



# Colorado MUFON Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR



I have witnessed more than my fair share of UFOs throughout my life. This confession may cause some to think I may be biased towards wanting objects in the sky to be UFOs. This is not the case. I have also not been inclined to report any of my sightings, nor do I talk about them too much. I keep quiet because I don't care what other people think about my sightings, nor do I have an interest in convincing anyone that UFOs exist. This attitude has served me well. It is an insulation of protection. I did make one sighting report to MUFON back in the 1990's. The field investigator, Doug Wilson, found my report to be an asteroid, but I knew better because it came down into the canyon I was parked in front of. I believed back then that I was not considered to be a good witness because even though I am college educated, I was not an MD, a Pilot, in Law enforcement, or the military. I also had an interest in UFOs, which counted against my credibility. Acceptable witness standards by which expert Ufologists of those days rated witnesses were by their occupations, educational titles, and whether they believed in UFOs or not. My best interests with those beliefs taught me to keep my experiences to myself rather than share them, which would have left me open to scrutiny and

judgments. The one thing every witness has is what they truly have experienced gleaned from objective and intelligent observation. Sans any judgment or ridicule.

Fast forward to 2024, where the standards for evaluating witness credibility have changed. It is more complicated now. There are many belief systems and psychological descriptors that help us to determine whether a witness is credible or not. Science, too has classifications to help evaluate qualified witnesses. We are in an age where everyone has a cell phone. Every cell phone has a camera. At MUFON we get about one hundred and fifty new cases added into our case Management System weekly. It is impractical and irrelevant to rate the reliability of a witness by their title or the type of work they do nowadays. Doing so would cause us to have to dismiss credibility in a very large number of the cases we evaluate. It would also invalidate much of our work and wreak havoc with statistical analysis. This leads us to question what then can we use to determine if a witness is reliable or not?

One of our more skilled field investigators in Colorado investigated a case where a witness was feeding a horse in her field when she had a sighting. At that time, there were fires in the area which she did not report. The investigator learned that the fire department was sending up weather balloons every couple of hours to test wind currents. The assigned disposition turned out to be an IFO weather balloon.

The witness was informed of the disposition and had an uncomfortable angry response. She wrote back informing the FI that "You could do better than that". The witness further stated that the FI wasn't doing her job right and, in the future, she would need to do better research. To which the investigator replied, "Thank you for your feedback. I will take it into consideration in the future."

If a witness refuses to accept an identified disposition in opposition to their desired result, would this disqualify them from being a good witness? This IFO weather balloon witness was interested in being counted in the rare group of people who see something that not too many people see. Often, this seems to be the case with many witnesses who desperately want their sighting to be a UFO. Just because they have an open mind and are excited about seeing something they thought they would never see should not disqualify them as a reliable witness. The weight here is on the field investigator to objectively research whatever occurred in this sighting and report it. Prior to the current State Director handbook, a field investigator with MUFON was not required to provide the case conclusion to the witness, but now we are. This opens us up to being ridiculed and abused by angry witnesses who disagree with our disposition choice. It is our job to inform the witness of our findings. Any witness criticism needs to be answered in a professional manner or not at all. If the witness becomes abusive, an FI can refer the incident upline to their ASD or SD for them to handle. We do not have to subject ourselves to across-the-line abuse.

A long-haul truck driver in her thirties was driving toward Kansas in Southeast Colorado in 2023. The witness had not believed in UFO's. In recapping the event, she was crying uncontrollably in the interview. She appeared to have PTSD symptoms and could not sleep since the incident. She was driving her rig late at night. The roads were icy. The driver was coming out of a fog bank. She had not seen any other vehicle on the road for over 100 miles. She was on her way to pick up a load to drive it back to Mississippi. At first, she saw a lit-up cigar-shaped object in the sky. Then the back end of the object opened like a fan. All these different colored lights came out of it. She thought how beautiful. Suddenly, a big flash occurred. She thought a plane had crashed so she called 911. She asked the dispatch if anyone else had reported a plane crash. They said no. The witness hung up the phone and continued down the road. She looked in the rear-view mirror and saw what she thought was a car headlight following her. Knowing she was not alone on the road at night calmed her down. Suddenly the light she thought was a car headlight started to lift off the road. The light accelerated to pull up next to her truck on the driver's side. The object was at a home's rooftop height. It paced her truck and then took off. The object looked like a spinning light ring. The witness dialed 911 again. She hysterically explained what was happening. The dispatch asked where exactly are you? The trucker shared her location. The dispatch replied nobody around here drives that road at night. The witness later informed her employer that she will never pick up another load in Colorado again.

