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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

What really happened in Las Vegas this past May?

by
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On May 1, 2023, a family in Las Vegas called in a report to the police over nine-to-ten-foot beings in their backyard. The video posted on all the television networks in Las Vegas. This full-length original unedited news report video became a YouTube phenomenon with over 6.5 million hits.

The event occurred immediately after a meteor was spotted flying low in the sky. The meteor event is a separate event. It has nothing to do with this backyard sighting. The meteor flew over Vegas but crashed 100's of miles away. Let me say this once again: The meteor event is a convenient distraction to shift attention away from the real story. The real story is there



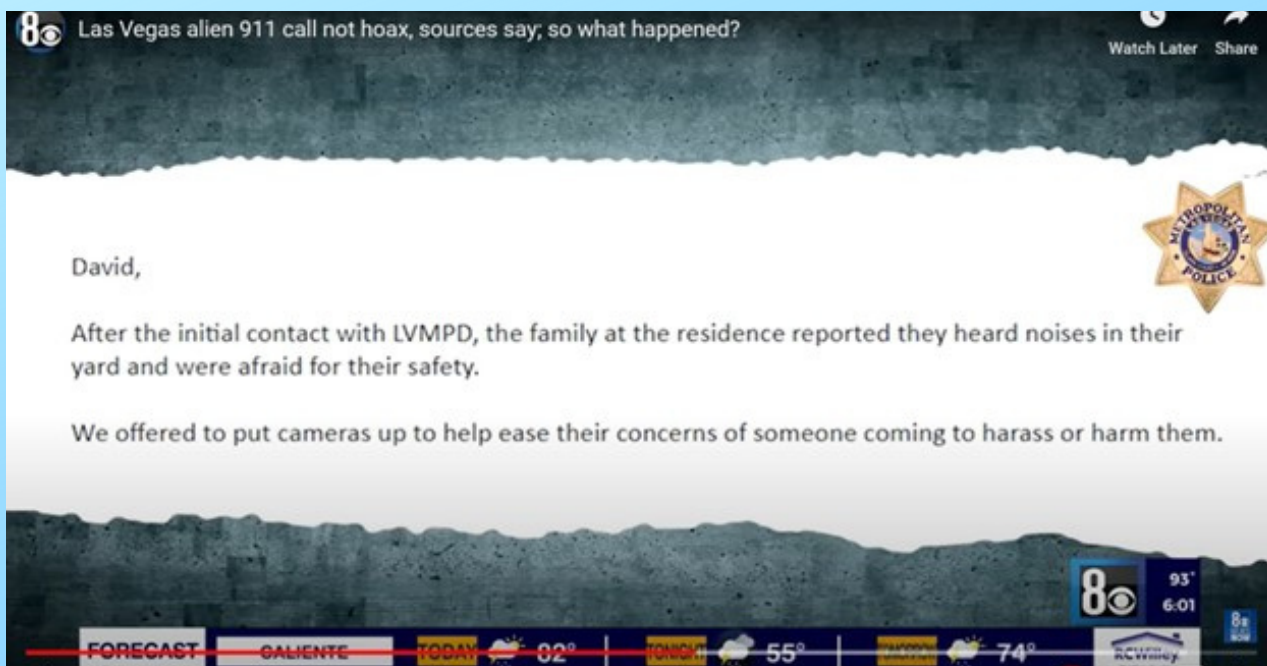
was a sighting report of 9-10 feet tall beings walking in a Las Vegas family's yard. The police had evidence that led credence to the witness testimony, but it has disappeared from public view.

The family spokesman, Angel, states on the police video, "It was like a big creature, maybe ten feet tall". The witness in the 911 call states, "There is like an eight-foot person beside it. And another one beside it, and it has big eyes, and it is looking at us, and it is still there." In the original uncut news version, the police officer asks the witness where he saw the beings. He points across his backyard and says they are over there. The police officer points his flashlight and cam across the backyard. Nothing could be seen in the distance with our naked eye. It was very dark. The video cuts to another scene.

One month later, I went online to view the viral video again. The shot across the witness's backyard came up in the report like before but it was blacked out. A narration was added to the video, which stated, "This was private property, and they do not have permission to show the backyard." One month later, I went back again to view the video. The entire scene in the witness's backyard Police CAM was edited out from the viral video online. I checked all the news reports that had this video posted on them, and the police cam shots were no longer posted on these news reports, too.

