to compile an unclassified analysis of data on "unidentified aerial phenomena" that includes several unexplained encounters recorded by Navy pilots over the years.

In April, the Pentagon declassified and released three video clips that had been unofficially circulating "to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage ... was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos."

The To The Stars Academy of Arts and Science group, which had released one of the clips, said the unidentified aircraft "demonstrate flight characteristics of advanced technologies unlike anything we currently know, understand, or can duplicate with current technologies."

The Pentagon, in its statement Friday, said its primary concerns are the safety of personnel and the security of its operations.

"The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report," the statement said. "This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as [unidentified aerial phenomena] when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing."

6. The Pentagon Made A Unit To Investigate UFOs And It's Not Keeping It Secret Anymore – 8/14

A program investigating UFOs already existed for years under the Navy, but the Department of Defense publicly acknowledged the program Friday in a press release

Buzzfeed News | Salvador Hernandez

The Department of Defense announced Friday they had officially — and publicly — created a unit tasked specifically with investigating "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena," or as you, I, and everyone else would call them, UFOs.

Named the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, or UAPTF, the unit will "improve [the Department of Defense's] understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs."

"The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security," the Department of Defense said in a statement Friday evening.

Now, it's true that the existence of UAPs, or UFOs, doesn't necessarily mean the aircraft are spaceships from another planet piloted by little green aliens quietly and secretly observing Earth.

This task force is geared more toward possible violations of air space from another country, rather than looking for intergalactic encounters.

"The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report," the announcement reads. "This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing."

But 2020 has been something of a year for the Pentagon and UFOs.

Friday's announcement comes just a few months after the Department of Defense released and declassified three videos of Navy pilots encountering UAPs in 2004 and 2015.

The New York Times interviewed the pilots who encountered the objects, describing them as oblong-shaped and accelerating, "like nothing I've ever seen."

Despite the Pentagon's announcement Friday, the military has for years monitored unidentified aircraft and collected video of its pilots encountering the aircraft.

The New York Times in Dec. 2017 reported on the existence of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which had the same task.

The Times reported that funding for the program had stopped and it was ended in 2012, but in July it reported the program had continued under the Office of Naval Intelligence, where it was named the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force.

President Trump has himself expressed interest in the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Talking to his son, Donald Trump Jr. in a video produced by his campaign in June, the president was asked whether, "before you leave office, will you let us know if there's aliens?"

"I want to know what's going on," Trump Jr. asked. "Would you ever open up Roswell and let us know what's going on there?"

The president's son was likely referring to what is popularly known as Area 51, a classified military base in Nevada. The base has long been the center of UFO conspiracies, including the theory that a UFO crashed in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 and that the spacecraft, and its supposed occupants, were taken to Area 51 to be studied.

"I won't talk to you about what I know about it but it's very interesting," Trump told Trump Jr. "But Roswell is a very interesting place with a lot of people that would like to know what's going on."

Roswell itself is a city in Chaves County, New Mexico, which is, of course, open to the public.

The Department of Defense's announcement about UAPTF makes no mention about any part of its mission having to do with extraterrestrial beings or spacecraft because of course it wouldn't.

7. [CNBC 8/14/2020 5:20:45 AM](#)

Anchor: The Pentagon is unveiling a task force to investigate reports of UFO sightings by U.S. service members. This comes several months after the Pentagon released three unclassified videos taken by Navy pilots that show interactions with, quote, unidentified aerial phenomenon. As if a global pandemic isn't enough now we have aliens to worry about...

**Similar clips aired on [ABC's World News Tonight](#), [ABC's Good Morning America](#), [WTOP](#), [WUSA](#) and multiple local television and radio stations in New York, Washington and several other major cities.*

8. **Pentagon launches task force to study UFO sightings – 8/14**

The Hill | Tal Axelrod

The Pentagon announced Friday that it is launching a task force to study unidentified flying objects (UFOs) after reports of sightings from service members.

The Pentagon said in a statement that Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist approved the establishment of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF), which will fall under the Navy.

"The Department of Defense established the UAPTF to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs," the Pentagon said. "The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

"The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report. This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing," the Pentagon added.

The agency first confirmed that it operated a program working to identify UFOs in 2017.

The task force's formation follows the release of videos from the Department of Defense of encounters between U.S. pilots and UFOs in April, noting that explanations for the flying objects or aircraft remain unclear.

Bipartisan lawmakers have long pushed for the creation of a body to study UFOs, with former Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) emerging as a chief proponent.

"The U.S. needs to take a serious, scientific look at this and any potential national security implications. The American people deserve to be informed," he tweeted in April after the footage of the UFOs was released.

9. **Pentagon creates UFO task force to see if aerial objects pose threat – 8/14**

Military Times | Howard Altman and J.D. Simkins

The concern is out there.

Pentagon officials on Friday confirmed the existence of a Navy-led "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force" that will monitor ongoing encounters with strange aerial objects and determine whether these phenomena should be perceived as a threat.

Approved on Aug. 4 by Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist, the task force was officially launched "to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs," according to a Friday evening news release. "The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

Pentagon officials did not immediately respond to questions about the timing of this announcement, what sparked it, or whether the UAP designation pertains directly to alien spacecraft.

“The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report,” the release states. “This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing.”

According to CNN, which first reported the launch of the UAP task force, members of Congress and Pentagon officials have long expressed concern regarding the appearance unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of military installations.

A consensus remains elusive, however, with some believing the sightings are intelligence-gathering drones operated by earthly adversaries rather than anything extraterrestrial.

Amid uncertainty the Senate Intelligence Committee voted in June to have Pentagon and intelligence personnel provide analysis of the encounters, a move spurred on by the official Pentagon release of three short videos showing encounters between U.S. aircraft and unidentified flying objects.

The videos — two stemmed from encounters in January 2015, while the third dates back to November 2004 — were released “in order to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos,” Pentagon spokesperson Sue Gough said at the time.

After circulating online for years, the now-declassified videos capture the bewildered reactions of Navy pilots as they were witnessing the inexplicable flight behaviors of up close and personal UFOs.

Defense Department officials claim they initially withheld the release of the footage partially to ensure nothing in the video required ongoing classification. All three are currently posted on the official Naval Air Systems Command page.

“After a thorough review, the department has determined that the authorized release of these unclassified videos does not reveal any sensitive capabilities or systems, and does not impinge on any subsequent investigations of military air space incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena,” Gough added.

The 2004 encounter, which The New York Times documented in 2017, took place over the Pacific Ocean approximately 100 miles off the coast. Pilots were responding to an aerial assistance request from a Navy cruiser after the vessel reported a series of unidentified aircraft sightings.

“It accelerated like nothing I’ve ever seen,” one pilot told the NYT about the encounter.

Multiple air crew members described the object, which hovered at a low altitude over the water before speeding away, as oblong-shaped and about 40 feet in length, the report said.

Following the encounter the pilots departed for the vicinity of the cruiser, a location approximately 60 miles away. But briefly into the return trip, with about 40 miles remaining before the jets reached the cruiser, the ship radioed the pilots to say the UFO had already reappeared.

One of the pilots told the NYT he believed the object traversed the 60 miles “in less than a minute.”

In one of the videos from 2015, one pilot described encountering “a fleet” of high-speed objects that, at one point, appeared to rotate in a static position.

"Look at that thing, dude!" one pilot says in the video. "It's rotating!"

"Dude, this is a f---ing drone, bro," another crew member says.

While speculation has long been rife about whether Earth-bound aliens will bring "klaatu barada nikto" sentiments, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said he is more concerned about whether the operators of these objects speak the language of a near-peer enemy.

"We have things flying over our military bases and places where we are conducting military exercises, and we don't know what it is and it isn't ours, so that's a legitimate question to ask," Sen. Marco Rubio told Miami's WFOR-TV.

"Frankly, if it's something from outside this planet, that might actually be better than the fact that we've seen some sort of technological leap on behalf of the Chinese or the Russians or some other adversary."

--Observation Post articles reflect author observations. Any resemblance to news may be purely coincidental.

10. Pentagon establishes new task force to investigate UFOs – 8/14

The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force elevates research in recent years by the Navy into unexplained encounters with high-performance craft.

Politico | Bryan Bender

The Pentagon, under growing pressure from Congress, said Friday it has established a new high-level body to investigate reports of "unidentified aerial phenomena" following multiple incidents in recent years of UFOs reportedly intruding into military airspace.

The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force was created by Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist on Aug. 4, elevating an effort that since 2018 has been under the purview of the Office of Naval Intelligence, officials said.

"The Department of Defense established the UAPTF to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs," Pentagon spokesperson Susan Gough said in a statement. "The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

The new high-level attention was heralded by Lue Elizondo, who was involved in a previous Pentagon UFO research program known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Intelligence Program, or AATIP, that was wound down in 2012.

Elizondo resigned in 2017 in part over frustration that senior Pentagon officials were not taking seriously enough a series of unexplained encounters, including those experienced by pilots flying off the aircraft carriers USS Nimitz and Theodore Roosevelt in 2004 and 2015 who reported unknown aircraft maneuvering in ways that appeared to defy aerodynamics.

"This is precisely the intended result of what we were trying to achieve under AATIP," Elizondo told POLITICO following the announcement.

POLITICO, along with the New York Times, first reported on the existence of AATIP and the Nimitz incident in 2017.

The Navy last year said it was updating its reporting guidelines for such sightings to more comprehensively collect new data. And earlier this year it officially made public three videos of the Nimitz and Roosevelt incidents.

The Pentagon announcement on Friday also comes several weeks after the Senate's version of the Intelligence Authorization Act required the director of national intelligence and secretary of defense, working with a variety of intelligence and law enforcement agencies, to prepare a public report of government findings on the UAP issue.

"We have things flying over our military bases and places where we are conducting military exercises, and we don't know what it is and it isn't ours, so that's a legitimate question to ask," Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla), acting chair of the intelligence panel, told WFOR-TV in Miami last month.

"Frankly, if it's something from outside this planet, that might actually be better than the fact that we've seen some sort of technological leap on behalf of the Chinese or the Russians or some other adversary," he added.

Rubio's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

On Friday, Elizondo told POLITICO he believes the combination of a steady stream of new UAP reports in recent months and the pressure from Congress has compelled military leadership to be more aggressive about an issue that historically has carried a significant stigma but is now far more mainstream.

"They can't ignore it anymore," Elizondo said. "They are looking like they are hiding something from the American people. Not taking this more seriously is now a liability."

The plans for the new task force were first reported by CNN on Thursday.

Gough, the Pentagon spokesperson, said Friday she could not provide specifics on how many personnel or from which agencies have been assigned to the new operation.

But she explained it is an outgrowth of research efforts undertaken by the Navy's intelligence arm and that the service will continue to play a leading role.

"The Department of the Navy, under the cognizance of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, will lead the UAPTF," her statement said.

In a followup email, she added that "since the majority of recent reporting about UAP observations have come from naval aviators, since approximately 2018 the Department of the Navy has been leading assessments of UAP incursion into [Department of Defense] training ranges and designated airspace."

"Over the last year, DoD undertook efforts to formalize the good work done by the Navy for DoD," she added. "Deputy Secretary Norquist approved the establishment of the UAPTF on Aug. 4, 2020."

In the official announcement Friday, Gough also explained that "the safety of our personnel and the security of our operations are of paramount concern."

"The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report," the statement added. "This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing."

11. The Pentagon now has a task force searching for UFOs – 8/14

Task & Purpose | Paul Szoldra and Jeff Schogol

The Pentagon is on the lookout for pilots in the Alien Air Force.

David Norquist, deputy secretary of defense, has officially established the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, which will focus on learning more about the nature and origin of what officials are calling UAP (as opposed to the more familiar UFO).

"The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security," Pentagon spokeswoman Sue Gough said in a statement. The new office will be led by the Navy's office of the undersecretary of defense for intelligence and security.

Sorry, Space Force.

"The safety of our personnel and the security of our operations are of paramount concern," Gough said. "The Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report. This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing.

The Pentagon in April publicly released unclassified videos showing the so-called unidentified aerial phenomena, confirming three separate encounters between UFOs and American aircraft that took place in 2004 and 2015.

"DOD is releasing the videos in order to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos," Gough said at the time. "The aerial phenomena observed in the videos remain characterized as 'unidentified.'"

Bryan Bender of Politico and Helene Cooper of The New York Times reported last year that Navy pilots had reported seeing unidentified aircraft flying near U.S. warships in 2014 and 2015. These seemingly otherworldly flying machines had no visible engine exhaust, yet they could reach altitudes of 30,000 feet and remain on station for 12 hours.

The Defense Intelligence Agency looked into unidentified aircraft from 2008 until 2012 under the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which was meant to see if U.S. adversaries had developed advanced technology.

Ultimately, the program was ended after a 2009 review found it was not producing data of value. Retired Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) was responsible for most of the program's funding.

"I'm glad the Pentagon is finally releasing this footage, which further illustrates the need to study this phenomena," Reid told Task & Purpose in April. "This only scratches the surface of the research and materials available and in need of release. The United States should be taking a serious, scientific look at this and any potential national security implications. The American people deserve to be informed."

The creation of the task force represents a growing concern among the Pentagon and some lawmakers that China and Russia have developed technologically advanced aircraft that are far more advanced than previously thought.

That is why the fiscal 2021 Intelligence Authorization Act includes a provision requiring the Director of National Intelligence and defense secretary to provide lawmakers with an unclassified report about whether unidentified aircraft that Navy pilots have reported seeing "indicate a potential adversary may have achieved breakthrough aerospace capabilities that could put United States strategic or conventional forces at risk."

The Defense Department has been particularly envious of China's advances in hypersonic technology, which the U.S. military initially decided not to weaponize years ago. Defense officials have accused China of stealing the U.S. military's data on hypersonics to develop their own program.

President Donald Trump has boasted that the U.S. military is now developing a "super-duper missile" that can fly at 17 times the speed of sound.

Still, many UFO enthusiasts have expressed hope that the Pentagon's new willingness to talk about unidentified aircraft is the first step toward the U.S. government revealing what it knows about alien visitations to Earth.

Task & Purpose asked Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman on Feb. 19 if the Defense Department had any evidence that aliens had visited this planet.

"I have nothing for you on that today," Hoffman replied.

Still, the Pentagon's recent revelations about UFOs have arguably been the least weird part about 2020 and thus far have failed to make much of a dent in the news cycle.

That is just a sign of the times, "X-Files" creator Chris Carter later told Task & Purpose in May.

"We are living in a tabloid culture, so the UFO story feels like more tabloid news when it should be front-page news," Cartier said.

12. Do UFOs Exist? Now the Pentagon Wants to Know – 8/14

The Defense Department quietly confirmed the existence of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force late Friday following widespread rumors.

U.S. News and World Report | Paul D. Shinkman

The Pentagon on Friday confirmed the creation of an agency designed to track potential UFOs.

Known formally as the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, or UAPTF, the office established Aug. 4 will operate within the purview of the undersecretary of defense for intelligence and security.

"The Department of Defense established the UAPTF to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs," the Pentagon said in a statement released late Friday. "The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

The office will also track incursions of unauthorized aircraft into training ranges or otherwise restricted airspace, including those when the person who reports the aircraft cannot immediately identify it.

Rumors circulated last month about the existence of the office. Senate committee reports indicated a similar office was examining potential UFOs through the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence.

An agency known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program was disbanded in 2012, five years before its existence was revealed by The New York Times.

The Pentagon on Friday did not immediately say what prompted the reestablishment of the office.

13. Pentagon announces UFO task force – 8/14

Washington Examiner | Jerry Dunleavy

The truth is out there — and the Pentagon just took a big step toward finding it with the establishment of a UFO task force.

The Defense Department announced on Friday evening that Deputy Secretary of Defense David Norquist approved the creation of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force on Aug. 4, and the government group will be led by the Navy under the "cognizance" of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

"The Department of Defense established the UAPTF to improve its understanding of, and gain insight into, the nature and origins of UAPs. The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security," the Pentagon said in a short statement. "As DOD has stated previously, the safety of our personnel and the security of our operations are of paramount concern. The

Department of Defense and the military departments take any incursions by unauthorized aircraft into our training ranges or designated airspace very seriously and examine each report. This includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAP when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is observing.”

Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida is pushing legislation that would require the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which oversees the intelligence community’s 17 intelligence agencies, to work with the Pentagon and other relevant agencies to produce a detailed report outlining what the U.S. government knows about UFOs, including their origin, frequency, and potential threat to U.S. national security. In late June, the Senate Intelligence Committee, led by Rubio, approved the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, which was approved by the Senate as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. A section of the proposed bill deals with UFOs and calls for answers within 180 days of the law’s passage.

“The Committee directs the DNI, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the heads of such other agencies as the Director and Secretary jointly consider relevant, to submit a report within 180 days of the date of enactment of the Act, to the congressional intelligence and armed services committees on unidentified aerial phenomena (also known as ‘anomalous aerial vehicles’), including observed airborne objects that have not been identified,” the bill states, adding, “the report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.”

The report that the proposed law would direct the intelligence community and the Pentagon to produce would cover a host of UFO-related topics, including: a “detailed analysis of unidentified aerial phenomena data and intelligence reporting collected or held by the Office of Naval Intelligence, including data and intelligence reporting held by the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force”; a “detailed analysis” of UFO data collected by geospatial, signals, human, and other intelligence; and a “detailed analysis” of data the FBI might have that “was derived from investigations of intrusions of unidentified aerial phenomena data over restricted United States airspace.”

This proposed intelligence analysis would also include the “identification of potential aerospace or other threats posed by the unidentified aerial phenomena to national security” and whether any of the UFO activities “may be attributed to one or more foreign adversaries” as well as the “identification of any incidents or patterns that indicate a potential adversary may have achieved breakthrough aerospace capabilities that could put United States strategic or conventional forces at risk.”

Earlier this year, videos from the Navy were released through the Freedom of Information Act that showed UFOs moving at incredible speeds and performing seemingly impossible aerial maneuvers. One of the videos was shot in November 2004; the other two were shot in January 2015. The three videos were code-named “FLIR1,” “Gimbal,” and “GoFast.” In the 2015 videos, Navy pilots can be heard expressing disbelief.

All three UFO videos were captured by Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets.

The videos were made public and published because of efforts by the New York Times, as well as through efforts by To The Stars Academy, which was founded by Tom DeLonge, the founder and lead vocalist for the bands Blink-182 and Angels & Airwaves.

Last year, Joseph Gradisher, spokesman for the deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare, told the Black Vault blog that “the Navy designates the objects contained in these videos as unidentified aerial phenomena.”

Rubio was asked in July by CBS4 News in Miami about UFOs and whether he thinks humans are alone in the universe.

“I don’t have a gut feeling about it because it’s a phenomenon,” Rubio said. “It’s unexplained. I just want to know what it is, and if we can’t determine what it is, then that’s a fact point that we need to take into account. I wouldn’t venture to speculate beyond that.”

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Bill,
I'm good with Navy's change. (b)(6); (b)(3);10, DIA, also had a change (see attached for what I worked out with him, still in tracked changes). Neill and Garry were on my distribution for v1 and v2; I haven't heard back from Neill on either. Garry replied back on v1, but I haven't heard today on v2. (b)(5)
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Regards,
Sue

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Dear Susan,

I have left you a few voicemails following up my email (below) and our conversation from several days ago.

Just to reiterate, I'm working under an increasingly tight deadline now for informing the Network television executives I'm presenting research to in New York, and I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me some answers to the specific questions I previously raised concerning the provenance - and other aspects - of three (3) videos Mr. Elizondo claims are U.S. Navy videos from the 2004 Nimitz Carrier Group exercises near San Diego and 2015 Roosevelt Carrier Group exercises off the East Coast.

Would it be possible to talk tomorrow?

Thanks for your kind consideration on this matter.

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Mon, Jul 8, 2019 9:57 am
Subject: Fwd: NETWORK TV INVESTIGATIVE PRODUCER WOULD LIKE TO TALK

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

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Wed, Jul 3, 2019 4:34 pm
Subject: NETWORK TV INVESTIGATIVE PRODUCER WOULD LIKE TO TALK

Dear Susan,

My name is (b)(6), and I'm a Network TV investigative producer whose Prime Time programs have been featured on the FOX Network (FOX Broadcasting Company - not Fox News), NBC, USA, Discovery and other outlets.

(b)(6) a new documentary TV series concerning the original December 2017 New York Times story (and subsequent follow up news reports) which delved into the alleged "secret Pentagon UFO program" known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, or AATIP.

Despite countless news stories - and even a recent History Channel "reality" show - reporting that Mr. Luis Elizondo ran AATIP, it now seems you have categorically denied Mr. Elizondo ran AATIP or had any significant oversight role.

According to John Greenwald, Jr. (theblackvault.com), you stated recently:

"I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic... It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I) [the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence]."

Additionally, Mr. Greenwald has quoted a Pentagon source as saying:

"Mr. Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI, up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017."

Thus, it now seems clear that Mr. Elizondo has either fabricated or significantly misrepresented his involvement in AATIP. Also, the "memo" you had referred to, written by former Senator Harry Reid (partially attached here), which was first publicized in 2018 by a Las Vegas reporter closely tied to Reid, had Elizondo's name redacted, along with Dr. Hal

(b)(6) a scientist who an unredacted version of the same document released this year (see attachment) indicates was (b)(6) ct personnel funded under AATIP" and worked ostensibly for billionaire Robert Bigelow's private company Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies, or BAASS.

Since most of the news coverage - and the History show - centers on three (3) videos Elizondo and Puthoff have widely asserted were released by the Department of Defense (DOD) and show actual encounters U.S. Navy pilots had with unknown (b)(6) exercises in 2004 and 2015, could you please answer the following questions:

(b)(6)

1. Are you aware of the specific videos Elizondo (and Puthoff) provided to the New York Times claiming they were released from the Department of Defense to the entertainment company To The Stars Academy (TTSA)?
2. Did the Department of Defense release these videos to Elizondo (and Puthoff) who are now working with, or for, TTSA?
3. Where, when, and by whom were these videos created?
4. If a thermal imaging sensor was used to record these videos, what was the make and model?
5. If an aircraft was used to carry the sensor used to record these videos, what was the make and model?

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I would like to respectfully request that we schedule a phone call to go over all I have discussed here on Friday, July 5th, since your office indicated you might be available then. I'm working under a tight deadline for informing the television executives I'm currently presenting my research to, and it would be great to have spoken with you by early next week, the latest, if at all possible.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

(b)(6)

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

Mobile

(b)(6) **CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)**

From: (b)(6) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:41 PM
To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations
Cc: OSD Pentagon PA List DPO ATL; OSD Pentagon PA List DPO PR; Gough, Susan L (Sue)
Subject: CIV OSD PA (USA)
Re: [Non-DoD Source] Statement - CBS News

+ Sue

(b)(6) and Sue,

Is this the UFO guy?

V/r,
(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2019, at 6:22 PM, OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations

(b)(6) wrote:

AT&L Team,

Is this you, or OGC?

V/r

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 5:18 PM
To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Statement - CBS News

Hello,

I was trying to reach Charles Summers or someone in the Office of Secretary of Defense.

I understand that the OSD would like to clarify the situation involving Luis Elizondo, the AATIP project and the three videos released by the NY Times. As you're likely aware, various Pentagon spokespeople have given contradictory statements.

Luis Elizondo is employed by TTSA. Last month, they added Christopher Mizer to their Board of Directors and granted him 300,000 shares with a nominal value of \$1.5 million.

Mr. Mizer has an exceptional history of promoting penny stock scams. He was involved in IFAN which used misrepresentations to inflate the stock to a market valuation of \$70 million with zero assets. He worked on IFAN with Thomas Hughes who was previously sentenced to 8-years in federal prison for securities fraud using the same patents as IFAN.

The SEC is now investigating TTSA. It is clear that Mr. Elizondo's representations regarding AATIP are being used for stock fraud regardless of the accuracy of his claims.

Please let me know who I can contact to send my questions. This investigation is being prepared for CBS News.

I appreciate the consideration and assistance.

Best,

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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 3:48 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); Tipton, Neill T SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CIV (US); Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (USA); (b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CTR OSD OUSD INTEL (USA)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: CBS News Questions on AATIP & Elizondo
Signed By: (b)(6)
Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Green Category

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Team, we received the below questions from CBS News. (b)(6), please loop in your NAVAIR & CHINFO POCs. Not only do we need their help in answering #1 and #2, but we need to discuss other releases with them, per OGC guidance.

I've indicated below my proposed answers, or where (b)(6) & I need your help for answers. Loop in whomever else needs to be on this.

Regards,
Sue

CBS News Questions:

1) Is this FLIR tape uploaded in Feb. 2007 property of the Department of Defense?

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[Navy & Frosty -- over to you to answer this one]

2) If the FLIR tape is DoD property, was this leak and theft investigated?

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3) Did Luis Elizondo interact with AATIP under official duties of his job?

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4) How did Elizondo's job relate to AATIP?

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5) Who was the director of AATIP? On TTSA's new page which is raising up to \$30 million from the public, Elizondo's listed as the "program element director" for AATIP.

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6) In the 2009 Senator Reid letter, is Dr. Kit Green and Colm Kelleher the two other blacked out names under the AATIP contractors next to Hal Puthoff? If not, who are these contractors?

FOIA released documents-

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Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 8:51 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA); Tipton, Neill T SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CTR OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CTR OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD PA (USA); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (USA); Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (US); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (USA); (b)(6) USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b)(6) USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b)(6) CIV USN (USA); (b)(6) CIV WHS ESD (US); Cummings, Matthew C (Matt) SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) CIV OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b)(6) USN DIA DAO (USA)
Subject: (b)(6) Questions on AATIP, Elizondo, etc.
Attachments: (b)(6) Questions on AATIP Aug 2019.docx
Signed By: (b)(6)
Categories: Green Category

Team,

(b)(6) is writing a book on AATIP. In her own words, she wants to "lay out a current, evidence-based version of the program, to the extent that information is permitted to be public," and to be "as definitive and correct as is publicly possible." Hurray for her; something of a pain for us, to answer all her questions, especially as she keeps asking for (re) confirmation of things she's already been told. But I always applaud journalists' efforts to be as accurate as possible.

Please see attached. The vast majority of the questions are specific to AATIP, and hence are DIA's to answer. But her questions cross into other offices' equities, too.

Where I knew at least something of an answer, based on all our previous discussions, standing RTQ, and answers to reporters, I put it in, at least as a starting point. Feel free to correct/add/change.

Though you should all skim all the questions, to help focus your efforts:

DIA. Sorry, you pretty much need to review every question, except 12, 13, 14 and 16. For 17 - 19, I would guess we're going to say something along the lines of, "we don't discuss intelligence matters/we are not going to discuss the contents of the reports" -- unless the reports themselves have been/are releasable under FOIA?

OUSDI. Please focus on questions 6, and 10-14.

Navy. Please focus on questions 7 and 16 part 2.

DOPSR. Question #16, both parts.

Bill/OGC. Particularly need your help/comment on #13.

Regards,
Sue

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

From: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations

(b)(6)

To: (b)(6); OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations

(b)(6)

Sent: Wed, Sep 4, 2019 4:23 pm

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Comments for Aerospace America Magazine

I refer you to the Navy.

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(USA)

Pentagon Spokesman

Indo-Asia Pacific Security Affairs

Pentagon Rm (b)(6)

O: (b)(6)

C:

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:17 PM

To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments for Aerospace America Magazine

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Hello,

(b)(6) here. I'm a writer for *Aerospace America*, the monthly magazine in-print and online of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics - Caution-www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org < Caution-<http://www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org> > .

I'm working on a no-nonsense, just-the-facts story on the issue of unidentified aerial phenomena that has been raised over the last couple years. This stems from the 2017 release of video footage from U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet ATFLIR (AN/ASQ-228) electro-optical and infrared cameras. Some reporting claims the video clips show UAPs. I'm trying to put together a piece that's as accurate and thoughtful as it can be with as much authoritative input as I can get.

I'm speaking to a range of people for the article, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Raytheon (maker of the Super Hornet ATFLIR) to the Senate and House Intel committees and active/retired Navy Super Hornet pilots to gather whatever pertinent information I can.