This simple Mississippi farm girl who had not been to college was a good witness. She had no interest or belief in UFOs. She did not want to have been a UFO witness. She had an excellent recall of her traumatic experience, demonstrating no observation bias. She could not sleep since the incident and was still experiencing emotional distress in recalling the event. She wanted this experience to never have occurred to her.

My all-time favorite case was a limo driver living in Silver Plume Colorado. This witness took a hike into rugged mountain terrain one summer night by himself to view the Perseid meteor shower. The area has bears, coyotes, and mountain lions among its animal population. The witness heard a sound rustling in the bushes quite near to him. He thought that it might be a mountain lion ready to pounce on him. He lit a campfire for safety even though he knew there was a fire ban in effect. Our witness was on high ground; directly to the east was a valley and then another high-ground peak beyond his. He noticed a couple of vehicle lights on the next ridge. One light started moving toward him back and forth on the trail. He thought that it may be Forrest Rangers or law enforcement. Fearful that he was going to get a ticket or be arrested for starting a campfire in a fire ban, the witness turned and ran in the other direction. The second light lifted off the ground

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above the tree line and began moving in a straight line toward him. Our witness took off running faster. The high-flying light was catching up to him. He decided to run as the crow flies, avoiding the safety of the winding trail. His direct route off the trail took him down steep rugged terrain, over large rocks, through trees and shrubs. He tripped over a rock, tumbled, and crashed against a downed tree. He was hurt and could not run anymore. He hid quietly all night so as not to be seen by a man in a uniform riding a silent hoverboard motorcycle. Numerous other hoverboard bikes with riders appeared, and they worked for many hours gathering soil samples. The witness hid in fear all night until daybreak when he came out of hiding to return home.

The witness waited three years to file a MUFON sighting report. He used this time to conduct his own investigation, which included enlisting family members to help him. He could not come up with any reasonable conclusion to describe the event. He wanted us at MUFON to identify his experience. He did not want his experience to be extraterrestrial.

This witness also showed signs of PTSD. His event description was frantic and incoherent at times. A face-to-face interview proved to me that he was a reasonable and logical person. His anti UFO bias worked to establish his legitimacy as a witness. This person was an example of a witness who desperately wanted their sighting to be accounted for in a logical, ordinary explanation. I found that is attitude and the research he provided made him quite a good witness, close to perfect.

The most challenging images I analyzed were those of a witness who was a professional photographer. This witness filed seven cases, all of which were closed with the disposition of IFO (Identified Flying Object). The witness lived in an apartment with a deck that viewed flights leaving DIA for the West Coast and had a library with over 400 photographs. He used 1.5 – 2 second exposures to shoot the objects he saw in the sky and labeled the images he recorded as “Star Cruisers” and “Interdimensional craft.” Research determined that using delayed shutter speeds turned the white spotlights of airplanes into elongated lines. The red dots in the foreground and the green dots on the far side were aircraft navigation/position lights. The images did not accurately represent what the witness saw.

To be a perfect witness, one needs to be a good observer. A good observer is a person who is self-aware. They are focused on the current situation rather than on past experiences. Good observers are open to learning more about what they have experienced. If a witness is not open to accepting new data, which may change their opinion, then they are not a good witness because of their bias. Witnesses all too often may suffer anxiety over a disposition not being what they expected. A witness may be needy or garnering attention by reporting a UFO report. In too many cases, identifying a perceived UFO as a mundane object does not provide satisfaction to the witness. They may also be tying their perceived self-identity to their paranormal or unusual event being real.

Often, witnesses believe they are having telepathic contact with clouds, or they see clouds they assume are really UFOs. What do we say when a person looks at the clouds and sees animals, angels, beings, or crafts in cloud formations? Observer bias is a term used to describe when an observer sees what they want to see instead of what is there. In physics, the observer disturbs observation simply by the act of observation itself. Objectivity crumbles when a scientific observer alters, enhances, or creates aspects to describe or enhance an observation. Anyone who is not open to learning something other than what they already believe can create credibility issues, too.