The family further reported to 8News Now Las Vegas that they saw suspicious vehicles with Men in Black activity. This turns out to be true. A retired police officer interviewed on News Nation confessed that he spent days observing the family and location to see if anything would occur. Reports surfaced that Metro installed a surveillance camera on the witness' home or in their yard. Presumably to surveil the home and property for continued intrusions. This turned out to be true, too.

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Luckily, I had made a still shot of the backyard from the police cam shot in the original video prior to the shot being canceled online. I am a Photo Analysis Team member and have some skills in photo forensics. This is the still image that I pulled for evaluation. The one that is no longer available for the public to see.

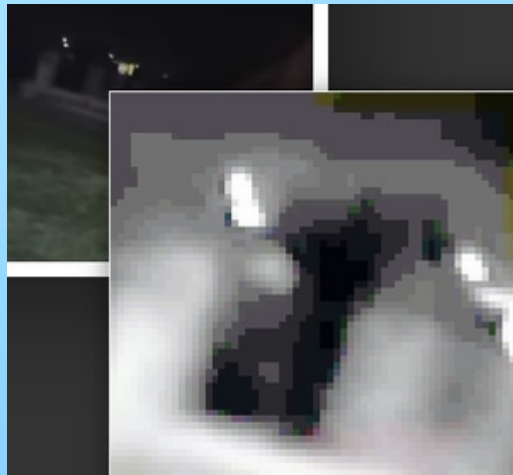


A few ground rules. Photo forensics is a science that when utilizing the right tools, a skilled operator can bring out what is barely visible in a photograph. This is done without using any photoshop techniques. I do not change, add or subtract any attributes for any given image that I evaluate. The skilled operator, through experience becomes a skilled observer and interpreter of the data. I have learned through teaching other people my skills that not everyone has the aptitude to be an interpreter. The evidence is an indication of what is present without the detail. Detail is missing in most UFO photo images we evaluate because of the following reasons:

- Low light conditions
- Fast moving objects.
- Distant objects.
- Cell phone cameras with preprogrammed features like taking multiple shots in low light to come up with the best look or automatically extending the shutter speed which changes the composition.
- Cell phones with flawed processors.
- Photographers zoom in where we do not have foreground objects to track movement.
- Photographers zoom in. This creates noise and artifacts that make it hard to identify an object.
- The object becomes a blurry light with no definition.
- It is important to realize that digital images are not a copy of the original object. They are a recreation of the original object in 8x8 or 64 pixel blocks.

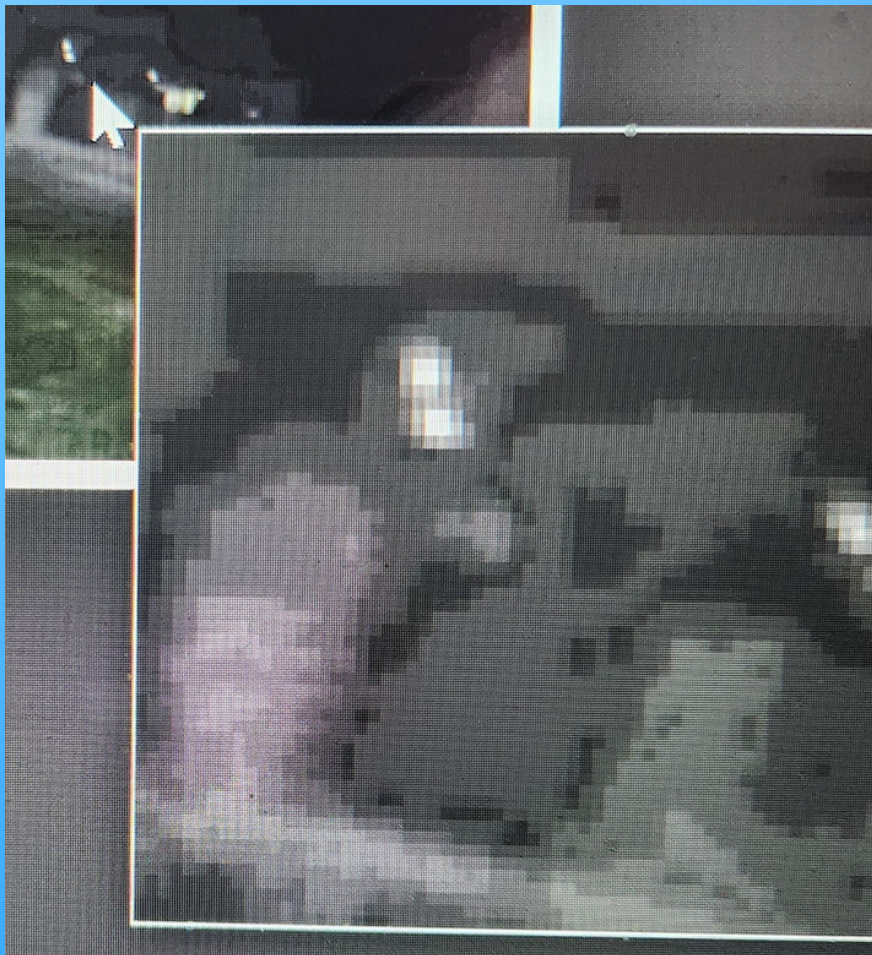
In addition, every image needs to be analyzed for it being authentic as opposed to edited, manipulated, or constructed with editing tools.

