

The U.S. Government's Present-Day UFO Interest



The Black Vault Uncovers What the Government Doesn't Want You to See

by John Greenewald, Jr.

If you'd asked me seven years ago if I would dedicate the majority of my life to finding the truth behind multiple government conspiracies, I would have said you were crazy. Ask me now—I'd say you were right.

It has been over seven years since I started what has become the largest database in the world, outside the U.S. government itself. Many Internet users and television viewers worldwide have seen this site, known as the "Black Vault," grow beyond anyone's imagination. Archiving over 114,000 government documents, 20,000

historical photographs, a message forum with over 270,000 posts, and over 10,000 news articles, the Black Vault is one of the largest sites on the Internet. In April 2004, it hit a new site high with over 14.5 million hits in one month, and May 2004 was on its way of breaking that record as of this writing.

The Black Vault has uncovered many conspiracies and brought to light documents that have never been seen by the public eye. It houses my research; research that I have done since I was 15 years old. I am now 23, and continue to expose every-

thing I can about the U.S. government's biggest deceptions.

I could write volumes regarding these topics, but one has been the most interesting of them all. The UFO phenomenon has brought some of the most interesting discoveries, and gives a small glimpse at what the U.S. government does not want you to know.

Project Blue Book

When researching the UFO phenomenon and the U.S. government's involvement, you learn of an investigation called Project Blue Book. Project Blue Book was started in 1947 to investigate and research this UFO phenomenon that the public was continually getting more frightened over. In 1969 it ended and concluded that the UFOs were easily explained and there was no reason to continue investigating them.

At Project Blue Book's termination, a "fact sheet" was issued by the U.S. government which offered the following conclusions:

No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security. There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and there was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as unidentified were extraterrestrial vehicles.

The Air Force also clearly stated that UFO sightings were not to be investigated by the United States Air Force. Looking at NASA's "fact sheet" on UFOs, we find the following statement:

"No branch of the United States government is currently involved with or responsible for investigations into the possibility of advanced alien civilizations on other planets or for investigating Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)."

It is quite clear that NASA, the U.S. Air Force, and all other departments want to state clearly that the UFO phenomenon does not exist and that they do not investigate it.

Outlined very briefly above is what the U.S. government wants you to believe. Now, let's take a look at the real evidence.

Costly Research

I believe that it was probably a big incentive to me that the government stonewalled me on the Project Blue Book subject. When I first started researching under the Freedom of Information Act, I learned that the National Archives held over 33,000 pages of material on the subject. The government informed me that it would cost 25 cents a page to get this material. I was never notified of the microfilm I could buy for a lot less money.

Now really, who in their right mind would pay well over \$8,000 for the requested material, even if they could afford it? This factor alone steered me away from Project Blue Book, and I looked elsewhere for proof of this conspiracy.

I have said it once, and I will say it a thousand times: I got way more than I bargained for!

My search started with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). The first batch of material that came to my doorstep was all I needed to prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that those "fact sheets" obtained from NASA, the Air Force, and later from other agencies were very far from facts.

I received hundreds of pages from the DIA alone. The picture began forming when I looked at documents beginning in the mid-1960s, many of which were from the Project Blue Book era, and fairly boring at best. However, when I came to a batch of documents from the 1970s, an even bigger picture began to surface.

The Story Continues

Project Blue Book, along with all other UFO investigations, was halted in 1969, yet UFO reports from around the world continued to come to the DIA. I realized that the UFO phenomenon did not go away like we were told. Quite the contrary, the UFO sightings continued, they were reported, and the government still felt a need to archive them.

One document I received represented a huge breakthrough for the UFO community when it was first released, many years before I got it. It details a report that describes technology that we still do not have nearly 30 years later.

This simple four-page document on the "1976 Iran Incident" (see "Flying Saucer

Fever," page 25) held a story that would pique anyone's interest in this phenomenon. One document out of thousands contained in the Black Vault—and it only gets better!

As I quickly turned the pages through the history of DIA documents and the UFO phenomenon, the dates rapidly approached the present day. Reading through reports from the 1980s and then the 1990s, the documents became incredibly classified and blacked out from top to bottom on some of these pages. What was so important about the UFO phenomenon, especially 25 to 30 years after the government officially "stopped" their investigation? Why was this information so secret? But that this was far from the end.

