



Colorado MUFON Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR



My neighbor, retired Air Force Major Douglas Boucher, was the designer and builder of the missile defense system for South Korea. He also has an observatory equipped with a full astrophotography setup.

Up until the last year or so, since the onset of dementia, he would be out in his observatory every night, recording data, taking images, and trying to discover unknown celestial bodies. He is a brilliant scientist and astronomer who has lived a lifetime committed to our country.

During his career with the U.S. Air Force, he served as the commander of a crash retrieval team. He has shared with me that 100% of what his team investigated turned out to be identified objects. In his years as a commander, zero unidentified objects came out of his crash retrieval work. Most of what he recovered were pieces of failed Russian satellites.

Was he speaking the truth when he said that every crashed object he retrieved was identified, or was he covering up facts due to his oath? I believe he was telling the truth because, when I had these conversations with him, he showed no fear or concern about sharing his experiences.



Crash retrieval programs exist, but affirmative results are very few and far between. The new whistleblower, Jacob Barber, promotes this video event as published by Ross Coulthart of NewsNation: "Whistleblower Reveals UAP Retrieval Program; Object Caught on Video | NewsNation." The video shows an egg-shaped UFO being dropped by a helicopter into a field.

The MUFON photo analysis team was asked to authenticate this video by the MUFON higher-ups. Without going into detail, we unanimously determined that many problems exist with this video production. All of us, independently, concluded that the video is not real. Our findings will be published in an article in the upcoming MUFON International Newsletter.

What are we to say about the news media, Ross Coulthart, and new whistleblower Jacob Barber? First, NewsNation and its reporters—like every news organization—are interested in gaining readers and a following by publishing viral stories. They don't care about ethics when it comes to validating the stories they publish, or this would never have aired until a verification process took place.

Easy peezy—no integrity in the news media.

What does it mean that whistleblower Jacob Barber claims to be the witness to a fake staged event? Is Mr. Barber a real self-employed do gooder representing the interests of humanity or is something else occurring. My theory is that he and other modern whistle blowers are being paid by the government, or the military industrial complex, or the one world order. Mr. Barber and others are tools of the hidden agenda non-disclosure movement. Modern day whistleblowers are sharing information true or not fact-based on what the hidden agenda controllers want us to believe. There may be exceptions but how do we know who is real and who is not. The old saying goes follow the money and it applies here. If we could have access to view these whistle blowers bank accounts, we would know who is paying for them to do what they do. This would expose who the “they really are” and the discloser process could start. If my theory is correct most whistle blowers are not humanitarians. They are getting paid to do their job. A true whistle blower would risk their lives for the benefit of humanity. I may be wrong but other than unfounded claims of peril and danger, I am unaware of any modern-day whistleblower losing their life for anything they have said or done. Believing that their lives are at risk only supports their narrative and creates credibility for them to carry out their work effectively. The UFO community needs to institute an authentication and validation process to help separate the truth from the garbage. Oversight would help to accelerate the disclosure process and advance UAP studies. Wouldn't it be great if MUFON would lead the efforts for oversight. Someone needs to do it why not us. The truth and only the truth will set us free.





COLORADO MUFON STATE MEETING

Programs are held on the second Saturday of every month



Next meeting: Saturday February 8 2025

1:00 PM

**7272 S Eagle St
Centennial, CO 80112**

Special Guest Speaker

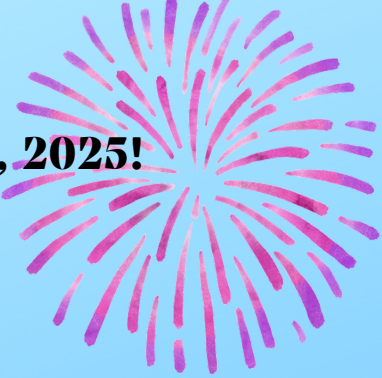
Barbra Sobhani

Future guest speakers:

**Ken St John
Mike Clelland**



SILENT AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 8, 2025!



Exciting News!



Our December meeting may have taken an unexpected turn with an outdoor gathering instead of the cozy indoor Christmas celebration we had planned, but we've got something even better in store!

Mark your calendars—our Silent Auction is now rescheduled for February 8!