Two psychological terms define nonscientific observer behavior. Apophenia is the tendency to perceive meaningful patterns between unrelated and random things, objects, or concepts. Pareidolia is defined as finding meaningful patterns out of random stimuli. If this were to be encountered during an investigation, one would have to disqualify part of the witness testimony at the very least.

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If a person sends you a picture of a cloud and tells you they were receiving telepathic messages from unknown sources, I don't think this case would be researchable. This is a rare example of when the "Information-only" disposition should be used. Observation skills are critical in determining who is a perfect witness, because a skilled observer provides impartial data and is willing to learn. This witness type uses a critical thought process assisted by their Interpersonal intelligence. Today's perfect witnesses all have nothing to do with their education and work titles. It goes way beyond these superficial assumptions.





## **COLORADO MUFON STATE MEETING**

Programs are Held Regularly on the 2nd Saturday of Every Month.  
Next meeting: Saturday, May 11, 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 Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 PM**

**Chris Rutkowski**  
***Official Canadian UFO documents: After Project Blue Book***

### **Upcoming Speakers and Events in 2024**

**June 8th:** Michael Schratt – UFO Crash Retrievals  
**July 11-14th:** [2024 MUFON Symposium Dallas Tx](#) *The Battle for UFO Transparency*  
**July 20th:** Yearly Picnic in the Park!  
**Aug 10th:** Stephen Bassett - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Disclosure Act of 2023  
**Sept 14th:** Dr. Michael Masters - Are aliens us from the future?  
**Oct 12th:** Derrel Sims - ALIEN IMPLANTS- THE UNTOLD REVELATIONS  
**Nov 9th:** Sid Goldberg – UFOs and Consciousness

# BOOK REVIEW

## IN PLAIN SIGHT: An Investigation into UFOs and Impossible Science

By  
Ross Coulthart

*Reviewed by Anniversary Feinstein*

Award-winning investigative journalist Ross Coulthart was born in the UK. He later moved with his family to New Zealand. Ross has been intrigued by UFOs since glowing lights were reported near the Kaikoura mountains as a teenager. He graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with a law degree. Then, he moved to Australia, where he started a career as a journalist. In 2008, Ross wrote about an Australian medical scandal entitled *The Butcher of Bega*. In 2010, he investigated the murder of two young Australian tourists by IRA terrorists 20 years earlier. In 2014, Ross worked as chief investigations reporter for Australia's Channel 7 Sunday Night News. He also worked as an investigative journalist for Australian news and the current affairs program 60 Minutes on Channel 9. In 2018, Ross worked for a public relations firm managing public relations for ex-soldier and accused war criminal Ben Roberts-Smith. Then he returned to reporting. Now, his focus was on proving the existence of UFOs. In 2021, he starred in a special Seven News television series: *The UFO Phenomenon*. In 2022, he co-hosted a UFOlogy podcast: *Need to Know*. It was promoted as "revealing the mysteries of the universe to the people of the earth." In June 2023, Ross interviewed USAF officer David Grusch for *NewsNation*. In December 2023, *Australian Skeptics* announced that Ross Coulthart was their Bent Spoon Award winner for his uncritical journalism concerning his belief that governments and the Vatican are covering up "wreckage of downed extraterrestrial spacecraft and the bodies of their pilots." He interviewed many people who claimed to know the truth about UFOs. He co-authored the books "Dead Man Running" and "Above the Law." He is the author of the books "Charles Bean," "Lost Diggers," "The Lost Tommies," and "In Plain Sight: An Investigation Into UFOs and Impossible Science" (2021, reprinted in 2023). He received the 1996 Logie Award for Most Outstanding Achievement in Public Affairs for an expose of corruption in the Australian Aboriginal Legal Services, a 2002 Gold Medal for the best international report at the New York Film Festival, a 2008 Gold Walkley Award, and four non-gold Walkleys. He was also the joint winner of the 2015 Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History for "Charles Bean."