This Photo one 8x magnification reveals a dark humanoid figure in the background standing between the posts in the backyard.



This next forensic image of the backyard police cam shot suggests two tall beings are in the shot. One is behind the pillar and the second is in between the entry pillars. The grey outlines indicate two figures are in the entry as the witness stated. The shadow indicating a figure on the right has a very large head with a large triangular shaped eye facing the camera. The witness stated the entities had large heads with large eyes. The pillar with the light atop it looks to be about 5 feet tall. This would make the two entities 8.5 to 9 feet tall making size calculations. This also fits the witness testimony.

Move back and forth between the pointer and the magnifier to get a perspective as to where and what you are seeing.



I contacted the higher-ups in MUFON International. There was an opportunity to gain great public recognition if we could set the record straight by providing the public with a truthful scientific investigation of this incident. The higher-ups were agreeable to breaking ranks. That is do an investigation with great public interest without a witness sighting report keyed into the CMS. The terms of taking this project on was to obtain the original video report from George Knapp. MUFON utilized their contacts to do so but were not successful in their attempts to reach out to George Knapp. The official MUFON investigation never took place.

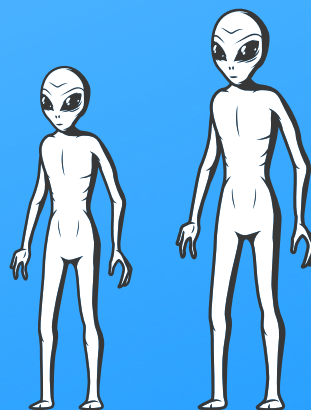
I showed the video to a few of the PAT members. One esteemed member stated that this evaluation of seeing figures standing in the entry is an example of Pareidolia. According to Sources in Google search, Pareidolia is the interpretation of previously unseen and unrelated objects as familiar due to previous learning. Pareidolia (pronounced "par-i-DOH-lee-a") is a brain phenomenon in which a person sees or hears something significant in a random image or pattern. Pareidolia is what causes peoples to see faces in inanimate objects, such as an image of the Virgin Mary in grilled cheese or the man in the moon or objects in clouds. Apophenia is the tendency to perceive meaningful connections between unrelated things or random things (such as objects or ideas). Who is most likely to experience pareidolia? It is often hypothesized that people who are more religious or believe in the supernatural are more prone to pareidolia. Studies show that neurotic people and people in negative moods are more likely to experience pareidolia.

I solicited the opinion of our MUFON Photo Analysis Team lead Marc Dantonio. Marc states "I believe that if you listen to the call that came in it sounded like they were pranking the police and then it ended up being that they got in over their head. I do think that it is pareidolia and I do think that you were right about including that possibility in your write up but the conclusions to me are that this was a hoax and I'm not the only one saying there's a lot of other people who have analyzed the case and are also calling it a hoax. My actual conclusion is that it's a hoax coupled with a real event. And that is the meteor that was seen on the police officer's body camera."

Let's evaluate the clues to be able to reach some conclusion that would make sense. The backyard, which is the location of the witness sighting for the ten-foot beings is no longer viewable online. Every video, including the one with 6.5 million hits no longer shows the yard shot. I can only conclude that the shot was censored. Who has the power to control content in the media, or Google and YouTube? Why would this one shot of the backyard be stricken from the record as if it never existed?