Get ready to explore an amazing collection of rare artifacts, fascinating books, and some truly out-of-this-world UFO-themed treasures. Whether you're a collector, a curious enthusiast, or just looking for something fun, you won't want to miss it!

Start time is 12:30 p.m. so that bidding on items can commence early. The Silent Auction closes at 4 p.m. Remember you can donate a UFO-themed item! Think books, art, mugs, posters, DVDs, or your favorite quirky knickknack.



See you there, and happy bidding!

COMUFON PERSON OF INTEREST



BARBRA SOBHANI

Barbra Sobhani has been an educator for over 20 years. She is currently the State Director for NASA Space Grant in Colorado. Based at the University of Colorado Boulder, Barbra works with students on campus as well as across the state on space science and aerospace projects. Barbra holds graduate degrees in geophysics and biology with a focus on conservation. With a background in physics, geology, and more recently, biology, it has been a passion to help students, and now the public, learn to think critically and understand the impact and importance of scientific discovery. The problems facing the world are wicked and complex, so helping the next generation become innovative problem solvers is critical.

Barbra's history with UFO research goes all the way back to birth, literally, as an infant at the picnic where the idea for then the Midwest UFO Network was conceptualized. John Schuessler, her father, was one of the founding members of MUFON, and it has played an important part in the family history. When the MUFON office was in Denver, Barbra worked on setting up the displays in the office and helped with MUFON events. She has edited the MUFON Symposium Proceedings since 2000 and now serves as Managing Editor and is a frequent contributor of the monthly MUFON Journal. She also serves on the MUFON Board of Directors.

COMUFON FIRST ANNUAL PHOTO FORENSICS BOOTCAMP



This inaugural event will be held May 16-18, 2025, in Cripple Creek, Colorado at the four-star Chamonix Casino Hotel Resort. MUFON Photo Analysis Team (PAT) members will teach the advanced arts of photo forensics to MUFON field investigators in good standing. The training will include hands on work with practical applications.

To register and for more information, visit our website at COMUFON.org

Not a field investigator, but think you might be interested in becoming one?

Contact Colorado MUFON at info@comufon.org.



JOIN THE QUEST FOR THE TRUTH: BECOME A COLORADO MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATOR



Colorado MUFON is looking for Field Investigators to join our team and dive into one of the most exciting adventures on Earth—investigating UFO sightings! As a Field Investigator, you'll be on the frontlines, uncovering the mysteries behind UFOs, and joining one of the world's top UFO research groups. If you're curious, love exploring new things, and want to be part of something amazing, this could be your big chance!

Why Become a MUFON Field Investigator?

Be a Part of Real Science: As a Field Investigator, your work goes straight into MUFON's huge database, one of the world's best sources of UFO info. You'll help us all understand UFOs better and play a role in real scientific research!

Learn Cool New Skills: MUFON will train you on how to interview witnesses, check out evidence, and write up reports. These skills aren't just for UFOs—they can also make you feel confident in other areas of your life!

Join a Worldwide Community: MUFON has members in over 40 countries, so you'll connect with others who love UFOs just like you. You'll get to share stories and even team up on investigations, making friends from all over the world.

Explore the Unknown: Ever wonder what's out there when you look up at the night sky? This is your chance to be part of the search for answers. Every investigation is a new adventure, and who knows what you might discover!

Do You Have What It Takes?

Curiosity and Open-Mindedness: You're excited to explore the unknown!

Attention to Detail: You're good at looking closely and taking careful notes.

Communication Skills: You'll need to chat with witnesses and write reports that clearly explain what you find.

Commitment: Investigating UFOs takes about 6 hours a month, and it's worth every minute!

How to Get Started

To begin, you'll need to:

Become a MUFON International member.

Buy the Field Investigator Manual for training.

Study, take the test, and pass a background check.

Complete courses at MUFON University.

Work with experienced investigators to tackle your first five cases and get certified!



BOOK REVIEW

Imminent: Inside the Pentagon's Hunt for UFOs

By

Luis Elizondo

Reviewed by Nancy Carre'

In *Imminent*, Luis "Lue" Elizondo, former director of the Pentagon's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), provides a firsthand account of the U.S. government's investigations into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs). Drawing from his extensive experience in military intelligence and counterintelligence, Elizondo offers insights into the inner workings of AATIP, detailing classified encounters, bureaucratic challenges, and the potential national security implications of these phenomena. He emphasizes the urgent need for transparency and continued scientific inquiry, arguing that UAPs are not just science fiction but a reality with potentially far-reaching consequences.