I then turned to other agencies. I sent FOIA requests out by the dozens, and started receiving documents proving that absolutely nothing stopped in 1969, and that government interest in the UFO phenomenon continues to this day.

Agencies like the National Security Agency (NSA), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and countless others all had documents that proved the theory: the UFO Phenomenon was *real*.

The biggest proof for me took years to work itself out. It consisted of a paper trail that not only went throughout the U.S. government but involved the Canadian government as well.

This trail began with a publication called Joint Army Navy Air Force Publica-

tion (JANAP) 146(e). This document has circulated in the UFO community for quite some time. It details precise instructions on reporting "vital intelligence" consisting of the sightings of unidentified military aircraft, hostile military groups, missiles, and yes, you guessed it, UFOs.

Publication (JANAP) 146(e)

I used this document to formulate a FOIA request to the NORAD installation, because this was the base where the reports made under this publication were sent. They were called "CIRVIS" reports, which stood for Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

In their letter dated 16 June 1998, NORAD informed me that because they were a bi-national command, both under the control of the U.S. and Canada, U.S. laws did not apply, including the FOIA. How convenient is that? Just send the UFO documents to a place no one in the public could reach.

Here was a problem that I didn't solve for quite some time. NORAD informed me that they had conducted searches "in good faith" for these reports in the past and came up empty handed. How do you access government records that you know exist when the government denies their existence?

NORAD's letter inadvertently told me how to do it. It said the records were also under the control of the Canadian government. Though the FOIA did not apply, maybe Canada had a similar law I could

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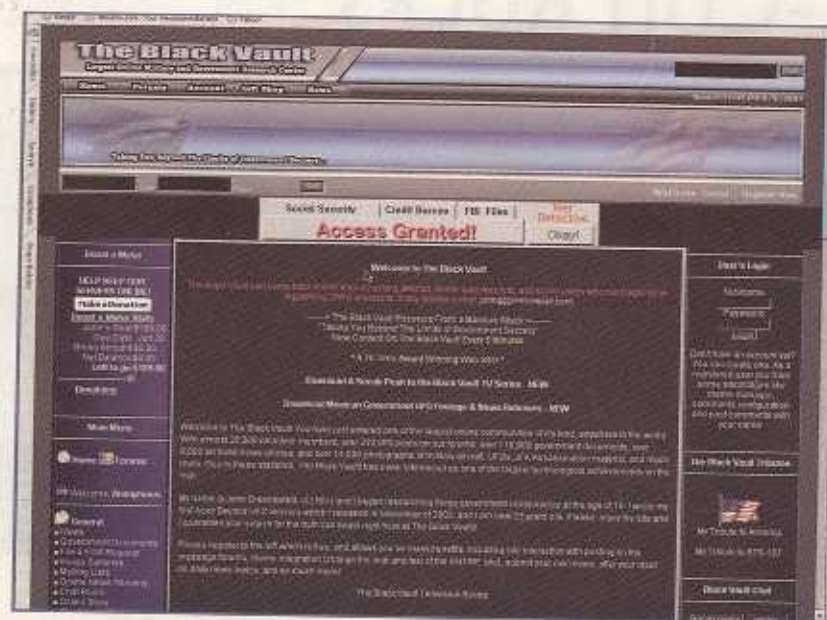
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use. Sure enough, it did, and it was called the Access to Information Act.

My search began with a telephone call to the Department of National Defence (sic) (DND). When someone finally answered the ringing phone line in Canada, a man said, "Hello." I began explaining that I was doing some research, and I had learned that Canada had an equivalent to



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needed more: a military connection in addition to the civilian proof that UFOs were still being reported. After hours of research, I came across something I did not believe.

I discovered Air Force Instruction 10-206. In Chapter 5, there are specific references to CIRVIS reports—no longer simply a reference to JANAP 146(e) like in the FAA manual, but specific instructions to report these sightings to the NORAD installation.

Was I reading this correctly? The one agency that adamantly denied any and all involvement in the UFO phenomenon for the past 35 years, yet they have an Air Force Instruction on reporting these objects? In addition, I have absolute proof

that NORAD lied outright with their letters stating they haven't collected reports since 1969.

After this discovery, I believed that the UFO phenomenon, no matter how controversial, was absolutely real.

The Black Vault has dealt with top secret military subjects that span over a half a century, and no subject has received more stonewalling, dead ends, and problems as the UFO question. Why?