Marc & my esteemed colleagues may theorize that interpreting the shadowy shaded figures as Humanoids is Pareidolia but I can't get over the complete disappearance from public view of the backyard shot that had the shadowy figures in it. If I were creating Pareidolia, my choice would be to see art or a beautiful image of some type, not a blurry humanoid figure. My forensic shots of the yard clearly show shaded figures that may indicate two eight-and-a-half to nine-foot figures are present. The witness pointed to this spot in the yard, stating the entities were there. The police cam was pointed in the direction the witness said the beings were standing. 8News Now of Las Vegas confirms that Metro mounted surveillance cameras on the witness property. The police also confirmed that they consider the family's 911 call not to be a hoax. News Nation reports that the witness did, in fact, have MIB-like vehicles and surveillance activities for three days. News Nation interviewed a former police officer who confessed in the news report. These factoids only lead me to believe the authorities do believe an extraordinary event occurred.

Putting all these facts together, what would you conclude? In this world it doesn't matter what the truth is. People decide on what they want to believe based on what they are being taught. Our programming is to follow and behave. This is the safe approach to life. If it does not fit into our conditioned reality envelope, then we throw it away. This family in Las Vegas knows what they saw on May 1, 2023, regardless of what people may say and think.





COLORADO MUFON STATE MEETING

Programs are Held Regularly on the 2nd Saturday of Every Month.
Next meeting: Saturday, February 10, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Join us for our next event at the City of Centennial facility located at:
[7272 S Eagle St, Centennial, CO 80112](#)

Special guest speaker February 10th at 1:00 PM

DR. MATTHEW SZYDAGIS

Why Non-Human Intelligence Is A Reasonable Hypothesis: A Scientific Perspective

Upcoming Speakers-2024

- March – Dave Marler – *The latest updates for National UFO Historical Records Center and new case file acquisitions*
April - Dr. Don Donderi – *A Scientific Look at the ET/Human Abduction Evidence*
May – Chris Rutkowski – *Official Canadian UFO documents*
June- Michael Schrott – *UFO Crash Retrievals*
August- Stephen Bassett (UAP political activist speaker - <https://paradigmresearchgroup.org/>) – *Updates on the Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Disclosure Act of 2023*

COMUFON PERSON OF INTEREST

DR. MATTHEW SZYDAGIS

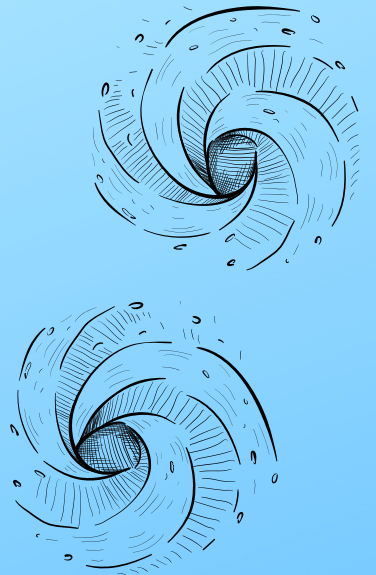
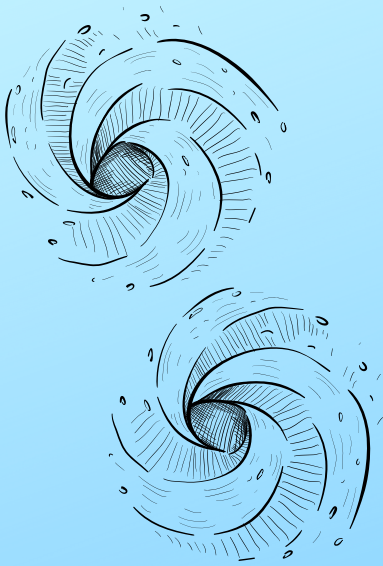


Why Non-Human Intelligence Is A Reasonable Hypothesis: A Scientific Perspective

Despite numerous stories from trustworthy sources, plus admissions and hearings, UFOs are still met with derision, especially in the scientific community. Why is this the case? Let's break down the common criticisms of UFOlogy, focusing on aliens, a major hypothesis requiring significant attention. Is interstellar travel way too hard due to the great distances and times involved? This question is always an elephant in the room. This talk will consider how the motions involved in at least some sightings are consistent with interstellar craft, of high quality. The slowness of light speed and other debunker myths will themselves be debunked.

