THE GREAT UFO COVER-UP: WHY AND HOW

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In this article, I am NOT going to try to PROVE that UFOs exist. This is assumed. The evidence over the past half-century and more is unassailable. Personally, on some seven occasions between 1940 and 1992, I have seen aerial phenomena that do not yield to any conventional explanation. But of course, I'm not alone in this. Tens of millions of people have seen them by now. One thing I've learned from this research is just how difficult it is to penetrate all the way down to the basic truth of things. Two years ago I gave a presentation on UFOs to an Intercollege group in Limassol. I showed a film which clearly depicted a UFO taking evasive action to avoid an attack by some sort of beam weapon – the movie was shot from Space Shuttle "Discovery" in orbit in September 1991. It's only now that I really understand what that was all about.

My focus then was simply on establishing the truth of the UFO phenomenon. It was only when I seriously began to study the cover-up that I came to realize how incredibly complex it is. You penetrate one layer of disinformation, only to encounter another, and beneath that, yet another. So, what we're looking at here is not evidence for the existence of UFOs <u>per se</u>, but rather the nature of the cover-up and the reasons behind it. Virtually from the very beginning of the current era in 1947 there has been a vast conspiracy, controlled at a high level, particularly in the United States, to conceal the actuality of the UFO phenomenon.

People normally don't realize how much they have fallen under the control of autocratic governments and private vested interests. Even the most allegedly democratic governments have drifted, unwittingly or *only too wittingly* into totalitarianism. Personal freedoms are constantly being eroded, stolen by authoritarian governments responsive only to the agendas of pressure groups that represent powerful vested interests. Electronic spying and prying into the most private matters have been imposed worldwide. No one, anywhere, is safe from their attention.

Here in Cyprus, we've made a lot of fuss about the antennae being erected on the British Bases, citing their likely effects on the environment and on human health, not to mention infringements on Cypriot sovereignty. What we seem to have lost sight of is that this is an integral part of the American "Echelon" worldwide electronic spying network. The old phoney war on drugs and the new phoney war on terrorism are just excuses for these intrusions. You almost certainly do not realize that modern technology enables some snooper, utilizing this system, to listen in on your living room conversations through your telephone, even if it is still on the hook!

Rule of the people has been stealthily replaced by that of a concealed cabal of a wealthy and powerful few behind the scenes. They are protected by many layers of camouflage, "spin", and plain lies. They seek only to maintain and to extend their power and control over the rest of us. They own the news media and let the public hear only their own pre-digested version of events. Beginning with the well-known cases of Nicola Tesla and Wilhelm Reich, they have suppressed any and all developments that could conceivably threaten their hidden rule. Now I know this makes me a "conspiracy theorist", one of the common pejoratives levelled against mavericks who refuse to toe the line. Well, I wasn't always that way. Only after digging into this UFO business, did I slowly come to realize the extent of the positively criminal activity that has been going on for 50 or more years, first to conceal, and then to benefit privately from technologies that have been successfully reverse-engineered from crashed or downed extraterrestrial vehicles. If that makes me a "conspiracy theorist", so be it.

How can the few control the many in a way that preserves the veneer of a free society? It's easy. They guide public discussion in ways that avoid basic questions, such as who owns what, who are really in control, and how they work. Anything else will do: Waving the Flag, or Monica Lewinsky. At this point, if you have not already done so, I urge you to see the movie "Wag the Dog", with Robert de Niro and Dustin Hoffman. A black comedy but an instructive example of how public opinion is manipulated in the USA. Look at the flag-waving in the States that recently propelled the Republicans to victory in both houses of Congress. Look at the attack on Iraq which, as Jimmy Carter recently testified, certainly represented no threat to the USA or to anyone else except possibly Israel. With new threats to Syria and Iran, millions of young men may soon be drafted to protect the interests of Big Oil and Israel, and the intellectually challenged US electorate has fallen for it. America is nominally a republic and a free society but in reality it is an empire and an oligarchy. Its power structures include Big Oil and other private industrial interests, the military and the intelligence communities, especially the NSA and the CIA, as well as those entities that feed upon them, like the vast army of defence contractors. Their fundamental traits are secrecy, wealth, independence, power and duplicity.

