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from a scientist in a high government agency. "I'm informed you had a close-up UFO sighting. I'd like to see you."

Benton checked, found the man was cleared by the Navy. Next day, the scientist appeared, showed his credentials, listened intently to Benton's report. Then he unlocked a dispatch case and took out some photographs.

"Was it like any of these?" At the third picture, Benton stopped him. "That's it!" He looked sharply at the scien-

tist. "Somebody must know the answers, if you've got photographs of the things." The other man took the pictures. "I'm sorry, Commander." He closed his dispatch case and left.

At the time when I (Donald Keyhoe) learned of the case, I had served for two years as Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

THE UNACKNOWLEDGED THREAT OF SECRET AND COVERT OPERATIONS BY THE US Government and the Military/Industrial Complex FSR 49-3, AUTUMN 2004

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Since the end of the Second World War, the US military industrial complex has secretly sponsored at great public cost the R&D of new technologies for energy generation, air and outer space flight, futuristic weaponry and other mostly military ends, which have not been made available for the common good. Yet today's environmental and economic emergencies dictate that the accumulated know-how be used for the benefit of mankind in its peaceful applications.

"[There] exists a shadowy Government with its own Air Force, its own Navy, its own fundraising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of the national interest, free from all checks and balances, and free from the law itself." Senator Daniel K Inouye.

"In the councils of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military Industrial Complex.. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals so that security and liberty may prosper together. President Dwight Eisenhower, January 1961

The above address by two-term Republican US President and five-star Army General Dwight Eisenhower was issued as a prescient warning when he left office in 1961. Many have wondered why such a conservative, pro-military president would issue such a warning. We now know why. The Disclosure Project, an NGO based in the United States, has identified several hundred military, intelligence and corporate witnesses to illegal and extra-constitutional projects that have suppressed information and prevented public access to technologies which could provide a definitive

replacement for oil, coal, nuclear power and other conventional energy sources. These technologies have been both acquired and developed by military and industrial interests in the US, UK and other countries that have repeatedly lied to or withheld this information from legally constituted authorities and the public. This information has the potential to completely transform the current state of the world in the areas of technology, energy production, propulsion, the environment and geopolitical issues related to oil and energy supplies. In short, a sustainable, non-polluting and affluent civilisation could be created by the wise application of these technologies, and many of the most pressing challenges facing the world community could have been avoided if it had not been for the deliberate suppression of technological knowledge. While "national security concerns" have been invoked as reasons for such secrecy, in reality the policy is driven by the resolve to maintain the current "status quo" based on the pre-eminence of oil, fossil fuels and related special interests.

By the time President Eisenhower left, a transformation had occurred in the structure of Western military, intelligence and corporate programmes. The urgent pressure of the nuclear arms race and the Cold War with the Soviets had created an atmosphere of extreme secrecy, dwarfing the secret infrastructure surrounding the Manhattan Project that built the atomic bomb during the Second World War. The fate of the free world was at stake, and no expense was spared to create the means to advance technologies within the dark womb of secrecy. A culture evolved that required such secrecy for national survival and the "need-to-know-only" requirements of such programmes were further reinforced by the well-known espionage scandals of that era, including those of the Rosenbergs.

However, such a culture of generally regarded justified and able secrecy also created opportunities for abuse with

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the military, intelligence, corporate and laboratory complex. Classified programmes, appropriately structured to require a genuine need-to-know situation in order for one to have access to them, became increasingly "compartmented", restricted and shadowy. Mechanisms for funding became Byzantine and obscure; programme structures were hidden with cover stories, "store front" operations and became virtually impenetrable; and the people within such programmes found themselves at once increasingly isolated and strangely empowered.

It was in this womb, awash with billions of dollars of so-called "black budget" funding, that extreme (and many would maintain essential) secrecy gave birth to the monster of rogue, illegal and powerful "unacknowledged special access projects" (USAPs) dealing with a number of unusual phenomena and technologies. In the world of USAPs, compartmentalisation is so great, the need to know so restricted and the information so important, that meaningful supervision by the constitutionally required authorities in the US, UK and other countries became simply impossible. Here, "unacknowledged" means that nobody is ever told about the project unless he absolutely needs to know and is directly required to be involved in operations. Even if a senior official inquires, the answer is "no such project exists."

Moreover, the milieu of the "revolving door" world of military, intelligence and corporate programmes created corporate and financial influences that ran counter to genuine "national security" interests or any legitimate public interest. Especially in the United States, the multi-billion dollar expenditures on military technologies, research and development programmes and outsourced services and operations allowed for a comingling of public finances and private interests. This, combined with the extreme compartmentalisation of programmes, allowed for serious abuses of the public trust to take place.

Ultimately, such programmes - networked carefully with other programmes and corporate research - became so restrictive that legal authorities were routinely and as a matter of course left out of the loop. Ultimately, those left out of the loop would become members of Congress and even the US president.

Indeed, when President Eisenhower left office, operations had become so complex and out of control, that he was convinced he was being shut out of vital developments and operations. In the years since, matters have decayed exponentially to the point that we estimate today some \$100 billion per year go into unacknowledged programmes escaping the substantial knowledge of the US president and US Congress.

USAP AND ADVANCED ENERGY AND PROPULSION SYSTEMS

The "crown jewels" of such USAPs are those connected to very advanced energy and propulsion systems. In the 1940s and 1950s, a concerted effort was made to

investigate a number of phenomena related to emerging sciences, including those associated with electromagnetism and electro-gravitic/magneto-gravitic technologies for their promising potential in creating energy and propulsion systems valuable to urgent defence projects.