Professor Matthew Szydagis received his B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, then continued his work in physics as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California Davis. Since 2014, he has been a professor at the University at Albany Department of Physics, pursuing experimental particle astrophysics, in particular the direct laboratory detection of dark matter. He became a physicist after being inspired by the time travel and faster-than-light warp drives in Star Trek. He realized that the UAP phenomenon may be tied to real-life extraterrestrial incursion after the AATIP reveal and the numerous trusted media outlets following up on it and the Nimitz incident, along with similar incidents.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



Dr Simeon Hein offered his perspectives on dark matter and dark energy before engaging in a workshop on remote viewing. Participants were given a series of steps they could follow in order to “visualize” pre-selected targets. After they had drawn or described what they saw in their minds, the targets were revealed and participants could determine how close they came to the actual image.



Seth Feinstein, COSD, presented a collection of interesting cases from COMUFON files complete with videos and photographs to give the audience an overview of the many different types of sightings happening in Colorado.

BOOK REVIEW

WE'VE NEVER BEEN ALONE

by

Paul Von Ward

Reviewed by Anniversary Feinstein

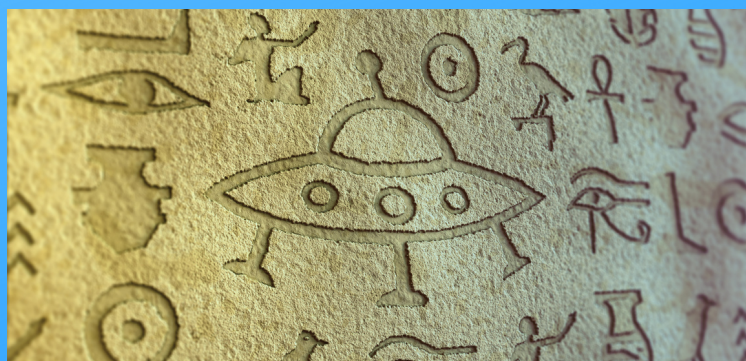
Paul Von Ward held graduate degrees in government and psychology from Harvard and Florida State University. He was an ordained Baptist minister and a trained psychologist. He served 30 consecutive years as a U.S. naval officer, U.S. diplomat, and international educator. He was the founder of the nonprofit Delphi International. He was a member of MUFON, Mensa, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, the Association for Humanistic Psychology, and was active in other professional and cultural groups. He contributed to periodicals, including the Association of Humanistic Psychology Perspective, Cosmic Light, Monthly Aspectarian, and Washington International.

Von Ward was known internationally for his studies on reincarnation and the concept of natural spirituality based on an evolving, self-learning universe. He was the author of a number of books including "The Soul Genome", "Dismantling the Pyramid: Government...By the People...", "Our Solarian Legacy: Multidimensional Humans in a Self-Learning Universe", "Solarian Legacy: Metascience and a New Renaissance", "Children of a Living Universe," and "Gods, Genes, and Consciousness: Nonhuman Intervention in Human History." During his life, he was a writer, speaker, lecturer and researcher. He once said, "I write first to engage myself in a process of self-learning and, secondly, to share with others my sense of the need for a cultural reexamination of our basic assumptions about the nature of reality and our place in the universe. My goal is to help develop a more accurate sense of human history and our legacy as conscious beings in a multidimensional universe." I believe that he accomplished his goal. He passed from this earth on December 30, 2017.

Von Ward covers a large volume of information in a concise manner. This book helps to piece together, from a variety of sources, probable human history. Who doesn't want to know where we came from and how we evolved into who we are today as humans? This book effectively shows that the humans of today would not exist without the assistance and interventions of Advanced Nonhuman Beings. We were never taught this. It also paints a picture of how humans have reacted to and made use of historical events for their own purposes. The author believed that understanding the past and the dysfunctional behavior left over from worshipping Advanced Nonhuman Beings and our dependency on them will help us to move forward taking full responsibility for our futures. It appears that, for the most part, we are collectively still stuck in a mode of following and believing what we have been conditioned to know.

This book is supported by evidence provided by the author's review of sacred texts, biblical texts, myths and legends, contemporary reports, and historical archeological and scientific evidence. It proposes the real reason behind the censorship of Nonhuman Intelligences. Not knowing the truth of our past has directly affected all of us. If you are not afraid to consider a truth that is outside of what you have been taught, this book is for you. This book will really make you think because the information presented makes sense. The author also provides suggested reading. I had a strong reaction to what was presented in this book. It is over 390 pages and is well worth the read. You will find yourself reading and rereading it. On a scale of 1-5, I rate this book at 4.75.