A small corner of the story has to do with Mr. Luis Elizondo who claims to have arranged for the release of three videos known as "Flir1", "GoFast" and "Gimble". He also claims to have led a Pentagon office known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) which is reported to have existed between 2007 (created by ex-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid) and 2012. In June, Pentagon spokesman Christopher Sherwood said the following:

"Mr. [Luis] Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI [the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence], up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017."

A June 24, 2009 letter from then Senator Harry Reid to William Lynn III, the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the time, requested Special Access Program status for AATIP. An attachment to the letter includes a list - "FY 10 Preliminary Bigoted List of Government Personnel". It lists eleven people whom Senator Reid wished to have special access to AATIP. Luis Elizondo's name is included on the list with the title "Special Agent UDSI, Govt."

Some have claimed this document proved Elizondo led or was involved with AATIP. His title with OUSDI however is listed as "Director, National Programs Special Management Staff". Apparently NPMS manages access for SAP programs.

So, I have two simple questions which I hope OUSDI can answer.

- 1) During what years did Mr. Luis Elizondo work in OUSDI, and what was his title?
- 2) Was Mr. Elizondo responsible for clearing individuals for access to SAP programs?

The answers to both questions could help clear up whether Mr. Elizondo actually led the AATIP program or whether he simply cleared individuals for access to the program.

I'm happy to provide more detail on the article if you'd like - or connect you with my editors at AIAA, (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > - (b)(6) and (b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >).

My contact information is below. Thanks for your time.

(b)(6)
For Aerospace America Magazine
Caution-www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org < Caution-<http://www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org> >
(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >
Tel. (b)(6)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:59 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Comments for Aerospace America Magazine
Signed By: (b)(6)
Categories: Green Category

Basically a knee-jerk reaction by (b)(6). He was duty officer yesterday, saw questions about a Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet & imagery from the same, and automatically sent to Navy, without noticing that her actual questions were about OUSD(I), not Navy. He also sits far away from (b)(6) and I, so he hasn't been at all tracking the "fun" we've been with UFO/UAP/Elizondo questions.

These are the same two questions I have from her. I have the answer to (1), as we've had to answer that previously; need to get an answer from OUSD(I) and OGC on (2). I'll probably answer (1) today while working on (2).

Answer to (1): Luis Elizondo worked in OUSD(I) as a supervisory intelligence specialist from Sept. 28, 2008, until he resigned effective Oct. 4, 2017.

[note for you, this was not his whole time in DoD, just the time in OUSD(I), which is what the reporter asked.]

Regard,
Sue

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 4:13 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Comments for Aerospace America Magazine

Hi, (b)(6)

Luis Elizondo worked in OUSD(I) as a supervisory intelligence specialist from Sept. 28, 2008, until he resigned effective Oct. 4, 2017.

I'm working on getting an answer for you on your second question.

Regards,
Sue Gough, Pentagon Spokesperson
Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)

Date: 05/09/2019

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: On (b)(6) allegation that the Tic Tac video is faked etc.

Well, (b)(6) when you have an alternative explanation to my obvious Popper-falsifiable parsimonious "radical conservative" (b)(6) using only elementary mainstream theoretical physics in the manner taught to me mainly by (b)(6) at Senior Physics Honors Seminar 1960 Cornell (with (b)(6) (b)(6) another student) please show it to us. I note you seem a good experimental physics professor, we theorists have a somewhat different set of values. Of course, independent test of concept is important, but don't ask me to make bricks without straw. We need a massive effort to develop the metamaterials. That requires money and a large number of scientists.

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I hope you now understand that the paper you cited Caution-
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emulation of warp drive is orthogonal to what I am talking about? (b)(6) can explain to you if you do
not see the distinction.

My point is even if (b)(6) is correct about that particular
video (although (b)(6) vouches for it) it does not change the
fact that my obvious application of Einstein's field equation to
metamaterials says that such Tic Tac Tech is real. I have
complete faith in my equations because they are simple and
actually obvious – any good physics undergrad at Cal Tech
could come to same conclusion if given HYPOTHETICAL FLIGHT
CHARACTERISTICS reported by (b)(6) and (b)(6). The Russians are
working on this I am sure.

From: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 11:29 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(6) allegation that Tic Tac ain't for real

while (b)(6) and I may not see eye to eye on physical explanation, I agree with (b)(6) 100% that
there is *something* interesting going on here to look at, based on reliable sources:

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Last time I checked, CNN, ABC news, NBC news, the New York Times, and the Huffington Post were not tabloids. (Also, I rebuke the allegations of pseudo-science, especially if directed against me: I am a real scientist who is funded by the Department of Energy to do real work. Furthermore, relativity was once deemed to be "pseudo-science". I believe in Germany detractors of Einstein called it "Jewish physics". Science disparaged today becomes scientific "dogma" tomorrow.)

On Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 12:09 PM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

The discussion is not premature. Flight of Tic Tac if true, and assume it is, is smoking gun 'table-top on steroids' obvious blatant clear evidence for the reality of low power warp drive. No alternative competent explanation to mine is even possible within known physics. Indeed, the problem is simple once one has the correct organizing idea. I do not think Fravor and Day have lied. If such a document that Ron cites exists then JAG should investigate because the people who wrote it may be working for the Russians. In any case I should be involved in the investigation. Whoever gets this military technology first will have overwhelming strategic advantage.

Damn the torpedoes full warp speed ahead!

(b)(6)



From: (b)(6) <Caution-
mailto:(b)(6)>
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:33 AM
To: (b)(6) <Caution-
mailto:(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: (b)(6) allegation that Tic Tac ain't for real

I dreamed about this thread before reading it this morning. Curiously there was some contention (in the dream) that discussion of warp drive in the context of the observed phenomena was considered premature, at best, by the interested parties (represented by (b)(6)).

It is implied (in (b)(6) response) that the observed phenomenon is already known to and understood at the core secret level of the government. The alleged fraud therefore is the presentation of an alternative (incorrect) hypothesis to the public at large. (Of greater concern should be the government's inability to keep the core secrets from detection in the SCIF.)

On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 8:14 PM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

(b)(6)
Is Commander Fravor a fraud? What about (b)(6)? What about (b)(6)? What about the guy who you worked for in CIA (b)(6)?

My position is that IF the Tic Tac evidence is real, then I have the unique correct mainstream physics explanation for it.

Furthermore, even if the whole Tic Tac story turned out to be some Black Disinformation Influence Operation of Psychological Warfare the joke is on the mysterious Puppet Masters because what I say will work anyway or I am a Monkey's Uncle! 😊

From: (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 5:59 PM
To: (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: UAPs and Multi-Media Travel

Problem is Elizondo is a fraud and so is Tic Tac video -- just another Techno Scam.

(b)(6) Ph.D.
(b)(6) TACP-Network
(b)(6)

On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 8:54 PM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

What's wrong with you people?
Any real testing requires huge resources of money and people.
Meantime we have a smoking gun – the Tic Tac.

Nothing any of you have proposed comes close to explaining the evidence.
Tic Tac is a fact demanding explanation.
I have given the only plausible obvious one.
We are not proposing a "theory" looking for evidence.
The evidence is there.
Now if any of you can do a table- top experiment by all means do so.
That NOT my job as a theorist.
I am like a detective on a homicide case.
Tic Tac is a national security threat as Elizondo has said.

From: (b)(6) <Caution-
mailto:(b)(6)>
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 5:42 PM
To: (b)(6) <Caution-
mailto:(b)(6)>
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Subject: Re: UAPs and Multi-Media Travel

(b)(6)

> table-top proof of concept is crucial

I totally agree, as would any good physicist (b)(6),
included). Theory must be tested... period!
It is fallacious to assume that just because there is only one theory on
the table, that it is correct.
If this technology truly requires low-energy, then one ought to be able
to perform a table-top proof-of-concept.

At this point, we know so little about these UAP.
We cannot even go as far as stating that they all use the same
technologies for propulsion.
They need to be STUDIED (yes, I am shouting).

Furthermore, as one who is interested in understanding and developing
the propulsion technologies of any of these objects, it is important to
keep all the hypotheses, and proposed mechanisms on the table until
they can be shown to be not viable. Focusing on one technique, even if
it happens to be the technique that the TicTac UAPs use, would
preclude us from DOING BETTER than our guests, which could prove to

be the critical perspective. I don't want to just do what they do. I want to do it better. And that requires that we generate multiple hypothetical mechanisms, test them, and improve them. It is time to follow the model of the Wright brothers!

Cheers

(b)(6)

(b)(6), Ph.D.

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On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 6:13 PM (b)(6)

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mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:
table-top proof of concept is crucial

On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 6:11 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:

(b)(6) paper only has the kinematical half of the whole story. He does not have the essential dynamical half – how to produce what (b)(6) describes with small amounts of on-board energy to explain the observational fact. That's what I have done qualitatively.

(b)(6) basically described what a distant observer outside the warp field surrounding the Tic Tac using EM far field signals (radar, visual sighting – Fravor et-al) he does not describe how meta-materials are able to accomplish that in terms of known physics. I have done that.

I first broached that explanation at General Pete Worden's invitation to DARPA/NASA 100-year Starship meeting in Orlando Oct 2011.

Re: Dark energy, its energy density is way too small to explain Tic Tac. It would have to be amplified. In any case, I have shown IN PRINCIPLE how to do the job using elementary battle-tested mainstream theoretical physics – conceptually it's not at all a difficult problem.

From: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

< Caution-

mailto:(b)(6) > >

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 2:59 PM

To: (b)(6) < Caution-
mailto:(b)(6) > >
Subject: Re: UAPs and Multi-Media Travel

(b)(6), speaking of your attached paper, that's basically what I meant, it can't be coincidence: since dark energy is everywhere, as ~68% of the energy density of the universe, tapping into it would mean "free" energy: no fuel to carry around, no propellant, and dark energy of course violates conservation of energy ironically given its fixed density. So, it is inexhaustible, and completely within the realm of "established" science. I'd have to study your paper again to see if there is a connection numerically. One issue is that dark energy is actually negative pressure not negative density, since we live in a de Sitter not anti de Sitter space (most likely, based on the cosmological data)

(b)(6), another fact to consider though is a so-called "warp drive" is even easier to imagine as working at speeds only $< c$, but with all the other benefits (like moving the space, instead of moving through it) Caution-<https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5663> < Caution-<https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5663> > for example (up to $0.25c$!)

On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 4:22 PM (b)(6)
(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >
wrote:
Interesting, but I just don't know the answer, or how to address it!

As for the earlier discussion of UAPs burrowing into the earth, I have heard anecdotal reports of it, but not much in the way of assessing credibility. If the spacetime metric is being manipulated as in my attached paper, all ordinary matter would look like butter, so not out of the question.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
(b)(6) < Caution-
mailto:(b)(6) > >
To: (b)(6) < Caution-
mailto:(b)(6) > >
Sent: Wed, Sep 4, 2019 1:17 pm
Subject: Re: UAPs and Multi-Media Travel

few THz => 60 micron wavelength (of light).

Imagine that there is a new force beyond the Standard Model which has a characteristic "half-life" (or half-length actually!) based on the mass of the force carrier $(\hbar \cdot c) / (2 \cdot \text{rest-mass energy}) = 60 \text{ microns}$ if energy ~ few meV.

What particle is hypothesized that has a mass of a few meV?? The chameleon particle for explaining dark energy (note, -not- DM):

Caution-<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1604.04908.pdf> < Caution-<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1604.04908.pdf> > Quoting from the paper:

Astrophysical measurements of the dark energy density imply an energy scale of $\Lambda = 2.4 \text{ meV}$, corresponding to a length scale of $\hbar c / \Lambda \sim 80 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$.

Surely this is no coincidence? (The power of dimensional analysis!)

On Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 12:32 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

I calculated a bit of bandwidth at $\sim 5 \text{ THz}$, not far from what you calculated. A 20/1 reduction in waveguide size for the 60 micron wavelength, excellent micro miniaturization.

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2019, at 7:20 AM, (b)(6)

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

(b)(6) Precisely. :)

By the way congrats on your paper, no easy achievement for sure!
Very Best Regards

(b)(6)

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On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 6:19 PM, (b)(6)

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

Thank you, (b)(6)

Yeah... , multi-media travel would mean something else... like Harry Potter going from Book to Movie!

Looking forward to hearing from (b)(6)

Cheers

(b)(6)

(b)(6), Ph.D.

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On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 9:06 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6) < Caution-

mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:

Hi (b)(6) It's actually "multi-medium travel" I will defer to (b)(6) for the physics. :) he is WAY more qualified than me to answer your insightful question...

Best,

(b)(6)

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On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 6:02 PM, (b)(6)

(b)(6) < Caution-

mailto:(b)(6) > > wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

As (b)(6) noted, there is only one witness who said the Nimitz UAP moved through the water and that witness has not been consistent on the speed so I wouldn't use the Nimitz case for UAP water movement. In the Aguadilla case the object doesn't slow much upon entering the water but there is a detectable drop in speed as it enters the water and there is indication of a very slight splash. So I'm not convinced that we have sufficient information to state if UAPs can move through water without interaction. There is sufficient anecdotal information to conclude that UAP movement through water can be much faster than we can achieve, although some supercavitating torpedoes can reach speeds approaching 200 knots. I would agree with Peter that there isn't enough information on UAP movement through water to draw any conclusions.

As for moving through solids, I have not heard of any reports of this.

I do think the way UAPs interact through various media could be a clue to their type of propulsion.

(b)(6)

On 9/3/2019 7:21 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Hi (b)(6),

the evidence for them going through water in the Nimitz case is very weak, only one witness has said this as far as I know of. The Aguadilla case has a small object going through water without slowing down but showing water disturbances. Other than that the SCU has not done any serious investigations of any other incidents. Other members may know of such incidents but we have not studied it to put it

through the test for its veracity. If all we have are narratives of this kind of stuff [going through water] then it is highly suspect and should be avoided until some physical evidence comes up to examine it in detail. The Aguadilla case has heat signatures of it coming and going through the water so that gives some evidence to study.

Regards,

(b)(6)

On Tuesday/9/3/2019 5:53:02 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Dear (b)(6) and (b)(6) (ane everyone else),

I have a question or two about UAPs and multi-media travel. UAPs have been observed in the Nimitz case (2004) to travel from low-Earth orbit (space) to air to water. You have come to call this feature multi-media travel.

First, and most importantly, have UAPs been observed to move through solid Earth?
If so, can you point to concrete examples for which there is some kind of publicly available evidence?

One surprising fact is that UAPs move through the air without obvious disturbance (sonic booms, heat dumps, etc).
As far as I understand (please correct me if wrong), in the Nimitz case, the UAPs were observed to travel as fast as 500 knots through water. On one hand, this would suggest that the UAPs move through the water without disturbing it.
However, sonar works by sound waves reflecting off objects, which requires an interaction between the UAP and water.
Is anything known about what is going on here?

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 9:43 PM

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Cc: (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (USA) (b)(6); Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN ONI

WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)

(b)(6)
Subject: Aerospace America Magazine question on Elizondo

Gents,

The news query below boils down to two questions:

- 1) During what years did Mr. Luis Elizondo work in OUSDI, and what was his title?
- 2) Was Mr. Elizondo responsible for clearing individuals for access to SAP programs?

To the first question, I have provided the answer we've used previously: "Luis Elizondo worked in OUSD(I) as a supervisory intelligence specialist from Sept. 28, 2008, until he resigned effective Oct. 4, 2017."

(b)(5)

The issue now is how to answer question #2. Read the full query to below to see why the reporter is asking this. I see three options:

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Thoughts, preferences?

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Regards,
Sue

*****Full query below*****

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:17 PM

To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments for Aerospace America Magazine

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Hello,

(b)(6) here. I'm a writer for Aerospace America, the monthly magazine in-print and online of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics - Caution-www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org < Caution-<http://www.aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org> > .

I'm working on a no-nonsense, just-the-facts story on the issue of unidentified aerial phenomena that has been raised over the last couple years. This stems from the 2017 release of video footage from U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet ATFLIR (AN/ASQ-228) electro-optical and infrared cameras. Some reporting claims the video clips show UAPs. I'm trying to put together a piece that's as accurate and thoughtful as it can be with as much authoritative input as I can get.

I'm speaking to a range of people for the article, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Raytheon (maker of the Super Hornet ATFLIR) to the Senate and House Intel committees and active/retired Navy Super Hornet pilots to gather whatever pertinent information I can.

A small corner of the story has to do with Mr. Luis Elizondo who claims to have arranged for the release of three videos known as "Flir1", "GoFast" and "Gimble". He also claims to have led a Pentagon office known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) which is reported to have existed between 2007 (created by ex-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid) and 2012. In June, Pentagon spokesman Christopher Sherwood said the following:

"Mr. [Luis] Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI [the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence], up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017."

A June 24, 2009 letter from then Senator Harry Reid to William Lynn III, the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the time, requested Special Access Program status for AATIP. An attachment to the letter includes a list - "FY 10 Preliminary Bigoted List of Government Personnel". It lists eleven people whom Senator Reid wished to have special access to AATIP. Luis Elizondo's name is included on the list with the title "Special Agent UDSI, Govt."

Some have claimed this document proved Elizondo led or was involved with AATIP. His title with OUSDI however is listed as "Director, National Programs Special Management Staff". Apparently NPMS manages access for SAP programs.

So, I have two simple questions which I hope OUSDI can answer.

(b)(6)

CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] PRESS Query VICE

Categories: Green Category

(b)(5)

Regards,
Sue

Sent by my iPhone

From: (b)(6)
Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3:31:38 PM
To: "Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] PRESS Query VICE

Good day,

I was informed by (b)(6) to contact you regarding any further questions I have concerning the DOD/Navy's position on the AATIP/UAP issue.

I am continuing to follow this story and have some follow-up questions.

1) I understand that the FLIR1 video was leaked in 2007, and that the Navy did not formally release that video (nor Gimbal and GoFast) to the public. Did the individual or individuals who released those videos to the public do so illegally?

2) In regards to question 1, will that individual or those individuals be charged with a crime for leaking said videos to the public?

3) In regards to question 1, has that individual or those individuals been charged with a crime and are currently facing legal action?

4) In regards to the 2004 video (known to the public as FLIR1), which government agency, military department or private contractor removed the footage and data off the aircraft which originally shot the footage, and who would have had access to the complete footage before it was edited to its current length?

5) In regards to the 2015 videos (known as Gimbal and GoFast to the public), which government agency, military department or private contractor removed the footage and data off the aircraft which originally shot the footage, and who would have had access to the complete footage before it was edited to its current length?

6) Does the Department of Defense know what the objects in these three videos are, or does it share the same response as the Navy by classifying them as "Unknown aerial phenomena?"

7) Are the objects shown in the videos property of the American government or property of a public and/or private contractor in service to the American government?

I really appreciate your time in this.

Thank you,

(b)(6)



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CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:53 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Press Query VICE News
Signed By: (b)(6)

Categories: Green Category

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Regards,
Sue

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:47 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Press Query VICE News

Hello (b)(6)

There is not an active investigation. When the videos appeared in the New York Times, an internal review revealed that a request to release the videos solely for research and analysis purposes by U.S. government agencies and industry partners had been submitted and approved approximately four months prior to when the videos appeared in the New York Times. This did not include approval for general public release. The requestor subsequently asked for approval for general public release; final approval for general public release was never granted. As the requestor was no longer a DoD employee by the time the videos appeared, and the videos did not contain classified information, DoD did not pursue further.

Regards,
Sue Gough
Pentagon Spokesperson
Defense Public Affairs Operations
DOD website: <https://www.defense.gov/>
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Press Query VICE News

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Hi Susan,

Thank you very much. Sorry that I haven't gotten back to you regarding a follow up. Some other things popped up.

1) In regards then to the three UAV videos (Flir1, Gimbal and GoFast), is the Pentagon investigating how these three videos were released to the public? If the Navy is claiming that they never released the videos, and neither did the Department of Defense, how did they come to be in the hands of the New York Times and To The Stars?

2) Is there an active investigation into how all three of these videos were leaked?

Thanks very much,

(b)(6)

On Monday, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:15 PM, Gough Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)

(b)(6)

> wrote:

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Senator Reid's letter requested DOD assistance in establishing a restricted special access program; one was not established. I cannot comment on why, as we do not comment publicly on intelligence matters, nor on correspondence between the department and members of Congress.

Luis Elizondo did not take over AATIP in 2010.

Luis Elizondo did not run AATIP while serving in OUSD(I).

DIA was not given an OSD staffer to run AATIP. DIA personnel ran AATIP.

Luis Elizondo did not run AATIP out of a position in OSD.

I cannot comment on why Ms. White misspoke regarding Elizondo's role in AATIP when she spoke with NYT and Politico in December 2017, nor why DOD did not immediately correct the record afterwards. I do know that subsequently we have been clear that Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP.

Regards,

Sue Gough

Pentagon Spokesperson

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CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 12:23 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Pilot Who Filmed the 'Tic Tac' UFO Speaks: 'It Wasn't Behaving by the Normal Laws of Physics'
Signed By: (b)(6)
Categories: Green Category

FYSA. Are you on his distro? (b)(5) ;-) He added me to his newsletter distro after I replied to a query of his. :-9 (b)(5), but this headline caught my eye.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 10:16 AM
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Pilot Who Filmed the 'Tic Tac' UFO Speaks: 'It Wasn't Behaving by the Normal Laws of Physics'

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In the 15 years since Chad Underwood recorded a bizarre and erratic UFO < Caution-
<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2018/03/heres-a-video-of-a-navy-jet-encountering-a-ufo.html> > — now called “the Tic Tac,” a name Underwood himself came up with — from the infrared camera on the left wing of his F/A-18 Super Hornet, he’s become a flight instructor, a civilian employee in the aerospace industry, and a father. But he has not yet spoken publicly about what he saw that day, even now, two years after his video made the front page of the *New YorkTimes* < Caution-
<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2017/12/new-york-times-ufo-report.html> > . As he explained before speaking with *Intelligencer*, Underwood has mostly wanted to avoid having his name “attached to the ‘little green men < Caution-<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2018/03/13-reasons-to-believe-aliens-are-real.html> > ’ crazies that are out there.”

The story of the Tic Tac begins around November 10, 2004 < Caution-
<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a29771548/navy-ufo-witnesses-tell-truth/> > , when radar operator Kevin Day < Caution-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_2zRabdvKnw > first reported seeing **odd and slow-moving objects flying in groups of five to ten off of San Clemente Island, west of the San Diego coast**. At an elevation of **28,000 feet**, moving at a speed of approximately 120 knots (about 138 miles per hour), the clusters were too high to be birds, too slow to be conventional aircraft, and were not traveling on any established flight path, at least according to Day.

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<https://www.academia.edu/s/7cd5cbac7e> > (note disclaimer “Bolden article” fake news debunker satire even though content has some validity though what is said about Bolden in misinformation to throw serious scientists off the scent.)

In a military report made public by KLAS-TV in Las Vegas < Caution-
https://media.lasvegasnow.com/nxsglobal/lasvegasnow/document_dev/2018/05/18/TIC%20TAC%20UFO%20EXECUTIVE%20REPORT_1526682843046_42960218_ver1.0.pdf > , Day would later observe that the objects “**exhibited ballistic-missile characteristics**” as they zoomed from **60,000 feet to 50 feet above the Pacific Ocean, alarmingly without producing sonic booms**. All told, radar operators with the *Princeton* spent about two weeks attempting to figure out what the objects were, a

process that included having the ship's radar system shut down and recalibrated to make sure that the mysterious radar returns were not not false positives, or "ghost tracks < Caution-
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?arnumber=7850967> > .

Eventually, David Fravor, commanding officer of the Black Aces, made visual confirmation of one of the objects midair during a flight-training exercise. An hour later, Underwood made his infrared recording on a second flight. "That day," Underwood recalls, "Dave Fravor was like, 'Hey, dude. BOLO.' Like, be on the lookout for just something weird. I can't remember the exact terms that he used. I didn't really think much about it at the time. But once I was able to acquire it on the radar and on the FLIR [forward-looking infrared camera], that's kind of where things — I wouldn't say 'went sideways' — but things were just different."

The footage appears to depict what Fravor had identified as a 40-foot-long, white, oblong shape (hence "Tic Tac"), hovering somewhere between 15,000 and 24,000 feet in midair and exhibiting no notable exhaust from conventional propulsion sources, even as it makes a surprising dart leftward in the video's final moments. Of the three UFO incidents captured by U.S. Navy airmen via infrared gun-camera pods, Underwood's footage remains unique for its lack of cross talk between the pilots — a fact that has led to some speculation < Caution-
<https://www.terraobscura.net/blog/does-this-tic-tac-smell-funny-to-you> > about its authenticity. But "there wasn't anything on it that was protected," Underwood's retired former commanding officer Dave Fravor told *Intelligencer*. The missing audio, he says, "just didn't make the copy that was taken from the storage drive."

A former fighter pilot who served on the *Nimitz* in 2004, who spoke to *Intelligencer* on condition of anonymity, recalled an exhilarating group screening of the FLIR1 video inside the *Nimitz*'s Carrier Vehicle Intelligence Center (CVIC): "Debriefs were usually pro forma in the CVIC, but this one in particular was so odd," the former pilot said. "There weren't really a lot of skeptics in that room." Years later, **Fravor told ABC News that he didn't know what the Tic Tac was, but that "it was really impressive, really fast, and I would like to fly it."** In the CVIC that day, the anonymous pilot told *Intelligencer*, "We all had that. We all wanted to fly it."

Of the many people to have spotted or recorded the objects, a handful, like Fravor or *Princeton's* (retired) Chief Master-at-Arms Sean Cahill < Caution-<https://www.history.com/shows/unidentified-inside-americas-ufo-investigation/season-1/episode-3> > , who reported seeing what appeared to be another grouping of the objects from the missile cruiser's deck, have spoken to journalists or documentarians. Others have not: Lieutenant Colonel "Cheeks" Kurth, a Marine Hornet squadron commanding officer who was also asked to intercept the Tic Tac, still has not done an on-the-record interview. (Three years after the sighting, however, **Kurth did take a job as a program manager at Bigelow Advanced Aerospace Space Studies in Las Vegas, whose owner Robert Bigelow has been a well-known private funder of UFO and paranormal research for decades.** It was during this same period that **Bigelow became a military contractor working on the Pentagon's once-secret UFO investigation program, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.**)

Underwood now joins Fravor, Cahill, and others, in speaking about his experience with the Tic Tac. This conversation has been condensed and edited for clarity.

What did you think of Dave Fravor's appearance on the Joe Rogan Experience?

I'm glad Dave went on Joe's show. He nailed every detail. At the time of the incident, he was essentially

my boss, my commanding officer. I was just a pilot in his squadron. Are you familiar at all with how aircraft-carrier air operations work?

Probably not.

So, usually, we fly for about an hour, hour and a half, and then land. Then there's the next wave of folks that take off and do their mission, blah, blah, blah. That day, Dave Fravor was landing at the same time I was getting my gear on, and we crossed paths just after he'd seen it. I really don't want to get into what

Dave saw, specifically To summarize Fravor's eyewitness account to the *New York Times*, the pilot

reported seeing a large submerged object that was causing the ocean to churn. Hovering about 50 feet

above that churn, the 40-foot Tic Tac zipped erratically around the submerged object. Fravor observed

the Tic Tac as he banked his F/A-18 in a spiral descent to get a closer look. As he told the *Times*, the Tic

Tac "accelerated like nothing I've ever seen" and left him "pretty weirded out." , because I didn't see it

with my own eyeballs. But I told him, "**The Princeton**" — again, which has got a really good sophisticated radar — "is reporting that there's an object out there that they wanted us to see if we could find and, if we're able, track."

So, we go out to where our designated training area is. We're not necessarily looking for something, but the *Princeton* had a specific object that they wanted us to hunt, for lack of a better word. **And all of a sudden, I got this blip on my radar.**

The "Tic Tac."

The term "Tic Tac," I actually coined that. So, any time you heard the term, "**It looked like a 'Tic Tac' out there in the sky,**" I was the one that kind of coined that.

Was that named based on what you saw with your own eyes, or from looking at the screen on the camera?

