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MUFON's Goals

- Investigate UFO sightings and collect data for use of researchers worldwide.
- Promote research on UFOs to discover the true nature of the phenomenon.

WA MUFON Investigative Team



Each issue profiles a member of our award-winning investigative team.

Kathleen Wyer is a MUFON State Section Director, Field Investigator II, and Experienter Research Team (ERT) member. Kathleen's core values revolve around honesty, humility, innovation, and kindness. She reserves judgment knowing everyone has their own philosophy and story. Meditating daily, Kathleen understands the power of brain plasticity and memories.



She has worked for several state agencies culminating her state service with the Administrative Office of the Courts, as a Training Manager and Communication Specialist where she educated judges, clerks, and court staff on new system technology, legislative policies and laws. As a certified Project Manager, she has implemented statewide technical systems for several agencies within Washington State, including

winning a Smithsonian Technical Award for a statewide Imaging System implementation for the Department of Labor and Industries.

Kathleen's passions are rock art, fossils, archeology, and rocks and minerals. She has traveled to Egypt, Greece, Mexico, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Belize studying and photographing ancient sites. She has incredible tales for each area, including climbing inside the Giza Pyramid, visiting the Luxor tombs, and wandering in the temples of Karnak and Abu Simbel. She stood in the cave of the Oracle and has walked through the Acropolis, along with countless other Greek sites.



Her travels have traversed Chichen Itza, Tulum, Coba, and other famous sites of the Yucatan and she has negotiated some lesser known sites like Las Labradas de San Ignacio. The Las Labradas site is unique where over 600 petroglyphs are etched in ancient black basalt and is the only site of its kind in the world where coastal tidal zones wash and cover the rock symbols with each passing tide.

In Guatemala she was escorted by the Guatemalan army, for fear of bandits attacking tourists, to Tikal, city and ceremonial center of the ancient Maya civilization.

In Belize Kathleen swam and climbed to the shimmering calcified remains of the Crystal Maiden within the Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) cave. She navigated Cahal Pech, Caracol, Xunantunich and El Pilar, all amazing Mayan ruins.

She has travelled throughout the United States too. One of her favorite adventures was finding the Winnemucca archeological site outside of Winnemucca, NV. Not known to many, this is the oldest archeological site to date in North America. On the west side of Winnemucca Lake stand limestone boulders with deep ancient carvings. Radio carbon dating suggests these petroglyphs are the oldest in North America, dating back to between 10,500 and 14,800 years ago.



Kathleen became interested in the paranormal and UFO phenomena at an early age after experiencing several lucid dreams, extra sensory perception (ESP) and encounters with UFOs. She is a member of Paranormal, Sasquatch, and Experiencer groups and participates in field research. She is also the Washington State Chapters webmaster at WAMUFON.org

Kathleen has a Fine Arts Degree from Pacific Lutheran University and a Master's degree from Lesley College in Communication and Education. She lives in Olympia, Washington, with her husband Randy whom she married in the Valley of Fire, NV, under the petroglyphs.

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WA MUFON Meetings / Events

Olympic UFO / WA MUFON Meetings. On-site meetings in Port Townsend have been put on hold.

September 19. Olympic UFO / WA MUFON Meeting via ZOOM from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **James Clarkson**, professional ufologist and former Washington MUFON State Director, will present "**And Now the News,**" that includes an analysis of To the Stars Academy (TTSA), the Eric Davis Memo, and some of the major players in the news, such as Luis Elizondo and Chris Mellon. James will also discuss how close or far away we may be from Disclosure with a capital "D." He will review of some of his best cases, emphasizing why the witnesses are highly credible, and how he evaluates witnesses in an Investigation. James's comments are his own and do not reflect any official MUFON policy. There will be time for questions and comments following the presentation.

James has over 25 years of experience studying UFO phenomena and is committed to pursuing the UFO mystery through investigation, writing, research and presentations. He also works with the directors of the National UFO Reporting Center, and UFOS Northwest. James is a career investigator; having been a police sergeant, a detective, a plainclothes military police investigator and a child abuse investigator. His website is www.jamesclarksonufo.com. Reminder emails and registration information will be sent before the event.

September 25-27. 2020 MUFON International UFO Symposium—UAPs: Military & Government Witnesses Speak out! has been cancelled.