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REPORTED IN THE ANOMALIST

by
Bill Murphy



Note: "The Anomalist is a daily review of world news on maverick science, unexplained mysteries, unorthodox theories, strange talents, and unexpected discoveries" online – the pro and the con. This "News Roundup" summarizes some Anomalist UFO-related articles from December 20 th to January 20 th . It reflects my opinions and not necessarily those of others at The Anomalist or other organizations to which I belong. For specific questions or informational requests contact me at murphybillufo@gmail.com.

The "UFOs and Government" story featured three major developments. The first was a general sorting out of the ashes to the gutted (and now signed into law) FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act UFO-related provisions. Even the New York Times published straightforward articles on what happened to the strong UFO language. **A House SCIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility) Briefing from the Intelligence Community Inspector General** got somewhat better reviews than the previous SCIF briefing by the Department of Defense Inspector General's office. Attendees naturally were tight-lipped about its contents. But in this January IC session legislators got some actionable information, and at least some of David Grusch's allegations seemingly were acknowledged as correct. **Another bipartisan House bill was introduced.** The **"Safe Airspace for Americans Act"** provisions strengthen both FAA and NASA, and potentially even AARO authority in this arena.

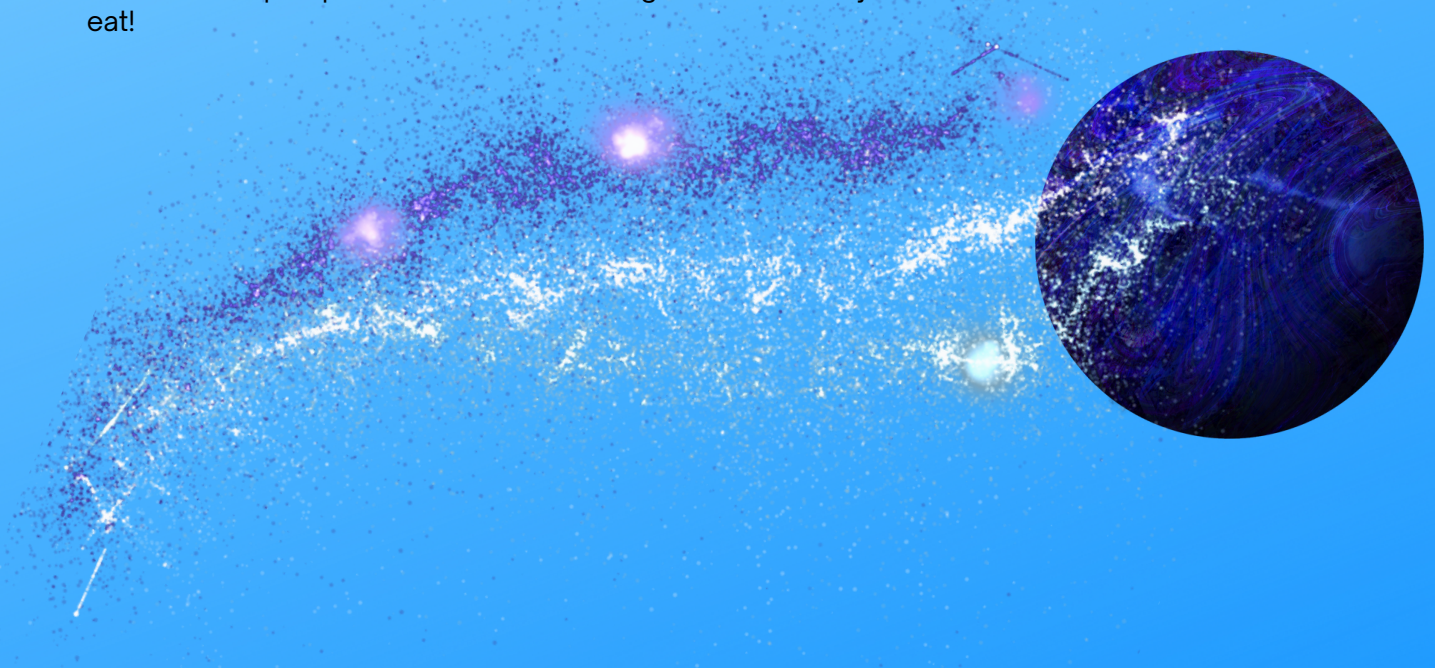
Additionally, John Greenwald got information on the DoD IG's interview with David Grusch two weeks before the June 25, 2021 Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) "Preliminary Assessment" was published. Grusch criticized that document for "shallow analysis." What John got does add weight to Grusch's credentials, were such needed. Grusch has done media interviews on the reprisals he's received since coming forward, and apparently a Grusch/Joe Rogan session was cancelled for security reasons. Both the Space Force and ODNI rejected Greenwald FOIA requests. The All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) and NASA seemed relatively silent; last I knew AARO was still under interim leadership and hasn't yet published Volume One of a two-part report former AARO head Sean Kirkpatrick had promised for December.