The combined US Government and industry cover-up is very complex. Ex-presidents Reagan and Carter have both seen UFOs personally. Jimmy Carter, himself a nuclear engineer and, unlike Reagan, no dummy, stated that, if elected, he would see to it that the subject would be fully aired. Yet after his election in 1976, he was silent. I now know the reason for this – and it is NOT because the truth is too terrifying to reveal to a timid, frightened people. It is because he was "out of the loop". Although President of the United States and titular Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, he simply couldn't find out what was really going on. Since late in Eisenhower's second term, in the late 1950s, no President has had access to this information. This is a cover-up of perhaps the greatest and most significant series of events of all time, and it must be ended.

It started as a straight government exercise, but underwent a sea-change in the 1950s when it became a combination of then government and industry people at a middle-to-upper management level. This new cabal took over the suppression activity for its own purposes. Before I explain how this could happen, let's go back a bit to find out how it all started.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTION

When an actual extraterrestrial spacecraft was recovered in 1947 (and others later), this allowed ET hardware to be studied and reverse-engineered for possible military applications. The authorities demanded <u>complete</u> secrecy, in view of the tensions of the early nuclear era, the mounting "cold war" with the Russians, and so on. They were afraid that any technological breakthrough related to ET technology might be leaked. If so, and the Russians could produce actual military hardware ahead of the Americans, the US military would be at a catastrophic disadvantage.

In the circumstances, the clampdown of military censorship on security grounds was completely understandable. In the first year or two, before the clampdown was really tight, certain admissions were made. The Air Force's first group to be set up to study the UFO problem, "Project Saucer", later "Sign", produced an "Estimate of the Situation" in which, in 1948, the "situation" was the UFOs; the "estimate" was that they were interplanetary. It went, cleared through channels, all the way up to General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, who killed it. Afraid of causing panic, Vandenberg ordered all copies to be burned, and later said, "How could we convince the public the aliens weren't hostile when we didn't know it ourselves?" At this time, in 1948, President Truman, at his request, began to receive regular, formal UFO briefings.

In January 1953, the CIA-appointed Robertson Panel recommended debunking of UFOs, the calculated and deliberate deception of the public, plus a programme of "monitoring" (i.e., spying

upon and actually infiltrating) the activities of private UFO-interest groups. It also recommended setting up monitoring systems to identify areas of greatest UFO activity, and then secretly to schedule many different types of the Air Force's own activities in the same areas. The Air Force could then debunk the thousands of UFO sightings that inevitably occur in those "hot" areas by explaining them away as the Air Force's own operations. Moreover, it said that "Reports for the last 5 years could be re-evaluated". In other words past UFO sightings (since 1947) could also be debunked, i.e., lied about. In this way, the American public could be reassured – and deliberately deceived.

Then in 1960, under a NASA contract, the Brookings Institution produced a report with the title "Proposed Studies on the Implications of Peaceful Space Activities for Human Affairs". This had a section on "The Implications of a Discovery of Extraterrestrial Life". These were written under the influence of the anthropologist Margaret Mead, who had studied and written extensively on the disintegrating impact of civilization on primitive societies. It said:

"Of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature ... Advanced Understanding of nature might vitiate all theories at the very least, if not also require a culture and perhaps a brain inaccessible to earth scientists."

The Report predicted a strong possibility of the destruction of human values, even the disintegration of society, and revolutionary chaos. It recommended that so-called "decision-makers" keep such a discovery from the public, to avoid "political change" and a possible "devastating" effect on scientists themselves – due to a revelation that their own most cherished theories could be wrong.

The cover-up started much earlier and goes much deeper than that. By 1960, the date of the Brookings Report, widely touted by some as the real reason for secrecy, control of the cover-up had already passed out of politically responsible hands. To understand how this could have happened, we have to examine the security system.

SECURITY

There are <u>three</u> levels of security; "Confidential", "Secret" and "Top Secret". Below that there are the levels of "Official Use Only" and "Restricted", and such labels as "Eyes Only", but these are not, strictly speaking, security classifications as such. In addition, for NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) purposes, there is a "Cosmic" classification. In all cases however, overruling everything, is what is called a "need to know". A person with a "Top Secret" clearance does not have automatic access to any old "Top Secret" information. That person has to have, in addition, a requirement to have that information in order to perform his or her job.