No. I was more concentrated on looking at the FLIR Advanced Targeting Forward Looking Infrared

(ATFLIR) is an optical electric- and thermal-imaging system that was developed for U.S. Navy pilots by

Raytheon in the late 1990s < Caution-<https://fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/smart/atflir.htm> > , mainly for

the detection and identification of tactical targets and the delivery of autonomous precision targeting to

smart weapons. In the mid-2000s < Caution-

http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Boeing_FA18_Super_Hornet_Engages_Moving_Targets_with_J

DAM.html > , as well as today < Caution-<https://www.raytheon.com/capabilities/products/atflir> > ,

ATFLIR was capable of detecting and tracking targets within a range of 40 nautical miles. . It was inside

of 20 miles. You're not going to see it with your own eyes until probably 10 miles, and then you're not going to be able to visually track it until you're probably **inside of five miles, which is where Dave Fravor said that he saw it.** So, at that point I didn't see anything with my eyeballs. I was more

concerned with tracking it, making sure that the videotape was on so that I could bring something back to the ship, so that the intel folks could dissect whatever it is that I captured.

The thing that stood out to me the most was **how erratic it was behaving**. And what I mean by “erratic” is that its changes in altitude, air speed, and aspect were just unlike things that I’ve ever encountered before flying against other air targets. It was just behaving in ways that aren’t physically normal. That’s what caught my eye. Because, aircraft, whether they’re manned or unmanned, still have to obey the laws of physics. They have to have some source of lift, some source of propulsion. The Tic Tac was not doing that. It was going from like 50,000 feet to, you know, a hundred feet in like seconds, which is not possible.

(b)(6) **says "Not only is it possible, we understand the really elementary physics that explains it."**

And it was doing that during your engagement too?

Yes. That was the thing that was the most interesting to me: how erratic this thing was Jim Gillingham, an engineering consultant who worked on ATFLIR for Raytheon, suggested in an interview with Intelligencer that “if there were several things in the sky to look at, but none were quite where the pilot was trying to look,” it might produce erratic results, a glitch he’d experienced using the ATFLIR to track planes from the ground during development testing. “We ran into this when trying to get a lock and there were two aircraft climbing out. (LAX has four parallel runways). Sometimes the image would switch back and forth vigorously until we took steps to bias the lock some way.” If it was obeying physics like a normal object that you would encounter in the sky — an aircraft, or a cruise missile, or some sort of special project that the government didn’t tell you about — that would have made more sense to me. The part that drew our attention was how it wasn’t behaving within the normal laws of physics. You’re up there flying, like, “Okay. It’s not behaving in a manner that’s predictable or is normal by how flying objects physically move.”

(b)(6) **: "It's time to get US pilots up to snuff on the simple physics that explains what they are seeing. I hate to say it, but the professors teaching**

physics to the military have some catching up to do and I can help them."

From looking at the video at the time and more recently, do you get a sense as to how much heat this thing was giving off?

Well, normally, you would see engines emitting a heat plume. This object was not doing that. The video shows a source of heat, but the normal signatures of an exhaust plume were not there.

There was no sign of propulsion.

You could not see the thing that the ATFLIR pod should pick up 100 percent of the time: the source of heat and exhaust that a normal object flying would give you

Former Navy F/A-

18 fighter pilot Vincent "Jell-O" Aiello expressed a similar reaction to the object in the

FLIR1 video during a telephone interview. "Where it looks different to me is that it has

no wings like an aircraft, and there's no perceptible heat signature from the engines or

from intakes like an aircraft," he said. "If you're close enough to an actual aircraft and

you're tracking it, you can see heat spots at different places either leading edges of wings,

where it's hotter because of friction, or exhaust ports from where bleed air comes out,

and, of course, the actual exhaust of the engines themselves."

. Does that make sense?

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Yeah, it does.

Like, no method of propulsion or exhaust — and **the exhaust part of it was the thing that kind of made me raise my eyebrows** and be like, "Okay, this is interesting."

Were you approaching the Tic Tac head-on? Some people have suggested The main source

for this theory is a longtime contributor to the *Skeptical Inquirer*, retired Air Force Major James

McGaha, whose primary flight experience, per his bio with the skeptic's group < Caution-

https://centerforinquiry.org/speakers/mcgaha_james/ > , is with large C-130 military transport

aircraft. Not fighter jets, in other words, nor their instruments. **that the Tic Tac's rapid leftward**

movement toward the end of the video was actually the result of your F/A-18 banking to the right and dragging the camera along with it.

We were pointed nose-on to it. Maybe 10 to 20 degrees of azimuth Azimuth is a horizontal angular

measurement between a fixed direction, which in this flight navigation case is straight-ahead of the

aircraft, and an object or location. In aviation, azimuth is paired with a vertical angular measurement

called altitude, which should not be confused with the more common use of the word as a synonym for

elevation. , either left or right.

Ergo, when the object kind of darts away to the left—

I was not aggressively maneuvering the aircraft in the manner that would make the FLIR pod would do that. Underwood's recollections on this were corroborated by Steven T. Cummings, a former technical

director for Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems who worked on ATFLIR in its R&D phase and

reviewed the FLIR1 video for this story. That said, Cummings made a point of adding that he will

remain skeptical about most of the *Nimitz* UFO witness' accounts until the military releases more

electronic data from the incident. . But look: At that point, I did not actually see the object aggressively

accelerate to the left, as the video shows, to actually prove that.

Because you were at a distance where you couldn't make visual contact with your own eyes—
Right.

And so what's happening in the video is a little ambiguous as a result.

Right. Yeah. And that part kind of sucks, because I can't confirm that the object aggressively accelerated that way. But I have my feelings, based off of my experience with my equipment — and also just logic, when it comes to, you know, physics.

I want to ask you some questions based on theories that America's armchair skeptics have put forward — like whether it was birds, or whether it was some sort of thermal weather event. I mean, I'm sure you have had enough flight time that you've seen birds.

Yup. Birds normally fly close to the surface of the ground. So, for example, you're not going to see birds flying at 5,000 feet. You're going to see them more down at like 2,000 feet and below, like down to the surface. That's just kind of how birds normally operate. And they're typically not alone. So you can physically see them, in a flock or whatever. You don't see birds at 5,000 or 10,000 or 20,000 feet. That's just not how birds operate. So birds are out of the question.

And just so that I anticipate your next question: There are weather balloons that people launch, but **this was not a weather balloon** — because a balloon, it just ascends and floats from low to high altitude; it doesn't behave erratically. I mean, it's just a damn balloon. So that was out of the question.

It wasn't — to the best of my knowledge — a cruise missile or any other kind of test aircraft that we possibly may have not known about, just because of the way it was behaving. Like I said, it was just very erratic. It would go from like 50 feet off the ground, which when you're out in the open ocean, you know, off the coast of San Diego, it looked like it was just hovering over the water. But there was no method of propulsion that was keeping it airborne: no wings, no heat, keeping it airborne or aloft.

Have you ever seen a weather event on an ATFLIR?

I would say if I captured this object on my sensors independently, like I was the only one that saw it or tracked it, I might have blown it off as something like a weather event. But the amount of people and sensors from other independent sources who found it — given the time period Dave Fravor saw it, and an hour and a half later I went out and saw it, and we captured basically an object with the same description — leads me to believe that **a weather event would be unlikely.**

Did it surprise you or provide any kind of relief seeing the Navy officially declare the Tic Tac video genuine Before the New York *Times* vetted and published the FLIR1 video, the short clip

floated around samizdat-style on various online UFO forums, a situation that had led

skeptics < Caution-[https://www.metabunk.org/2004-uss-nimitz-tic-tac-ufo-flir-footage-](https://www.metabunk.org/2004-uss-nimitz-tic-tac-ufo-flir-footage-flir1.t9190/#post-214103)

[flir1.t9190/#post-214103](https://www.metabunk.org/2004-uss-nimitz-tic-tac-ufo-flir-footage-flir1.t9190/#post-214103) > and “galaxy brain” conspiracy theorists < Caution-

https://www.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/akevcb/highly_suspicious_first_upload_of_nimitz_flir1

/ > to suspect that the video was a hoax perpetrated by the first known group to host the video on its

servers, a German 3-D animation company called Vision Unlimited < Caution-[https://www.vision-](https://www.vision-unlimited.de/)

[unlimited.de/](https://www.vision-unlimited.de/) > . In an interview with a German paranormal-news website < Caution-

[https://www.grenzwissenschaft-aktuell.de/nimitz-ufo-video-trace-to-film-production-company-leads-](https://www.grenzwissenschaft-aktuell.de/nimitz-ufo-video-trace-to-film-production-company-leads-to-mysterious-dead-end20171230/)

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not its work product, but could not explain why its servers were hosting it all the way back in 2007.

and a genuine UAP when that happened in the Washington Post < Caution-
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2019/09/18/those-ufo-videos-are-real-navy-says-please-stop-saying-ufo/> > **last September?**
No, not surprised. Validation for sure.

This might be a good time to talk about what the mood was on the *Nimitz* after all of this.

Once I landed, I saw one of my buddies from my sister squadron. He said, “Hey, did you see something out there too?” in a very jokey manner. And I was like, “Actually, MFer, because I know you want to make fun of me, I got it here on video.” Although, I didn’t say “MFer.” I said the actual term. He’s a good friend of mine, so it was in jest. We pop the tapes into the playback machine. I’m like, “Here, this is where it is.”

Those little video cuts In a podcast interview < Caution-

<https://youtu.be/CAWNDSiiffw?t=3768> > earlier this year, Sean Cahill (*Princeton’s* Chief-Master-at-

Arms) recalled that the name of this shortened FLIR1 video, the only version that the public has seen,

was named “14November_condensed or something like that.” As Cahill told < Caution-

<https://youtu.be/CAWNDSiiffw?t=3789> > the podcast’s host, Alejandro Rojas, the video file was

shared widely by crew members of the *Nimitz* and the *Princeton* using the carrier group’s low-

bandwidth, circa 2004 Secret Internet Protocol Router Network < Caution-

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SIPRNet> > (SIPRNet), before much later being published by the New York Times in December 2017. — that you see of my FLIR recording — were taken there at the intelligence center. What they do with it from there, I don't have a whole lot to deal with.

When I was still in my flight gear, so probably within about 20 minutes or so, I spoke to someone that I assume was from NORAD. I described it exactly as I just told you. I didn't get debriefed. The interesting thing was, normally, if you see something out in the middle of the ocean that's a test project, we would get debriefed on it, one-on-one, in a dark room. Whether it's from the folks at Edwards test site

Since the

end of World War II, Edwards Air Force Base has been one of the premiere testing sites for new U.S.

military aircraft, and later home to NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center for the testing of

advanced spacecraft. Naturally, Edwards has been a perennial subject of American UFO lore —

including an extended October 7, 1965 sighting < Caution-

<https://archive.org/details/UFOOverEdwardsAFB> > in which base personnel struggled for over five

hours to identify a series of mystery objects invading their airspace. Some fun, less intuitive trivia: The

base also has its own folklore about a desert Bigfoot creature they call Yucca Man < Caution-

<https://longreads.com/2018/04/25/the-known-unknown-ales-of-the-yucca-man/> > . or something

like that. "Hey, yes, we were testing a project. This is what you saw." Without going into great detail, it will be like, "Yes. This is project 'Umptysquat'" and, basically, "This is what you saw. **Don't talk about it.**"

That never happened, which leads me to think that it was not a government project A

former fighter pilot currently working with the Tailhook Association, who spoke on

condition of anonymity, corroborated this idea that the lack of a formal debrief for

Underwood describing a top-secret aircraft would be suggestive of something more

unusual than a classified test-flight program. .

Or, at least, not one—

Not one that they wanted to give any acknowledgment of. And, you know, I've got top-secret clearance with a ton of special-project clearances. So, it's not like I wasn't cleared to know. But, as I'm sure you've found in your research, to have clearance to know something, you have to have both the clearance that it's elevated to and you have to have the "need to know" it. And, clearly, whatever it was, if it was a government project, I did not need to know.

Yeah. Understood. Here's something I'm curious about, because of this NORAD aspect: Did it come up that this telephone debriefing was maybe involved with something called an Operations Event Incident Report or NORAD's OPREP-3 reporting system?

Documents made public via the Freedom of Information Act, alongside other government documents including < Caution-http://ufos-documenting-the-evidence.blogspot.com/2016/06/oprep-3-classified-us-military_8.html > “Air Force Instruction 10–206 Operational Reporting” (AFI 10–206) published by the Secretary of the United States Air Force (SEC–USAF) on October 15th, 2008, have indicated that a US military–wide secured reporting channel dubbed OPREP-3 for “operational report category 3 Event/Incident” have become a primary means of delivering realtime information on UFO incidents up the national security chain of command, from the service members tracking the object up through to the White House. Documents released via FOIA have shown < Caution-<http://ufos-documenting-the-evidence.blogspot.com/2016/06/oprep-3-classified-us-military.html> > the OPREP-3 channel used to deliver information about a spate of Oct, 30th, 1975, UFO events at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan, and overlapping sightings at Loring Air Force Base in Maine, among others.

Honestly, Matt, I have no idea. Like like what level up to who I was talking to. I just wanted to answer them. I was just basically handed a telephone and said, “Hey. Answer these questions.”

Fair enough. So, Between talking to the NORAD guy and Fravor going public, there’s a several-year period where this is just like a thing that happened in your life. Did it come up very often at all?

There would be associations. I would be sitting at lunch five years later with some of my colleagues. Rumors tend to have legs. “Hey, you were out on the *Nimitz* in ’04. Someone told me about some alien spacecraft.” And I’m like, “Well, (1) the video that you see is my video. And no, I’ve never said that this is what I think it was or speculate as to what I think it was. That’s not my job. But I saw something. **And it was also seen, via eyeballs, by both my commanding officer, Dave Fravor, and the Marine Corps Hornet squadron commanding officer who was out there as well.**”

When did you find out Fravor was going to go public? Did a lot of people approach you during that reporting or afterward?

It’s funny, seeing your boss’s name and face on the news, given what he was putting out there. You know, obviously, our encounter happened in 2004 — so a while back — but everything that Dave has put out there in the interviews is absolutely, 100 percent, exactly what happened on that day. And we’re still good friends to this day, so I started texting him. We had about a two-hour-long phone call and I’d be like, “Dude. Like what made this pop up?” Like, “Where was this like, you know, 12, 14 years ago?” Now it’s 15 years ago. And, I guess, that was when the Pentagon released — whatever project they called it. I can’t even remember it.

AATIP.

Yeah. AATIP The Pentagon's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) ostensibly ran from 2007 to 2012 with a budget of about \$22 million. It was preceded by, and may have overlapped with, another Defense Intelligence Agency program, dubbed the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP), with a wider and weirder purview < Caution-
<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/20797/the-pentagon-paid-for-these-reports-on-warp-drive-extra-dimensions-anti-gravity-and-more> > that included "dark energy and the manipulation of extra dimensions < Caution-
https://media.lasvegasnow.com/nxsglobal/lasvegasnow/document_dev/2018/05/04/Warp_Drive_Dark_Energy_1525479960070_41686974_ver1.0.pdf > ." In October 2017 < Caution-
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/18/insider/secret-pentagon-ufo-program.html?hpw&rref=times-insider&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=well-region%C2%AEion=bottom-well&WT.nav=bottom-well&_r=0 > , New York *Times* reporter Ralph Blumenthal and longtime UFO researcher Leslie Kean met with a former employee of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSDI), Luis Elizondo, who had been involved with AATIP — and depending on which reporters and low-level Pentagon spokespeople you care to trust, may have led the program. Working with several other individuals from the U.S. military and intelligence world, and however improbably with Blink-182 front man Tom DeLonge, Elizondo and the *Times* brought news of AATIP — and with it, David Fravor's account of the Tic Tac — to the public that December. The extent of the Pentagon's official involvement declassifying this material is unfortunately still one of the more frustrating, unresolved, and contentious aspects of this story two years later. .

Did the New York *Times* reach out to you? Ask for background just to confirm anything?
No.

Interesting.

Not that I really care. At no point did I want to speculate as to what I thought this thing was — or be associated with, you know, "alien beings" and "alien aircraft" and all that stuff. I'm like, "No. I do not want to be part of that community." It is just what we call a UFO. I couldn't identify it. It was flying. And it was an object. It's as simple as that.

Yeah.

I'll let the nerds, like, do the math on what it was likely to be. I just happened to be the person that brought back the video.

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Subject: FW: (b)(6) clarification response

Gentlemen,

Below is (b)(6) response to my request for clarification on one of his questions (I've put his current four at the bottom). We need to discuss. The fact that he was giving access to a report from BAAS from years ago (b)(5)

(b)(5) I would like to discuss in person, if possible. I will not be in the office tomorrow. What is your available on Thursday or Friday?

(b)(6), including Navy in this mainly because I don't know how/whether the report he mentions touches on Navy UAP reporting & investigations.

Regards,

Sue

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 4:28 PM

To: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] (MEDIA REQUEST- TIME SENSITIVE) Request For Popular Mechanics

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Ms. Gough,

Thank you for your reply and I apologize for not being more concise with my question. In effort to best clarify this specific question, along with the others I sent you, it's probably advantageous to share some information I'm attempting to verify, which was provided to me by non-government sources. If accurate, it could potentially offer an explanation for some of the confusion or contention you've inherited and had to deal with on this particular topic.

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Recently, I was allowed to examine a "10 Month Report" produced in 2009 by Bigelow Advanced Aerospace Studies, which I was told was produced as part of their involvement with the Advanced Aviation Weapons Systems Applications Program (AAWSAP) for the DIA. The entirety of the report (494 pages) exclusively discussed matters related to UAP. The report is marked as "classified proprietary information" and did not contain any data or information that was obtained through Government resources.

Examining the original solicitation for AAWSAP (# HHM402-08-R-0211) it appears the acquisition was set-aside 100% for "small business," which, to my understanding, would mean non-Government, non-competitive data produced by the program would be subject to the Small Business Innovative Research rights clause and restricted from release by the Government unless provided express permission by Bigelow Aerospace. This is the basis for the third question I was hoping you could be able to verify - *"In regards to the contract award for AAWSAP to Bigelow Aerospace (BAAS) can you tell me if the data rights granted to the government in association with noncommercial data collected by BAAS was considered Unlimited; Government Purpose; Specifically Negotiated License; Small Business Innovative Research; or Limited?"*

When it comes to my first question that you asked me to clarify, ultimately I'm trying to determine if it is possible whether or not someone may using an "unconventional" definition for the word "foreign" in the stated purpose of AAWSAP. In essence, could the word "foreign" have been coyly used to incorporate studies related to UAP? Even if this was done solely on the part of BAAS; or is there other

information produced by the AAWSAP program that demonstrates UAP was not a part of the program?

In regards to my 4th question about Mr. Elizondo, I was given information suggesting in 2011 the AAWSAP was unfunded, however, it was not "formally closed down." Having taken a particular interest in the UAP component that's said to have gone on in AAWSAP, while at OUSD(I) Mr. Elizondo may have unofficially continued to look into UAP events in conjunction with his official roles within the NPSMS office. I understand it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to try and provide an attributable comment on what sounds like could an "unofficial" or personal "assignment" on Mr. Elizondo's part, however, anything you might be able to provide which you think could be germane to this question would be helpful. Potentially, I should amend my question to also asking if its possible to acknowledge whether or not Mr. Elizondo's role while with the DoD would have provided him access to reports of UAP events.

I apologize for the long-winded email, but I hope giving you some background on what I've been provided might be of some assistance in trying to track information down. I understand this is likely a subject you've enjoyed being hounded with since taking over as the "UAP point-person," but I do very much appreciate your assistance.

Best Wishes,

(b)(6)

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On Tue, Jan 14, 2020 at 7:52 PM Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

(b)(6)

I need some clarification on your first question. When you say, "under the definition being used, ...," what term are you talking about -- the definition of what? Also, where you ask about the term "foreign," are you asking about the use of the term in my previous statement, or are you asking about using that term outside of AATIP to describe "UAP encounters or events involving technology that was not readily identified"?

Regards,

- The following statement has been attributed to you by several outlets recently, "**Neither AATIP nor AAWSAP were UAP related. The purpose of AATIP was to investigate foreign advanced aerospace weapons system applications with future technology projections over the next 40 years, and to create a center of expertise on advanced aerospace technologies.**" Under the definition being used, could the term "foreign" be used to describe UAP encounters or events involving technology that was not readily identified?
- In a previous statement regarding the release of the 3 UAP videos, you told me, "**The two 2015 videos appeared in the New York Times in December 2017. At that time, AFOSI conducted an investigation, focusing on the classification of the information in the video.**" Since the videos were originally captured by the Navy, the Navy was listed as the OCA on the DD Form 1910 for their release, and the videos are still retain in position of the Navy, can you elaborate on why AFOSI conducted the investigation into the classification of the information in the video?
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- In regards to Mr. Luis Elizondo's claims of running a UAP investigation program while serving as a director within the National Programs Security Management Office, is it possible that Mr. Elizondo conducted these matters unofficially and not as a component of his stated job role with of OUSD(i). In effect, was he looking into UAP in an unofficial capacity during his time with DoD?

Thank you again for your help.

Best Wishes,

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Subject: Proposed Responses to (b)(6)
Signed By: (b)(6)
Categories: Green Category

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Folks, received four questions on AATIP, UAPs, and Elizondo from Tim McMillan, a freelance reporter ("investigative writer and research consultant) who has asked questions before. Need review/input from several offices:

Q1 – (b)(6) and (b)(6)

Q2 – DOPSR and OUSD(I)

Q3 – (b)(6)

Q4 – Bill Carranza and OUSD(I) – Matt Cummings, I particularly need someone who can speak for National Programs Security Management Office/National Programs Security Management Staff to weigh in; the only contacts I had there are contractors (John Kirkbride and Allen Hanslovan).

Regards,
Sue

(Q1) The following statement has been attributed to you by several outlets recently, "Neither AATIP nor AAWSAP were UAP related. The purpose of AATIP was to investigate foreign advanced aerospace weapons system applications with future technology projections over the next 40 years, and to create a center of expertise on advanced aerospace technologies." Under the definition being used, could the term "foreign" be used to describe UAP encounters or events involving technology that was not readily identified?

(b)(5)

(Q2) In a previous statement regarding the release of the 3 UAP videos, you told me, "The two 2015 videos appeared in the New York Times in December 2017. At that time, AFOSI conducted an investigation, focusing on the classification of the information in the video." Since the videos were originally captured by the Navy, the Navy was listed as the OCA on the DD Form 1910 for their release, and the videos are still retain in position of the Navy, can you elaborate on why AFOSI conducted the investigation into the classification of the information in the video?

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(Q4) In regards to Mr. Luis Elizondo's claims of running a UAP investigation program while serving as a director within the National Programs Security Management Office, is it possible that Mr. Elizondo conducted these matters unofficially and not as a component of his stated job role with of OUSD(i). In effect, was he looking into UAP in an unofficial capacity during his time with DoD?

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Subject: RE: Draft Responses to Greenewald on UAPs and AATIP
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Thanks, (b)(6). (b)(5)

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Regards,
Sue

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OPNAV ALL N2N6 Front Office
Subject: RE: Questions from (b)(6) on Daily Mail comments by NIMTZ CO
Signed By: (b)(6)

I'll reply back to him. Would it be appropriate to remark that ship captains are empowered to answer questions of embarked media, along the lines of the below?

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Regards,
Sue

From: "Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b)(6)
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(USA)" (b)(6)
Subject: Proposed DoD Statement on Release of Navy Videos

Folks,

Please see attached for review/comment/coordination chop. As many of you are aware, we will be releasing three historical Navy videos under FOIA, possibly as early as Thursday, depending on how long the FOIA DLI process takes.

The intent is to do a simultaneous release: as soon as the videos are up on the NAVAIR FOIA reading room, OSD will release the attached statement (without the Q&A; the Q&A is for PA use).

Regards,
Sue
OSD(PA)

(b)(5)

From: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:40 AM

To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations (b)(6)

Subject: Statement by the Department of Defense on the release of historical Navy videos

Media colleagues,

The below statement is attributable to Ms. Sue Gough, Pentagon spokesperson.

The Department of Defense has authorized the release of three unclassified Navy videos, one taken in November 2004 and the other two in January 2015, which have been circulating in the public domain after unauthorized releases in 2007 and 2017. The U.S. Navy previously acknowledged that these videos circulating in the public domain were indeed Navy videos. After a thorough review, the department has determined that the authorized release of these unclassified videos does not reveal any sensitive capabilities or systems, and does not impinge on any subsequent investigations of military air space incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena. DOD is releasing the videos in order to clear up any misconceptions by the public on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos. The aerial phenomena observed in the videos remain characterized as "unidentified." The released videos can be found at the Naval Air Systems Command FOIA Reading Room:
<https://www.navair.navy.mil/foia/documents>.

Regards,
Duty Officer
Defense Public Affairs Operations

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Subject: UAPTF Query - Air Forces Monthly magazine
Importance: High

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(b)(6) & Matt,

Please see my proposed responses/where I need inputs to below query, from Rob Coppinger with Air Forces Monthly magazine, part of Key Publishing, out of the UK. Pretty much pulled or extrapolated from the RTQ Q&As -- underlined phrases are changes/additions to the RTQ Q&As. Comments to you guys/requests for input are indicated by square brackets [] and astericks [*** ... ***].

Oh, I know he says his deadline is Aug. 24, but Mr. Hoffman is briefing tomorrow afternoon, so I'd like to get this done before then.

Regards,
Sue

To whom it may concern,

I am the Associate Editor for Air Forces Monthly magazine. I have some questions about the recent UAPTF announcement. My deadline is Aug. 24.

1. While Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist approved the establishment of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF) when do you expect the UAPTF to start its first day of actual work?

(b)(5)

2. Which part of the Department of the Navy will be responsible for the UAPTF, the Office of Naval Intelligence, for example?

(b)(5)

3. Of the other armed services, which part of the USAF and the Army would lead their participation in the UAPTF? For example, would the AFRL be the part of the Air Force that led the USAF's participation?

(b)(5)

4. If the mission of the task force is to detect UAP are you going to ask the Army, Navy and Air Force to deploy units (we're only interested in units that fly) to detect these UAP?

(b)(5)

5. As part of your detect, analyze and catalog UAP process are you providing new reporting rules that would be adopted by the USAF, Army and Navy, in particular for their pilots?

(b)(5)

6. How many staff do you expect to be directly working for the UAPTF when it is fully operational and what will its annual budget be?

(b)(5)

7. If the NDAA FY2021 becomes law, do you expect the UAPTF to produce a public/unclassified report 180 days after the bill is signed into law?

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

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In a previous draft of the press release and Q&As, OGC cut out the references to coordinating with other govt agencies, including other intel agencies, so I would not add it back in here. Perhaps go with:

(b)(5)

(and in follow-on, if he asks again about budget, the response would be that coordinating bodies don't have their own budget lines)

Regards,
Sue

(b)(6) **CTR OSD PA (USA)**

From: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
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Subject: John Greenewald's latest story
Categories: UAP AATIP Elizondo UFO

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Regards,

(b)(6)

Evidence of U.S. Navy Involvement in UFO Program May Have Been Destroyed

The Black Vault, 24 August 2020... by

In April of 2020, the Department of Defense (DOD) shocked the world by releasing three videos they considered Unidentified Aerial Phenomena or UAPs. Although the three videos had already leaked and had been in the public domain for years, the official release of them represented a continued aura of transparency surrounding the UFO issue by the Navy, when all other military branches have been primarily silent on the issue. However, it appears that transparency may have morphed back into a shroud of secrecy. A string of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed by The Black Vault, one which recently went through the appeal process, may have completely crushed the hopes that the Navy would reveal startling new information about their connection to the Pentagon's UFO study known as AATIP. This two and a half year effort by The Black Vault may also foreshadow future secrecy which may surround the recently announced "UAP Task Force."

Navy and the AATIP

The Navy's involvement in the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, or AATIP, was first revealed in February of 2018. In an interview with Luis Elizondo, the man who says he ran the secret UFO study, he called out the Navy specifically as one of the sources for UFO case files that he utilized while working within the Pentagon.