Recent Sightings: UFOs supposedly "overflow" Air Force One on December 10th . Actually, President Biden's plane was parked at Los Angeles International Airport at the time. The airborne jet shown in stills and video is actually a tanker refueling two F-35s enforcing a "Temporary Flight Restriction" zone, and there are plausible explanations for the "blobs." Analysis of the data from **last fall's "ghost rocket" search in a Norwegian lake** does seem to show something worth checking out again, and divers are scheduled to go down in February. Them Scandinavians are tough! The biggest sighting news broke around January 9 th , after Jeremy Corbell presented a leaked video of a **"Jellyfish" UFO flying over an American military base in Iraq sometime in 2017.** A Marine veteran came forward, indicating the event was considered a non-threatening kind of "ghost story" when he was stationed there in 2018, and rather confirming Corbell's contention the thing (the base termed it a "spaghetti" UFO) had later landed in the water and taken off like a flash, apparently reacting to approaching US assets. But those more interesting events weren't what we saw, though Corbell has an explanation. The Pentagon subsequently issued a "neither confirm nor deny" kind of statement. Most recently Anthony Bragalia has shown a picture and information about a similarly-profiled balloon assemblage in honor of the Islamic Eid festivals, one happening in late June, the other in early September of 2017. There's also a "Chandelier" UFO courtesy of Corbell to be explained.

Progress is being made by people outside the DoD, IC, and highly-secret governmental and aerospace research, and development sectors. UFO-based organizations are prosecuting scientific studies and data collection and dissemination efforts. International collaborations such as the Breakthrough Listen, Breakthrough Starshot, Exoprobe, and VASCO Project were profiled in mainstream media articles. The Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies published a study with University of Toronto students on reported UFO shape, size, kinematic, EM, and sound characteristics. UAPx published initial scientific results from its first field expedition. The National UFO Historical Records Center continued gaining momentum within and outside the UFO Community, bolstered by acquiring the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) files, joining those of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos published another blog update of his UFOCAT archiving, and British barrister Isaac Koi praised American Roderick Dyke and Croatian Giuliano Marinkovic for making Wendy Connors' fantastic "Faded Discs" audios and *transcripts* available on Koi's free online UFO archive. MUFON launched a new "extensive library of, UFO content" called Project Aquarius. The Sol Foundation is getting attention abroad as well as in the United States. Watch The Anomalist for more articles on the long-time vibrant European ufology efforts, especially as posted on the UAP Check website.

Other Short Items: There were some interesting **rankings of 2023 ufological events**. I'd go with Salon's Matthew Rozsa's NASA's first meeting confirming existence of UAPs, **the July 26th House hearing**, the Mexican Congress "Maussan Mummies" exhibition, the 2023 AARO annual report, and the Avi Loeb Papua New Guinea dredge of beads from "Interstellar Meteor 1" and all its subsequent turmoil. But I'd make the **December 6 the "disemboweling" of the FY 2024 NDAA second** in importance only to the July 26th hearing, put the **June 2023 The Debrief and News Nation David Grusch interviews third**, rank the **February "Balloongate" shutdown and furor 4th**, with the AARO website's tardy appearance in late 2023 down the list, battling with the other non-bolded items behind the Bigger Four. And Sean Kirkpatrick ended his controversial tenure with AARO on December 1st.

Fun, Miscellaneous, and/or Downright Weird: "Alien Mummies" seized by Peruvian authorities were displayed before the lower House of the Mexican Congress. They're dolls made up of various skeletons assembled with modern glue—but they're not, of course, the ones that actually got into Mexico and Jaime Maussan's sensational presentation. Anthony Braglia's unseen "Flying Plasmoids" are now joined by Garry Nolan speaking of "Shadow Biomes" and a new sensation in Dr. Courtney Brown's novel way to record UFOs, which are apparently zipping around at 20,000 mph just about everywhere. (But Brown says both the "good" and "bad" ETs absolutely love air shows!) There's that new 3-part series by TMZ called "UFO Revolution," starring Jeremy Corbell and streaming on Tubi. The Observer developed a drinking game to make that series "more watchable." A snack company launched "Project Moon Pie" to attract aliens residing upon or in near-Earth orbit, while the Lexington, Kentucky "VisitLEX" organization beamed a tourism message towards the TRAPPIST-1 solar system. Of course, it will take 40 years to get there, and some time additional for prospective ETs to visit Lexington—where maybe there will still be "Moon Pies" to eat!