October 17: Olympic UFO / WA MUFON Webinar from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Margi Kay** will present a program on The Fast-Movers: There are hundreds or even thousands of UAPs in our skies at all times, and we can prove it through video evidence showing craft that move so fast they can't be seen with the naked eye. Larry Tyree, Bill Spicer, and Margi Kay teamed up to write a book called *The Fast Movers: Evidence of High-Speed UFOs/UAPs* due out this year. Margie is a veteran paranormal investigator and internationally known remote viewer. She is the author of 12 books and editor for Un-X Media Publishing Company. Margie is the Assistant State Director for Missouri MUFON and the Director of Quest Paranormal Investigation Group.

November. 21. WA MUFON Webinar from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Salma Siddick**, will speak about her experiences as one of the Ariel School children in Zimbabwe who encountered a UFO in their school yard.

UFO Media 'Disclosure': The Current State of Affairs

[This article chronologically summarizes some of the most notable changes and occurrences in media coverage that have taken place from 2017 to the present day, regarding what *appears* to be a trend towards UFO / UAP transparency. It begins with an in-depth analysis of the pivotal December 16, 2017 *The New York Times* article that set the stage for the unprecedented media coverage of government UFO 'disclosures' summarized in the timeline below. The focus is on print media, especially *The Times*, because it is regarded as the paper of record. The almost-daily TV news reports are not discussed. There will be a wrap-up commentary at the end of the article. -Maurene Morgan]

On December 16, 2017, a sea change occurred that ended the world as we *thought* we knew it. *The New York Times* published a front-page article on their online addition titled "Glowing Auras and Black Money: The Pentagon's Mysterious UFO Program." They printed a slightly different version in their December 17 print edition with more emphasis on the Tic Tac video.

After decades of deriding or ignoring the UFO phenomenon, *The Times* treated the subject with what appeared to be journalistic respect. It even linked the now infamous Tic Tac video on their YouTube site. [This link was provided by To the Stars Academy: <https://youtu.be/G9D8dzl4zGk>]

The video's tagline read, "U.S. Military Jets Encounter Unknown Object." Gun camera footage showed a 2004 encounter near San Diego between two Navy jets and an object that outmaneuvered them. The pilots can be heard exclaiming, "There's a whole fleet of them," while marveling at their maneuverability and hypersonic speeds.

The focus of the bombshell article was to disclose the existence of a secretive government-funded program call the "Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program" (AATIP), and introduce AATIP's former director, Luis Elizondo.

Oddly, *The Times* only identifies Elizondo as a 'military intelligence offer' when, in fact, 'cuddly Lu'—as he's now portrayed' in TV shows like *Unidentified* on the History Channel—is anything but 'cuddly'. A career superspy, Elizondo served as a senior intelligence officer for the Army, National Counterintelligence Executive, Director of National Intelligence, and Director for the National Programs Special Management Staff (DOD). His bio states that he conducted and supervised highly sensitive espionage and terrorism investigations, and ran clandestine source operations throughout Latin America and the Middle East. 'Cuddly Lu, indeed!'

Former Nevada Senator Harry Reid is the man behind the government funding. A key recipient of the funding was Las Vegas billionaire and NASA contractor, Robert Bigelow, who was awarded most of AATIP's \$22 million funding. [Bigelow once owned Skinwalker Ranch, the location in Utah of well-documented paranormal phenomena.]

The article included an eye-opening quote made by Bigelow in a May 2017 interview on CBS's "60 Minutes." Bigelow revealed that he's "absolutely convinced that aliens exist and that UFOs have visited Earth." [One must wonder if the prominent inclusion of this quote allowed *The Times* to broach the possibility that "aliens" were somehow connected to UFOs—while never mentioning 'Aliens' or 'Extraterrestrials' in the article content.

The article also briefly introduced some of the people connected to the commercial venture, "To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences" (TTSA). Like Elizondo, *The Times* also glossed over the key players on TTSA's

team—a group with curiously impressive resumes from the military industrial and intelligence complex's highest rungs and darkest corners—and who are virtually everywhere in the media right now. At the same time, as if right on cue—huge UFO-related stories have hit the mainstream media. Hmmmm....

As expected, mainstream media pundits and ufologists alike zeroed in on the Tic Tac video and largely ignored the article's explosive contents. Was linking the Tic Tac video to the article a bait and switch ploy used by the 'powers that be' to divert the public's attention from *The Times* explosive revelations?