"AATIP receives the cases from various different channels, so where our office sat at the top of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, we had multiple avenues of approach," Elizondo said in a recorded video to Open Minds TV. "So you had, in some cases, reporting would come up through Navy channels; in other cases it would come up through Air Force channels; in other cases it would come through the intelligence community; and as the focal point, if you will, for this capability, all roads I guess lead to Rome in this particular case. All roads led to our office regarding the phenomena."

Using this testimony, The Black Vault filed FOIA request DON-NAVY-2018-005476 on March 15, 2018, with the Navy. Within weeks, the request yielded a denial that any records existed pertaining to AATIP. The letter claimed that not a single photograph, video, report, letter, or memo existed within the Navy's possession, that was supplied to, sent to or received from, the AATIP program which operated within the Pentagon.

Although no appeal was filed by The Black Vault at the time, another shred of evidence presented itself in September of 2019, when Swedish researcher and journalist Roger Glassel received a statement from the Navy. "The AATIP program involved offices from across the Department of Defense, including Navy," spokesperson Joseph Gradisher told Glassel. "Details remain classified. For additional information, I would refer you to the Department of Defense."

This statement offered a second irrefutable piece of evidence, which came from the Navy itself, that the AATIP and the Navy worked hand in hand in some capacity while the program was running. So, within days of that statement being given to Glassel, The Black Vault refiled the request previously denied, in which the Navy spokesperson's statement was added as additional proof that records should exist. That request was identified as FOIA Case DON-NAVY-2019-011490.

Despite the new evidence, the second request yielded the same denial as the first.

The Appeal

It took much longer to deny on the second go-around, but this request was also given a "no records" determination by the Navy. However, this time, The Black Vault appealed the decision and filed appeal case NAVY-2020-003752.

Armed with Navy spokesperson Gradisher's statement, and with Elizondo's added testimony, it was felt that between the two, grounds for an appeal were met that a proper search was not done, and responsive records should exist.

The appeal was processed, and just like the requests which came before it, was denied. However, with a FOIA appeal, denials are not simply "no records" determinations. Rather, they offer much more detail, case law, and citations on why a case is denied. This additional legalese is due to the fact that the next step beyond an appeal, is litigation, so agencies, along with their lawyers, often try to dot their I's and cross their T's when it gets to this point.

Although many FOIA cases related to AATIP have come up empty, and many are still pending, this particular FOIA appeal denial represents the first seeking AATIP records that The Black Vault is aware of. With it, the Navy has likely set a legal precedent on how certain pieces of information are handled when submitted to the DOD within a FOIA request/case. And the precedent, does not offer a promising future for transparency and openness on the UAP issue.

"Your appeal is a request for a final agency determination under the FOIA. For the reasons set forth below, I must deny your appeal," E. J. Osterhues from the General Litigation Division of the Judge Advocate General's office said in the letter.

What followed were the brutally dry details on why this appeal was denied, and it is with those details that makes this all incredibly relevant for future research endeavors seeking information related to AATIP.

Breaking Down the Denial

When an appeal is filed, you outline why you feel the agency did not do their lawful duty of searching for records (there are other reasons to appeal, though not relevant here). In this particular case, this is called an appeal of the "adequacy of the search." After The Black Vault outlined Elizondo's testimony along with the Navy's statement in the appeal itself, the Office of the Judge Advocate General then broke down each point and refuted it within their response.

First addressed, was the statement by the Navy spokesperson, which stated that the Navy had a role within the AATIP. Osterhues claimed that they could not verify the statement. "After receiving your appeal my office researched that quote and found no evidence Mr. Gradisher made that statement," the letter outlined. "Even if he did, AATIP

involvement by the Navy does not otherwise undermine a reasonable search, nor does it require the Navy to actually send records to the AATIP.”

The seemingly odd part of this, is that the Navy could not even confirm what the Navy had already said. To ensure no stance by the Navy or DOD had changed, since that has happened before, The Black Vault wrote the Pentagon to ensure the statement received by Glassel was not only genuine, but still represented the current stance of the department.

It took only hours for the Pentagon to respond. “While Joe Gradisher is away from the office, I can confirm that he did provide that A5 response to Roger Glassel in September 2019 and it is an accurate statement,” spokesperson Susan Gough said in a July 21, 2020, dated email.

It is unclear why the Navy could not do the same to verify the statement, but alas, even if they did verify it, they already dismissed the relevance of it.

Second, they addressed the testimony of Elizondo. Here, the Navy reiterated a much contested and very controversial aspect to this entire saga. The DOD denies Elizondo ever had assigned responsibilities on the program, and he did not serve as the director.

“You argue that Luis Elizondo, a supposed former director of AATIP, stated the organization received records from the various military services and therefore Navy records must exist,” the letter outlined. “However, the Department of Defense specifically has stated Mr. Elizondo never served as the Director of the AATIP and his statements are pure speculation that do not otherwise undermine the IDA search.”

Although this is not a new claim by the DOD, and Elizondo has addressed this prior, The Black Vault reached out to Elizondo for another response and reaction. His comments are published here, in full and unedited, to ensure his voice is heard on the matter:

“I’m greatly disappointed but not surprised. When the U.S. Government’s last resort is to refer to a single sourced opinion article, you know their position is getting desperate. This response is clearly a vindictive effort by some in the Pentagon to inflict retribution on myself and others for speaking the truth to the American people. It’s a failure for any real journalist to not recognize this is the eighth time the government has changed their position on this matter in the last three years; even contradicting their previous official statements. There are numerous senior former and current government officials who have stated for the record my role in AATIP to include the Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (the AATIP Program sponsor), Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Christopher Mellon, the Secretary of Defense’s own Press Secretary Dana White, numerous senior scientists, contract personnel, and even existing members of the Taskforce to name only a few. What is intriguing is that despite the overwhelming evidence and documentation that exists at both the classified and unclassified levels that the government continues to deny information that is easily verifiable. In essence, calling all of these individuals liars is not only despicable but duplicative and should cause one to wonder whether there is a real conspiracy to hide the truth to which we are privy. For those individuals who remain vindictive and untruthful, they will eventually be held accountable for their actions.”

To again ensure accuracy and verify that the Navy properly represented the current DOD stance, as rumors have circulated the DOD was possibly changing its position on Elizondo’s role on AATIP, The Black Vault reached out again to the Pentagon to clarify.

“Regarding Elizondo and the AATIP program, the department’s position has not changed. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I),” said Gough in another e-mail dated July 31, 2020.

The importance of dismissing the Navy’s own spokesperson, along with the testimony of Elizondo at the appeal level, is that it likely sets a future legal precedent on future FOIA cases, appeals and litigation (the next step in the FOIA process after an appeal), should the latter ever come to pass. To date, there has been no AATIP related FOIA litigation that is known.

The question then becomes if the Navy will not consider a statement from their current spokesperson or a former DOD employee who says he directed the program, who will be allowed to offer up testimony they would take?

Regardless of the answer to the above, there is one takeaway from the appeal letter that is easily missed. After the Navy dismisses their own spokesperson, along with the testimony of Elizondo, they say one thing that ultimately shuts down the entire effort to gain access to documents, photographs, videos, or whatever else the Navy supplied the AATIP.

“AATIP was disbanded in 2012 and therefore any records you seek, if they ever existed, may have been permanently transferred, destroyed, or otherwise no longer able to be located by the IDA [Initial Denial Authority].”

In other words, given the assumption records did exist based on the testimony outlined in the appeal – they are just gone. Whether the evidence has been shredded into millions of pieces of confetti or it all has been moved to an undisclosed location that the Navy will not identify, they simply are not there in the eyes of the FOIA.

Elizondo re-affirmed this week to The Black Vault that the Navy did, in fact, supply AATIP information of some kind, but added, “I cannot comment nor elaborate on the nature and type of information provided to AATIP during my tenure.”

Was the Evidence Transferred to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)?

If the records were transferred to an undisclosed location, rather than all copies being shredded beyond recognition, could the location be OSD at the Pentagon?

Despite the controversy behind Elizondo’s position on the AATIP, one thing that has never been disputed is his employment at the DOD, specifically within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, or OUSDI, a component of OSD. The hierarchy and structure of OSD gets to be a bit overwhelming to fully understand, but it has been widely reported that AATIP, UFO research study or not, operated out of OSD/OUSDI where Elizondo worked.

Now, why could this all be a clue? Well, in May of 2019, just after documentation was leaked by KLAS-TV investigative journalist George Knapp that showed how the Pentagon videos were “released” to the public (later shown to likely be misreported), a request was filed by The Black Vault to the Navy for the three videos labeled as the FLIR1, Gimbal (identified on the form as “Gimble”) and GoFast. This was FOIA case DON-NAVY-2019-006391.

The response from the Navy just two weeks later? The request needed to be filed to OSD to access the videos and obtain their release.

The request was immediately refiled to OSD under FOIA case 19-F-1231.

The response from OSD a month after that? The request was forwarded to the Navy for a response.

A phone call was made to the Pentagon to show the FOIA effort to get the FLIR1, Gimbal and GoFast videos was becoming a ping pong match, bouncing around back and forth between the two agencies. The answer that was given, was that the the Navy did not have the videos, and through the first FOIA case determined OSD did. The reason OSD bounced it back to the Navy, was that OSD could not determine if the videos could be released since they were not their own videos. Rather, OSD sent the videos it had in its possession to the Navy for the review. This is what is called the “Original Classifying Authority” or OCA. It is the OCA that needs to make the decision if a record can be released. Navy videos = Navy decision.

That therein lies the possible clue. The three videos released in April by the Navy, are Navy videos, hence why it was the Navy that released them through NAVAIR. However, what the original FOIA case DON-NAVY-2019-006391 proved, was that even though those videos were Navy records, the Navy did not have them in their possession. They were “permanently transferred” (reference the appeal letter language) to OSD, and there they sat until The Black Vault got

the Pentagon to find them, and forward them to the proper OCA for declassification. (It should be noted – The Black Vault received the final determination for this string of FOIA requests approximately one hour after NAVAIR released the videos on their website. The end result was a full grant of my FOIA request, and a link to the videos was provided in their letter. The Black Vault spent nearly a year working on these cases to secure the release of the three videos.)

To test the theory, The Black Vault reached out to Elizondo again regarding the FLIR1, Gimbal and GoFast videos, and asked about their use (if any) within the AATIP program.

“Yes they were part of Navy resource material, however the nature with which they were obtained I am unable to comment other than that were through official channels.”

Although Elizondo could not expand further, it may be safe to assume that those three Navy videos, which would likely have been originally obtained from the Navy, is a prime example of material that was sent to OSD/OUSSI — then no longer held within Navy archives. Once sent, the videos could have been destroyed at the Navy, but retained at OSD, therefore generating a “no records” determination by the Navy.

If the above is true — what other material may have suffered the same fate at the Navy, but is just waiting to be discovered at OSD?

The Black Vault has numerous open FOIA requests to OSD since 2017, including multiple FOIA appeal wins, that may play a role in future AATIP disclosures. This will be reported on when available.

More UAP Videos

A screen grab from the FLIR1 UAP video, which shows the unknown object as captured on camera by the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group in 2004, off the coast of San Diego.

Despite the alleged absence of material sent to AATIP by the Navy, The Black Vault also pursued the video designation of “Unidentified Aerial Phenomena” that was given to the FLIR1, Gimbal and GoFast videos, in a much more broader sense.

After the official release of the videos by the Navy in April of 2020, The Black Vault filed FOIA case DON-NAVY-2020-007226, which asked for other videos with the same “UAP” designation within the Navy’s holdings.

In the government record research realm, a general rule of thumb is if there is one (in this case, three), then there are more. Therefore, the intent was to discover additional videos, or lists of them, that revealed what else was there.

Their official response was a push back that represents one of the biggest conundrums in the FOIA process. In a letter dated July 15, 2020, the Navy shot the request down.

“We are unable to process your FOIA request. In accordance with 32 C.F.R. § 286.5(a), a requester is required to reasonably describe the records sought and provide sufficient detail to enable personnel to locate those records with a reasonable amount of effort.”

Here is the conundrum. It is known that the designation “Unidentified Aerial Phenomena” exists. It was revealed by The Black Vault in September of 2019. Well before the Navy “officially released” the videos, they made comment on the leaked versions designating them “UAP.” However, the Navy said that on this request seeking other videos with the same designation, it did not reasonably describe the records sought. Apparently, a date, time, location, branch of the Navy, etc., are all required for the Navy to process this specific request seeking other UAP videos (an appeal is being pursued).

The conundrum is simply put like this: By law you have a “freedom of information” to know, yet, if you don’t know the exact details which would come from actually utilizing that freedom successfully without pushback, you ultimately lose that “freedom of information” because you, well, don’t have enough information required to access it.

This all may sound confusing, convoluted, and frustrating, and it is.

Though do not be too dismayed by what you just read. Despite the hardships and conundrums of the FOIA process, The Black Vault’s pursuit of the AATIP truth is far from over.

The Black Vault has been told UFO related documents were destroyed in the past, and although it took seventeen full years, The Black Vault finally found them through research, determination, and never saying “never.”

The AATIP truth will be sought after by the same means, no matter how long it may take.

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Adversary Drones Are Spying On The U.S. And The Pentagon Acts Like They're UFOs

The U.S. military seems aloof to the fact that it's being toyed with by a terrestrial adversary and key capabilities may be compromised as a result.

The War Zone, 15 April 2021... by Tyler Rogoway

We may not know the identities of all the mysterious craft that American military personnel and others have been seeing in the skies as of late, but I have seen more than enough to tell you that it is clear that a very terrestrial adversary is toying with us in our own backyard using relatively simple technologies—drones and balloons—and making off with what could be the biggest intelligence haul of a generation. While that may disappoint some who hope the origins of all these events are far more exotic in nature, the strategic implications of these bold operations, which have been happening for years, undeterred, are absolutely massive.

Our team here at The War Zone has spent the last two years indirectly laying out a case for the hypothesis that many of the events involving supposed UFOs, or unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), as they are now often called, over the last decade are actually the manifestation of foreign adversaries harnessing advances in lower-end unmanned aerial vehicle technology, and even simpler platforms, to gather intelligence of extreme fidelity on some of America's most sensitive warfighting capabilities. Now, considering all the news on this topic in recent weeks, including our own major story on a series of bizarre incidents involving U.S. Navy destroyers and 'UAP' off the Southern California coast in 2019, it's time to not only sum up our case, but to discuss the broader implications of these revelations, what needs to be done about them, and the Pentagon's fledgling 'UAP Task Force' as a whole.

A big pill to swallow

Yes, I realize that the idea that an adversary is penetrating U.S. military training areas unmolested, and has been for years, using lowly drone technology and balloons, is a big pill to swallow, but as one of the people who have repeatedly warned about the threat posed by lower-end drones for a decade—warnings that largely were dismissed by the Pentagon until drones made or altered in ramshackle ISIS workshops in a war zone were literally raining down bomblets on U.S. and allied forces in Iraq—it isn't really surprising at all. Nor is the fact that the Defense Department is still playing catch-up when it comes to the realities surrounding the drone threat, and not just to its forces abroad, but also to the homeland overall. The utter lack of vision and early robust interest in regards to this emerging threat will go down as one of the Pentagon's biggest strategic missteps of our time.

The gross inaction and the stigma surrounding unexplained aerial phenomena as a whole has led to what appears to be the paralyzation of the systems designed to protect us and our most critical military technologies, pointing to a massive failure in U.S. military intelligence. This is a blind spot we ourselves literally created out of cultural taboos and a military-industrial complex that is ill-suited to foresee and counter a lower-end threat that is very hard to defend against.

Before I move forward, I must state that just because I believe the evidence is compelling that many of the bizarre encounters with mysterious objects in the sky as of late, and especially those that the U.S. military is experiencing, emanate from peer-state competitors, not another dimension or another solar system, there are certainly well-documented cases of seemingly unexplainable events that have nothing to do with this type of capability. In other words, our conclusions do not come even close to answering the question of UAPs or UFOs as a whole, especially in terms of the many unexplained incidents in decades past. What they do is

highlight an alarming new capability set and tactics that seem to have been allowed to be exploited with little response for years while the Pentagon scratched its head and shrugged, or even worse, turned largely a blind eye toward it.

And that brings us to one of the biggest problems with this topic, as a whole—people expect one blanket and grand explanation for the entire UFO mystery to one day emerge. This is flawed thinking at its core. This issue is clearly one with multiple explanations due to the wide range of events that have occurred under a huge number of circumstances. This thinking must be changed as it limits our ability to solve some mysteries in the hopes of coming up with some fantastical monolithic explanation for every related mystery. So, accepting that there is likely a wide array of explanations to this notoriously abused topic will be absolutely key to successfully studying it and destigmatizing it in our culture, and especially within U.S. military and intelligence circles.

With that in mind, I also believe America's prevailing cultural issues and the general stigma surrounding UFOs was successfully targeted and leveraged by our adversaries, which helped these activities to persist far longer than they should have. In fact, I believe that those in power who snicker about credible reports of strange objects in the sky and stymie research into them, including access to classified data, have become a threat to national security themselves. Their lack of imagination, curiosity, and creativity appears to have built a near-perfect vacuum that our enemies could exploit and likely have exploited to an astonishing degree.

A very enticing target

Nearly two years ago, I wrote a widely circulated piece that addressed my thoughts on the Pentagon's sudden willingness to talk about UFOs and its potential implications. I went through the possibilities as I saw them, but above all else, it was clear that this wasn't some over-hyped myth. Something strange was indeed going on.

Soon after, we were the first to connect key technologies that had emerged around the time that sightings of certain types of mysterious UAPs began to accelerate amongst military personnel—in particular, Navy fighter pilots. This was largely based around new air defense data-fusion and networking capabilities being installed on Navy warships and aircraft, as well as the proliferation of Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars on Navy fighters and airborne early warning and control planes. We also noted that the most remarkable appearances of these objects seemed to correlate with major Navy exercises where these advances in air defense capabilities were being fully integrated across a Carrier Strike Group. In other words, it seemed that these mysterious craft had a very keen interest in America's latest and greatest operational counter-air capabilities.

We then got clarification from pilot witnesses on key claims about what they and their squadron mates had experienced before pursuing what was an inconvenient hypothesis for many—that at least some of what these aircrews and vessels were encountering were not an exotic unexplained phenomenon at all, but were in fact adversary drones and lighter-than-air platforms (balloons) meant to stimulate America's most capable air defense systems and collect extremely high-quality electronic intelligence data on them. And this is critical data, incidentally, that is very hard to reliably obtain otherwise.

These radar emissions, and the datalink communications that go along with them, underpin highly networked counter-air architectures that are unmatched anywhere on earth. By gathering comprehensive electronic intelligence information on these systems, countermeasures and electronic warfare tactics can be developed to disrupt or defeat them. Capabilities can also be accurately estimated and even cloned and tactics can be recorded and exploited. The very signatures of these waveforms alone can be used to identify, classify, and geolocate them by adversary platforms during a time of war, providing a big leg-up when it comes to battlespace awareness.

We are talking about everything from common operating frequencies to highly-sensitive low-probability of intercept emissions tactics, to datalink encryption, to distinct radar modes and employment procedures here. In other words, this is among the most critical intelligence a peer-state enemy can obtain and there aren't many easy ways of doing it. Even in a war zone, where aircraft and their systems are operating potentially in the same general area as adversary intelligence-collection systems, using their full

combat capabilities may be restricted to maintain the secrets of those critical capabilities. Proximity to the emitters in question and how long their emissions are exposed to an intelligence-gathering system is a major limitation, as well. Traditional espionage is another way adversaries look to gain information on these critical systems, as well, but nothing beats going out and actually sucking up the electronic signatures as best you can. Actually becoming the target of their interest takes the quality of intelligence collected to a whole other level.

Historic precedent

The beginning of making the case for drones and balloons being the culprit for much of the recent UAP activity came when we posted an entire historical precedent for very similar operations dating back to the development of the A-12 Oxcart spy plane and the advent of modern electronic warfare itself. In essence, during the early 1960s, the CIA launched radar reflectors on balloons off Cuba's coastline via a U.S. Navy submarine and employed an electronic warfare system called PALLADIUM that would trick the latest Soviet radar systems into showing their operators that enemy aircraft were rushing toward Cuban shores or doing all types of crazy maneuvers. This coaxed the Cuban air defense system and its radars to light up and spurred rapid communications between air defenders on the island.

The balloon-borne radar reflectors of different sizes also showed up on the Soviet radars, and by monitoring the targets that the radar operators concentrated on, and thus could detect, it was determined how sensitive their Soviet radar systems actually were. This provided critical information on the survivability of the Mach 3+ and somewhat stealthy A-12, but beyond that, it set a precedent of how electronic warfare and airborne targets could be used to prod an enemy's air defenses so that critical intelligence as to their capabilities could be determined—all without actually putting a pilot in the air at risk.

That was just the start of these types of operations. As the decades went by, far more complex and capable integrated air defenses began proliferating throughout the globe, placing a greater need on collecting this type of critical information. From what we understand, PALLADIUM evolved and subsequently spiraled into a far wider electronic intelligence gathering ecosystem, much of which is still highly secretive in nature and exists to this day.

The U.S. has extremely capable standoff electronic intelligence-gathering aircraft, such as the U.S. Air Force's manned RC-135 Combat Sent and Rivet Joint, as well as the Navy's EP-3E Aries and P-8A Poseidon, not to mention U-2S Dragon Lady and unmanned RQ-4 Global Hawk, that are all capable of building up a picture of the enemy's electronic order of battle from a distance. Even America's top fighter aircraft are increasingly equipped with digital electronic warfare suites including highly advanced electronic support measures (ESM) that can provide tactical electronic intelligence of very high quality. Other countries, such as Russia and China, possess electronic intelligence (ELINT) gathering aircraft types, as well, albeit without the same level of capabilities or, in some cases, the same international reach and persistence.

While the United States also has very advanced, stealthy assets that can penetrate into enemy airspace to collect electronic intelligence data of a totally different fidelity, right near the emitters themselves and over long periods, America's adversaries do not, at least not yet. They have also historically lagged behind the U.S. government in space-based ELINT systems, which offer another way to scoop up emissions coming out of denied areas, and do so discreetly. This leaves America's potential foes to have to get more creative in order to obtain this critical information.

So, for the time being, even though exquisite stealth unmanned aircraft may be out of their reach, swarms of lower-end drones and other less-advanced unmanned airborne platforms certainly are not. And regardless of America's own stealth capabilities, one would be remiss if they were to believe that clandestine operations, such as the one using PALLADIUM 60 years ago, aren't still going on today. In fact, we know the use of balloons strapped with payloads to collect vital intelligence continued throughout the Cold War.

While manned overflights of the Soviet Union ended with the U-2 crisis in May 1960, high-altitude balloons continued to float across Soviet and Warsaw Pact borders for decades to follow. Unsurprisingly, this activity was conducted covertly, but continued even after the advent of spy satellites. For the Soviet Air Defense Forces in particular, the balloons were a significant menace, proving especially hard to defeat. There is evidence that at least some Soviet fighter units maintained gun-armed interceptors at round-the-clock readiness specifically to shoot down the intruding balloons and one aircraft, the M-17 Mystic, was even developed to carry out this particular mission, although it never entered service in this role. The Russians surely took note of this unique intelligence-gathering application.

Fast forward to the 21st Century, and revolution in lower-end unmanned aircraft has provided the perfect attritable platform—one robust enough to carry out the task, but low-cost enough so that it wouldn't matter if it got lost in the process—for just such a mission set. And, as we explained in great detail, so are balloons carrying radar reflectors and expendable electronic intelligence and even electronic warfare payloads. Whereas 60 years ago, electronic warfare systems may have required an entire plane or a large pod on a plane, today totally expendable electronic warfare systems that can wreak havoc on radars and other air defense nodes can be dropped out of a chaff and flare dispenser or be housed in the tip of a small missile—or flown on a balloon or lower-end drone.

Preconceived notions

In our investigative pieces on PALLADIUM, we also detailed how radar reflector balloons can be made in many configurations and we even discovered a patent dating back to well before PALLADIUM for a radar reflector balloon that is an exact visual match for the initially totally bizarre-sounding "cube inside a sphere" objects that Navy pilots had reported seeing off the east coast. We also discovered that initial reports that pilots visually saw these craft moving erratically were incorrect. In fact, when physically encountered, they were floating in the air and acting exactly as balloons would.

While balloons can look like virtually anything, drones can also look very strange due to the huge amount of configurations that exist. When most people think of drones they picture a small fixed-wing airplane or quadcopter type setup. That may be true for the heart of the burgeoning civilian market, but there are far more configurations, some of which look downright alien and perform unlike a traditional fixed-wing aircraft or quadcopter. These include everything from triangle-shaped flying wings to hybrid rotor/fixed-wing aircraft or even a vertical tube with a rotor at each end. There are even drones that launch smaller parasite drones and act as their mothership.

Drones can also be networked together and fly in formation. They may not all look the same, either. For instance, smaller drones may be accompanied by a larger drone that carries computing hardware and communications gear, such as a basic satcom terminal or line-of-sight data-link, working as the command and control and communications router for the swarm. Or they may not have any man-in-the-loop communications at all, instead, they can be programmed to fly a pre-planned course or be equipped with programming for them to seek out certain stimuli in their environment, such as particular radar emissions, and to fly certain preplanned programs near those emitters. In fact, some of the biggest leaps in lower-drone technology came from Israel decades ago when they developed drone systems suited for seeking radar emitters and confusing or destroying them.

They can also have surprisingly long range. Iran has many small and relatively cheap fixed-wing drones that can fly very long distances running on efficient, small gasoline motors, for instance. These drones can travel hundreds of miles and loiter for hours while still carrying a relevant payload and have been thoroughly weaponized and used repeatedly in offensive operations. This has led to dystopian warnings to Americans visiting or living in one of the world's most highly defended capital cities.

When it comes to drone configurations, there are a huge number of them being operated or developed around the globe by nefarious actors. The delta-wing design is among the most popular for lower-end militarized drones as it provides high efficiency for

long range, a wide operational envelope, and has good stability. It also has a perfect area to install a radiation seeker, optical sensor, electronic warfare payload, or a warhead.

These are just some general parameters that are the actual reality when it comes to unmanned systems, and they differ drastically from the assumptions most people make about smaller drones in general. I often hear "oh they can't fly that way" or "they can't fly that long, the battery would run out" or "they couldn't be jammed so there is no way they are drones." These statements are blatantly wrong, not just when it comes to the capabilities of a peer competitor, but even a less capable country or even a non-state actor.

Small weaponized drones, especially those that carry an explosive charge, have become a cheap asymmetric linchpin capability and, just as I predicted years ago, are rapidly evolving into becoming game-changers on the modern battlefield. They are also becoming a big business and their use as assassination tools has migrated to drug cartels and other organized crime syndicates. Even their development has devolved down to individuals and small rogue groups operating far from war zones.

Simply put, when it comes to lower-end drones, most people's assumptions seem to be pulled out of thin air or from what they have seen at the electronics section at big box stores. As such, these preconceived notions are indicators of why relatively simple drones and their unique configurations and performance characteristics can seem unfamiliar, even to experienced fighter pilots or observers on the ground that have never been really trained on these threats and all the different ways that can manifest themselves.

The swarm is not science fiction

When it comes to the U.S. Navy, it is using swarms of lower-end networked drones, submarines, ships, unmanned underwater vehicles, and more, to convince the enemy to think they are seeing ghost fleets and aerial armadas that aren't really there. You don't have to take our word for it, the Navy has a program of record for just this—that being Netted Emulation of Multi-Element Signature against Integrated Sensors, or NEMESIS.

The War Zone was the first to report on this program, which you can read all about here, but, suffice to say, it lays out an architecture that represents a quantum leap in electronic warfare. Yet none of its components are all that exquisite; it's just the networking of them together and being able to combine their effects cooperatively with highly agile computing and software that is. Swarming drones working together to decoy, jam, and distract the enemy? That is not a high-end capability. Unifying those effects with ships, other aircraft, submarines, and more in real-time to make multiple enemy sensors in disparate locations see the same thing? That is revolutionary.