During that era, particular interest was paid to what the public call UFOs (unidentified flying objects). It is important to note that the term UFO was only coined after covert programmes discovered that such objects were neither unidentified nor "flew" in any conventional sense of the word. Indeed, the majority of the information and culture associated with UFOs is disinformation designed to deflect serious scientific, media or mainstream governmental inquiry. People have been systematically deceived for half a century.

UFOs well-documented aerial phenomena, some of which are extra-terrestrial vehicles whereas others are advanced covert government aircraft using energy and propulsion technologies that could transform life on earth. It should be noted that the man-made devices are the result of illegally classified research and development (and acquisition) of technologies as well as the study of retrieved extraterrestrial vehicles.

Once technological breakthroughs were made, the secrecy associated with these projects became extraordinary. Indeed, the clandestinity surrounding these advanced energy and propulsion devices far exceeded the secrecy that shrouded the development of the hydrogen bomb.

From a November 21, 1950 (authenticated) top secret Canadian document:

I [the author] made discreet enquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington who were able to obtain for me the following information: (a) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb (b) Flying saucers exist (c) Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr Vannevar Bush. (d) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

Putting aside the aura of silliness that surrounds the subject in pop culture, the media and the tabloids, over 2000 pages of documents released to the Disclosure Project by the US, UK, Spanish and other governments clearly establish the importance of the matter at the time. Space here does not allow inclusion of even a sampling of these documents but they may be viewed, in part, on our website and reviewed in the book Disclosure by this author.

Today, this subject usually elicits laughter, embarrassment and dismissal. This is certainly understandable since at least 99 per cent of everything said, written, filmed or otherwise placed in the public domain on the subject is outright deception. But in the corridors of power - and especially in the corridors of covert programmes - the matter is of utmost importance.

This is because at the core of this enigma lies a body of

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science that eliminates in one generation the need for oil, fossil fuels and the related pollution and establishes a truly sustainable world civilisation exempt from poverty as we know it. The relentless ridicule associated with the UFO subject matter is deliberate and staged: It hides a profound body of knowledge dwarfing the changes that have transpired from the industrial revolution until today by several orders of magnitude. In a letter to Congress, first CIA Director Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter had this to say:

It is time for the truth to be brought out. Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about unidentified flying objects. We have identified nearly 500 military, corporate, intelligence and laborato-

ry witnesses to events and programmes connected with these matters. The body of evidence is overwhelming and definitive. In May 2001, we held a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC at which more than 20 such witnesses provided testimony and documents regarding their direct, first-hand involvement in the subject.

It was the most-watched webcast in history, and ultimately over a million people viewed the event over the Internet. The event was reported by CNN, ABC, NBC, International, major networks like the BBC, the Voice of America, Ravda, the Chinese News Agency, Telemundo, The Washington Times and other media around the world. Tens of thousands of people wrote to the press and members of Congress asking for an investigation of the subject and a general declassification of information.

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Close encounter in 1923: Veteran Teacher Remembered When UFO Visited

By Len Wells Courier & Press (USA) correspondent

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22-8-4. Norman Massie died last week at the hospital in Carmi (Illinois, USA). He was 91. The Mount Erie native had taught school in Wayne County for 37 years and once served as principal of the Geff Grade School.

Many Wayne County residents remembered him simply as "Coach Massie." For years, he taught basketball skills to grade schoolers at Center Street School in Fairfield. Even more residents around Southern Illinois remember Norman as a sales representative for World Book Encyclopedia, a job he held for more than 20 years until computers and the Internet came along, reducing an entire set of books to a few mouse clicks or a couple of CDs. While the folks in Southern Illinois will remember Coach Massie for his many years in education, perhaps the world will remember him for what he witnessed 81 years ago - when he was just 10 years old.

It was a warm day in June 1923 when Norman led a team of horses into a pasture near his Mount Erie home, looked up and saw what he was convinced until his last days was a spaceship.

In a 1998 interview with Norman, he told me, "I opened the gate to let the horses into the pasture. I let them through, and as I was closing the gate, I looked back down the field and there was an object with lights all around it," Massie said. "I kept walking closer to the object until I got about 50 feet away. I stood there and watched the five men who were on board."

I've heard Norman tell this story many times, and it was always the same - never embellished from one time to the next. "The machine was metallic and stood on three legs. The top was a dome with holes in it. The best way

I could describe the top was it looked like melted gold," Massie said.

"I got close enough that I could hear them talking. A guy sat in a chair and the others called him the commander. Four others made trips back and forth in a ship. I didn't know what was going on until the ship landed. Then, one of the crew members told the commander the repairs had been made." Massie said the whole experience lasted about five minutes. In a matter of minutes, he said, it came to a hovering position; the tripod telescoped up into the belly of the thing, went straight up about 200 feet and whizzed off to the west like a bullet. Norman's mom and dad tried to convince him that he really hadn't seen anything - that he had made the whole thing up. Then, in 1990, he got up the nerve and told his son who served as a colonel in the Air Force about the incident. "He told me there was nothing wrong with it. He said the Air Force files are full of pictures of UFOs. He accepted my story as the truth."

Norman Massie was never afraid that people might think he was a crazy old man for what he had seen. In his own mind and by his own heart, it existed and I saw it with my own two eyes."

Norman is gone now. He leaves his wife, four children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a remarkable story from his childhood. His story has traveled around the globe, and is still shared by those who remain convinced we've received visitors from other planets. **Footnote by FSR: note the striking similarity in Norman's description of the ufo that he saw to the recently produced biblical ufo representations on the front cover of this issue of FSR.**

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