So, what can be gleaned from a closer look at those overlooked 'revelations':

- 1) In a 2009 Pentagon briefing, AATIP's director asserted that "what was considered science fiction is now science fact," and "the U.S. was incapable of defending itself against some of the technologies discovered." [Did I just read that?]
- 2) In Elizondo's AATIP resignation letter, he notes there are "many accounts from the Navy and other services of unusual aerial systems interfering with military weapon platforms and displaying beyond-next-generation capabilities."
- 3) In *The Times* interview, Elizondo said he and his government colleagues had determined that the phenomena did not seem to originate from any country. [Implying that it's 'off-world'?]
- 4) *The Times* article ended with Reid saying that he did not know where the objects had come from. "If anyone says they have the answers now, they're fooling themselves." "We do not know." (Again, implying they're from off-planet.)

February 19, 2019. President Trump announced he had created a military Space Force focused on war in space. The new military service was officially launched on December 21, 2019 with Trump describing space as "the world's newest war-fighting domain," as he signed off the funding.

April 23, 2019. Online journal *Politico*. "U.S. Navy drafting new guidelines for reporting UFOs."

Politico reported: "The U.S. Navy is drafting new guidelines for pilots and other personnel to report encounters with "unidentified aircraft," a significant new step in creating a formal process to collect and analyze the unexplained sightings—and destigmatize them.

The move is in response to a series of sightings of unknown, highly advanced aircraft intruding on navy strike groups and other sensitive military formations and facilities."

May 22, 2019. *New York Post* Exclusive: "Pentagon Finally admits it Investigates UFOs."

"The Pentagon has finally uttered the words it always avoided when discussing the possible existence of UFOs—'unidentified aerial phenomena'[UAP]—and admits that it still investigates UAP reports."

In a statement provided exclusively to *The Post*, a Department of Defense spokesman said a secret government initiative called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program [AATIP] "did pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena."

May 26, 2019. *The New York Times*, "Wow What Was That?"

"No one at the Pentagon is saying that the objects are extraterrestrial, but the Navy has issued new classified guidance for reporting..."

May 28, 2019. *Washington Post* Opinion piece, "UFOs are Real and Everyone Needs to Adjust to that Fact."

"UFOs are not the same thing as extraterrestrial life. But we should start thinking about that possibility."

September 18, 2019: A US Navy statement confirmed certain UFO videos made public over the past several years do indeed show "unidentified aerial phenomena".

April 27, 2020. The Pentagon declassifies three previously leaked videos of UAP/UFO. The videos were declassified to 'clear up any misconceptions' on whether they were real. https://youtu.be/rO_M0hLIJ-Q

May 14, 2020. *The New York Times*, "Navy Reports Describe Encounters with Unexplained Flying Objects."

"Navy fighter pilots reported close encounters with unidentified aerial vehicles, including several dangerously close,..."

June 23, 2020: Online journal *Politico*, "Senators want the Public to see UFO Reports."

"The Senate Intelligence Committee has voted to require U.S. intelligence agencies and the Defense Department to compile a detailed public analysis of all data collected on 'unidentified aerial phenomenon', including intrusions recorded by Navy pilots in recent years.

The provision... sets up an unusually public debate on Capitol Hill about how extensively the government has been tracking high performance aircraft of unknown origin, or UFOs."

July 23, 2020. *The New York Times*, "No Longer in Shadows, Pentagon's U.F.O. Unit will Make Some Findings Public."

Despite Pentagon assertions it disbanded a once-covert program to investigate unidentified flying objects, *The Times* revealed the program continues, and included the knock-your-socks-off paragraph below:

Astrophysicist Eric Davis, who consulted with the Pentagon's original UFO program and now works for the defense contractor Aerospace Corporation, told *The Times* that after he examined certain materials, he came to the conclusion that "we couldn't make [them] ourselves." In fact, Davis briefed a Department of Defense (DOD) agency as recently as March about retrieving materials from "off-world vehicles not made on this earth."

There is a 12-minute video linked below made by Clayton Morris on his Paranormal Post YouTube site that brilliantly explains the importance of this article. <https://youtu.be/4I9Yd4O5CDk>

July 26, 2020. *Popular Mechanics*, "Pentagon has Off-World Vehicles not made on this Earth." "Bombshell: The government's once-clandestine UFO program will reveal findings on unexplained materials and crashes."

Popular Mechanic's in-depth investigation confirmed that the Pentagon's on-and-off-again, once-covert UFO program is decidedly back on—and will soon reveal some of its findings to the public. It also reported that an astrophysicist [Eric Davis] who consulted on the UFO program confirms the government possesses materials from "off-world vehicles not made on this earth."