It happens that I personally hold the clearance "Top Secret; indoctrinated Cosmic". This means that, if I were back in my old job, and my official duties were to require it, I could, as I often actually did, examine both national and NATO "Top Secret-Cosmic" documents, but even then, only if I have a need to do so. A man with my clearance could be working in an office adjacent to that of a woman with the same level of clearance, but if working on separate, unconnected projects, would not be permitted even to discuss them with each other, notwithstanding their clearances, if there is not a "need to know". Hence classified projects are highly compartmentalized. The right hand is deliberately prevented from knowing what the left hand is doing.

The same system has been adopted by private industry in the United States particularly in the vast defence equipment area. Industry is also legally protected by a system of classified patents and copyrights. Many firms have been involved in so-called "Star Wars" equipment developments, but many scientists and engineers working close to each other, are not even aware of what the final result of their labours is to be. Only a few people at the very top are able to see the complete picture. Lower down, they're simply working to perfect this component or that which must meet the design specification drawn up for it.

But then something really serious happened which made it possible for advanced weapons development to escape political control entirely: the introduction by an anonymous clique of mostly Americans but some others as well, originally in government but in collusion with private industry, of a category of projects called "USAPS". This stands for "Unacknowledged Special Access Projects". The key to understanding the effect of these is the word, "unacknowledged".

What this means is that the President of the United States, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, can call in one of his generals who is involved in one of these USAPS, and give him a direct order, saying, "General, I've heard that there is a special project going on in such-and-such an industry and that you may know something about it. As your commanding officer, I order you to tell me, is this true, and what is the project all about?" The General will deny all knowledge of it. He'll simply lie. The reason is that the project is unacknowledged and that the President has no need to know. He's just another guy and he's out of the loop.

This is the key to the enormous power of this group of upper middle level managers in government and in private industry, who have effectively wrested control of events from the hands of those who have been elected to represent the people. "After all", they quite logically reason, "politicians come and go. They're there for only 4 or 5 years. They've demonstrated time and time again that they

can't keep their mouths shut. They leak all over the place, and can't be trusted." This is unfortunately only too true, but the result is a total disaster for democratic, representative government.

President Eisenhower became aware of what had happened sometime in his second term, in the late 1950s. He was greatly alarmed that he, a 5-star general who had directed the Allied Forces in the invasion of Europe, and later was Supreme Commander at SHAPE, had totally lost control of events. He went about as far as he dared when he tried to warn the country of these developments in his Farewell Address on 17 January 1961. Instead of the usual platitudes, he said: "We annually spend more on military security than the net income of all United States corporations. This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence – economic, political, even spiritual – is felt in every city, every statehouse, every office of the federal government ... In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist." Eisenhower realized that he was locking the barn door after the horse had been stolen. By the time he left office, it was "game over" for political control, and he knew it.

For the past 50 years, USAPS have been set up for the purpose, among other things, of reverse engineering crashed extra-terrestrial vehicles. New sources of power have been developed, based on the utilization of so-called "Zero Point" energy, derived from what is known as the "quantum foam" of the vacuum of space. To give you some idea of the kind of power I'm talking about, quantum physicist John Wheeler estimates that "empty space" contains the energy equivalent of 10 to the 94th power grams per cubic centimetre – virtually infinite power for all practical purposes.

This raises very serious problems: the technology that could be made available to the world right now would totally revolutionize the world balance-of-power structure. Imagine if every little hut in Africa, Latin America, India and China had its own, non-polluting, never-failing source of all the energy it would ever need, without a fossil fuel requirement. The only cost would be the initial one of installing a self-contained unit no bigger than a domestic washing machine, maybe even as small as a shoe box! Vehicles with no need for petrol or diesel oil! What would that do to Big Oil interests? What would that do to the geopolitical balance of power, the domination of the western countries over the rest of the world. Normal, well-meaning people have no idea what they're up against if they buck this system. It's all about money and power!

However, the present world environment is becoming increasingly unsustainable. The burning of fossil fuels is a major contributor to this. If these technologies are not introduced in the very, VERY near future, there'll be chaos. Yet these very clever people, whose vision extends all the way to the end of next week, continue to suppress them, preferring to continue, as long as possible to sell us petroleum products and high-priced electricity, until the last available barrel of oil has been mined and sold.

THE NEWS MEDIA

The cover-up could not be sustained if the news media were doing their proper job. Newspapers like to portray themselves as entirely independent voices that represent the interests of the people in a sort of adversarial relationship to governmental authority. If this ever had any validity, it has certainly long since lost it as far as the major news outlets are concerned.