I believe these facts outlined here really do not even scratch the surface of the phenomenon; no one can deny it.

Though as with much of what is unanswered, most of it will stay just that—unanswered.—John Greenwald, Jr. ☺

the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. It was called the Access to Information Act. I asked him if a U.S. citizen could make a request under this particular act. The man on the phone thought for a second, and he said, well, if the records had been released in the past, he did not see why not.

No Problem

I began explaining what I was looking for. I started out by mentioning CIRVIS reports, and reports of UFOs. He interrupted me in mid-sentence: "Oh yeah, I have those right here."

I was floored by the response. "Excuse me?" I said.

"I like to keep these types of reports handy," he replied. Not wanting to lose my chance to obtain these documents, I did not inquire why he had them handy. I now regret not asking.

However, I did ask how many documents he currently had in his possession. I heard him thumb through the pages for a minute or two and come back with the answer of "about 80." So, of course the next question was, "Is there any way I can get a copy of them?" I was met with only the question of, "Do you have a Visa?" Faster than I was able to say "I don't leave home without it," I pulled out my wallet and quickly gave him my Visa card number. A whole \$3 was placed on my Visa, and sure enough, the documents were sent to me.

As he was taking the card, curiosity got the best of me. I had to ask the years of the

documents. He looked through the pages again and said the oldest he had was from 1995 and the latest one was from October 1999, the previous year. This I had to see, and one of the many reasons these documents were so important. Their existence shows that the statements made by NORAD to myself were false, or at least appeared to be.

Weeks later, I received a large brown envelope from the Canadian Department of National Defence with the documents enclosed. I opened the package and out came 80-plus pages on UFOs, all CIRVIS reports, having somehow gotten channeled through NORAD at one time or another. This was big; however, not big enough. They were Canadian documents, and as much as I wanted to say there was something wrong with this picture, I truly couldn't beyond a reasonable doubt. I took this as a stepping stone.

The Beans Are Spilled

The paper trail continued to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where I discovered FAA Manual 7110.10R Flight Services. In Chapter 6, Section 5, subsection 6, paragraph d, I found my answer: a section devoted to CIRVIS reports and referencing JANAP 146(c), which said specifically that all UFO reports were to be sent to NORAD. Now I knew I was on to something important, because the last revision date on the manual was February 19, 2004!

This still wasn't enough for me. I

X-Con Rocks

by Rob Simone



X-Conference attendees, left to right: Rich Doland and wife Karyn, Grant Cameron, Rosemary Guiley, Phyllis Galde, Lisa Davis, John Greenwald, Leah Haley.

The first annual X-Conference organized by Steven Bassett was more than a gathering of UFO researchers and political pundits; it was a historic first step in furthering the understanding of the connection between the extraterrestrial phenomenon and our government's involvement, coverup, and ongoing investigation into this vast field.

Also in attendance were congressional aides, foreign media, and "Beltway insiders" who had either a professional or personal interest in the conference. Bill Hamilton, one of the speakers at the conference, is a legend in the UFO community. He has

been researching the phenomena of extraterrestrials for over 50 years. When I interviewed him last year, he told me about his involvement with the mysterious "Dr. Dan," and I knew his story was going to be one of the most important since Roswell.

Dr. Dan's Tale

I've heard a lot of accounts of people claiming to have been at Area 51 in my radio career, but I have personally seen the video of Dr. Dan telling of his involvement with a live E.B.E. or extraterrestrial biological entity. Dr. Dan, a biologist with a 200 IQ, was recruited by the military soon after college and ended up studying bio-

logical samples which he later was told came from a live alien kept in a lower level of this secret underground facility. Dr. Dan was introduced to the alien known as "J-rod" and developed a relationship closer than anyone could imagine.

During a routine examination Dr. Dan was in telepathic communication with J-rod and with no warning the alien grabbed hold of Dan and "downloaded" incredible amounts of information while onlookers and security personnel scrambled to help.

J-rod is kept in a special bio-containment environment and anyone who enters must wear a special suit. It takes nearly 30 minutes to get in the suit and decontaminate. During this time Dan was given information that would lead him to unlocking the secrets of the very source of creation. Dan was given the exact location of an extremely ancient layer of rock known as Vishnu schist that contains the "Ganesh particle," which he feels seeded life on this and every other planet in the universe. Dr. Dan's research could lead to cures for all sorts of diseases and start a new chapter in evolutionary biology.