The author addresses the UFO phenomenon, which started over a thousand years ago. He begins with Australian Aboriginal rock art. Ross includes data collected from interviews with witnesses related to significant UFO sightings and crash retrievals. The book introduces us to UFO events that occurred in Australia, other countries, and the United States. It addresses the question of whether there has been an actual, organized cover-up regarding UFOs. It covers the questions surrounding cattle/human mutilations and whether we can handle the truth. The book shares data connected to Skinwalker Ranch and various projects formed to study UFOs. The book dives deeply into who is actually in charge of or is researching UFOs, extraterrestrials/non-human intelligence, and the reverse engineering of retrieved downed crafts or craft-related materials. The book covers, in detail, one man's search for the truth regarding the UFO phenomenon.

This book was very informative. I like that the author posed questions and followed a chain of witnesses and documents in an attempt to find the truth. It became apparent that Congress has been lied to or needs to be informed regarding UAPs. I was surprised to hear that the U.S. President was initially involved with everything UFO but has no access to UFOs/UAPs today. The book definitely provides food for thought. The truth regarding UAPs is being well hidden. But by who and why? It will be fascinating to find out the truth. The book is over 330 pages and kept my attention the entire time. It was well-written and chock full of information. The author, like us, is still searching for the truth. On a scale of 1-5, I rate this book at 4.50. Available for purchase on AMAZON.



## COMUFON PERSON OF INTEREST



### **CHRIS RUTKOWSKI**

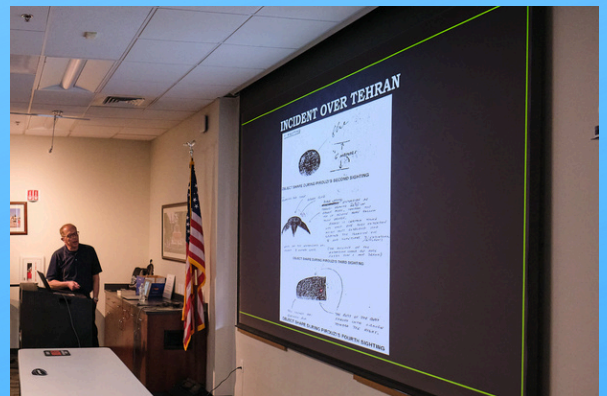
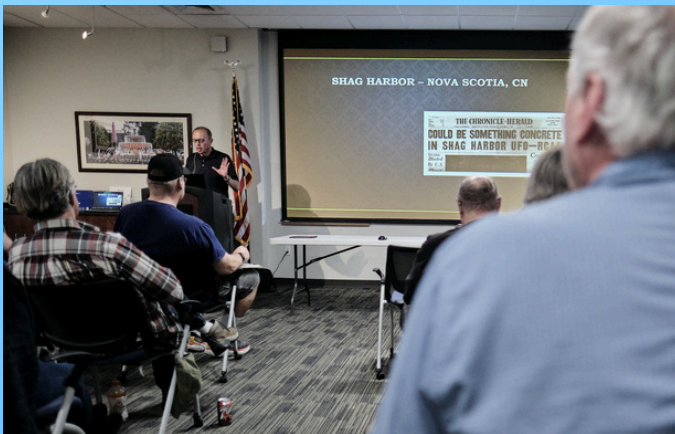
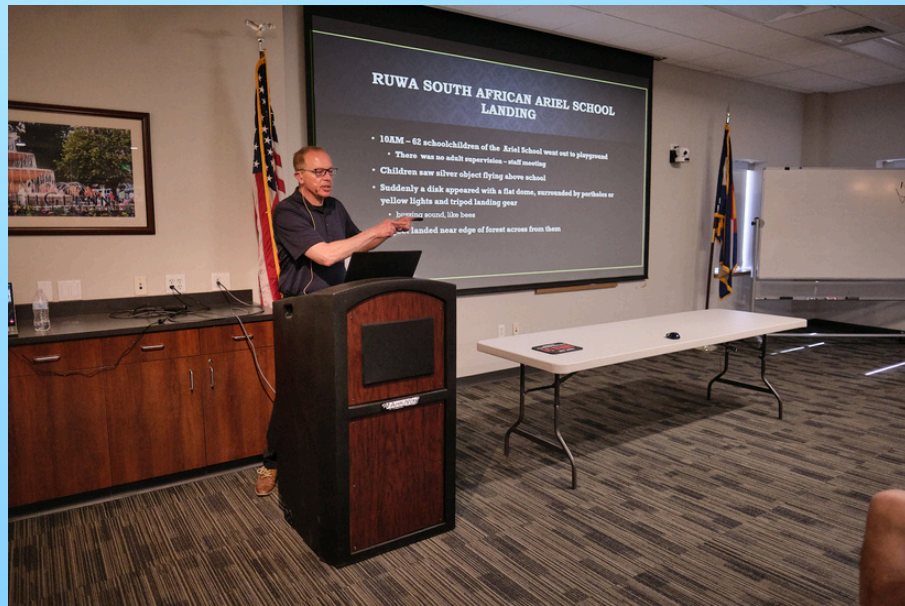
#### ***Canadian Government UFO Documents: After Project Blue Book***