Elizondo brings a unique perspective to the subject, having spent over two decades in various intelligence roles within the Department of Defense. His career has spanned counterterrorism, espionage, and security operations across global hotspots, giving him an in-depth understanding of national security threats. His leadership in AATIP positioned him at the forefront of UAP investigations, allowing him to engage directly with military personnel, analyze sensor data, and confront institutional resistance to addressing the UAP phenomenon seriously.

One standout chapter in *Imminent* delves into Elizondo's firsthand experiences with military encounters involving UAPs, offering gripping details of incidents that have baffled both pilots and defense officials. In this chapter, he recounts chilling testimony from Navy personnel who witnessed objects displaying flight capabilities far beyond known human technology—executing hypersonic speeds, instantaneous accelerations, and seemingly defying the laws of physics. Elizondo meticulously examines the sensor data and eyewitness reports, highlighting the frustration within the military over the lack of a clear explanation or response strategy. This chapter stands out not only for its dramatic retelling of these encounters but also for its exploration of the cultural and bureaucratic roadblocks that have hindered serious investigation within the Pentagon. Readers will find themselves both fascinated and unsettled by the implications of these accounts, as Elizondo raises urgent questions about the true nature and origin of these unexplained phenomena.

Despite Elizondo's authoritative voice, *Imminent* has not been without controversy. Critics argue that some of his claims lack verifiable evidence, and the book raises more questions than it answers. His assertions about the potential implications of UAPs—ranging from technological superiority to existential risks—may shock or surprise readers who are new to the topic. Some skeptics see his work as speculative, while others believe it represents a necessary call for further investigation and transparency. Regardless of where one stands, *Imminent* challenges conventional thinking and forces readers to reconsider their understanding of what might be lurking in our skies.

304 pages.
Available on Amazon.

Dear COMUFON Members,

Help bring our community closer together! Our newsletter is a platform for each of us to share insights, experiences, and the stories that fuel our passion for the unexplained.

Whether you've had a sighting, witnessed an unusual phenomenon, or simply have thoughts on the latest in UAP research, we want to hear from you!

By contributing, you're not only enriching our collective knowledge, but you're also helping to build a stronger, more connected community of enthusiasts and researchers.

Imagine the impact of your story, sparking curiosity, insights, and maybe even a few lively debates among fellow members!

Send us your articles, photos, theories, and reflections—no matter how big or small. Let's make this newsletter a vibrant showcase of what makes COMUFON so unique. Together, we'll continue to push the boundaries of knowledge and wonder.

Join the conversation, inspire others, and be a part of our shared journey. Your voice matters!

Looking forward to hearing from all of you,

The COMUFON Newsletter Team

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REPORTED IN THE ANOMALIST

by
Bill Murphy



This “News Roundup” summarizes Anomalist UFO-related articles from December 26th to January 27th. 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!

The “Drone Dilemma” hoopla lessened but the real problem persists. We reported upon drone activity over North Texas, the New Jersey/New York events of course, nuclear sites in the U.S. and elsewhere, with new sightings in Germany (whose government intends to “shoot them down”), and Denmark. Commenters set these current behaviors against the backdrop of the lengthy December 2023 Langley AFB drone sensations, 2019 Northeast Colorado and southern Wyoming drone flap; the 1997 Phoenix Lights, and 1967 Malmstrom AFB UFO/UAP events. “Orbs” something like the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office’s “preferred shape” seemed to increase. Very concerning aerial reports included a December 11th collision with something at 27,000 feet off the Florida coast causing an engine failure and emergency landing of a Gulfstream G550 business jet. Candidate Donald Trump promised something in the way of answers would occur on the day of his inauguration, but when asked about that on January 20th he seemed to have forgotten his previous statements.