Dr. Dan has risked his life to come forward and tell his story. He has been threatened, surveiled, and detained in an attempt to control him. The importance of his discoveries and the implication of their impact to all of humanity has strengthened his resolve to defy the dark forces and champion the cause of human evolution. Bill Hamilton has undergone changes in his own life. To continue working with Dr. Dan in his research, he has been forced to pull



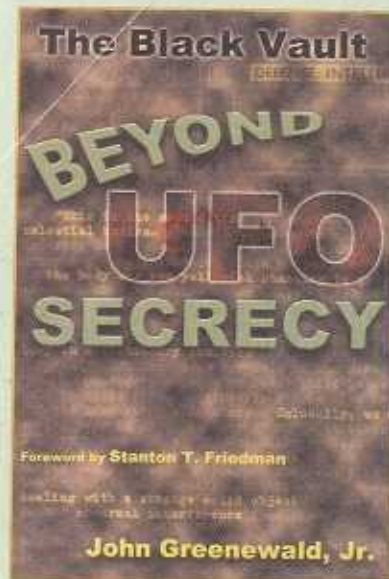
Bill Hamilton

back from public speaking; however, the next and last interview with Bill Hamilton will be heard on *The Headroom* radio show on 104.4 FM London in the fall.

Producer Paul Davids Speaks

Paul Davids was one of the speakers at the conference. As a film and television producer he demonstrated Hollywood's long love affair with UFOs and aliens. From the early 1950s movies have mirrored both the public's wildest imagination and real life events, such as *Fire in the Sky* about the Travis Walton abduction and *Roswell*, a film which Paul produced and cowrote. *Roswell* won a Golden Globe nomination for Best Television Motion Picture of 1994 and starred Martin Sheen and Kyle MacLachlan, who also starred in another famous sci-fi classic, *Dune*.

The first night of the X-Conference, *Roswell* was screened to a packed room. This film is widely considered to be the definitive cinematic recreation of the biggest UFO/alien encounter this country has known. Paul has produced other films



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about Vincent Van Gogh and the life and times of Timothy Leary, but his own personal experience which started his lifelong interest in UFOs is quite compelling.

A few months prior to the conference Paul agreed to be a guest on my radio show. I happened to be in Los Angeles so we met at his house in Pasadena.

Paul Davids and the UFO

Not more than five minutes after I arrived, we were standing outside on his roof and he was explaining how his life changed forever in 1987 and how it led him into the world of ufology. He told the story of how his daughter was calling him to look at this strange object she noticed out the very same window we were standing next to. When he got to the roof, he and his daughter had one of the most clear and vivid UFO sightings ever. A round silver disc came down slow and hovered over his neighbor's house in broad daylight. He and his daughter carefully made notes of the

date, time, and description of the craft, which were later published in the *MUFON Journal*.

In 1988, exactly one year later to the day, Paul was out on the roof taking pictures when a call came for him from Budd Hopkins, the world-renowned abduction researcher, concerning a project which would bring Paul's professional attention back to UFOs. We talked about this synchronicity during the next two hours of the interview, and how Paul's career has been full of these magical unexpected coincidences. After it was done I was labeling my recordings and as I read the date aloud to notate the label, Paul looked up with a stunned look on his face. It was the exact date of his UFO sighting, 17 years to the day. In fact it was the same time we started the interview, too, 4:30 p.m. We both just sat there bewildered. It hadn't dawned on him during our conversation. He ran upstairs and got his notes from 1987 and to prove it.

Paul is currently working on a screenplay inspired by the life work of Richard C. Hoagland, another speaker at the conference, and it should be out of this world.

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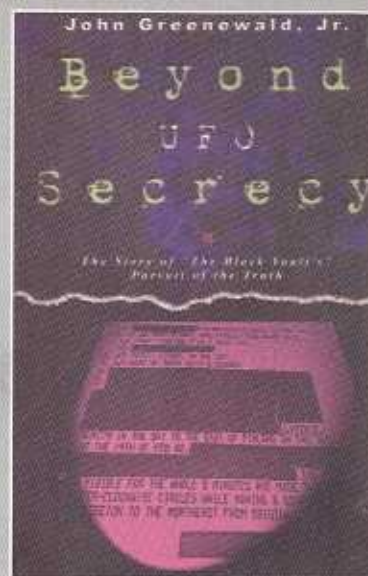
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