Chris Rutkowski is a Canadian science writer and educator with degrees in astronomy and education. Chris will be providing a two-part presentation. Part 1: Canadian Government UFO Documents - After Project Blue Book ended in 1969, not much is known about official American government UFO investigations or cases until the mid- 2000s. But in Canada, there is a continuous record of official government UFO investigations from 1947 until today, including military pilot sightings of UAP, trace cases with radiation and “metamaterials,” and recognition of UAP by the highest levels of government. Can AARO learn from its counterpart in Canada?

Part 2: UAP Data and Case Studies - Since 1989, the Canadian UFO Survey has analyzed UFO case data to examine how reports and UFO/UAP characteristics changed over the last three decades. What has the Survey discovered... and did it cease in 2024? Chris has nine published books on UFOs and related issues, including *A World of UFOs* (2008), *When They Appeared* (2017) and his new book *Canada's UFOs: Declassified* (2021). He has appeared on numerous television programs, including “Unsolved Mysteries,” “UFO Hunters,” “NASA’s Unexplained Mysteries,” “Sightings,” and A&E’s “ The Unexplained.”

# APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Photos courtesy of Richard Alden Petersen



**Barry Roth**  
presents

## *International UFO Sightings : Part II*

Pulling from his vast store of knowledge and expertise, Roth delved into a number of sightings and encounters from different areas the world, with a special focus on the southern hemisphere. Many of the stories he related have been continuously investigated on a number of levels because of the quality and quantity of physical evidence retrieved, or the number of individuals involved in the sightings, all of whom related the exact same details. Among these was the 1994 mass sighting in Ruwa, Zimbabwe, where several dozen school children witnessed a landing and had personal encounters with the entities from the craft. Even decades later, these witnesses have held to their claims and repeated the details just as they did when young. Another event that occurred in France was extensively investigated by the French government and has continued to baffle researchers to this day; the soil and plant samples retrieved have left baffling clues that have still to be resolved.

**Check out this article featuring our photographer Richard Alden Petersen!** [https://new.punkglobe.com/may-2024-photographer-richard-alden-peterson/?](https://new.punkglobe.com/may-2024-photographer-richard-alden-peterson/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3flohy336c8uLjZrdrcNBegzJ8xeTdb1ddpMZDCLuoDBrQ5SXJmuFvbE_aem_AaupRDrXKhX4U0MXTCsME0ghrcAJSy_-ATPEivbsHg27gvOibKORBpFXEJOJF_W0_8d0MkdmmWFYY4TqQB3QlBro)

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# MUFON 2024 SYMPOSIUM

## July 11th to July 14th

### PRESENTS:

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## 2024 SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

9 am – 4 pm **Special Event** Field Investigator Training \$100

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

- 8:30 am – 4:15 pm **Special Event** Tour: GW Bush Presidential Center and Frontier of Flight Museum (light lunch included) \$110
- 9 am – 11 am State Director's Meeting *closed meeting, SDs or approved State Delegates only*
- 12 – 3:30 pm **Special Event** "UFO: The Next Generation" Presentation & Roundtable with **Earl Grey, Geraldine Stith, Shanelle Schanz, Daniel Jones** \$50 included with **Platinum** Pass
- 7 – 10 pm **Special Event** Award Ceremony, Banquet and Keynote speaker **Robert Salas** \$120 included with **Platinum/Gold** Pass