Created in 1947, by the early 1950s, the CIA had developed cosy personal relationships with most major news media executives in the States. Some of the most significant of these were with the NY Times, The Washington Post, Time-Life, CBS News, the Associated Press, United Press International and Reuters, plus a couple of dozen others. By the early 1970s, the CIA admitted to having working relationships with over 400 strategically-placed American journalists. Not surprisingly, the major media support government propaganda about UFOs. The result is effective news management.

Since the late 40s/early 50s, the government has worked to remove the UFO problem from the public domain. In general, what the public is fed, with the collusion of the media, if they report it at all, is a lot of lame excuses: "Weather Balloons", "Swamp Gas", "Ball lightning", "Temperature Inversions", or that old reliable, the planet Venus. The media help the government to ridicule the subject, to deny that it exists, and to sneer at serious researchers as "true believers" and "UFO buffs". Scorn, derision and sarcasm are the methods typically used by individual journalists to trash the whole subject, whenever they write about it. These organizations actually collude with US Government agencies, primarily but not limited to the CIA, to present a certain picture of the UFO phenomenon to the public.

In 1975, when a number of nuclear missile silos right across the northern tier of US states were actually shut down by hovering UFOs, the story was put out that the sightings of these vehicles by thousands of people were only mistakes. It was claimed that they were "actually" helicopters, although it was admitted that no known helicopters had been in the air at the time. These so-called

helicopters then allegedly flew north into Canada! The truth came out only four years later, when it could be dismissed as "old news".

Another method is to pretend to investigate. The most notorious but not the only one of these efforts is the infamous Condon Report in the late 1960s, a supposedly scientific investigation into the UFO phenomenon that was actually a US Air Force/CIA set-up, intended to whitewash and to trash the whole subject. Dr. Condon was a prominent scientist at the University of Colorado. Before his investigation even started, he stated his opinion that the whole subject was nonsense but "I'm not supposed to say that for another year or so". Then there is the recruitment of media spokespersons. One of the most notorious of these was the inducing of the so-called "most trusted man in America", Walter Cronkite, a known friend of the CIA, to front for a CIA-inspired propaganda film, "UFOs: Friend, Foe or Fantasy" for the documentary series "CBS Reports". It pushed the official point of view that all UFOs had prosaic explanations. The film contained many plain lies, passed along by CBS to the public as "facts". For example, CBS reported that the Air Force had never tracked UFOs on radar, when the record shows that they have done so thousands of times. It also falsely claimed that UFOs had not been photographed on tracking cameras and suggested that so-called "responsible scientists" did not "believe in" UFOs. CBS also focussed on the quasi-religious "contactee" movement, the "Kook factor". The implication throughout was that those who report UFOs, when not honestly mistaken, are liars, hoaxers, mentally unbalanced, or emotionally disturbed.

CBS did not interview any of the many, high-credibility UFO witnesses such as any number of scientists and engineers, including the astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, and the hundreds of airline pilots who have encountered them and who have vigorously protested the standing order, not to discuss their sightings, even among themselves. It did not show any of the motion-picture films or still photographs that have withstood scientific analysis. It did not talk with any of the military personnel who in their hundreds, had seen UFOs, both in the air and from the ground, or who had tracked them on both airborne and ground-based radar. It didn't interview the astronaut Gordon Cooper, who had seen them in the air while flying in Germany, and was present in person when one landed and was photographed at an air base in the United States. It did not mention the broad array of physical evidence associated with UFO reports, like electromagnetic effects and ground traces. It did not talk to the many scientists who are interested in UFOs, who have never worked for the government, and who are therefore not bound by the lifetime secrecy agreements that must be signed by all government employees, even short-term contractors and consultants. CBS followed the media guidelines suggested by the Robertson Panel. Indeed, in a letter not intended for publication, Robertson Panel member Thornton Page stated that he "helped"

organize the CBS Show around the Robertson Panel conclusions." This is one of those rare instances in which the CIA's covert role in shaping an elite news organization's news content was actually exposed.