After we posted the NEMESIS piece, many were asking our opinion if it was what Navy pilots had encountered off America's eastern seaboard. I am comfortable stating that I don't believe those incidents were all secret American tests of elements of what could be incorporated into NEMESIS. Quite the contrary, I believe it was largely a foreign power actively using what could be described as some components similar to what could be found in the NEMESIS ecosystem to collect critical intelligence on America's most advanced sensor systems and more. Once again, this doesn't mean everything aircrews saw off the east coast during this period were these capabilities, but it seems like a glaringly obvious explanation for most of them, and it is far more so now than it was when we first reported on those incidents.

Also, many of the strange high-performance characteristics ships and planes sometimes detect by radar at beyond visual range during these incidents can and likely are the result of electronic warfare. In fact, things like rapid accelerations in speed and sudden drops in altitude on radar represent very basic tenets of electronic warfare tactics. In the case of the east coast events, for instance, as far as we have been told, the high-performance capabilities of these objects were never visually observed, but they were seen on

radar. The visual encounters describe balloon-like objects doing balloon-like things—not moving fast at all—while other objects feature performance more similar to drones than anything else.

Months after reporting on NEMESIS, we acquired the Naval Safety Center incident reports spanning most of the 2010s regarding anomalous objects that fighter pilots encountered off the eastern seaboard of the United States. What we found was stunning. While there were only a limited number of reports, and there were very likely other reports never filed with the safety center and instead filed as classified intelligence events, the ones that were there didn't describe alien craft at all. Instead, they described jet-powered, missile-like drones and other unmanned fixed-wing aircraft flying up in the flight levels, as well as multi-rotor drones hovering at very high altitudes far out to sea. There there are balloon-like objects, the origins of which were all unexplained even after official investigations.

Certainly no civilian is flying cruise missile-like aircraft at high altitude dozens of miles off the east coast. And flying a multi-rotor drone far out to sea at bizarrely high altitudes isn't normal. So, who do these belong to? Well if not us, and they are clearly not of an alien origin, then someone else. And who would want to be flying around in these specific chunks of airspace that are literally designated for use by America's top military aircraft, with the Navy's most capable warships often operating below? America's preeminent adversaries—China and Russia—that's who.

The motive and the opportunity

Those warning areas—airspace that can be set aside for military training—are where America's most advanced sensors blare their powerful radio-frequency communications and sensor systems day in and day out. F-22s, F-35s, F/A-18E/Fs, F-15Es, E-2Ds, and much more, fill those training areas daily. Below them, Aegis Combat System-equipped cruisers and destroyers, and America's supercarriers and amphibious assault ships, push their radar and networking systems to the limit to keep their skills sharp and to train for upcoming deployments. We are talking about the most advanced air defense sensor and networking technology on planet earth all operating in one region (the counterpart being off the coast of Southern California) as reliably as the office hours at your local bank.

And they are doing so while at home, in areas where, unless intelligence warns them of spy ship activity nearby, their systems are largely being used to their maximum potential. All that potential intelligence zapping through the air, operating as if it is far from prying eyes. Simply put, it is the biggest electronic intelligence target on earth and the lowly drone and balloon, paired with America's strange aversion to taking unusual things in the sky seriously, have provided the perfect medium for which to gobble it up with little to no chance of major repercussions.

In fact, the Navy fighter pilot who has spoken about recent experiences with the UAP issue the most, Ryan Graves, seemed to have inadvertently summed up what I believe has been going on, and not as a secondary 'worst case' possibility as he describes it. Graves stated the following on the Kevin Rose Show:

"If we do have what we would call a 'red threat,' one of our traditional enemies that are using some type of perhaps new technology, or hard to identify technology that is out there in our working areas soaking up our waveforms and our radar and our sensor and our comms, watching our tactics on a daily basis, it's a major, major intelligence failure to have these things out there. And because they look slightly different than what our average threat would look like, everyone wants to ignore it. So if we had a Chinese or Russian fighter jet flying out there watching us it would be a major deal. But because it looks slightly different we want to ignore it."

Once again, it is a hard pill to swallow, but, nevertheless, bingo!

Robots in disguise

As we noted earlier, these drones and the balloons, in particular, could also look very strange to pretty much anyone who encounters them, even like a cube inside a sphere, or a metallic blimp with strange appendages. In fact, the odder they look, the better the cover for ongoing operations. Putting infrared bricks on drones giving them huge IR signatures or making radar reflector balloons look alien in shape would not only confuse the targeted adversary and likely allow for these operations to go on for far longer unchecked than they would otherwise, but they would also massively increase the quality of intelligence data they receive.

With this in mind, making things appear stranger and less threatening than they actually are is likely one tactic the enemy has used for these operations, and this can often come at a very cheap price. We have discussed how sometimes the simplest measures can make the most impactful illusions, and how even similar tricks that Disney uses to skew theme park goers' perceptions could be employed in a guileful manner to confuse an adversary. That seems to be part of the playbook being executed here, and what better passively-reinforced cover story is there in America than UFOs and all the stigma that goes along with it? The fact that pilots have historically refrained from reporting unexplained craft in the skies due to fear of their careers being impacted is all you really need to know when quantifying how relevant and effective such a tactic can be.

With that being said, not only could these things, or other platforms nearby, passively suck up electronic intelligence that presents itself in their vicinity, but the genius of their employment is that they themselves are the targets, and they are not necessarily friend or foe. This makes them flying intelligence 'honey traps' in their own regard. They get aircraft and ships to lock them up directly, likely running through multiple radar modes in the process as they get fully interrogated by various platforms, even at close range. This provides otherwise unthinkable opportunities to record all those signatures and tactics, even ones that may not be used otherwise if there was a known intelligence-gathering threat present.

To put it another way, their ambiguous origins and the curiosity surrounding their presence sets up a situation in which they can make radar systems work directly against them without restrictions. Their small radar cross-sections and potentially elusive electronic warfare tactics would push those sensor systems and their operators even harder in order to lock them up, thus giving up even more valuable information.

Once again, the operation involving PALLADIUM during the A-12's development worked not just because they could get radar operators searching for something that wasn't there, but because they gave them hard targets to lock up. It seems that we are seeing history repeat itself, but this time it's the other guys putting on the magic show.

It's also worth saying that a campaign like this also has huge information and psychological warfare aspects. Eventually, if it is officially disclosed or outed, it makes the targeted country look horribly impotent in that they couldn't even defend their own airspace or even define a threat to it. Even more embarrassing, they let hollow cultural stigmas provide an open door to enemy intelligence operations. Beyond that, these activities cause confusion and muddy the waters as to what is a threat and what isn't. They can also cause fissures between those in uniform who observe these craft and their less than responsive commands. It even fits into Russia's hybrid warfare playbook, elements of which have been copied by other nefarious actors around the globe, including China.

Clandestine launch platforms

In November 2019, we went on to lay out how submarines can launch their own aerial drones and have been able to so for far longer than most realize. Fast forward to today, and the Navy is now procuring swarms of drones for its submarines. Keep in mind, this is what they openly discuss, imagine the capabilities that have been in place for some time that have never been disclosed. Russia and China, who are looking for every asymmetric advantage against America's overwhelming technological superiority, certainly had seen the promise that the lowly drone showed for these types of ELINT gathering operations and Russia, in particular,

has the submarines to deploy them in the hemisphere in question. Doing so with radar reflector and electronic intelligence gathering payload-carrying balloons is an even lower hanging fruit.

In the mid-2000s, studying and adapting UAV concepts of many sizes for submarine operations was in full swing. America's adversaries didn't just sit and watch, either.

Many naysayers have said that this is impossible because there are no Russian submarines deep in the Atlantic and that the U.S. largely controls this massive body of water. We begged to differ on that point and it turned out that the Navy eventually did too. It is now open knowledge that Russian submarines are operating deep in the Atlantic to the point that the Navy is calling it a contested body of water. And if you think the Navy has a perfect track on those boats at all times, you would be sorely mistaken. So, there is a motive and there is a delivery method, but really, we are probably overthinking it, at least to some degree.

The cold hard truth is that you don't need a submarine to launch a swarm of low-end drones and/or balloons to gather intelligence on an adversary's sensors. They can be launched from any vessel really, and especially from medium to large ones. There is a lot of shipping traffic out there at any given time, with ships flagged all over the globe and operated by an even more diverse roster of operators. A lowly freighter would be an effective delivery platform, and a far more accessible one. In fact, this concept of operations is well established already and considering the ranges that some of these smaller drones can fly, it is even less of an issue. They can be launched in international waters.

An expanding picture of widespread events

Over the past two years, we have also reported on what appears to be an increasing phenomenon of large drone swarms spotted over the United States, as well as its outlying territories, and especially near strategic installations. The Colorado drone swarm saga seemed like something of a bizarre series of events in which the general consensus couldn't seem to settle on a case of mass hysteria or something actually occurring—this was not helped by really reckless reporting on the issue by one or two major outlets. Our subsequent investigation showed that internal correspondence between federal and local stakeholders pointed to it being anything but some product of mass groupthink.

Then things got even more serious when we uncovered a series of drone swarm events over the massive Palo Verde nuclear plant in Arizona. Subsequent documents showed that this was far from a one-off anomaly, with dozens of drone incursions involving America's nuclear plants having occurred not long before or after. How to protect this highly sensitive infrastructure from threats posed by drones remains a strangely awkward debate. While some claim an attack from small drones may have limited impacts on a nuclear facility—a highly debatable claim—there are other concerns, including those surrounding using drones to find networking security holes and more.

Then, maybe most chilling, we uncovered that drones had taken a very troubling interest in one of the most important U.S. air defense sites on earth—the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-ballistic missile battery on Guam. This is literally the last line of defense against incoming ballistic missiles for America's most important base in the Western Pacific. It is also the home of an AN/TPY-2 radar, one of the most advanced in the world, that provides surveillance and targeting for the THAAD missile interceptors. It isn't hard to imagine how valuable electronic intelligence from that radar and the system's local area and beyond-line-of-sight datalinks would be to an adversary like China, which not only has a huge interest in disabling such a capability during a time of war, but also learning from it to develop its own systems.

While some may brush off the actual destructive capabilities of a relatively small drone, they shouldn't. A drone packing a small charge may not be able to sink a ship or blow up an entire missile site, but it can punch a hole into a radar array and put the entire system out of business for long periods of time. In other words, a mission kill is just as effective at achieving the primary goal of disabling a defensive system as literally blowing it up. And yes, it is ironic that a THAAD battery, one of the most technologically

impressive surface-to-air weapon systems ever created, can swat down incoming ballistic missiles but is extremely vulnerable to what could be as simple as a modified hobby drone. Once again, this is in large part a result of the Pentagon's unwillingness to recognize the threat of low-end drones before it materialized and its chronic under-investment in short-range air defenses (SHORAD) that withered on the vine in the decades following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, a situation which you can read all about here.

The same can be said for warships. While a swarm of drones couldn't sink a destroyer, they can overwhelm its defenses and neuter it by attacking its sensors, leaving it blind, vulnerable, and useless—the definition of a mission kill. Our report on the events that occurred off Southern California in the summer of 2019 underlined just how troubling the situation has become.

Swarms of drones harassed a number of U.S. Navy destroyers executing combat drills less than 100 miles off Los Angeles. This occurred on multiple nights. The level of documentation in that article alone shows just how palpable this part of the so-called phenomenon has become. You can imagine just how good the intelligence would have been with those ships' sensors and communications systems stimulated by the swarm of unknown origins within the perceived safety of America's own territorial waters. That swarm could have been, and likely was, sucking up, or helping another nearby platform suck up, all that sensitive ELINT data on the most capable warships on earth and at very close range.

Once again, in that case, the drone swarm could have come from a simple cargo vessel and it wouldn't have to be even within line-of-sight of the destroyers, which are easily tracked using open sources during routine training. The drones used in this event appear to have been smaller fixed-wing types similar to those that America's adversaries have built for various missions, like long-range strike, anti-radiation, decoy, and surveillance operations. As noted earlier, they can fly for hours and could easily be programmed to execute a certain route in the vicinity of where the destroyers were operating or even potentially programmed to react to certain RF emissions, at which time they would fly pre-programmed maneuvers near those emissions. This isn't some crazy high-tech thing. These are capabilities that America's primary adversaries possess and are further refining with each day. China, in particular, is far ahead in this regard and already has the operational capability to rapidly deploy large networked swarms that can work cooperatively together. Russia is also in the game and has focused on drone swarms that are electronic warfare enabled.

Uncompelling 'UFO' evidence

Beyond the so-called 'Tic-Tac' video that just looked like a blurry little Tic Tac, I have seen nothing in any government 'UAP' videos that supposedly show unexplainable capabilities or craft that actually portray that. In fact, quite the opposite. I have stated this repeatedly and tried to explain some of the unique dynamics at play with modern targeting pods and other factors, with many being offended by the mere thought that the videos simply are not what many have portrayed them to be. I have talked directly to the folks that design and build the sensor systems themselves. They don't see anything either, which I find quite strange considering these videos are supposedly evidence of flying objects that are unexplained.

Of course, we are only shown snippets of each video. There could be more footage that does show more puzzling maneuvers, but that simply isn't the case at this time. At least when it comes to the 'Go Fast' and 'Gimbal' videos, while the exact origin of the craft shown may not be known, they certainly are not unexplainable.

In recent weeks, more official evidence has come to light. This includes recently released images taken from an F/A-18 cockpit that clearly show balloons, not strange totally unexplainable craft. A video and still images from the incident we reported on that occurred off the California coast in 2019 have also come to light. They seem to show either delta-wing-shaped drones, very similar to the ones we have discussed earlier, or, and far more likely, another type of drone that is obscured by bokeh effect, the result of a bright light source being recorded out of focus through a night-vision scope by another camera. Once again, nothing appears unexplainable here. Quite the opposite, really.

One other leaked set of images, taken by the Los Angeles class attack submarine USS Omaha around the same period of time, shows what some claim is a 'trans-medium craft' disappearing into the ocean. The stills provided prove nothing of the sort. It looks like a balloon or other object hitting the water as seen through a thermal imaging system. Once again, maybe other data exists that is compelling and truly exotic, but this certainly isn't that.

As for the authenticity of these latest photos and videos, our friend John Greenewald got confirmation that they are indeed authentic from the Office of Secretary of Defense spokesperson on the UAP issue, Susan Gough.

As it sits today, the Navy's top uniformed officer says the craft involved in the 2019 incidents off of Southern California remain unidentified.

When it comes to the reality that drones and balloons appear to be the origin of many of these sightings, I wish it wasn't the case. I would rather have all this be some huge revelation for mankind instead of having to come to terms with the fact that at least one of our adversaries, and possibly two, have played our own cultural norms against us and have executed what may be among the most successful and ingenious intelligence-gathering plays of all time. Meanwhile, it seems that the DoD is either incapable of identifying and evaluating what should no longer be considered an emerging threat—swarming drones and radar target balloons—or they are playing along by acting like they do not know, which could be the case for a number of reasons.

First of all, it's not the Navy's job to protect America's sovereign airspace, it is the Air Force's. That service will say next to nothing about any of this, even when asked very specific questions. Why? Well, at least when it comes to the drone threat, they really don't have the ability to defend against it and have clearly failed in doing so thus far. In fact, if unidentified flying craft are hanging out off of our coasts, why haven't alert fighters scrambled to investigate them repeatedly? Their crews are the ones specially trained and equipped to do so. Maybe they were and we just haven't heard about it, but if it was happening all the time, I find that doubtful. And yes, they do scramble on 'UFOs,' as we exclusively discovered a few years ago.

The truth is the Air Force does know that low radar-cross-section aerial vehicles, such as drones and cruise missiles, are a massive threat. That is one major reason why the Air National Guard has equipped its F-15 fleet, and is now equipping its F-16 fleet, with AESA radars that can better spot these threats. These alert aircraft are also outfitted with targeting pods to identify any aircraft at long range, day or night, in relatively high resolution. The Air Force is also coming up with ideas to deal with large numbers of potential small threat aircraft at one time, such as using laser-guided rockets to swat them down, but those capabilities are still a while off from being operationalized. So there is finally action being taken, but saying "we really have had no way of defending the homeland against these low-end threats" really wouldn't be a good look for the Air Force and it goes against the whole idea of not admitting your strategic weaknesses.

The other possibility is that we are doing the same exact thing, using drones and balloons to gather critical information on enemy air defense capabilities overseas, and thus, we really don't want to delve too deeply into the matter. In fact, we may want it to seem like we are totally stumped by these activities too.

Considering we know efforts like PALLADIUM never really ceased, and considering our submarine drone-launching capabilities, and the fact that submarines are already used to suck up ELINT data clandestinely, this almost seems more likely than not. Don't expect anyone to admit it though. Nobody keeps a secret like the 'Silent Service.' Even the U.S. Army is now actively pursuing balloon systems that will carry powerful sensors, communications systems, and electronic warfare packages, as well as drop swarms of drones deep behind enemy lines.

Sound familiar?

These are just possibilities, but considering the intelligence value up for grabs here, and how hard it can be to obtain that intelligence, they are at least worth pondering and it is really quite possible that a mix of these scenarios could be at play.

An investigation in a bubble

It also seems quite possible, that when it comes to the Pentagon's investigations into these matters, there is a lack of real expertise to properly evaluate the evidence. In all the discussions about this topic and the Pentagon's 'UFO' programs under AAWSAP and later AATIP, it seems that they were working largely external to the sprawling intelligence infrastructure built over 70 years to quantify foreign threats using limited information and even to exploit them.

For instance, the people in the Defense Intelligence Agency's Foreign Material Exploitation apparatus can pull crashed MiGs from swamps and get them flying again under total secrecy and those in the Directorate of Science and Technology are tasked with evaluating complex foreign threats from a distance using all the data the intelligence community has to offer. Somehow, when it comes to UAP, we never hear about this existing ecosystem that is perfectly suited to evaluate the topic. It is as if the whole UAP issue has and continues to live in its own tiny intelligence bubble, walled off from the greater military intelligence environment.

While claims that 'smart people' have looked at the data may be true, we don't know who these people are or what their level of expertise or resources is. Do they even exist inside the DoD and intelligence community's analysis world or are they external to it? How many eyes are actually working on these issues and collaborating to better understand and quantify them? From what we understand, historically very few, at least in regards to the programs that have been disclosed.

From everything I know about the now famed 'UAP task force,' and by others' accounts as well, it is not some powerful inter-agency initiative with a solid mandate from inside the Pentagon and the intelligence community. Far from it. It is a few people in an office with very limited resources that are often hitting walls when trying to obtain critical information from other intelligence stakeholders.

That's a huge strategic problem.

The primary reason for this being so troubling is not a looming threat from space invaders or inter-dimensional beings, or the dream of some all-telling disclosure to the public, it is because the next big threat that surprises us from a foreign adversary will likely look very unfamiliar, at least at first. As it sits now, the current technological threat analysis ecosystem appears to be broken. The fact that drones and balloons have appeared to fool it for years, or even worse, never got its attention, is damning. But once again, knowing the DoD's abysmal track record on the drone threat issue, and the stigma in the DoD around 'UFOs,' a subject that few want to touch, this really isn't at all surprising.

An essential revolution

What is critical to national security now is to transform this little struggling UAP task force into a properly-funded and internally mandated 'unidentified observed capabilities' fusion and analysis cell that pulls every piece of data the Pentagon and the intel community have to offer to evaluate incidents that involve aspects that don't immediately make sense. This is not just about what happens in the sky either, but also what happens under the sea, where we know anomalous data is encountered but is seemingly tossed into the ether. The same can be said for any anomalous things that are observed in orbit, especially as space continues to rapidly evolve as tomorrow's battlefield.

Because of the extremely sensitive nature of these sources and methods of relevant data collection, the fusion cell would have to be able to deal with highly classified material, not just whatever it can get its hands on and other scraps from the greater intelligence apparatus. The key is bringing all the relevant data under one clearinghouse with access to the best analytical minds that can rapidly

disqualify events that are not actually anomalous and work up high-end intelligence products on each observed event that is. That way we can leave the debilitating biases at the door and be quick to recognize and classify emerging threats as they appear, not years after it has become blatantly obvious they exist.

It also has to work both ways. When an incident is observed via a particular sensor system or platform—even those that are highly classified—that data needs to be fed to the fusion cell and it needs to happen under standing orders from the top down. In other words, it can't be just a 'grovel for this or that' after-the-fact scenario, there has to be a mandate to provide this information as soon as possible, not only after it is asked for. Basically, that has us playing with one hand and one leg tied behind our backs.

This is just as much about identifying patterns of operations as it is about looking into individual capabilities and documenting single events with limited resources. What seems to be lacking here is the ability to see the bigger picture. This type of fusion cell would fix that and such an arrangement is not unique. They are created for many other matters, including terrorism and the proliferation of WMD.

We have the model, the question is why aren't we using it?

Nowhere left to hide

The truth of the matter is that, in addition to drone swarms and balloons, if something more exotic is truly out there, it will likely be detected much more frequently in the very near future than it has in the past. In fact, the establishment of the fully supported fusion cell I describe may not end up being a choice due to the changes that are about to occur in sensor technology.

Just as we reported on a big revolution in radar and networking technology that allowed these objects to be discovered more frequently by fighter aircraft and other platforms starting roughly a decade or so ago, an even bigger one is just about to come to pass. Far more sensitive and capable radars will soon equip America's new and potentially even some of its older warships. The U.S. Army is revitalizing its surface-to-air sensor systems with similar radars that are vastly superior to their progenitors, including gallium nitride-based AESA arrays.

In addition, Navy and Air Force fighters will soon be flying with advanced infrared search and track pods daily, giving them a passive form of long-range detection and yet another sensor to bring to bear on low radar cross-section UAP contacts. You can read about how this technology could have a major impact when it comes to detecting and tracking UAP targets in this past post of ours.

The Air Force is building out new sensing layers in space, especially ones that can detect and track hypersonic missiles careening through the atmosphere at extreme speeds. These new remote sensing layers will be able to see and track things we've never seen or tracked consistently before. The massive Long Range Discrimination Radar in Clear, Alaska, will provide radar data of an unprecedented fidelity over a huge area—it's literally capable of reliably verifying ballistic missile countermeasures and decoys from reentry vehicles. U.S. Space Force is contracting out an array of telescopes to optically track objects in orbit and to detect suspicious changes in those objects' activity. On top of all this, new artificial intelligence (AI) enabled software will make automatically detecting and tracking strange targets on all types of sensors easier than ever before.

I could go on and on here. The bottom line is that a lot more people running military sensor systems will be able to detect hard-to-spot targets in the very near future. This will drastically increase the data set on anomalous events and will make many more people aware of this unique problem, which could make it much harder to keep under wraps.

What has Congress really been told?

The Pentagon's nonsense in regards to UFOs appears to have actually threatened national security at the highest level—literally leaving the homeland with an open door to be walked through by lowly drones and our most prized military capabilities being allowed to be toyed with for their intelligence value on their home turf. I have stated on numerous occasions that the next 9/11 will come from swarming low-end drones and this situation further underlines just how plausible that is. But we really don't even need to use our imagination. Just ask Saudi Arabia if that is plausible.

For the enemy, this has been a perfect scenario where they have been able to do the seemingly unimaginable with literally no recourse—whether that is out of cultural stigmas, unwillingness to admit to a strategic weakness, or not wanting to allude in any way to our own operations or capabilities, the result is the same—these actions have become more brazen and the intelligence value being gleaned has become greater.

While it is good that the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence has demanded a report on this issue, the question of exactly the quality of analysis that will go into that report is very real. Even recent leaked documents show things being classified as evidence of unexplained UAP, while even based on our own investigation, it seems pretty clear as to their basic classification. Common optical effects, balloons, and even known aircraft shapes seem to have chronically stumped the Pentagon's UAP investigators.

The same can be said for the now-famous briefings that Congressional members and the President have received on the issue. Who exactly presented this information and the question as to its accuracy and quality of analysis remains very murky. One cannot rely on legislators, even highly interested ones, or their staff to critically analyze data on such a bizarre, complex, and largely misconstrued subject. Are they even getting good, unbiased information at all? If investigators have been fooled on many of these incidents, regardless of the reasons, that means decision-makers in Congress may not be getting good information on this topic.

At the same time, there is still a lot we do not know. It could very well be there are many additional, far stranger, and more compelling events that do not point to drone swarms or balloons as being the culprit. Let's hope so! But that doesn't change the reality that some of them do point overwhelmingly in that direction.

The absolutely horrific communications job by the Department of Defense on this matter, one they themselves largely dragged back into the spotlight, has made the entire topic even more confusing for people to interpret. This must change in order to instill any form of confidence in the answers the government provides on this issue. There is a long and weird history of the U.S. government, and the Pentagon and intelligence community especially, abusing the UFO topic dating back the better part of a century. The media itself could do a way better job too. The fact that it's always framed in an "alien" context when news relating to these events hits major outlets is highly detrimental to a very relevant cause.

So, how do we fix this situation? What should come next?

Plugging the gap

Step one is to admit that we have a major drone problem far closer to home than anyone wants to own up to and that at least one of our adversaries has made a mockery of us and compromised key capabilities using remarkably low-end technology. Simply put, they have won and in an outstandingly ironic and ingenious way. Only once we come to terms with this can move on to solving this problem and confronting who is behind it, although I think it is pretty clear who that could be considering there is a list with really just two names on it.

Step two, we just need to stop the UFO taboo charade and get serious about really looking into every anomalous observed capability, regardless of its cultural connotations. We must fully fund a real intelligence fusion center to work these cases and demand that our military and intelligence apparatus funnel all new ones to the fusion cell. This directive needs to come from the top within the military and the intelligence community. It can't be another stepchild program foisted on the DoD by legislators that may

not even be in office in a couple of years. This investigative unit must have unfettered access to every relevant data source and intelligence product the U.S. military and the intelligence community have to offer. If we find out aliens are visiting earth in the process, great! But that is not the point.

Step three, totally change the communications strategy around this topic. Provide information on absolutely everything that you can, even if it is inconvenient, while protecting sources and methods where relevant.

If we don't go down this road, drones spying on our electronic emissions, tactics, and more may be the least of our worries. Those same capabilities can easily be tasked with defeating many of the same platforms they are surveilling. But above all else, it may be drones and balloons now, but we appear to be willfully covering our eyes to what could be our adversary's next major technological breakthrough, which could very well look like it is alien at first glance.

As it sits now, we would probably only find out that it actually isn't once it's too late.

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Former Pentagon UFO investigator answers tough questions about flying pyramids and other UAP sightings

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The intelligence officer who previously directed the Pentagon's secret investigation of UFOs says the ultimate explanation might be more exotic than we can imagine.

"Unfortunately, there's a lot more we don't know than we do now," [Lue Elizondo](#) said during a recent media briefing. "The good news is that we're finally taking it seriously."

Lue Elizondo is a former intelligence officer who spent his career in the shadows, working on sensitive national security matters, including 10 years investigating UFOs heading the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program ([AATIP](#)).

Luis Elizondo has been speaking with George Knapp for several years about his involvement in a once secret Pentagon program to study UFOs.

The familiar term UFO carries considerable baggage because the public equates it with extraterrestrials, so the government now prefers to use the acronym UAPs, or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. The AATIP program evolved from a broader study that was initiated, in large part, by [Nevada Senator Harry Reid](#) and two of his Senate colleagues.

In 2017 Elizondo helped spark an intense wave of media interest that has not abated, as demonstrated by the high-powered phalanx of reporters who met him this week.

Elizondo reminded the media of recent statements made by former intelligence chiefs, each of whom declared UAPs to be a legitimate concern for national security.

“This isn’t a silly conversation,” Elizondo told reporters. “This is a conversation about someone, somewhere displaying beyond-next-generation technology in our controlled airspace, and there’s not a whole lot we can do about it. And what I would do is submit to you that if we just take the word UFO out of it, just say Russia or China has the ability to fly in our airspace unimpeded. And without detection, within minutes of taking off. That’s a real problem.”

Since 2018, Elizondo and colleagues, including Navy pilots, have been briefing key committees in Congress behind closed doors. The Senate Intelligence Committee was impressed enough by the evidence and testimony that it authorized the creation of the UAP Task Force. That team is compiling a comprehensive report for Congress, due in June, consisting of evidence and images collected from other military and intelligence outfits.