July 28, 2020. *The New York Times*, "Do We Believe in U.F.O.s? That's the Wrong Question"

"Reporting on the Pentagon program that's investigating unidentified flying objects is not about belief. It's about a vigilant search for facts."

August 14, 2020. *Military Times*, "Pentagon creates UFO task force to see if aerial objects pose threats."

"Pentagon officials on Friday confirmed the existence of a Navy-led "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force" that will monitor ongoing encounters with strange aerial objects and determine whether these phenomena should be perceived as a threat. ...The task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

Commentary: Keep in mind that the above media references merely encapsulate the headlines; therefore, you may wish to read the entire articles for yourself, as well as to watch the TV news coverage downloaded on YouTube.

Five patterns emerge: 1) UFOs are predominately perceived as potential threats; 2) The term 'UFO' is increasingly being used instead of or in conjunction with UAPs, probably because the public doesn't know what a UAP is; 3) TV news no longer plays *X-Files* music and there are no rolled eyes or snarky comments about little green men and tin foil hats; 4) Even reports of possible UFO crash retrievals NEVER mention aliens, extraterrestrials or the intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon; 5) The origin UFOs/UAPs and their technology are often expressed in terms of "off-planet".

Does the unprecedented UFO coverage from the media mean the government is finally ending its alleged 70-year UFO code of silence? Or, is this so-called 'disclosure' merely spin targeting the uninformed and misinformed when in fact its hidden agendas are buried deep within the rhetoric?

Is it possible the media is in collusion with governmental intelligence operations to plant the seeds of fear in our minds that an alien invasion is on the horizon? Is there a connection between the media's UFO hype and President Trump's establishing a 'Space Force' and declaring "space is the newest war-fighting domain?" And yet, nearly every news report suggests that UFOs/UAPs are not made by man, not from any country, or have 'beyond next-generation technology'. So, who or what are the combatants in this new war-fighting domain? Since the U.S. is the world's top superpower, these adversaries seem unlikely to be the Chinese, Russians or North Koreans launching killer satellites or other weapons our existing forces should be able to deal with.

Government intelligence agencies have long manipulated ufology. They do this by planting false stories in the media by infiltrating UFO groups; obtaining information from UFO groups; starting, taking over or infiltrating UFO programs (i.e., Tom DeLonge's To the Stars Academy [TTSA]); and manipulating prominent ufologists.

You may be wondering why I would be so bold as to suggest mainstream media are shells for government intelligence operations. Well, folks, there is a long history of it. Carl Bernstein—the Bernstein of Watergate fame—authored a landmark exposé that appeared in the October 1977 edition of *Rolling Stone Magazine* titled "THE CIA and the MEDIA: How America's Most Powerful News Media Worked Hand in Glove with the Central Intelligence Agency and Why the Church Committee Covered It Up." Bernstein reported that "The Agency's (CIA) relationship with the [*The New York Times*] was by far its most valuable among newspapers, according to CIA officials. [It was] general *Times* policy... to provide assistance to the CIA whenever possible." Has this policy changed since the 1970's?

Couple Bernstein's article with Terry Hansen's book, *The Missing Times: News Media Complicity in the UFO Coverup*, and you'll better understand how propaganda is subtly and effectively managed and disseminated through the elite media. Hansen makes a good case for the use of mass media as part of the UFO cover-up that began with the CIA's Robertson Panel in 1953.

We cannot possibly know why the intelligence agencies do what they do. They may have done this to get support for increased military spending (weaponizing space), to lessen resistance to giving up our civil liberties (think about abuses of the Patriot Act after 9/11, along with warrantless wiretaps, government able to designate anyone as an enemy combatant without charge, growing surveillance of every aspect of citizen's lives; the list goes on and on...), or simply to study and perfect the manipulation of people for whatever purpose they might have. It may be some or all of the above. We will likely never know.

Next month, the feature article will explore the U.S. Navy's new guidelines for pilots and other personnel to report encounters with "unidentified aircraft, and why it may be an attempt to rewrite UFO history.

[Maurene earned a BA in Communication Studies at the University of Iowa in 1993. She has had a lifelong passion for media analysis—to understand who controls the media and how information is manipulated to shape public opinion.]

A Blast from the Past: Mysterious Lights over Yakima

Review: *Examining the Earthlight Theory: The Yakima UFO Microcosm*, by Greg Long. Chicago, The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), 1990.