GUEST ARTWORK

This month we are featuring art by **Taylor Evans**, the talented 10-year-old granddaughter of our very own COMUFON secretary extraordinaire, Richard Evans.



Wow! She is good!
I almost got lost!



COMUFON FIELD INVESTIGATOR CORNER

Case # 136256 Event Date: December 18,
2023

From Form 1:

I was visiting my son and his family over Christmas in Thornton Colorado in 2018. He was showing me his house and the area outside around it that we had not seen before. It was an unseasonably warm day a couple days before Christmas, so we went for a walk with their dogs in an open space behind his house which is what my photo shows with others out there walking their dogs too. My son was kind of freaked out with this really large walking area his development area has when walking his dog and ran across a rattle snake a couple weeks earlier which surprised him. He said he carries a stick with him now because of that scare. Any way we walked a couple miles around on the paved paths without seeing any snakes and returned ready to eat lunch. Before we went into the house he was telling me about his tree he cut the top side off so he would have a view. Laughing at what he had done with the tree, I stood on top of his picnic table in his back yard and took a picture of his shably cut tree and the view it gave him, which in the summer time is lush green and full of wild flowers. I probably took a couple hundred pictures during my time with his family and my daughter's family in Windsor over that Christmas. When I got home I loaded the pictures in my computer and forgot about them. Then recently I got a message that my computer was getting full, so I decided to get rid of some pictures to solve the issue. As I was going thru my photos I ran across this one and only photo I took outside of my son's house while standing on his picnic table showing his tree and the walking area as shown. As I was looking at it and remembering why I took it, I was surprised to see what else I captured in an almost clear blue sky behind. The funny thing is that I didn't hear or see anything odd or movement when I took this one photo that surely would have grabbed my attention. It was just too much of a coincidence I caught this image of four in formation that I didn't notice. My photos can be enlarged to see more detail



Field Investigator Report:

Theory: The witness photographed 4 small lenticular clouds.

Summary: I reviewed the photo with photoshop and Forensically and could not find anything that would suggest the photo was manipulated or faked. The 4 disc shaped objects appear to be real and in the actual sky. That aside, I am 98% certain these disc shaped "objects" are small lenticular clouds. While generally smaller than pictures you can google online, they do have the same shape as lenticular clouds, which form near hills and mountain ranges, which is where this photo was taken - just east of the Rocky Mountains.

One definition literally describes them as flying saucers: "These lens-shaped orographic wave clouds form when the air is stable and winds blow across hills and mountains from the same or similar direction at different heights through the troposphere. Height of base: 6,500 - 16,500 ft. Shape: Curved layers, like flying saucers." (<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/weather/types-of-weather/clouds/other-clouds/lenticular#:~:text=These%20lens%2Dshape%20orographic%20wave,Curved%20layers%2C%20like%20flying%20saucers>)

Conclusion: I am having trouble contacting the witness, but due the fact there were no other sightings that day in that area, nothing else happened to the witness besides seeing the photos years later, and the fact they closely resemble lenticular clouds, I do not feel I need to keep reaching out to confirm details. Case closed.
Disposition: IFO Natural phenomenon

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COMUFON Field Investigator meetings take place from 12:00 to 12:45 on the second Saturday of the month at 7272 S Eagle St, Centennial, CO. Field Investigators and anyone interested in becoming an FI is welcome!

The *COMUFON Newsletter* invites submissions from all members. Personal narratives of experiences, sightings, article reviews, book reviews, and such are welcome and will be evaluated for possible inclusion. We want our members to get to know each other, and invite you to share your background and experiences with us! Guidelines include

- Word count under 300, unless submission requires more to be complete (consult with the editor in that case)
- The author's name must be included
- All copyright laws must be adhered to: if you make claims based on a website/journal/book/video/interview, or any source other than your research, please attribute to the original author and cite your source.
- The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

Send all submissions to :
comufonnews@gmail.com

COMUFON BOARD MEETINGS

Colorado MUFON held its first Board meeting of the new year on January 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM at 7272 S Eagle St. in Centennial, CO. All members of COMUFON are welcome to attend these meetings. Copies of the minutes can be obtained by emailing Rich Evans, Secretary, at r.evans@comufon.org