Elizondo thinks the Task Force won’t have enough time to complete its massive undertaking but could finish the first phase. “I don’t think it’s going to be anything more than a ‘Hey, yep, there’s something here. We don’t know what it is. It could be some sort of new super advanced drone technology, but it could be something else. And here’s our plan for trying to figure it out.’”

The Task Force has collected an impressive array of images and videos and has been briefing not only Congress, but also the top brass in the Pentagon, intelligence agencies, and others.

Their briefing document is classified but many of the images contained are not. Two weeks ago, along with filmmaker [Jeremy Corbell](#), Mystery Wire unveiled images that are part of the briefing presentation created by the UAP Task Force.

Mystery Wire [published the images](#) which have since been reported by major news organizations all over the world.

The [Pentagon has confirmed](#) that the three photos, taken by Naval aviators off the coast of Virginia two years ago, are considered to be unknowns.

Months later, [ships on the west coast were repeatedly buzzed](#) by other unknown intruders including what appear to be flying pyramids above the USS Russell, and multiple untrackable objects around the USS Omaha including a dark sphere that shadowed the ship for an hour, then vanished into the ocean.

The U.S. Navy, with the most sophisticated sensors in the world, does not know what the aerial intruders are or who sent them. Elizondo acknowledges that, at some point, some of the objects might be confirmed as foreign drones or other types of identifiable technology, but, he adds, he has seen far too much evidence of objects that exhibit technology far more advanced than anything in the US arsenal. “I don’t know the answer. frankly, I don’t think anybody does,” Elizondo said. “And anybody who tells you they do, I would approach them very cautiously. The bottom line is we don’t know. And we need to ask all the questions.”

Still images from video recorded by the U.S. Navy showing Pyramid shaped UAPs flying above the USS Russell. (Image sourced by [@JeremyCorbell](#)) Navy images showing trans-medium Sphere travel from the air to underwater. (Image sourced by [@JeremyCorbell](#)) Still images from video recorded by the U.S. Navy showing Pyramid shaped UAPs flying above the USS Russell. (Image sourced by

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The U.S. Navy has had years to analyze the images, along with classified sensor data that has not been made public, but still considers them to be unknowns. But debunkers on social media insist they know what the Navy does not, namely that the “flying pyramids” weren’t actually seen by anyone because they were created by a feature in infrared lenses. Some have contended the pyramids are actually distorted images of an airplane flying over the ship.

As for the other mystery drones, digital publications chide the U.S. Navy for its ignorance of Chinese drone technology. Elizondo made clear his opinion of armchair experts. “If it’s a foreign adversarial drone, how come we don’t have anything to ... I mean, look, we have counter drone technology on ships, I’m not going to say what they are, but we can knock them out of the sky. Drones aren’t a problem for us. That’s a fact. We have radar on ships, we know if it’s a plane. We know if it’s a military aircraft. These are simple things to figure out. It’s not like someone gets on the ship one day with some infrared binoculars and says, ‘Hey, that’s strange in the sky, I’m going to go ahead and record that.’ The reason why they’re recording is because it’s probably something interesting in the skies. In some cases, yeah, there could be a readily explainable explanation for it. But from my experience, there’s a lot that aren’t and are very compelling.”

Elizondo believes it is an insult to the Navy to argue that our military can’t identify a Chinese drone or that Navy experts in possession of classified sensor data know less about their own technology than some guy on Twitter. He also thinks the Russians and Chinese are likely encountering unknown “drones” and are asking the same questions as us.

“This is not a it’s not just a us thing,” he told reporters. “And I’ll submit to you they probably wonder, too, if this is some sort of super-secret U.S. technology being deployed over there. As much of it is a mystery for us, you know, it’s not our technology we’re using against ourselves. You know, the same question we asked, could it be foreign adversarial? I’m certain China and Russia are asking the exact same question.”

Below you can watch Lue Elizondo address the media and answer questions. We have split it into three parts and included the transcript of the questions and his answers.

Lue Elizondo

Allow me to begin by offering a few thoughts. There’s a lot more we don’t know, than we do know. Best case scenario with this report is that there’s an interim report that’s provided that will meet the intent of Congress with a promise to provide another report following this one. Unfortunately, there’s a lot more we don’t know than we do. Now. The good news is that we’re finally taking it seriously. I think you’ve seen a lot recently in the media regarding anything from drones, to new hypersonic test vehicles, by adversaries to maybe even our own technology. The bottom line is a resounding yes, it can be all of those. But it also may be none of those. And for that precise reason, we are really supporting the efforts of our UAP Task Force. As I stand, I just came back from Washington, DC yesterday, still actively engaged in this effort. There seems to be a lot more support now than there was last year and certainly a lot more than there was three years ago, we now have bipartisan support on the hill. And furthermore, we have bipartisan support in the executive branch. We’ve had recent statements by former Director of CIA, Woolsey, former Director of CIA, John Brennan, former Director of National Intelligence, Ratcliffe, and all of them are saying exactly the same thing, that it’s real, there’s something there, we need to look at it. And these are people from

both sides of the aisle, whether you're liberal or conservative, or anything in between. And furthermore, a huge congratulations to you in the media. There was a time and probably not a whole long time ago, where you would have touched the subject. Frankly, I didn't want to touch it in the government, but I had no choice. It was given to me. So I get it. I know this is a topic that's been fraught with stigma and taboo. Unfortunately, decades and decades worth of nonsense. There's a reason why when you say the word UFO, you know, the tinfoil hats come to mind. That's just the reality of it. But we're now beginning to realize that once you remove that away from the equation, and we stick to really just the national security imperatives as in what is it? How does it work? What are its intentions, etc, we begin to realize that this isn't a silly conversation, this is a conversation about someone, somewhere is displaying beyond next generation technology in our controlled airspace, and there's not a whole lot we can do about it. And what I would do is submit to you that if we just take the word UFO out of it, just say Russia or China has the ability to fly in our airspace unimpeded. And without detection, within minutes of taking off. That's a real problem. That's a real problem. You know, we were faced with this issue every day where a Russian bear surveillance aircraft will fly off the coast of California, or let's say, Alaska, the first thing we do our scramble to F 22 is it's all over the front page of news, because it's a provocation. And yet, here we have the exact same scenario, but because we don't have a North Korean tail number or a Russian star on the tail, in fact, there's no tail at all on these aircraft. It's crickets. Nobody wants to have the conversation. And I think that's problematic. But with that said, what I'd like to do is I didn't come here to discuss me, I came here to address your questions, especially as this 180 day report is nearing its suspense of June. That's not too far down the road here. So with that said, I'm happy to address any questions you have, whether it's about me and my past or the program, or what to expect from the report. You know, anything I can do to assist please, please let me know. I'll hand it over to you folks.

Julian Barnes – New York Times

I would ask a question then about the report. Julian Barnes here, New York Times. You sort of said that you expect an interim report, and then maybe something a follow on report is this the DNI kind of biding time. What are the sort of ... with that what is the sort of best case scenario for what they may say? Beyond, what has been told to us by the Navy? What if it is an interim report? What are the sort of what's the best most we can hope for in terms of new information?

Lue Elizondo

Yeah, great question, Julian. First of all, let's let's be realistic. In some cases, it takes longer to remodel a kitchen than it does to provide a 180 day report to Congress. I look at this in terms of historic moments in time when we've been faced with something similar. Let's take 9/11 for example. 9/11 was, it was a horrible tragedy, and it was a huge intelligence failure on behalf of our country. And it took nearly three years to come up with the 9/11 Commission Report. And that was because of one failure. If it turns out that this has been occurring for decades, which it appears that it has been, then what we're dealing with is an enormous intelligence failure, despite the very best of our 18 intelligence members, from CIA, NRO and NGA and everybody else. We've been blindsided. Despite the best in our humans, intelligence and our signals, signals intelligence and imagery intelligence, we've been blindsided and somehow we've been leapfrogged by a foreign adversary. Can you imagine the intelligence failure that would be despite the billions of dollars that we allocate to this effort? Furthermore, the fact that Congress wasn't informed. The fact that we actually knew about it, and it was occurring, and we never informed Congress, or the chain of command. So therein lies the problem as far as what to expect from the report? You know, I don't like to, I'd like to offer my opinion very often, because the one thing I've learned in intelligence, you can be absolutely sure of something and still be absolutely wrong. But here is my world according to Lue best case scenario, that there's an interim report that is provided to Congress, I suspect it's going to list a lot more of the unknowns than knowns. Basically, say, here's what we know, here's what we don't know. And here's our plan of attack to answer those questions for you. And give us a little more time. And we'll write

another comprehensive report, hopefully, this time, a little bit more satisfying. You know, 180 day, I'll give you a real real example, when I was working in the intelligence community. If you wanted to do an investigation, let's say an internal audit or an IG investigation, it's not uncommon, it might take you eight months just to get the necessary clearances and access. Just to get just to get access to the information, then another year to do an assessment. There is no way 180 days is going to be sufficient for any organization to do a comprehensive vulnerability assessment and meet the intent of Congress. The intent that it wants and frankly, the intent that it deserves. So, you know, I don't think it's going to be anything more than a 'Hey, yep, there's something here. We don't know what it is. It could be some sort of new super advanced drone technology, but it could be something else. And here's our here's our plan for trying to figure it out.' That would be that would be my hope and suggestion. And I think that's, that's probably more or less what, what we can expect.

Gadi Schwartz – NBC News

Gadi Schwartz with NBC News. Just a couple of quick questions in terms of the process of declassification. I know that we've seen what is possibly a slide from a briefing, that may have shown something that was deemed declassified when it comes to requesting documents and understanding that declassification process. Are there parts of those slides, or are there parts of those briefings that have already been declassified and are available for public or Congressional review already? And if that's the case, where do they live? Is it the DoD? Is it with Susan (Gough – Pentagon Spokesperson), is it with the Navy? What would be the process of going about requesting those documents?

Lue Elizondo

Yeah, great. Gadi, it's not a one stop shop unfortunately, I think that's the intent of the UAP Task Force to create that centralized belly button that we haven't had, unfortunately, that information resides in disparate locations throughout the IC, the intelligence community and in various pockets. That's been the problem. It's, it's, it's not centrally located and not centrally accessible. This is why this 180 day report is going to be so tough. You asked a couple questions there and I want to make sure I answer them all for you, succinctly. You asked first of all, the classification process, is it possible to have unclassified information within a classified presentation? Absolutely, we do it all the time. In fact, the three three videos that were released earlier last year, they're actually released before that, but the government acknowledged them last year. The Go Fast, FLIR, and Gimbal. Those videos were actually unclassified to begin with, but they were residing on a classified system. And that's why we had to go through the process of DOPSR, the Defense Office of Pre-publication Security Review, in order to get them releasable. Even though that they were unclassified. They were resident on a classified network. That's not uncommon. When we do presentations, and briefings informative briefing store chain of command and Congress, it's routine that you may have a slide that's classified secret or top secret. But pieces of information are unclassified. And then let's not forget, if you have enough unclassified information jammed together, you could actually have yourself a classified product. So that's not unusual either. As far as what you should do, and who would that information reside, it would not be with Miss Gough. She's a Public Affairs Officer, PIO, she is not operationally engaged, her job is to simply communicate with the media and the public. And unfortunately, sometimes that communication hasn't been very consistently delivered in the past, but that's neither here nor there. Probably the best mechanism would be Freedom of Information Act FOIA process. But again, the problem here in lies that you would have to know where every bit of this information is and where it resides, if you want it to go ahead and have it. Furthermore, just because you submit a FOIA doesn't mean they're necessarily going to release it. There's been plenty of times where I've had a FOIA request of information. And even though that bit of information may have been releasable, it was embedded into a much more comprehensive product. And there was no way of stripping that out. And that's through personal experience. So you know, the foi process is good, and it's effective. And it's, it's, it's the legal way to do it. But it's not necessarily going to always give you

what you're looking for. And so I think, right now, what the media is doing is the best thing you can do. Taking this topic seriously, looking at it from a national security perspective, and applying pressure. Asking the PIOs the hard questions, you know, is this releasable? And if not, why? And then Okay, well, then, how do we get to yes, how do we make this information releasable? You know, there's a lot of, there's a bit of an art. It's not necessarily pure science, when you do the FOIA process. Sometimes they'll tell you no, and then you have to resubmit again. And you have to go through the appeals process. And yes, it's laborious, and yes, it takes time. And it's exhausting. But that is the process that we have right now. Another way is to go engage elected officials directly. A lot of these people have been given classified briefings, very nuanced information and sensitive information. And, you know, maybe there's a way that they can tell you as the media, hey, look, this is what I was briefed on without going into any specific details. There are members of Congress in the senate right now that have been extremely forthcoming on this topic, and I suspect they're going to continue to be increasingly transparent as more information comes to light.

Gadi Schwartz – NBC News

And real quick, just a follow up, I know that we've heard the five observables before and the video and a lot of the evidence that we've seen doesn't necessarily show those in those snippets. But in the totality of an experience it we're led to believe that these things are happening. In terms of signals, intelligence, satellite imagery, you know, sonar radar, what have you. We get teeny tiny pieces of something that's kind of in context, sometimes completely out of context, when it comes to what the UAP taskforce has, what the DoD has, and what Congress eventually will have. What does that picture look like? And are there, is there better proof than that picture? Is there better proof than a video that may or may not be declassified?

Lue Elizondo

Yeah, absolutely Gadi, you never rely on single source reporting. This whole same holds true as an investigative journalist as it does an intelligence officer. Think of a scene of an accident. You know, if you drive by a scene of an accident, yeah, you see two cars that are crashed, but you don't know the circumstances of how that occurred, who was behind the wheel and what actually happened. Very much like the videos that were released. The danger is that when you only see a video, you don't have the data backing it up, such as the radar data, maybe from multiple radar arrays, or another camera footage from a different angle, and some of the pilots testimonies, you're only getting a snapshot in time, at that time, and that's problematic because it's hard to jump to conclusions. And it's natural for us to try to fill in the blanks within the void, if you will, in the absence of information, we want to fill in with our own information. But that's problematic, because as we know, to all car accidents, you have eyewitness testimony. You have telemetry on the vehicles to tell you how fast the vehicle was going. You have people that may have been in a coffee shop that heard the accident, right? You have cameras on the side of a building that actually saw a few seconds before the accident and the crash itself. And that's really the job of the UAP Task Force, it's to collect all that data. And that's the only problem anecdotally, when we see a video that is released, if it's released in an unauthorized way, we will have the complete picture, right? It's like some of these videos that you hear that came out originally, with the audio, that's helpful, because you hear the pilots say, you know, while you hear the exasperation, what the hell is that? And do there's a whole fleet of these things, what are they they're going against the wind, right, so that that helps put it into context, a little bit about what you're seeing. But it's, you always have to be very careful when you're looking at just a video and drawing any kind of conclusions. Let's also face reality, the more we sensitize our intelligence apparatus and our national security apparatus, on the reality of these things and the more we compel our sailors and soldiers and airmen and whatnot to report this and our Marines, the more they're going to be looking at the sky, and the more they're going to see. And a lot of the things are going to be normal things that we see. Normal, attributable, conventional aircraft technology, drones and balloons and test flights of rockets and aircraft. So you know, it's a bit of a double edged sword,

we need to be prepared for that. And so what we what we need to do and the UAP Task Force should do is propose a filtering system, if you will, that allows us to separate the wheat from the chaff as more data comes in, we want to make sure that we have the ability to just pick out that data that comports to the five observables. And who knows, maybe we'll find more observables in the future. It may not be five, it might be six, it might be 10. We really don't know right now. We know the five as it is compared to our conventional technology. And they are pretty exotic. Furthermore, I think it's important Gadi that we recognize that this is a global phenomenon, we have not only our friends and our allies wanting to enter into agreements with us, bilateral agreements for sharing your UFO UAP related information. But we also have foreign adversaries as well, that are looking into this. This is not just a US thing. We know Russia, China, they are equally interested in this topic, and for very good reason. And there has been intelligence reporting, historically on the fact that they are concerned by this as well. So, you know, this is not a it's not just a US thing. And I'll submit to you they probably wonder, too, if this is some sort of super secret US technology being deployed over there. As much of it is a mystery for us, you know, it's not our technology we're using against ourselves. You know, the same question we asked, could it be foreign adversarial? I'm certain China and Russia are asking the exact same question.

Gadi Schwartz – NBC News

And real fast, just directly, having been where you sat, what, what type of evidence have you seen that is unexplainable today? Whether it be satellite or or sonar or radar, or pictures or video or testimony? If you could just, you know, I understand we've talked before and I know you can't get into specific encounters. But when it comes to the type of evidence that currently exists, within the government, what type of evidence is there?

Lue Elizondo

Well, Gadi, there's not a gold standard. I wish there was, And therein lies part of the challenge. I've been privy to witness to many extraordinary things. Unfortunately, ones that are classified I I'm not going to elaborate or share. But I've said for the record before, we've had video, you know, some of these videos are 20, 25 minutes long. In other cases, these things are 50 feet away from the cockpit, very compelling. But with that said, I'm not at liberty to go into details in those but what I can say are the ones that have come to light. I think, for me, the most concerning not most compelling but the most concerning, are those incidents that involve our nuclear equities. There seems to be a very distinct congruency between UAP, associated UAP activity and and our nuclear technology, whether it be propulsion or weapon systems or whatnot. And that's concerning to the point where we've actually had some of our nuclear capabilities disabled by these things. So, you know, again, let's put this into context of foreign adversarial technology if Russia or China had the ability to disable our nuclear strike capability or defense capability. That's pretty significant. That's a concern. For us. It should be.

Gadi Schwartz – NBC News

Just to clarify, you're saying that our, our nuclear capabilities, whether they their weapons, or whether it's a, you know, some sort of nuclear power plant, you're saying that these things have been disabled by something we can't explain.

Lue Elizondo

There is absolutely evidence that comports to the notion that they have, that UAPs have an active interest in our nuclear technology, and have in the past interfered with some of our nuclear capabilities. That's fact. Yes.

Alex Horton – Washington Post

Yeah, appreciate it. Yeah, I have a question about the report after this. But first, you know, I was kind of curious about, you know, you mentioned that some of the things could be drones or hypersonics, etc. You know, and, you know, Occam's razor would suggest, you know, sometimes it could be, you know, there is a there is a delta between what the DOJ and others would acknowledge publicly is, is beyond their capabilities, but privately No, it is, perhaps in the norm or observed by other places, you know, especially adversaries like Russia and China. So, you know, these videos started to come out, like around 2017 or so. And, you know, we're four years later, are there capabilities or moments or like further analyses that you're aware of? Where some of these well known videos or others, because we've looked at it further and you know, that could be a drone or it could be hypersonic, and here's why. Are you aware, can you describe any of those moments where further investigation revealed? Perhaps something terrestrial and explainable?

Lue Elizondo

Yeah, sure. Actually, it was our that was our intended focus. And we were always trying to deliberately find the conventional explanation for what we were seeing, that was our intent, that was our hope. We didn't like unanswered questions. So that was always going in to any problem set. We always presumed initially that there was some sort of conventional explanation. But this is how it really is: this is the birth of the five observables. This is how it all started. So I'll briefly go there just for a second for those who may not be familiar. But we have the technological capability to demonstrate one, or maybe two of the observables, but not all five. And so what do I mean? So the first observable is instantaneous acceleration. The human being can withstand about nine g-forces before we start having negative biological consequences, such as read out some blackouts. To put that in contrast, our F-16, which was one of our older aircraft, but still one of the most highly maneuverable aircraft on the planet, manned aircraft, can pull about 17 G's before you start having structural failure, you start having weeds begin to snap off the aircraft. And yet what we're seeing are doing 5, 6, 700 g-forces. So that's pretty incredible. The other observable is hypersonic velocity. Now, those are speeds that are by definition at Mach five or above. We do have vehicles that can do that. Hypersonics by definition can do that. The space shuttle was something that would do it routinely in order to get into escape velocity. We have the SRS 71. But to put that into context, the SRS 71 at 3,200 miles an hour, if you wanted to make a right hand turn would take you about half the state of Ohio to do it. And yet these things are doing it instantly. The third observable is a bit of an oxymoron, but it's low observability. You'll hear the pilots say 'You know Lue, it's there. I see it, I can't explain it, because it didn't have wings and have anything normally associated with the conventional aircraft. But it's there. And the same thing on electro optical data, you see this fuzzy little blip, but that fuzzy little blip is doing things that fuzzy little blips should be able to do.' Same thing with radar you get these nonsensical radar returns like it looks almost like active jamming. Now, do we have low observable aircraft? Of course, the B-2 bomber is a perfect example. \$2 billion and you can make an aircraft you know harder to see on radar, you can still see with the naked eye, but it's harder to see on radar. The fourth observable is one that's just now getting attention which is transmedium travel. So let's take our plane analogy again. Here's our plane. A plane looks like a plane because it's designed to operate in our atmosphere. So you have a nose you have a tail you ailerons elevators rudders, so you can control the jet engine to fly. A rocket which spends its time mostly in a vacuum environment can't use a jet engine has to use a chemical rocket motor and uses thrusters to maneuver. And a submarine, which spends his time underwater doesn't look like a plate or rocket. They use a propeller to mechanically displace water and uses buoyancy to go up and down. Now, Are there examples of transmedia vehicles that we make sure, let's take a seaplane for example, a seaplane is neither a good airplane, nor is it a good boat. But it's a compromise in order to operate in two different environments. Yet the things that we're observing both on radar and gun camera footage, and now it appears even sonar don't seem to have any type of design compromise or any type of performance compromised, they seem to be able to fly in low Earth atmosphere, in some cases 50 feet above the

water, in other cases, 80,000 feet and even higher, and in other cases underwater. And so when you see that, you now recognize you're dealing with a technology that is substantially more advanced than what we have. And then the last observable is something we can call it the vernacular, positive lift or anti gravity, but in reality, there's only three fundamental ways we know how to defy the natural effects of Earth's gravity. The first is through the phenomenon of flight where you have four forces, thrust, lift, drag and weight. And when you understand those forces, you can create an aircraft and wings and fly. Another way to defy Earth's gravity is through sheer ballistics. I can blow something out of a tube, like a mortar, throw a baseball or even an intercontinental ballistic missile, put enough charge and I can use enough energy to push it up. And then it'll eventually come back down. And then the last way we know how is through lighter than air, buoyancy. Think of a hot air balloon or helium or hydrogen, in which the density inside is less than the density outside of therefore it rises somewhat like oil to water. And yet the things have no wings, no cockpits, no control surfaces, no rivets in the skin, no obvious signs of propulsion, and somehow they're able to defy the natural effects of Earth's gravity. How is that possible? You know, we don't, usually you need a propeller, or you need a jet engine, or you need something to do that. And yet the things don't don't seem to be abiding by that rule. And so when you have all of those observables being displayed by a single vehicle, or a single thing, whatever this is, now, you're forced to scratch your head NASA hard questions. Okay, are we really dealing with some sort of adversarial technology? Or are we dealing with something fundamentally different? And therein lies the question. And that's where we are today. This is why it's important that we leave all options on the table until they're no longer on the table. I caution people running down the rabbit hole prematurely. You know, there's a lot of possibilities of what this could be. But at the same time, I think we need to keep all options on the table until they're no longer options.

Alex Horton – Washington Post

I have a two part follow up and then I'll turn it over to another reporter. So I just want to go back to something you said earlier about the nuclear capability. And I was curious if there was evidence that, you know, you've seen or understood that specifically suggested or concluded that it had an effect of forcing something offline? Or could it be something like it was an unknown thing or a potential hazard and someone, you know, a human being made the choice to take something offline as a precautionary measure?

Lue Elizondo

Great, great question. Well, there's actually a third option too, and I'll get to that. So the first option is, is there a direct interference? Yes, there appears to be some sort of direct interference at times, is this next question, could this be a human doing something to disable it as a preventive measure? No, that does not seem to be the case. We have no information substantiating that. Now the third option is it could be a result of some sort of technological interference. Very much like the old car radios and an alternator. A lot of times, you'd get that feedback in an old radio as the alternator spun up because the electromagnetic, if you will, emanations coming from that alternator would interfere with radio. And so you get this weird buzzing noise on the radio. It's not necessarily the intent of the alternator to interfere with radio. It's just a byproduct of what it does. So that is also an option. It could very well be that this technology, because of its application could be interfering with our nuclear technology. That is certainly possible as well, we don't we don't have enough data yet to say conclusively one way or the other.

Kristin Fisher – Fox News

I thank you so so much for doing this. This is fascinating. And I cover the White House for Fox. So I've got a White House, sort of question for you. I know you said that you've there's bipartisan support for this in the executive branch. But I'm curious, based on your experience, and what you've noticed

so far, how seriously do you think that the Biden White House is taking this threat? And what sort of outstanding questions do you have for them in the lead up to this report being released?

Lue Elizondo

Sure, Kristen, also a great question. I would never want to answer on behalf of the Biden administration. Nor did I for the Trump administration or any administration before that. What I can say is that I think there is a sufficient amount of critical mass within the executive branch, where the Biden administration is aware of this. I will also in all fairness put out there that these are tough times for any administration. You're dealing with a global pandemic, you're dealing with transnational terrorism, you're dealing with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, you're dealing with humanitarian issues, does you're and political issues here at home. So there's a lot of distraction right now and a lot of pressure on the Biden administration. And I would never want to presume to answer on their behalf. But I think if I were to have an opportunity to make a recommendation, it would be to make sure to apply the necessary amount of resources and attention to this. So we can get some of the answers. Because if it turns out because the government has already said for the record, this is real, we're beyond that. This is, we're beyond the Rubicon at that point, when it's crossed. This is real, whatever this is, this is real. If it turns out, let's just go down this road for a moment. It's foreign adversarial technology. And it turns out the United States has had strategic surprise, and that we have been leapfrog technologically by decades by a foreign adversary. This would be one of the greatest intelligence failures in the history of this nation. It would be it would be absolutely catastrophic. And I think, I think we'd have a lot tougher questions to then ask ourselves. So I would hope that the administration takes it seriously. If there's anything I could ever do for any administration, I've always been nonpartisan. My job in the government has always been to serve the president, it didn't matter if there were liberal, conservative or somewhere in the middle. It didn't matter to me my job was just to execute the one of the president because that's the will of the people. And so this administration should take this topic seriously, which I think they will and I think they do. That's great. You know, I think they've got a lot on their plate right now. And I wouldn't even remotely presume to know what that's like. I think they've got a lot to deal with. And this is just one of them. So by no means am I saying this is the most important thing they need to deal with. But it is certainly something they should deal with at some point.

Kristin Fisher – Fox News

And one more quick follow up. And pardon ignorance, you say that there's a lot of possibilities about what this could be running for an adversary to something else entirely. I mean, can you just walk me through what the possibilities are?

Lue Elizondo

Sure. So, and forgive me, everybody listening to this. But Kristin, you're asking, in my opinion, probably one of the most important...

Kristin Fisher – Fox News

It's a basic question, but I'd love to get your take on it.

Lue Elizondo

It's one of the most important questions. So and here's why. We my background has been always in science. I graduated college of microbiology, immunology, and in parasitology. For me, I've always an as an investigator, it's always just the facts, ma'am, kind of guy. No nonsense. So that's the way I pursue things. We as human beings, a lot of scientists speculate, because we are what we call cardio social animals. We, we look in terms of extremes, everything we do is an almost in a binary sense. If

someone were to describe you something, it's usually in terms of it's good, it's bad, it's hot, it's cold, it's black, it's white, it's up or down, it's left or right. And that is because some scientists now speculate because most of our time, in our mother's womb, was listening to the rhythmic beat of our mother's heart. And that's true with all of us that were born. And that's maybe why we look in terms of this phenomena this way. It's either from earth or from outer space, right? But we realize that's not necessarily true in the world of quantum physics and nature, we realize that there's many other options in between. And every time we try to put something in a neat little box in the world of science and nature were proven wrong. And that's why I say leave all options on the table. Most of us would say if it's not Russian and it's not US then it's, and I hate to use the word, extraterrestrial. No necessarily, there are all other options. And as crazy as it sounds it's just an option. We are, you know, we all were aware of Newtonian physics, at the end of the Renaissance, and Sir Isaac Newton introduced the notion of gravity and whatnot. Force equals mass times acceleration. And along comes this guy with funny hair last century named Einstein and proposes relativity, and a whole different model of the universe in which that space and time are actually connected. space and time can be stretched, it can be compressed. And our whole notion of the universe is actually should be considered should be different. Than 40 years ago, we really have the beginnings of quantum physics and really a better understanding. And as bizarre as quantum physics is, we're now recognizing that's really one of the fundamental ways to understand the universe we live in. And as crazy as it may be, someone once explained it as you have a box and a dog walks into a box and out walks two cats. And yet, that's exactly what we're seeing. And so my point being is that there are a lot of options here. And I think we need to, this is why I say we need to keep all options on the table until they're no longer on the table. I don't know the answer. Frankly, I don't think anybody does. And anybody who tells you they do, I would submit to you know, I would approach them very cautiously. The bottom line is we don't know. And, and we need to ask all the questions. And this is why probably, this is a bigger question than just for national security. This is not just a potential national security threat, we probably need to bring in academics and scientists and a whole bunch of folks to have this conversation. Yes, there's a national security issue here. But there's also probably more to it.