[I first became intrigued with mysterious lights in the skies several years ago after spending a weekend sky watching at the famed ECETI Ranch. ECETI is located near Trout Lake, about 15 miles south of Mount Adams—the largest active volcano in Washington State. Like the other sky watchers, I saw many of these pinpoint lights gliding silently across the sky, usually moving from an eastern direction toward Mt. Adams. I, too, experienced the thrill of training a laser pointer at them and seeing the lights respond by ‘powering up’.



Sky watching at ECETI Ranch; Mount Adams



Typical ‘power up’ from a pin point of light

At the time, I believed the phenomenon was unique to ECETI. Soon after, however, I saw the short video, *UFOS Over Yakima* on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/U8RvYIA7HXQ>) that spotlighted orange balls of light (BOL) seen sporadically over the Yakima Indian Reservation to the east of ECETI. The video featured Greg Long, a UFO researcher who had written a book titled *Examining the Earthlights Theory: The Yakima UFO Microcosm*. Because I suspected there may be a connection between the lights seen over ECETI and orange balls of light seen over the reservation, I contacted the publisher, CUFOS, and was delighted to learn that Long lived just two hours away in the Seattle area. We arranged to meet at a Starbucks, and then talked for hours about the BOL phenomenon. I also purchased a copy of his out-of-print book, which documents a collection of strange UFO sightings and experiences reported by reservation fire lookouts, ranchers, police and citizens. MM]

Examining the Earthlight Theory is a unique history of nearly 200 sightings reported over 20 years in one limited locale. It provides scientists and everyone else with a serious interest in the UFO phenomenon a complete, factual view of the range of sightings: physical characteristics of the object, geographic location at exact times (whenever known); as well as other events that seem to share the common “strangeness” factor.

The book also describes and tests the Tectonic Strain Theory (TST) of UFOs, an explanation scheme that looks at UFOs from the perspective of geophysics and radiation. The theory suggests that some unknown mechanism is producing energy of high-enough voltage to excite gases in the atmosphere. TST proponents promote the theory as the Final Answer to UFOs.

Long disagrees. His findings suggest that TST only explains a tightly defined subset of the phenomenon. It does not explain a wide-range of UFO-like phenomena, like many of those reported on the Yakima reservation: balls of light; luminous clouds and fogs; sudden light flashes or sky brightenings; unexplained glows coming from

canyons or behind hills; electro-magnetic effects on appliances and car engines; car levitations; strange sounds that include rumbling, beeping, motors or dynamos, and frightening explosions; and “mysterious” fires and burned patches on the ground. Nor, does it explain daylight sightings of discs and solid-looking objects or crafts displaying rapid ascents and descents, high speed and intelligent-seeming maneuvering and control. It certainly does not explain sightings of Bigfoot, nor strange entities ranging from ‘Buck Rogers, a giant, to a bizarre greenish creature.



Examining the Earthlights Theory can be a profitable read by those with a varied set of interests in the UFO phenomenon. In this empirical study, Long details his and others’ work (including J. Allen Hynek) in the investigation of dozens of UFO reports in the Yakima area. He documents the existence of a ‘microcosm’ of UFO reports. Many of the reports were clustered on Toppenish Ridge, the major geological feature on the Yakima reservation. Perhaps most

importantly, Long used the report data to test the TST theory as a way to explain UFOs. His analysis leads him to conclude that the theory was deficient in certain critical areas.



Dorothea Sturm, fire-tower lookout who reported over-one hundred lights.



Two examples of the balls of light seen over Yakima Indian Reservation

I hope readers will be challenged by the scope and accomplishments of this book. It successfully demonstrates, I think, that UFO reports still remain the heart of ufology. It shows balls of light (nocturnal lights) should be considered as important an element in the UFO experience as the “nuts and bolts” view. As Peter Davenport, Director of the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), can attest, orange balls of light remain one of the most frequently reported UFO sighting events reported to this day.

After a hiatus of nearly twenty years, Greg Long has resumed his study of balls of light. If you have had an experience with a ball of light, whatever size, color, or behavior, he would like to hear from you. All information would be held in confidence. Feel free to contact him at gregnwmysteries@frontier.com.

Examining the Earthlight Theory can be ordered on Amazon used for \$76, new on AbeBooks for \$2,000, or pdf downloaded for free online. - Maurene Morgan

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