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 7:15 – 8:45 am **Special Event** Experiencer Session with **Sev Tok** \$35
- 9 – 10:15 am **Brad Olsen** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 10:25 – 11:40 am **Dr. Roger Stankovic** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 11:50 am – 1:05 pm **Richard Beckwith** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm **Special Event** Speaker Panel \$55 included with **Platinum** Pass
- 2:35 – 3:50 pm MUFON UFO Cases of Interest with **Bob Spearing** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 4 – 5:15 pm **Anthony F. Sanchez** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 5:25 – 6:40 pm **Terry Tibando** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 6:45 – 8:00 pm Dinner Break
- 8 – 9:30 pm **Special Event**, open to all, TBD

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 7:15 – 8:45 am **Special Event** Experiencer Session with **Kathleen Marden** \$35
- 9 – 10:15 am **Marianne Robb** and **Dave Rich** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 10:25 – 11:40 am **Debbie Ziegelmeyer** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 11:50 am – 1:05 pm **Ryan Wood** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm **Special Event** Speaker Panel \$55 included with **Platinum** Pass
- 2:35 – 3:50 pm Best of the ERT **Dr. George Medich / Earl Grey Anderson** included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 4 – 4:10 pm Raffle — *No need to be present to win!*
- 4:10 – 4:50 pm Photo and Video Analysis, MUFON FI Team, bring your phone/photos included with **Platinum/Gold/Silver** Pass
- 4:50 – 5 pm **Dave MacDonald**, MUFON Executive Director — Symposium Closing

Vendors and Artist showcase, open to all: Friday 7/12 Noon – Sunday 7/14 5pm

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# REGISTRATION

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- Saturday and Sunday Speaker Panel

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**+ ADD-ON SPECIAL EVENTS**

Field Investigator Training **\$100**

Thursday 7/11

UFO: The Next Generation Presentation **\$50**

Friday 7/12

Tour the Bush Presidential Center and Frontier of Flight Museum **\$110**

includes lunch and transportation

Friday 7/12

Speaker Panel **\$55 each day**

Saturday 7/13  Sunday 7/14

ERT Session **\$35 each day**

Saturday 7/13  Sunday 7/14

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# REPORTED IN THE ANOMALIST

by  
**Bill Murphy**



*Note: This “News Roundup” summarizes Anomalist UFO-related articles from March 29th to April 20th. It reflects my opinions and not necessarily those of others there or other organizations to which I belong. For further information, contact me at [murphybillufo@gmail.com](mailto:murphybillufo@gmail.com)*

**Most of the headlines were “UFOs and Government” stories**, with the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) “Report on the Historical Record of U.S. Government Involvement with Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Volume I” continuing to elicit comment. Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies’ Executive Board Member and co-founder Robert Powell and former government insider Christopher Mellon, as well as long-time researchers Micah Hanks and Barry Greenwood, delivered lengthy, detailed, and scathing analyses of the document, while mainstream media “fave” and author of the November 2023 tome *UFO: The Inside Story of the US Government’s Search for Alien Life Here—and Out There* Garrett M. Graff made some “mostly-obvious-but-still-important points” about the 63-page Report’s deficiencies.

**Other UFOs and Government News:** Douglas Dean Johnson showed a FOIA success on a May 19, 2023 Joint Chiefs of Staff document that issued worldwide UAP Reporting requirements. We’ll remember a Department of Defense (DoD) Inspector General report last year found serious failures in the military’s response to the UFO/UAP problem, including a lack of coordination between departments as well, basically, not sufficiently considering the air safety and potentially even national security aspects UFOs pose. John Greenwald presented what’s been released so far about the shadowy proposed “successor” to the AAWSAP and AATIP programs. This proposal was acknowledged in the AARO “Report on the Historical Record.” KONA BLUE never saw real activation, of course, and what’s published so far charts its “rise and fall.” But it’s planned more Skinwalker- Ranch-types of location studies, expanding upon “remote viewing and remote communication to communicate, retrieve data, and transport across dimensional/space-time barrier,” collecting “retirees’ oral histories on recovered technology and present location,” and gaining access to “all existing caches of Advanced Aerospace Vehicle (AAV) materials” sound quite grandiose—are fascinating. John promised an analysis, which I haven’t yet seen. Key whistle-blower David Grusch didn’t fare well in mid-April, as Kevin Randle wrote a strong article questioning Grusch’s conclusions about supposed crashed UFOs. And John Greenwald’s report on another successful Freedom of Information Act release seems to make Grusch’s recent behavior more mysterious, while not particularly praising Sean Kirkpatrick. We’ll watch for further analyses on John’s topic “FOIA Documents Reveal AARO’s Authorized and Repeated Attempts to Engage with David Grusch.” Something potentially explosive but unlikely to be ignited was an April 17th classified AARO briefing to members of the House UAP Caucus. But an organization calling itself UAP/C but not affiliated with the House UAP Caucus or “any official government entity” nonetheless published a “Congressional Briefing Packet.” It certainly does pose twenty interesting questions for the US Government, however. And representing The UAP Register, Dustin Slaughter is “Suing the US Air Force and National Air & Space Intelligence Center for UAP Videos” he believes are owed the General Public.