Kristin Fisher – Fox News

Thank you so much.

Moderator

Let's jump to Brandy at Nextgov.

Brandi Vincent – nextgov.com

Thank you so much. And thank you, Louise, I report on the intersection of the government and emerging technology at NextGov. I kind of want to stick with this topic for a second. I'm really curious about lawmakers' appetite for this on the hill. You mentioned those briefings you've been to recently. Can you tell us a little bit more about that? The lawmakers engaging you mentioned bipartisan, please elaborate? Are they engaging with you with the invitation on their behalf? Or was it more you reaching out to them? And would you say that the number of those interested in this is growing?

Lue Elizondo

Wow. Okay, so first of all, I have the utmost respect for our lawmakers and our representatives. At the end of the day, they're there to serve the will of the people. And I believe that is exactly what they're trying to do regarding this topic. I'm encouraged to see this nonpartisan effort or maybe perhaps bipartisan effort to look into this. As far as discussing specific conversations with specific representatives and or their staff, I'm going to politely sidestep that, and only because out of respect for them, what I certainly don't want to do is say anything that without these individuals permission, regardless only because, you know, I think they're, I think they're still in the process of fact finding. And I don't want to do anything to interfere with that process. And out of respect for them, I certainly

wouldn't want to speak on their behalf. What I will say is that it's been my honor and privilege from time to time to interact with certain people on the legislative and the executive branch of our government to help facilitate this conversation, and be able to hopefully provide some lessons learned when I was the director of AATIP where maybe some things we got wrong. So they don't make the same mistake and we can spend taxpayer money in a responsible way. Right, let's not reinvent the wheel here or this case, let's not make some of the same mistakes. But I will tell you, there's a unanimous every time I've had this engagement. For the most part, there's a unanimous reaction of Yes, this is a potential national security issue. I'll go one step further. Brandy on this. And I've used this analogy before. If I may ask brandy, where were you calling in from?

Brandi Vincent – nextgov.com

From Washington DC.

Lue Elizondo

Okay, so Washington, so I'm sure. I'm sure like most of you, you all live in a very nice neighborhood. Let me ask you a question: do you do lock your front door before you go to bed at night?

Brandi Vincent – nextgov.com

My apartment is so innovative that my front door locks automatically.

Lue Elizondo

Well, that's fancy, but I do the same thing. And there's a reason for that. In fact, I suspect, most people you ask would probably say, not that we expect anything bad to happen, but just as a matter of recourse, we usually lock our front doors, you might even check the windows from time to time and turn on your alarm system before you go to bed. Let's say one morning, you come downstairs to have a nice hot cup of tea or coffee. And all of a sudden, as you're walking downstairs, there's muddy blueprints in your living room carpet. Now, no one's been hurt, nothing's out of place. Nothing's been disturbed. But despite you locking the doors and the windows and turning on the alarm the night before, there are money blueprints in your living room that weren't there the night before. Now, the question is, is that a threat. And my response to you is that it could be if you want it to be. So we probably should figure it out. And I think this is the same approach that our senior people in the executive branch and legislative branch are taking. Now with that said, that's not necessarily everybody. There are some pockets of elements within the executive branch, particularly that are very resistant to this topic. And unfortunately, were one of the reasons why it's such a difficult time when I when I first left the department, they were not happy about having this conversation. They felt that it made them look inept. They felt in some cases that it challenged their philosophical and theological belief systems. There were all sorts of, in some cases, they just couldn't process it. I would sit there and give an hour-long briefing. I bring pilots in and the radar data and the operators and we get this big briefing, with videos and photographs. And at the end of the briefing, I would just get this blank stare. And they would just look at me and say, so how those Miami Dolphins doing this season? And they just for whatever reason, couldn't process it. So I guess my response to you, Brandy is that people will process this information differently. However, I remain optimistic with the interaction that I've had, that for the most part everyone seems to be taking this topic in the manner that they should, you know, with caution, but by diligence, and they're asking the right questions, and you know, whether you're republican or democrat or independent, anybody who who's willing to take this on I applaud. This is a nonpartisan issue. This shouldn't be a political conversation. This is a conversation that involves every one of us. And, you know, I'm happy to see that conversation is now beginning.

Brandi Vincent – nextgov.com

Thank you so much. And just one more real quickly, if I may, since this is the first time that we have met face to face. I've read a bit and seen a bit about you. But can you just elaborate really quickly on

your motivation? What drives you? Your journey with this has been a long one. So what keeps you pushing?

Lue Elizondo

Brandi, Wow. I'm going to get emotional here. I took an oath A long time ago to serve this country and to defend this country from all enemies foreign and domestic. My father was a political prisoner of Cuba, we're an exile from Cuba because of my father's involvement in the Bay of Pigs invasion. This country has offered my family the opportunity that no other country in fact, we were rejected from from Cuba. This country gave us an opportunity that nobody else would or could. And from a very young age, I was always told to pay back and serve. And so after college, I joined the Army. And after the Army, I got involved in some special activities and, and became a member of the intelligence community. It's about it's about the truth. This is a topic that doesn't belong into the provenance of any government or organization or institution. You know, I took an oath. And when I left the government, I was never relieved of that oath and ever said, okay, and you don't have to do this anymore. You know, I, ironically enough, I left the department to finish the very job that they gave me in the first place. It wasn't out of disloyalty I left the department, it was actually out of a profound sense of loyalty. Serving it with people like Sean Cahill over here who were witness to something extraordinary and yet their chain of command didn't want them to report it. In some cases people lost their jobs. They lost their flight status, they've lost their security clearance and we're told that they were crazy. And yet it turns out this was real. This was real. I I can't imagine the burden this has been on the shoulders of some people. You know, as tough as it was for me Brandi. I had it pretty good compared to some other people that lost their careers over this. And that's that's not right. That's wrong. And I'm doing this for, for men and women in uniform who are still coming into contact with you things as of today, like this week, this has never stopped, this is continuing to occur. And so I do this for them, they need a voice. Someone has to be willing to, to talk to our elected officials and our officials in government, have the conversation. It doesn't matter how inconvenient it is how uncomfortable it is or how popular it is. As I've said before, this is not a conversation like fine wine where the longer we keep a cork on it, the better it gets. This is a conversation like rotten fruit or vegetables in the refrigerator. And the longer it stays in there, the more it's going to stink. We now know beyond a reasonable doubt. As an investigator my job was very simple, collect the truth and speak the truth and present that information to the jury. And that's all it didn't matter what Luis Elizondo thinks, it doesn't matter what I think, what matters is what the jury thinks. And that's what this is about. And in this case, the American people are the jury. My job is just to provide that information to the jury and let the people decide what they want to do about it. And Brandi, I'll tell you at the end of the day, if the American people have the discussion, and they don't want to do anything about it, or they decide is not a priority, I'm fine with that, then I'll go retire, I'll go work at Walmart and leave all this craziness behind because it's taken a tremendous toll on me. But to not allow that people to have that conversation in the first place to me is far more dangerous than anything coming into our airspace that we can't control. Because if we can't even have a conversation about it, we've got bigger problems on our hands. That to me is the greatest failure of all that we can't even have the conversation because of fear of reprisal and social taboo and stigma. That to me is the greatest issue.

Brandi Vincent – nextgov.com

Thank you so much.

Moderator

Reese, before we get to you. I want to inject a question here from Duncan Phenix at CBS, Las Vegas, whose microphone is having some issues. He wonders if you can address the concern that some people have with these sightings, such as the recent pyramid video? Is it equipment issues or errors

or military personnel also seeing UAP with their own eyes and reporting what they personally experienced?

Lue Elizondo

Yes, and yes. There's there's tremendous eyewitness accounts that's backed up by electro optical data and radar data to substantiate that the event is real, and it's occurring. And in other cases, you have a hyper sensitization of individuals, and they're reporting strange things in the sky. And it turns out that sometimes those strange things aren't so strange. And that's what one would expect, right? So the more people that look up in the sky, the more people are going to notice things. And the more you're going to get miss-identifications. But that's okay, because that's the job of the UAP Task Force should be anyways, to create filters to separate the wheat and chaff and be able to determine what is regular what's not. I mean, now with today's technology, I can get on my personal device and look at flight tracker, and I can see if that's a 737 I see over the horizon with blinking lights, I can see if it's a helicopter, or I can look on the horizon over the water and use my application using AIS to determine is that a ship and I'm actually looking at a shrimp boat and the lights off of a shrimp boat, you know that that's okay. The problem is that a lot of these aren't, they're not drones, they're not they're not an effect of the infrared camera, because you might have five or six different infrared cameras looking at the same thing. And they're not all they're not all failing you. They don't all have to suffer from the same issue. So that's when you have to scratch your head and say, okay, we're actually dealing with something here. You know, that's, let's not forget, look, our men and women in uniform are trained observers, just like law enforcement. And if I haven't said this before, I'll do it now. This is an example. These are training aids that I had when I was literally in the military as an intelligence officer in Korea. And you can see here these are silhouettes of aircraft, enemy aircraft. And pilots are trained to the same level of, if not more, to be trained observers in the air, they have to make a split second decision. Is that an enemy aircraft? Is it an su 22? Is it a MiG 25? is a European tornado. Is it an F 16? What is it? And they have to be able to do that from 20 miles away. Their life depends on it. And so when they're reporting to you that they are encountering something that could do barrel rolls over their aircraft that doesn't have wings, doesn't have control surfaces, rudders, cockpits, anything that we normally associate with a traditional aircraft. You got to say, Okay, well, then well, what is it? You know, is it some sort of foreign technology? Sure, I guess it could be, could be some sort of new type of drone. But you know, drones still have to abide by our understanding of the laws of physics. And therein lies a question again, okay, if it's a foreign adversarial drone, how come we don't have anything to ... I mean, look, we have counter drone technology on ships, I'm not going to say what they are, but we can knock them out of the sky. Drones aren't a problem for us. That's a fact. We have radar on ships, we know if it's a plane. We know if it's a military aircraft. These are simple things to figure out. It's not like someone gets on the ship one day with some infrared binoculars and say, hey, that's strange in the sky, I'm going to go ahead and record that. The reason why they're recording is because it's probably something interesting in the skies. In some cases, yeah, there could be a readily explainable explanation for it. But from my experience, there's a lot that aren't and are very compelling. And, and they're displaying the five observables, which is a totally different conversation. That's what we're definitely talking about a drone at that point.

Reece – Washington Post

Thanks Lue for doing this. It looks like my internet connection might be cutting out at the wrong time. But if you can hear me, I would love to know what visibility, you know, if any, the folks on this call have into what will be included in the report? And what role if any, are you playing and actually compiling it?

Lue Elizondo

So I'm going to politely defer the second question. I don't want to be evasive. But I also don't want to do anything that puts the government in an uncomfortable position. If you want to know if there's any role I'm playing with the government, I'm going to respectfully deflect and let you ask the government and let them make a determination what an appropriate response would be. As far as what would be in the report? You know, I think, as we discussed before, I made a funny joke that it takes longer sometimes to renovate a kitchen than it does to, to put out this 180 day report. The 9/11 commission report almost took three years. So I think it's very unlikely that we're going to have a comprehensive report that Congress expects and deserves, frankly, at the unclassified level in time. I think what we can hope for is a report, an interim report, that's going to say, here are the knowns, here are the unknowns. And by the way, there's a lot more unknowns than knowns. And we're going, here's our plan for addressing those on notes. And we're going to provide you another report periodically. until we find those answers. My hope would be that we have an enduring capability. A Task Force, by definition, government definition is a temporary capability. A lot of people don't know that. But that's what it is, whether it is our task force, or the ID task force that we had established during Iraq. These are all temporary bodies. And I think this topic deserves an enduring capability. And, frankly, maybe even beyond ONI, Office of Naval Intelligence, maybe, maybe we need a whole-of-government approach and bring in folks like NASA and FAA and NOAA and everybody else, maybe Department of Energy, bring everybody to have bring in academics and scientists, from renowned universities, bring in some of our international friends and allies to have this conversation, maybe, maybe even the United Nations. You know, I don't think, I think we need to manage our expectations. If we think that we're going to have a simple solution here. Come June. I think there's, there's, there's very little chance of that happening. I think we're gonna wind up with more questions than answers. I think they'll maybe have some answers. But there's probably going to be more questions in the long run.

Let me say this, if no one's gonna say anything, folks, sincerely, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you for doing what you do. I know journalistic integrity is very important. Just like as an intelligence officer, right, we, we kind of had the same mission, collect the truth and speak the truth. And try to leave our personal bias out of it. And I know that all of you are taking a chance on even listening to a conversation like this. But I will tell you that it is deeply appreciated. When I have a chance, an opportunity to talk to people on the street. They're happy that this this, this this topic has been covered. And finally being covered in a serious sense without all the, you know, nonsense baggage that's attached to it. So I want to thank you, thank you all for your time this afternoon. And again, just just doing what you do. It's profound as a civilian now. And then out of the government. You know, thank you. I appreciate it very much.

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 6:33 AM
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Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA)
Subject: RE: FOIA request assistance
Signed By: (b)(6)

Good Morning (b)(6),

Following up to my below email.

We received the FOIA request below. The requester is asking permission to use the snapshot he took of the Video - Gimbal.wmv that was released to include in a children's yearbook.

Who approves such requests for publishing rights?

We appreciate your time.

v/r,

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NAVAIRWARCENACDIV (b)(6) (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA request assistance

Good evening (b)(6) /Ms. Gough,

We received the below request. The requester reached back out and notified us he took a "Screenshot of the video" and would like to use the screenshot of the video to publish in an elementary and secondary school yearbook.

Who approves such requests as this for publishing rights ?

We appreciate your time.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:23 PM
To: NAWCADFOIA <AD_FOIA.GM.fct@navy.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Video - Gimbal.wmv

Hello,

I am writing to inquire request to use a still of Video - Gimbal.wmv.

I am part of a team at Lifetouch Inc. that publishes a current events yearbook insert for elementary and secondary students. The award-winning insert, Zoom, has a print run of 1.5 million annually.

We would like to include a still of the video Video - Gimbal.wmv with corresponding credits to accompany our story, which is an opportunity for free publicity and inclusion in a child's yearbook for decades to come. Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding my request for photo permission and the correct credits to include in our current events insert.

Sincerely,

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Lifetouch.

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CTR OSD PA (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine
Attachments: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inqu... (19.4 KB)

Jay,
Forwarding directly to you since Joe is out. The reporter's email is attached, my proposed response to his follow-on question is below; Matt Cummings has cleared on it.

Regards,
Sue

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 2:03 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA); (b)(6); Cummings, Matthew C (Matt) SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine

Follow-up question from reporter:

7) Would a distant plane of undetermined type and origin "remain characterized as 'unidentified'" even if could be determined that it was a plane.

I appreciate that this guy is trying to debunk some of the claims about the videos; still....

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From: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Cummings, Matthew C (Matt) SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA) (b)(6); Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine

Sue/Matt,

Jay had no issue with #6... however he brought up a good point on 2 & 3....

Specifically, the phrase (b)(5)

That could be taken as saying that we would release any change in designation to the public.

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Regards,

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(b)(6) U.S. Navy (Ret)
N2N6 Strategic Engagements

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From: Cummings, Matthew C (Matt) SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA) (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine

Sue,

Looks good. I would have Joe check with Jay Stratton on the answer to number 6.

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Matt

Matthew C. Cummings, DISL

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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:33 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6); Cummings, Matthew C (Matt) SES OSD OUSD INTEL (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine

You can read his full query below this, immediately below are proposed responses to his actual questions.

1) What are each of the three videos (FLIR1, GOFAST, and GIMBAL) currently classified as?

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2) If, after examination, it was determined that a video had a plausible explanation as an aircraft or balloon, then would that classification publically change?

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3) Would it change if the exact aircraft was identified?

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4) Has the military determined that

4a) FLIR1 shows an object essentially in level flight, making no sudden maneuvers

4b) GIMBAL shows an IR glare that rotates due to the camera's gimbal rotation.

4c) GOFAST shows an illusion of speed, a high slow object appearing to be a low fast one.

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5) Other than being designated UAP's What more can you tell me about what is thought to be show in each video?

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6) Have any of the videos been used in pilot training?

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Regards,

Sue

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:14 PM

To: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Media Inquiry Regarding UAP Videos - Skeptical Inquirer magazine

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Hi Sue,

I'm writing an article for Skeptical Enquirer regarding the media coverage of the three Navy UAP videos. I saw your responses to Roger Glassel of UFO-Aktuell, dated Sept 2, 2020, < Caution-
<https://www.blueblurrylines.com/2020/09/uap-task-force-pentagon-responds-to.html> > and I wonder I I can get some extended clarifications regarding these two points:

6) Will the public be informed about any findings from the UAPTF of the nature and/or origins of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena?

Thorough examinations of any incursion into our training ranges or designated airspace often involves assessments from across the department, and, as appropriate, consultation with other U.S. government departments and agencies. To maintain operations security and to avoid disclosing information that may be useful to our adversaries, DOD does not discuss publicly the details of either the observations or the examination of reported incursions into our training ranges or designated airspace, including those incursions initially designated as UAP.

7) If an observer initially characterize an observation as unidentified aerial phenomena, that he or she cannot immediately identify, and the observation cannot later be explained after an analysis by the UAPTF, or any other component, what will such observation be categorized as?

Unidentified

This is taken, by some, as indicating that the three videos are utterly inexplicable to the Navy, but I don't think they are. So my questions are:

- 1) What are each of the three videos (FLIR1, GOFAST, and GIMBAL) currently classified as?
- 2) If, after examination, it was determined that a video had a plausible explanation as an aircraft or balloon, then would that classification publically change?
- 3) Would it change if the exact aircraft was identified?
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- 5) Other than being designated UAP's What more can you tell me about what is thought to be show in each video?
- 6) Have any of the videos been used in pilot training?

I understand the secrecy issues here. I would hope at least that I might get an answer that someone knows what they are. If they do actually have fairly mundane explanations, then it would be great to get that information out, perhaps in a simply manner, like "we have determined the likely cause of the UAP shown in video X"

Regards,

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CTR OSD PA (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
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Subject: FW: Copyright question
Signed By: (b)(6)

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FYSA, here's the response to the requestor, with all the info about public use of DoD VI.

Regards,
Sue

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(b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Video - Gimbal.wmv

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Regards,
Sue Gough
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Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:23 PM

To: NAWCADFOIA (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Video - Gimbal.wmv

Hello,

I am writing to inquire request to use a still of Video - Gimbal.wmv.

I am part of a team at Lifetouch Inc. that publishes a current events yearbook insert for elementary and secondary students. The award-winning insert, Zoom, has a print run of 1.5 million annually.

We would like to include a still of the video Video - Gimbal.wmv with corresponding credits to accompany our story, which is an opportunity for free publicity and inclusion in a child's yearbook for decades to come. Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding my request for photo permission and the correct credits to include in our current events insert.

Sincerely,

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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:26 AM
To: john@greenewald.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

Understand, John, and I really do appreciate you always trying to be accurate.

I just sent you what I'd sent R. Glassel. Hope that clarifies things for you.

Regards,
Sue

Sent from my iPhone

From: "john@greenewald.com" <john@greenewald.com>

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:06:58 AM

To: "Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)" (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

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Hi Susan,

I am in no way trying to annoy you with this, but I do hope you can see my confusion. The "briefing slides" are of photos, and despite you not confirming or commenting on the caption contents, I took what you said as confirming those photographs as well since I sent them to you (and referenced them) with the rest.

However, it appears you were not commenting on those photos, hence my attempt to clarify here. Despite me apparently overstaying my welcome on trying to clarify this issue, I assure you accuracy is my #1 priority, and I reported what you told me as those briefing slide photos were, to my belief, authenticated by your statement.

Yet, it appears now that is not so, so I am trying to clarify what I read in a tweet that you sent you someone else.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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John, I specifically told you, twice, that I had nothing for you on any thing other than the photos and the video. I'll send you what I sent R. Glassel so you have it.

Sent from my iPhone

From: "john@greenewald.com < Caution-mailto:john@greenewald.com > " <john@greenewald.com < Caution-mailto:john@greenewald.com > >**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:32:09 AM**To:** "Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b)(6)**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

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Hello Susan,

I wanted to follow up as I saw a statement of clarification you sent to Roger Glassel wherein you apparently were NOT referencing the "briefing slides" I had asked you about when your original statements went out?

Can you clarify that the images I sent you, in which I referred to the "briefing slides" were NOT confirmed when you sent me that statement? I am a little confused, as my emails, and the one you responded to, specifically asked about those "briefing slides". And I did follow up to TRIPLE check, with those specifically attached, and you said in reply to that message that your statement applied to the photos as well, but nothing else. Given the slides are all of photos, I took that as you were verifying the images, but not the data/information in the CAPTION itself, which I understood why.

Can you please clarify the above?

In addition, I have reason to believe the USS Omaha encountered this spherical shaped object on July 15th, 2019, between the times of 10:30pm - 11:30pm pacific off the Coast of San Diego, California. With those types of specifics, I am hoping you can confirm the incident with the UAS took place? Is there anything else you can add since it appears the event itself is UNCLASSIFIED?

Thank you for your time...

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
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Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 4:20 PM

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

I understand, and I sent two links, which did have those in it. So, I am just trying to be safe and triple check you meant all of it.

For reference, this was the link I sent that had the "briefing slide" images with photos: Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/pictures-and-video-show-unidentified-flying-objects-moving-above-u-s-navy-warships/> < Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/pictures-and-video-show-unidentified-flying-objects-moving-above-u-s-navy-warships/> >

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

The only thing that my statement confirms is that the photos and videos in that Mystery Wire article are photos and videos taken by Navy personnel. I have nothing for you on anything else in the article.

Regards,
Sue

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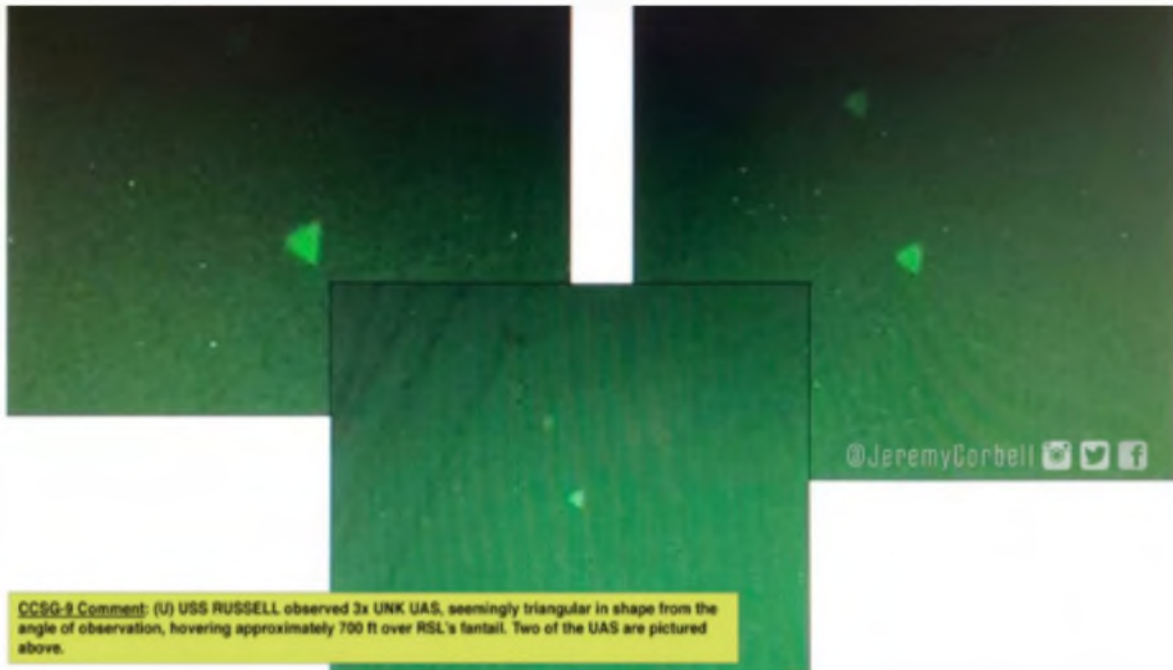
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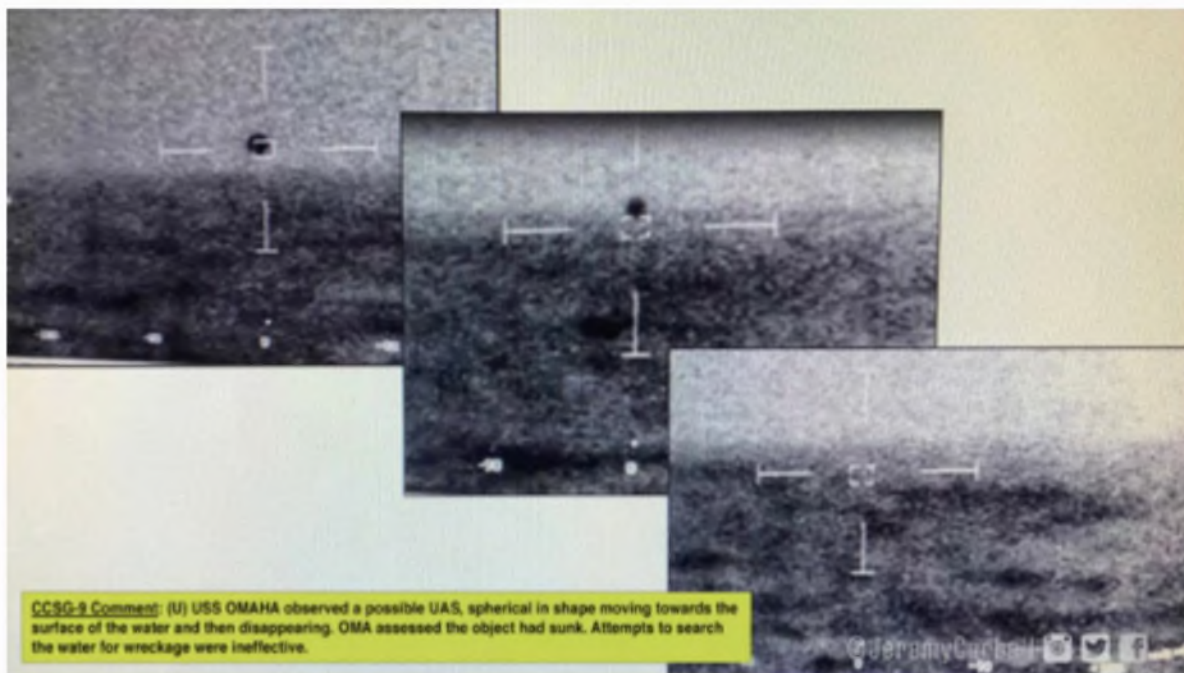
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The below were allegedly leaked SLIDES from a classified briefing presentation.

Can you confirm they are?



July 2019 / USS Russell / Warning area off of San Diego / Strike Group 9 / UAS = Unmanned Aerial System



USS Omaha / UAS = Unmanned Aerial System

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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mailto:(b)(6)
mailto:(b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

I'm not sure I understand your question, John.