On January 18th a potentially new chapter of the UFO “disclosure” trend was opened with a NewsNation interview by Ross Coulthart. Some think “This could be even bigger than 2017,” Micah Hanks observes. Main interviewee Jacob Barber says he towed, by helicopter and “a 150-200-foot-long line,” a grounded UAP. What’s more, in this tailored-for TV shorter version of a longer interview Barber says he hauled not only the now-newsy “egg-shaped” craft, but eight-sectioned disks, which he called “eightgons.” An independently- provided video purportedly shows the handling of one of the “eggs.” And the information gets even more eyebrow-raising in this interview. It includes a strange illness, a “psionics group” of people who mentally call such UFOs out of the sky to land, and an extremely eerie “communication” between one of the objects and Barber himself. See <https://www.newsnationnow.com/space/ufo/hfr-uap-recovery-video-egg-shaped-object-exclusive/> for this program. Ross worked on this story for two years, vetting Barber’s extensive USAF record; getting character witnesses, some of them also first-hand participants; confirming that Barber has already talked with Secretary of State (but then-Senator) Marco Rubio’s staffers; and following Barber’s path towards publicly testifying before Congress.

Initial **internet reaction to this also-developing story runs the gamut.** Articles we later covered speak to Barber’s allegations more extensively. Micah Hanks’ “Covert Controversy: The Jacob Barber UAP Allegations” at <https://thedebrief.org/covert-controversy-the-jacob-barber-uap-allegations/> analyzes the claims in detail and with rather skeptical but appropriate caution. Ross Coulthart’s <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t37-SKj4rtY> has the entire 167-minute interview, which does rather answer some of Micah’s questions, but adds more mind-blowing assertions. Kevin Randle’s “Jake Barber: UFO Retrieval Whistleblower” at <http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2025/01/jake-barber-ufo-retrieval-whistleblower.html> is also cautious but Kevin gives several examples of similar claims he’s heard “on the sly.” Barber’s “communication/connection” between the “psionics group” and UFOs stunned me. Dr. Beatriz Villarroel gave a challenging talk at the November 23 rd Sol Symposium 2024 in San Francisco, concluding with a speculation about potential machine-to-human mind interfaces she terms the “Neurointerface Probe.” This link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqQL3OywQPk> contains Dr. Villarroel’s presentation.

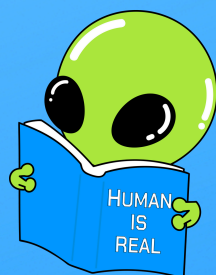
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More news: Several articles recapped the events of another busy UFO-information year. I'd highlight CUFOS colleague George M. Eberhart's latest annual review and references at <https://cufos.org/2024review/>, which is extracted from his huge "UFOs and Intelligence: A Timeline" <https://cufos.org/PDFs/pdfs/UFOsandIntelligence.pdf>. On December 30 th Space Insider Leonard David offered a conversation with leading experts on what has to happen in 2025 to advance UFO studies. Many wonder what the new Trump administration will do on particularly the "transparency" question, and on January 8 th Liberation Times' Christopher Sharp covered the "UFO Disclosure End Game," remarking people in the new administration who've previously spoken positively about UFO issues. Sharp has suggestions for acting "decisively" in this area. Researcher and presenter Kathleen B. Covalt, Ed.D., has already noted and spoken about this. Like Micah Hanks I remain skeptical that UFOs are so prominent in the new/re-elected President's mind. But some organizations have very worthwhile suggestions: The UAP Disclosure Fund, under the authorship of Board of Directors Member Luis Elizondo, has developed a new acronym for UFO and related studies. This time, EADT ("Emerging All-Domain Technologies") makes perfect sense. Their Policy Brief proposes a senior White House advisor on the subject—an EADT "czar." And the Sol Foundation for Advanced Scientific and Policy Research has six "white papers" currently on various UFO topics.

Sky Canada Project "Preview Report": The long-awaited first installment of the Canadian government's response to the UFO problem was released on January 15th. Similar to the September 14, 2023, NASA Report, this 16-page document includes pretty pictures, some charts and graphs, and is essentially a set of recommendations on how a coordinated government and academic scientific study of UFOs should be conducted. Read Chris Rutkowski's take on the report. The full report is expected later in 2025. We also learned of a May 31, 2022, meeting between David Grusch and MP Larry Maguire.

On New Year's Day, a Tesla Cybertruck exploded outside the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas, **apparently just after the driver, Matthew Alan Livelsberger, committed suicide. Before this, he had sent "manifestos" to at least two people, alleging his former participation in U.S. war crimes and "advanced military tech"**—including anti-gravity drones operated by both the U.S. and China. This tragic event and Livelsberger's extravagant claims are still under investigation. [Micah Hanks' January 14th article](#) explores this further.