**More on UFOs and Governments includes** The European Union holding a March 20 th conference titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: EU Airspace Reporting and Scientific Assessment.” This featured presentation by leading members of various European country non-governmental organizations and former F-18 pilot and current head of Americans for Safe Aerospace Ryan Graves. The meeting was called by a member whose tenure will be closing soon, and relatively few EU political types attended, but the event was lauded as “For the first time in 30 years, UAP are back in the EU Parliament.”

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The notable European news source UAPCheck reported on this meeting, and offered an article exploring “What Lessons Should Africa Learn from the European Union’s Approach to the UFO Issue?” The High Command of the Armed Forces in Norway declassified a document which just might lead eventually to more information being released on those famous 1946 “Ghost Rockets.” Some information’s come out on a 2023 scramble of Spanish jets regarding a UFO incursion. The April 6, 1966, Westall School mass UFO sighting in Suburban Melbourne, Australia, still gets “shout-outs” in the Aussie mainstream press. The Japanese Minister of Defense has admitted “Responding to Unidentified Objects is ‘Essential.’” Even the very staid British publication The Economist says “UFOs Are Going Mainstream.” Keith Basterfield reminded us that at least some UFO-related questions are being asked in the United Kingdom’s Parliament. And we’re also aware of a “UFOs and Nukes” situation in India since 2020, highlighted by an August 2023 case that produced two videos—not yet released.

**Notables speak out about the greater ramifications of UFOs.** Swedish scientist Beatriz Villarroel suggested the terms “UFO” and “UAP” are so general they’re impeding progress in studying the phenomenon, add to the UFO “stigma,” and should be junked in favor of testing specific hypotheses about UFOs scientifically. Spanish professor Dr. Gabriel de la Torre thinks our focus on “hardware” is wrong: “Imagine that one day we go to Mars and find a nuclear installation and a Martian; what would be more interesting to study, the Martian or his nuclear technology?” Dr. Michael Grosso feels UFOs just might help us progress as truly rational beings—absent our nuking ourselves to death or forcing a crippled environment to do the job for us.

**Other News:** The Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies released a “UAP Activity Pattern Study of 1945-1975 Military and Public Activities.” Avi Loeb’s apparently softened his positions on just what was found during his June 2023 ocean-dredging expedition. But he still defends that effort and plans a more intensive search for bigger chunks of “Interstellar Meteor 1” (IM1) off Papua New Guinea. Anomalist News Editor Linda Powell’s been making the podcast rounds promoting her new book *Against the Odds: Major Donald E. Keyhoe and His Battle to End UFO Secrecy*. Forgive the cheerleading here, but Linda’s book is getting high praise from numerous quarters. Mark Christopher Lee’s documentary “God Vs. Aliens” also sounds like a “winner.” Robert Powell (no relation to Linda, I think) is getting notice for his new book *UFOs: A Scientist Explains What We Know (And Don’t Know)*. UFO Talker’s Michael Ryan broke a story from Royal Canadian Mounted Police (kind of our Northern Neighbor’s FBI) files about two 1969 sightings over the Prime Minister’s residence and the House of Commons. That just might become Big News within the Canadian mainstream press. And Tanner F. Boyle’s *Getting Spooked* is running a series on the complicated career of UFO contactee-claimant Christopher Bledsoe.

**Fun, Miscellaneous, and/or Downright Weird:** Our Anomalist colleague Crystal Metheral reports that a Mexican department store security guard came across a display of Alexa devices being led in prayer by a “head Alexa.” And an article in Popular Mechanics uses the Jaime Maussan Peruvian Mummies escapades to cast aspersions upon the larger UFO community.



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