DR. EDGAR MITCHELL'S TESTIMONY

No doubt you all know or have heard of Dr. Edgar Mitchell: doctor of science, astronaut, the sixth man to walk on the Moon, founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences. Highly regarded by all, this is a trusted man who has access to high levels of government and the services. People talk to him. This is what he had to say in a recent interview: "Yes, there have been ET visitations. There have been crashed craft. There have been material and bodies recovered. And there is some group of people that may or may not be associated with Government at this point, but certainly were at some time, that have this knowledge. They have been attempting to conceal this knowledge or not permit it to be widely disseminated. I don't know who these people are but there is a lot of evidence that points to a clandestine group – people who have some quasi affiliation with Government and certain Government facilities but operate in a very stealthy and secret way that is not under high level government control. Yes there has been ET visitation and may continue to be. There have been craft that have been recovered. There has been a certain amount of reverse engineering that has allowed some of these craft, or some components, to be duplicated. I don't know the motivation, of this (clandestine activity) but if it is normal human motivation it has to do with power, control, greed and money. I think it is long past time to open this up to the public. There is a mountain of evidence that essentially amounts to smoking gun evidence that has not been brought forward at this point, at least not by the Government. How could it be kept secret? It hasn't been kept secret. It's been there all along. But it has been the subject of disinformation, in order to deflect attention and to create confusion so that the truth doesn't come out. Disinformation is simply another method of stonewalling. And that's been used consistently for the last 50 years or so: weather balloons over Roswell as opposed to a crashed craft of some sort. That is disinformation and it's the best way to hide something. There's a lot that goes on with these high security classifications – they're under military rules. There are some stories (about how secrecy has been enforced) that are rather ghastly, as a matter of fact. I can't validate those. But, like many other stories, they put fear in the hearts of people, and that's, perhaps, why many people don't want to come forward."

I should add that all military personnel in the States, as well as civilian Government employees, are subject to lifelong security rules, any breach of which would result in a \$10,000 fine, up to 10 years in prison and loss of all pension benefits, not to mention the threat of what is delicately referred to as "erasure", not only of the culprit, but also of his entire family. These threats have been made and are occasionally carried out.

The Role of the CIA

I think the trouble with Americans is that they think they're Luke Skywalker, when they're really Darth Vader! Victims of their own propaganda, they honestly think they're the "good guys" in every situation! What we have to understand is that the people really in charge over there, not necessarily the Government as such, are really ruthless. As Edgar Mitchell says, there are some stories that are "rather ghastly". The CIA has a long track record of virtually independent criminal activity. This includes financing its "black" operations with profits derived from massive smuggling of narcotics into the States. The CIA has even openly testified in Congress to having carried out assassinations. Although the CIA admits to such activities, specific cases are hard to pinpoint. They were behind the deaths of Patrice Lumumba in Zaire and Salvador Allende in Chile. One ludicrous plot that failed was an attempt to kill Fidel Castro with poisoned cigars! But it is rarely possible to catch them actually "pulling the trigger" themselves, and not doing it by proxy.

Still, there's one case involving a prominent movie personality that's very topical at the moment, because CyBC recently showed a festival of her films. Would you believe that Marilyn Monroe was "erased" to shut her up? We can't be sure who did it, but consider this: You may remember the late actor – singer Burl Ives. He was a good friend of Marilyn before her death. He stated quite clearly that he, and all of her close friends, knew that she had been murdered, but could never figure out why. The story was put out that she had overdosed on drugs and this, mixed with alcohol, was what had killed her. Few people on the inside accepted this at the time.

There is a Top Secret record of a summary of two CIA telephone taps, one on famous journalist Dorothy Kilgallen, and the other on Marilyn Monroe speaking to Robert Kennedy, brother of the President. It is signed by James Angleton, who was one of the chief spooks of the CIA for over 35 years. His signature, and the document as a whole, have been authenticated by top experts. It is dated 3 August 1962, very, very shortly (some two days) before her death. Here it is:

"Central Intelligence Agency – Top Secret – Not for Publication

Wiretap of telephone conversation between reporter Dorothy Kilgallen and close friend Howard Rothberg (A); and from wiretap of telephone conversation of Marilyn Monroe and Attorney General Robert Kennedy (B). Appraisal of contents:

Rothberg discussed the apparent comeback of subject with Kilgallen and the break up with
the Kennedys. Rothberg told Kilgallen that she was attending Hollywood parties hosted by
the "inner circle" among Hollywood's elite and was becoming the talk of the town again.
Rothberg indicated in so many words that she had secrets to tell, no doubt arising from her

trists (sic) with the President and the Attorney General. One such "secret" mentions the visit by the President at a secret air base for the purpose of inspecting things from outer space. Kilgallen replied that she knew what might be source of visit. In the mid-fifties Kilgallen learned of secret effort by US and UK governments to identify the origins of crashed spacecraft and dead bodies, from a British government official. Kilgallen believed the story may have come from the New Mexico (corrupt word) in the late forties. Kilgallen said that if the story is true, it would cause terrible embarrassment to Jack and his plans to have NASA put men on the moon.