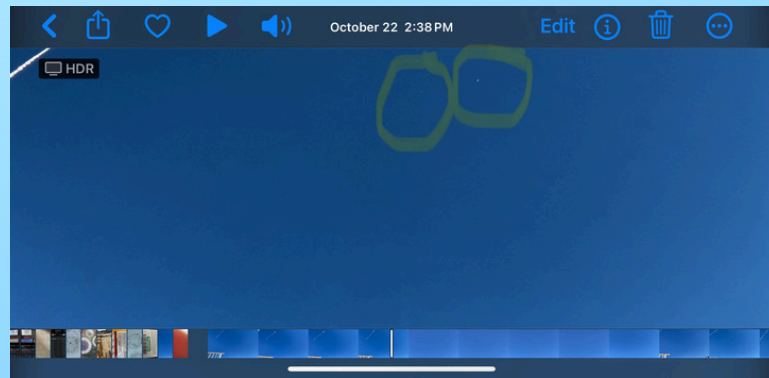
Jimmy Carter's December 29th passing occasioned a number of articles on the late President's own UFO sighting in 1969, his campaign pledge to release all UFO-related government documents, failure to do so on the grounds of national security, and the famous messages on the two interstellar-travelling Voyager spacecraft extending greetings from the people of the Planet Earth and information about that "Pale Blue Dot" to future finders. Additional sad notes: the website Magonia is officially ceasing regular reviews of new books, though reviews of some "recent titles will be added in the next month or so." Magonia exemplified informed and cogent, principled skeptical analyses for many years. And Anomalist Editor Chris Savia wrote his last review on December 29 th , "After ~2,000 contributions in thirteen years, three months, and twenty-five days." John Sawdon has very ably taken up Chris' particular areas of fascinating paranormal topics.





FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S CORNER

CASE 139164



From Form 1: The witness was assisting a crane operator at a job site, using handheld radios to coordinate the landing of materials on the roof of a building. During this process, the crane operator asked over the radio, “Hey, do you see that up there?” In response, the witness looked up and observed a stationary dot in the sky.

Recognizing the unusual nature of the sighting, the witness took out a phone and began filming. However, while recording, the object was not visible on the phone screen, though it remained clearly visible to the naked eye. After a very brief period, the object appeared to disappear. Initially believing that nothing had been captured on video, the witness later reviewed the footage by screen mirroring the phone to a television and playing it back in slow motion. It was at this point that the witness realized the recording had indeed captured the event, revealing not just one but three distinct objects. The objects are particularly difficult to spot and appear between the 10-second and 15-second mark of the footage.

Field Investigator Summary:

The sighting occurred during daylight hours, immediately ruling out satellites, Starlink, and the International Space Station (ISS) as possible explanations. Additionally, the movement of the objects in the video eliminates celestial bodies such as stars and planets from consideration.

Flight Radar Analysis

A review of Flight Radar data identified only one aircraft as a remote possibility of being one of the objects observed. However, this aircraft was flying at an altitude of 35,000 feet, at which it would have generated visible contrails. Contrails, or condensation trails, form when water vapor condenses and freezes around small particles in aircraft exhaust. The absence of contrails in the video suggests that this aircraft was not responsible for the sighting.

Further, United Airlines Flight 2009 was the only aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting. This flight was traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago in a northeast trajectory over Colorado. According to the witness, the observed objects were moving in an east-to-southeast direction, which does not align with the flight path of UAL 2009.

Elimination of Other Explanations

Weather balloons were also ruled out, as their typical behavior involves hovering or gradually ascending through the atmosphere. The observed speed and movement of the objects in the video are inconsistent with the characteristics of weather balloons.

Conclusion

Based on the available evidence, including the elimination of conventional aerial and astronomical explanations, it is assessed with 90% confidence that the most likely explanation for this sighting is a natural phenomenon.

Final Disposition

Identified Flying Object (IFO) – Natural Phenomenon (Birds).

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COMUFON BOARD MEETINGS

Colorado MUFON Board quarterly meetings are held 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

COMUFON Field Investigator meetings take place from 11:30 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 are welcome!