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I understand.

Can you confirm your statement is attributable to the leaked briefing slide photographs as well?

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Thank you for this.

Can you please confirm if these are, in fact, still considered "unidentified" as a designation, like the "Gimbal", "GoFast" and "Flir1" videos previously recognized as such?

Thank you...

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

John,

I can confirm that the referenced photos and videos were taken by Navy personnel. The UAPTF has included these incidents in their ongoing examinations.

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.

Regards,
Sue Gough
Department of Defense spokesperson

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Navy "Leaked" Material

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Good morning to you both,

I wanted to touch base, as we close this week, regarding EVEN MORE "leaked" Navy material, touted to be UNCLASSIFIED, on the topic of UAPs.

I understand I pursue a lot of questions with you both, and most time come up with the stance that the DOD/NAVY etc will not comment on potentially ongoing UAP issues.

1. However, I am hoping you both will indulge me to again, so I will ask if there is any comment the DOD/Navy can give about the allegations that U.S. Navy PHOTOS, briefings slides, AND VIDEO that have been leaked and profiled below, are genuine, and are they considered UAPs / Unidentified as an official designation?

New UAP photographs: Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/new-uap-photographs/> < Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/new-uap-photographs/> >

New leaked video and briefing slides: Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/pictures-and-video-show-unidentified-flying-objects-moving-above-u-s-navy-warships/> < Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://www.mysterywire.com/ufo/pictures-and-video-show-unidentified-flying-objects-moving-above-u-s-navy-warships/> >

This is something that I would assume, since the sites about are off-shoots from a CBS affiliate site, that they will get additional attention and press elsewhere, and likely fast. So, I'd like to get out ahead of that with official comment, since none of these write-ups make reference to any DOD stance or comment.

In addition, I want to ask about these "leaks" themselves. According to those who wrote the above, what they show is UNCLASSIFIED, yet, some of it comes from a CLASSIFIED briefing. So, I'd like to ask:

2. What, if anything, is being done about a seemingly problematic scenario where numerous photographs, videos and presentation slides from classified briefings are finding their way to the internet without proper review/release of presumably FOUO information?

I appreciate any help/quotes for the above.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
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Subject: RE: Copyright Permission Request
Signed By: (b)(6)

Because it's now posted on a FOIA Reading Room – a publicly available site – this is now treated the same as any other publicly available DoD Visual Information (VI). Basically, they have to give appropriate photo credit (Naval Air Systems Command) and include a disclaimer. We can't stop them from using it. We can request (not require) to review any caption beyond the photo credit, and to review any text referring to the still photo, to insure it's accuracy (that's standard for book support requests).

I'm going to be answering the requestor here shortly, ccing (b)(6). If you want to see my response, let me know.

Regards,
Sue
Defense Press Operations, OSD(PA)

From: (b)(6) CIV USN ONI WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 4:15 PM
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Hi (b)(6) (b)(5)

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(b)(6)
General Counsel to the
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Subject: Copyright Permission Request

Good Afternoon (b)(6)

We received a FOIA request in which the requester is asking for copyright permissions regarding the gimbal.wmv video.

(b)(5) I have worked with (b)(6) and (b)(6) regarding the three videos you had sent over due to other FOIA requests received.

Do you have a point of contact that we can refer this requester to who could grant permission for Mr. Kingsley to use the still shot of the video he took for a children's yearbook?

We appreciate your time.

v/r,
(b)(6)
FOIA Coordinator
Command Operations Group/NAWCAD
47122 Liljencrantz Road
Patuxent River, MD 20670

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:23 PM
To: NAWCADFOIA (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Video - Gimbal.wmv

Hello,

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Boampong, Dana M CTR OSD PA (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:06 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV USN NAWCAD (USA)
Subject: RE: Video - Gimbal.wmv
Signed By: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Regards,
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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:23 PM

To: NAWCADFOIA (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Video - Gimbal.wmv

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(b)(6) CTR OSD PA (USA)

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:24 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] (b)(6) alleges criminal fraud on USG Military by (b)(6) and others at TTSA.
Signed By: (b)(6)

Just some ongoing interesting infighting amongst the community, about the infamous three videos..

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:20 PM
To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6), Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] (b)(6) alleges criminal fraud on USG Military by (b)(6) and others at TTSA.

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On Mar 25, 2021, at 9:59 AM, (b)(6) <[Caution-mailto:\(b\)\(6\)>](#)> wrote:

Oh I know for a fact there are more videos. In fact you will remember I mentioned this on the same show you were on with (b)(6).

My main contention is this. We are being led to believe that the three videos that were released by the Department of Defense are representations of objects that they cannot classify. This is not true. Not only is it not true it was exacerbated through the lies told to us by (b)(6), and basically everyone from TTSA.

(b)(6): These are serious allegations of criminal fraud. For the record, I am not making these allegations. I have no direct information nor competence in evaluating the authenticity of the videos nor the motives of those named by Turber.

What is perplexing to me is the fact that one of the three videos is so egregious and so outrageously filled with self-debunking information that it was even allowed to remain as one of the three. I mean seriously, how in the world could this have slipped through the cracks with the crackpot team that was put together by (b)(6)?

The other two videos are at least arguable because it's very difficult to prove anything with the clarity and information provided.

The reason why I'm putting so much emphasis on this one video is because it is the only video of the three that I can prove 100% without any argument that I am correct in my measurements of altitude and measurements of speed and measurements of size. In fact I'm obviously not the only one who has done this. But I have gone directly to the sources as best I could to get them to take another look at their own video and to correct any errors that they find. Did they do this? No of course not! They doubled down and reiterated the same information on a television show that they created. How amazingly stupid is this?

Now any one of you can do the same math. In fact I would hope that some of you have already done so and can see that what I'm telling you is absolutely true. So assuming that what I'm telling you is absolutely true then why has it been three and a half years of pushing this particular video as being an unidentified or at the very least unclassified object based on its speed and relative altitude?

(b)(6) is avoiding the question for a reason. I know what the reason is, and essentially he's backed into a corner right now. He's damned if he does and he's certainly damned if he doesn't.

Checkmate (b)(6), you picked the wrong guy to pick on. Have a great day, because your weekend probably won't be so fun.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021, 12:12 PM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

(b)(6), I have no love for (b)(6) as you know. I suspect that he is really a hybrid of a frog with a human. ;-)

You may well be correct about these videos, I am no expert on that and unlike Eric Davis I know my limits. Davis accusing me on Dunning-Kruger is classic psychological projection of his own emotional instability.

However, please look at this video

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The allegation is that there are many more classified videos with much more clarity.

On Mar 25, 2021, at 8:00 AM, (b)(6) <[< Caution-mailto:\(b\)\(6\)>](mailto:(b)(6))> wrote:

(b)(6),

You have avoided the same simple question since this began months ago. YOU keep bringing me up which tells me I have hit a nerve with you. You keep using fallacies and personal attacks to reply which tells us more about you than it does about me.

My question has nothing to do with national security or anything classified. If you can't answer it just say so and do so without the rhetoric and diatribe claiming you won't answer questions from me. It is really a simple question.

The "GoFast" video was analyzed, supposedly, by TTSA experts, which concluded the craft was flying very low and near the surface of the ocean with a estimated speed of 2/3 the speed of sound. The data to determine the altitude and even the speed of the object is actually in the video.

Do you agree with the TTSA figures as they relate to "GOFast"?

And if you are willing to answer the above truthfully and you disagree with TTSA's figure, can you please tell us the actual altitude of "GoFast"?

Can you estimate the average speed of the object?

Can you estimate the size of the object?

What are the possible objects that are currently in existence that could exhibit the flight characteristics of this object?

If you need help with how to calculate the altitude let me know and I will walk you through it. It can be done with basic trigonometry or you can do with with a ruler, your phone and a piece of string.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021, 4:18 AM (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

(b)(6):

(b)(6) did nothing of a sort. You're the chief insecurity officer here and you mislead everyone to death to hide your Dunning-Kruger disorder, jealousy and insecurities. Wanser doesn't know anything and he didn't work for the AAWSAP and AATIP as one of the two chief science advisors to the program managers. That was Hal and I. I respect Wanser's position and professional accomplishments in condensed matter theory at Cal State-Fullerton, and I applaud his strong interest in the UAP topic. But he exposed nothing because the DoD science work that Hal and I did (and I'm still doing) for the AAWSAP/AATIP is above his pay grade and yours. And you misled him in the fundamentals of your low-energy metamaterial warp drive concept.

You're incapable of introspection and self-reflection because of your raging narcissism. You can't counter argue my facts so you resort to your usual bag of absurd, irrelevant diversionary assertions. You're jealous and insecure to the hilt. This prevents you from doing good physics. You were actually far better and more productive when you worked in the Cafe Trieste. I still applaud your deep and unwavering interest in and commitment to the UAP topic and its resolution, as well as your philosophical thinking on this.

The original ONI field investigations of the Nimitz UAP encounters and the other later UAP ("Go-Fast") encounters resoundingly eliminated (via forensic methods, MASINT analysis, and technology application assessments) Mike Turber's utterly impossible military technology explanations for those UAPs. The sword of the scientific method and forensics killed him, but he's still an obnoxious ghost who'll mislead anyone that'll listen to him due to his Dunning-Kruger disorder. But you don't have all the answers until your work survives the sausage grinder of the scientific method.

(b)(6)

(b)(6), Ph.D., FBIS, AFAIAA

E-mail: (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:ewdavis@earthtech.org>

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2021, at 2:19 PM, (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

(b)(6) **exposed (b)(6) really incompetent or was it intentional gaslighting publishing "anonymous" critique of my basic proposal. (b)(6) boy, probably (b)(6) himself, gave bogus arguments.**

On Mar 24, 2021, at 7:45 AM, (b)(6)
<(b)(6) < [Caution-mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#) > > wrote:

Really (b)(6)?

That is interesting. I don't need access to their Investigations. A moron can figure out GoFast is BS with a piece of string. No Trig needed. Would you like me to prove that to you since you have avoided the subject? You claim I don't know math so I won't use it. I can prove you are TTSA are wrong with a piece of string. I think I will make a video in your honor since you seem to think I need access to the Investigations to figure it out.

I don't.

I will not be as disrespectful as you have been to me but now that you are doing it again I guess I need to respond.

What I did do is actually look at the videos which is my main area of contention. I guess you believe each video shows something extraordinary?

Keep in mind (b)(6), I did not have access to the evidence in the Las Vegas shooting either and yet I was able to come up with things the FBI could not. Several in fact. So much so the Attorneys asked for my assistance, my work was featured on Tucker Carlson's show and I found the motive when no one else could amongst many other things.

I guess that was Dunning-Kruger as well?

And I seriously doubt you will answer any of my questions and will claim all kinds of reasons why you will not answer like

you did with (b)(6) and with what (b)(6) published. Here is a reminder..

"From: (b)(6) Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:37 PM
To: (b)(6) Subject: Re: TicTac Video Actually Shows An F18 - my upcoming video with (b)(6)

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-----On Aug 13, 2020, at 4:21 PM, (b)(6) <> wrote:

(b)(6) has no mathematics nor access to the original Navy data. He wasn't a part of the AATIP/AAWSAP or ONI investigations, so he's just putting out false story for whatever reason. (b)(6)-----

-----On Aug 13, 2020, at 5:41 PM, (b)(6) wrote:
So then, (b)(6), if we can dismiss (b)(6) contribution then in your opinion are they earth-based technologies or extraterrestrial?

On Aug 13, 2020, at 5:46 PM, (b)(6) <> wrote:
Those craft are off-world as I've told two Senate committees' staff and DoD agencies. (b)(6)-----

That (my response of a minute ago, posted below) is not my opinion, but is where the physics and the facts lead.

(b)(6)

So you Believe, or know, that the crafts shown in the TTSA / DoD videos, namely Flir1, Gimbal and GoFast are "off world" meaning they are extraterrestrial?

I know you have already stated as such but just to be clear is that what you are claiming?

What do they call it when you have access to the raw data and the Navy Investigations and still get it wrong Eric?

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 2:33 AM (b)(6)

<(b)(6) <[Caution-mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#)>> wrote:

(b)(6), you suffer from Dunning-Kruger effect and your claims are banal, uninformed, and wrong because you never had access to any of the Navy investigations or the raw data.

(b)(6)

(b)(6), Ph.D., FBIS, AFAIAA

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On Mar 24, 2021, at 12:10 AM, (b)(6)
(b)(6) < Caution-
[<mailto:\(b\)\(6\)>](mailto:(b)(6)) wrote:

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(b)(6) and everyone else at, or
formally at, TTSA can't do simple math. After 3.5
years they still believe GoFast actually was going
fast and very close to the surface when it is actually
close to 13,000 feet and not exceeding 40 MPH.

How, or more importantly why, would you expect
them to get even more complex math right?

I don't like being an ass on this subject but after
dealing with with (b)(6) I seriously doubt
(b)(6) will acknowledge they screwed up either.
Clearly they don't use scientific method as even my
limited math skills figured out GoFast was SoSlow.

I will give (b)(6) \$10,000 in cash or donate it to the
charity of his choice and never mention TTSA or
him again if he can prove I am wrong or better yet
prove GoFast is in fact Fast and near the surface.

So to chime in but (b)(6) speaks rarely.

BTW Nice to meet you (b)(6). Sorry if I seem rude,
just tired of the BS.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 12:10 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

> > wrote:

Yes, but your paper is wrong. It does not address the important problem of how to generate the warp drive with small amounts of energy. Also what you say about c getting big and c getting small is really not the point at all.

When c gets big space time is stiffer making warp drive harder.

Your c getting bigger is our S getting smaller in the coupling $(G/c^4)S$

The problem most people who make the decisions cannot tell the difference between what you say and what I say.

At best your PV paper only captures a small part of what Oout sees. Says nothing about D warp and nowhere do you even mention metamaterials in that PV paper showing how they help explain the phenomenon.

On Mar 23, 2021, at 7:42 PM, (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

> > wrote:

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says:

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is citing some of my ideas
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mentions controlling space and time around the craft. He has only begun to do that recently after (b)(6) first BESA report.

FWIW, (b)(6) mention of the control of space & time around the craft originated with the submission of my spacetime-metric engineering paper (attached) that I submitted to DIA as part of the Pentagon's AATIP program that he had responsibility for.

(b)(6)

(b)(6) **Ph.D.**

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

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On Mar 23, 2021, at 3:42 PM, d14947

(b)(6) < [Caution-mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#) > > wrote:

Caution-<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/ufo-theories-pentagon-chief-report> < Caution-<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/ufo-theories-pentagon-chief-report> >

All wrong, doubtless.

From: (b)(6)
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Subject: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 6:26:28 PM

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Remember that the three videos are from three (or at least two) distinct events in space (West vs East coasts) and time (2004 vs 2015). Sure Wikipedia now dumbly mixes all these stories under the same "Pentagon UFO videos" page whereas before it correctly focused on the USS Nimitz incident only, as it was the most documented (largely). Classic.

1/ About the 2004 **FLIR1** video: it is the least questionable and above all, is backed by the extraordinary story by direct witnesses such as F-18 pilots Cmdr. David Fravor & John Slaughter and their wizzo, Douglas Kurth and Chad Underwood (all from USS Nimitz), USS Princeton radar operator Kevin Day, plus others aboard and in the Grumman E-2 Hawkeye that was also airborne during the Tic Tac event.

2/ About the 2015 **GO FAST** video: Mick West Caution-https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mick_West < Caution-https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mick_West > claims GO FAST shows something not surprising at all: Caution-<https://www.metabunk.org/threads/go-fast-footage-from-tom-delonges-to-the-stars-academy-bird-balloon.9569/> < Caution-<https://www.metabunk.org/threads/go-fast-footage-from-tom-delonges-to-the-stars-academy-bird-balloon.9569/> > . Same as Mike Turber's statement: shorter distance, slower mundane speeds than expected.

3/ There are also questions about the **GIMBAL** video, that would show an internal optical artifact related to the motion of the FLIR camera, hint that the object filmed was not actually rotating (contrary to what can be heard in the recorded pilot conversation — but where they talking of the rotation in the plane of the camera, or of the object spinning on its axis? Not the same thing). But let this aside for now.

Pr. Davis, it would be interesting if you could give your valuable advice here on main questions pointed out in the metabunk link about GO FAST case (2), not the Nimitz/FLIR1 case (1) and its legitimacy almost nobody queries. Please put aside Mick West's personal motivations and focus on the maths he provides. What is wrong with the numbers and the analysis?

(b)(6)

Le 14 août 2020 à 00:21 (b)(6) a écrit :

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<susan.L.gough. (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: TicTac Video Actually Shows An F18 - my upcoming video with (b)(6)

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Sid

SID GOLDBERG

Senior Producer

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 3:31 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Sorry, [REDACTED] You're off on a time-wasting diversion from the facts.

The F-18 FLIR videos are NOT hoaxed. I was a DoD-deputized advisor to the Nimitz and Roosevelt investigator under a subcontract to the DoD, and I perfectly know the provenance of those videos plus all of the associated Aegis weapon system and other radar, as well as all of the pilot reports. These are the facts and are true. This squeamish little nonsense about being skeptical and considering alternative

narratives as a valid hypothesis is a sign of cognitive dissonance.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:54 PM

To: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Tic Tac Video Actually Shows An F18 - my upcoming video with (b)(6)

Thank (b)(6) We will explore your position as suggested and see where we end up once we are interacting.

SID GOLDBERG

Senior Producer

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 2:46 PM,

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wrote:

On Aug 13, 2020, at 1:32 PM, Sid Goldberg

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wrote:

(b)(6) .. Thanks for your input.

The debunking discussion is one that I believe has to be considered for the following reason. The radar and eye-witnesses, as Kim points out, including the testimony from the pilots involved, are all convinced that these craft do not respond conventionally and thus are either our craft from some secret access programs or craft not terrestrially based. Whether they are our secret crafts or they are extraterrestrial, is it possible that the videos released and approved by the Pentagon MAY BE hoaxed intentionally? By releasing hoaxes this will serve to dismiss the topic. That means too many difficult questions will not have to be addressed if it is overwhelmingly discredited as a hoax. The "h" word is like a light switch that closes down the discussion of actual events that need to be looked into more seriously. So, for most people there is little doubt about the authenticity of the craft — be it ours from some secret program or extraterrestrial in origin. As Kim pointed out; the radar and eye-witness accounts are compelling. That said, Mike, the videos presented to the public may be in question because, as you point out, the math says otherwise. That is what has to be determined: Are these Pentagon videos actually hoaxes even though the authenticity of everyone's observations and radar reports suggest otherwise? If the videos are elaborate hoaxes, why did the Pentagon release them?

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SID GOLDBERG

Senior Producer

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(b)(6) I want to make my position on this very clear if you bring it up on the video, which I think you

should,

The only evidence I take seriously is the eyewitness testimony of US Navy pilots and Kevin Day.

Even if we had no evidence at all, I still know how to build such craft - essentially in terms of really elementary mainstream battle-tested theoretical physics of James Clerk Maxwell (1865) and Albert Einstein (1916) in the light of recent advances in solid state physics meta-materials.

There is no mystery to any UFO reports in the literature.

The problem is THE HUMAN STUPIDITY BARRIER - that the people tasked to study this generally do not understand physics at the required level.

I am using the same method of investigation I learned directly from my Cornell Senior Physics Honors Tutor (1960) **Hans Bethe** and a few other physicists including John Wheeler, Richard Feynman and others.

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 1:30 PM, (b)(6)
(b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6) is former USAF Intelligence is my understanding and he is better equipped on this empirical issue than I am.

Again, I want to be clear, my mathematical physics explanation of Tic Tac is independent of the video evidence in question below. I only cite first hand testimony from US Navy pilots and from Kevin Day who was in charge of radar on USS Princeton during the incidents.

On Aug 13, 2020, at 1:16 PM, (b)(6)
(b)(6) wrote:

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Yes given enough information you can extrapolate data from a 2D image to gain a 3D understanding of the environment.

Example is the GoFast. As stated before it shows an object that is roughly 6-8 feet in diameter, is flying at 13,000 feet and at a speed between 40-60 MPH.

The information in the video is all you need to calculate this. The object is first tracked at a range of 4.4 nautical miles or 26,735 feet in distance. The ATFLIR is pointing down at -26 degrees. This means the altitude of the object is 12,000 feet below the F18. The F18 is at 25,000 therefore the object is at 13,000 and not near the ocean surface as claimed.

The field of view is .7 degrees and the object's size is determined to be between 6-8 feet.

By measuring the distance the object traveled while the target information is show you can see it is moving at a mere 40-60 mph.

TTSA should know this as they hired an incredible team of experts yet no one caught this glaring mistake?

Feel free to check my math.

Now I am only referring to the data shown in the videos. I realize I am ignoring eyewitness testimony which may have its own set of issues.

My point is this. If the 3 videos we have all been shown actually show nothing extraordinary, what is

TTSA really trying to do?

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020, 3:19 PM

(b)(6)

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wrote:

Probably not. But this is not my expertise. I am not a pilot. I am not a trained observer. I am passing this on to people who have more competence in this field.

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radar reports and direct reports from the pilots are more important.

On Aug 13, 2020, at 12:13 PM

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wrote:

I am no mathematician, so I ask this question in all earnestness: Can an accurate mathematical conclusion be derived from a 2-Dimensional video that represents 3-Dimensional space? I ask because having interviewed one eye-witness to the "Tic-Tac" craft from the deck or elevator area of the Nimitz, the flight dynamics he described witnessing the Tic-Tac were nothing like any airplane's ability in terms of directional changes and speed, let alone the physical, structural appearance. And while three specific sightings are acknowledged publicly by the Pentagon, there were many more sightings like those three popular ones that may or may not be specifically those three.

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 12:22 PM,

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> wrote:

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Sid Goldberg is a two-time, Daytime Emmy Award winning Director and four-time Emmy Award nominee. Since the onset of his Directorial career, Sid is the recipient of numerous awards, including four Gemini nominations in Canada and a 2012 Telly Award in the US. He will present Uri Geller at the 2019 StarworksUSA Symposium.

Goldberg won Daytime Emmys for directing in 2004 and 2007 and is a four-time Emmy Award nominee. In 2004, he won an Emmy for Best Directing for Discovery Travel Channel's "Great Hotels" and also won for Outstanding Directing in 2007 for Discovery Travel Channel's "Passport to Europe with Samantha Brown."

Goldberg has worked in more than 30 countries directing and producing programs in a variety of genres including factual entertainment, unscripted reality, travel, food, lifestyle and children's programs. Sid created the website and was CEO and Producer of One2oneMediaDesign andEarthMysteryNews.com < Caution-https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?
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attracted more than 16-million views in 2016.

Goldberg is also one of the Experiencers appearing in "What If? – Close Encounters of the Unusual Kind," the book written by MUFON's Bob Mitchell in 2015.

Should Sid ask me about this controversy below again I want to re-iterate my position.

My theoretical physics arguments have nothing to do with the two videos released by TTSA. I am no expert in evaluating those videos and will not get in the middle between Turber and Davis on that issue.

The evidence that motivates me is

1) Reports of visual sightings by Fravor and other US Navy pilots

2) Report by Kevin Day on USS Princeton

3) Reports of a portal hovering over Skinwalker Ranch already reported in the Vallee David High Strangeness paper and in the new History Channel series funded by Mormon Brandon Fugal who took over from Mormon Robert Bigelow.

4) My own direct "Tic Tac" encounter in 1953. In hindsight it's clear to me that 1953 is an "iron post of observation" (b)(6) of extreme importance in this issue of pressing military importance.

On Aug 13, 2020, at 8:59 AM, (b)(6)

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wrote:

Which is why I respect your assistance. There are a ton of questions of which many I know you can not answer various reasons. The same goes for me so unfortunately I have to use what is available to me to help my stance.

Let me ask you this. Do you agree that the GoFast video is not near the ocean surface and is actually at 13,000'? The info to calculate that is in the video.

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020, 11:51 AM, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

wrote:

You understand that I personally know the Nimitz investigator, don't you, and that I worked on the AATIP/AAWSAP, etc?

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 10:48 AM, (b)(6)

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wrote:

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There is a lot more to this. Some I can't put in writing but read my last. Perhaps we can talk sometime and I can fill you in on what I have learned since the 2005 briefing.

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020, 11:45 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6) wrote:

That is a false claim, (b)(6)

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 10:43 AM (b)(6)

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(b)(6) wrote:

No the USAF is who came aboard the ships on 2 occasions and removed all the RMCs and data bricks plus all media recorded about the event. The first time was while the ships were still at sea and was the morning after the event. They came again when the CSG docked a couple of days later.

At that point they had to bring in more blank media to be able to record anything.

I have good reason to believe the data made its way to Wright Patterson AFB.

A briefing about the incident was held in February or March. An AV specialist revealed info about that briefing to me at that time. The info was the comms between the pilots and the CSG and some discussion on who was at the briefing.

The entire event was coordinated by the USAF and the NAVY.

The pilots were asked what their "load out" was, or what weapons did they have. This was not because they might need to use them. They were asked because it was important that they could not use them and destroy advanced Air Force technology being tested against the new SPY-1 radar.

If they felt these objects were a legitimate threat the could of scrambled from any nearby base. These things

were seen for days yet no one sent a non training aircraft?

Anyway there is a lot more to this and it involves mixing spoofing abilities and possibly some real aircraft.

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020, 12:31 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) wrote:

So, you think one of the videos shows an F-18 and you think that points directly to the USAF?

The USAF doesn't own F-18s.

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On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 8:45 PM, (b)(6)

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(b)(6) wrote:

No I did not send it directly to (b)(6). I am probably creating enough of a stink that TTSA would prefer I was out of the picture. What is at issue for me is that not one of the videos exhibit any extraordinary flight characteristics.

I agree about the accounts of the men. Ignoring them opens a hornet's nest for sure. I like working with physical tangible evidence but concede that in this case we must assume that they are well trained and know what they saw.

However there is a variable that keeps coming up and that is the pieces of the puzzle that we do see also point to some sort of spoofing.

I would prefer these to be extraterrestrial if not ours. But as I have said all along it appears we have a mix of technology being exhibited and all fingers seem to point to the USAF.

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

On Wed, Aug 12, 2020, 8:56 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6)

> wrote:

Did you send this to (b)(6)

For the record. My analysis has nothing to do with any of the videos that may well be faked or misinterpreted as CIA physicist Ronald Pandolfi has repeatedly warned me. I am going on the visual reports by US Navy pilots and the radar report by Kevin Day who was

on USS Princeton Nimitz Battle Group
Nov 2004 in charge of radar room at
the time of Fravor's visual sighting.

Most important, my equations stand on their own, and point the way to make Tic Tac vehicles using low energy warp drive folding space not moving through space with zero g-force on board even in high speed sharp turns as seen from the outside by observers using EM signals that appear to require high g-forces (hundreds of Earth g or more). This is all plain vanilla Einstein General Relativity nothing exotic only battle tested mainstream physics required.

On Aug 12, 2020, at 12:13 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)

wrote:

So I have had some time to study the 3 videos and so far the results won't make a lot of people happy.

1. GoFast appears to be a 6'-8' weather balloon moving along at less than 80mph and is at about 13,000'. It is NOT doing 500+ knots at near the surface.

Range shows 4.4 nautical miles with a -26 degree angle and the plane with the ATFLIR is at 25,000'. Do the math.

This was a peer review of (b)(6) video

The GoFast video is a truly sad failure on TTSA's part. With all the talent they have no one could figure out that the object nowhere near the surface as they claimed.

2. FLIR1 or the "Tic Tac" video was analyzed by me and I was lucky enough to acquire FLIR video of an F18 banking left from a video by (b)(6)

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Here is my video comparing the two.
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Dave Falch video. Go to the 3:20 mark.
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The logs show another F18 was in the area at the same time. The similarities

are too much to discount.

Plus (b)(6) video

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3. Gimball appears to have two issues. The object appears to be a plane turning at a distance and the Flir pod has a lens that is rotating causing the flare to rotate as well. Mick West appears to be right on this as well.

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So without the testimony of the NAVY pilots and others we are left with the original 3 videos that show absolutely nothing extraordinary.

Thoughts?

Best Regards,

(b)(6)