- 2. Subject repeatedly called the Attorney General and complained about the way she was being ignored by the President and his brother.
- 3. Subject threatened to hold a press conference and would tell all.
- 4. Subject made references to "bases" in Cuba and knew of the President's plan to kill Castro.
- 5. Subject made reference to her "diary of secrets" and what the newspapers would do with such disclosures."

It's well known, of course, that Marilyn was sexually linked to many men, including Mafia mobster Sam Giancana, as well as US President John F. Kennedy, and his brother Bobby, then Attorney General of the USA. The real significance of this Top Secret document for our purposes is the clear reference to a secret air base, a crashed space vehicle and dead bodies, and what seem to be the New Mexico events of the late forties, which points to the long-concealed but now well-known crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. To the best of my knowledge, Marilyn's "diary of secrets" has never been found, or if it was, it will never be published!

Now it's time to ask where all this is leading, and why we should care. We'd all like to know what's really going on, but what possible difference will it make if we don't? As mentioned earlier, reverse-engineering has yielded technologies that could save the world from environmental collapse, even turn it into a virtual Paradise fit for all its inhabitants to live in. We are being deliberately denied that, which fact alone is a total tragedy. It's also becoming increasingly clear that, if we do not begin to improve conditions on this planet, by utilizing these technologies, in the very, VERY near future, the consequences of our failure to do so will be totally catastrophic, for ourselves, and for our children's children. Only the short-sighted greed of those faceless controllers of events from behind the scenes, is what stands in the way. They realize that, once these technologies are incorporated into maintenance-free energy machines that never require fossil or other fuel inputs other than free zero-point energy, and that their use cannot be metred, their power base and their means of control over us will be swept away and forgotten. In putting off what they

regard as the evil day of our liberation from their control, they are threatening, in effect, to kill us all; they're too blind to perceive that if we go, they go too! Or perhaps they just don't care.

But that's not all! As if that were not enough of an incentive for us to <u>demand</u> disclosure of these technologies that already exist and could save us, there is another and even more grave development. We all know that "military intelligence" is a conflict in terms. The vision is affected. If you look at the world through rose-coloured glasses, everything, however unfamiliar, looks pink. If you look at the world through military glasses, anything unfamiliar looks hostile. The Air Force didn't know what these ET vehicles were and still doesn't know where they're coming from. From the military point of view, they're invading our airspace and we're helpless to prevent it. The instinctive military reaction is not to attempt to communicate, but to shoot.

Many ET vehicles have been attacked, although no ET is ever known to have displayed hostile intent. Enough have been shot down and recovered to enable reverse engineering to be carried out at secret bases, within USAPS. This totally unprovoked aggression on the part of terrestrial humans is both morally wrong and extremely dangerous. The ETs have been very patient with our stupid immaturity, but it must be perfectly clear, even to the most dim-witted soldier that any civilization capable of interstellar, or possibly even intergalactic travel, is a long way ahead of us in technological development and could, if it wished, destroy us all in an instant. That they have not done so testifies to their maturity, superior morality, and sympathetic indulgence of the eccentric vagaries of an inferior life form like us, devoted as we are to tribal warfare. But it would be most unwise to continue to push our luck in this way. Those military cowboys, who are totally out of control, are likely to involve us in an interplanetary war that we shall most certainly lose, and that could wipe us right out. It's a war they won't be able, in good old Yankee fashion, to win in Hollywood. Most alarming is that the real reason for American development of its "Star Wars" weaponry is not their enemies here on earth, but those believed to come from space. The beam weapon apparently fired at a UFO in the September 1991 shuttle film was ours. A few more such incidents and we could be in real trouble!

What, if anything, can we do about this desperately dangerous situation? Personally, I intend to do what I can by communicating about my personal experiences. There are hundreds of reputable witnesses poised, ready to come forward, but are afraid to do so for various reasons. The US and other authorities are continually being petitioned to allow these people to testify publicly without being penalized for doing so. The object is to force it all out into the open – to break the wall of silence that has separated this knowledge from the people. Slowly this is happening in various countries such as UK, Mexico, Brazil, France. It's about time. [end]