Now Creations' Cosmic Citizens Committee Resource and Reference Document 10 Reasons to Consider the Possibility of 'Beyond-human Intelligence'."

In May 2021, Now Creations' Cosmic Citizens Committee (CCC) presented its first report for the larger membership. Since that time, the group has continued to meet regularly, discussing and analyzing existing and emerging concepts related to "The Phenomenon", a shorthand term which encompasses a broad spectrum of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP), including UFOs.

At the core, discussion of The Phenomenon is part of a larger conversation around one of the most important questions we can ask: "Are we alone in the Universe?" The scientific community has come a long way in relation to this question. In contrast to the 20th century, today, most cosmologists, astrophysicists, astronomers and biologists largely agree that there is almost certainly other life - including intelligent life - throughout the incomprehensible vastness of the Universe.

Those who investigate and study The Phenomenon take the existence of other intelligent life in the Universe largely as a given. This inquiry goes deeper, though, asking "Is our planet being visited by intelligent life from somewhere else, whether from another place in the physical Universe, or, perhaps, from another dimension or plane of reality? These are indeed huge questions and challenging concepts to come to terms with, but many believe the answer to this question is a resounding "Yes!", and that there is more than conjecture to support this belief.

The purpose of this paper is to present, in a condensed fashion, several areas of consideration as a reference for those who may be curious about this topic, but don't know where to dive in. Each of these topic areas are worthy of much deeper analysis and discussion, so, while certainly not a complete reference, it is our hope that it will inspire the curious and serve as a tool for further individual inquiry and investigation.

For reference, a brief glossary of terms is included at the end of this document.

1. The New York Times, December 16, 2017:

On December 16, 2017, the New York Times published an eye-popping front-page article entitled:

Glowing Auras and Black Money": The Pentagon s Mysterious U.F.O. Program"

It is hard to overstate how influential this article is relative to the modern exploration of The Phenomenon. Co-written by journalists Leslie Kean, Ralph Blumenthal, and Helene Cooper, this extensive article served to inform the public, for the first time, of a small, highly secretive program within the Pentagon called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, (AATIP). This hidden program had been primarily and personally established in 2007 by Harry Reid, the powerful Senator from Nevada, with support from Sen. Ted Stephens (Alaska) and Daniel Inouye (Hawaii), The article explained that AATIP was, unbeknown to the American public, charged with investigating, analyzing and interpreting information related to UFO's. Funding for the program was considered "black" or hidden among other Pentagon initiatives.

Also, within the article, the public was introduced to Luis (Lue) Elizondo, a former U.S. Intelligence Officer who had recently resigned from the position of Director of AATIP, due to his belief that AATIP was being blocked from providing critical information to the Secretary of Defense. Further, the article provided official U.S. Navy video footage of pilots encountering what has come to be called the "Gimbal" shows a strange top-shaped flying craft being chased and tracked in the skies over Florida in 2015.

Elizondo, among others, has gone on to become one of the most influential and credible voices in the conversation about The Phenomenon, and is mentioned further in this paper.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/16/us/politics/pentagon-program-ufoharry-reid.html

2. U.S. Government Officials:

In recent years, there has been a deluge of information coming forth from former highly placed federal government officials, all of whom were in positions to establish them as highly credible, and not inclined to making sensational, unfounded claims. These officials all have a different perspective on The Phenomenon based on their positions within the government, but they all largely share a common conclusion: The United States of America is aware of/in possession of materials, possibly craft and bodies, from Non-Human Intelligence (NHI).

Perhaps the most noteworthy of these individuals is David Grusch, a former Air Force official who held highly classified positions within the Pentagon. Grusch worked within the intelligence community, most notably for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGI). In addition to assisting with the preparation of the daily Presidential intelligence briefing, Grusch was assigned to work with the Pentagon's "UAP Taskforce", which was charged with investigating the potential secret or "black" programs related to NHI. It was during this assignment that Grusch claims he personally interviewed and investigated 40 people, with first-hand knowledge that the government is in possession of NHI materials. In July 2023, Grusch, testified to Congress, under oath, regarding the truth of his claims.

In addition to Grusch, there are several other key figures involved with this effort. The list is long, and their individual statements and testimonies would take pages to catalog. The following are the names of some of the

most important and credible of these individuals. It is well worth your time to look into these individuals on your own, and draw your own conclusions.

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Luis (Lue) Elizondo - as mentioned earlier, former U.S. Army intelligence officer, and former Director of AATIP. Elizondo was a key player in the release of the now famous 2017 UAP video, and the December 2017 New York Times article entitled <u>Glowing Auras and 'Black Money': The Pentagon's Mysterious U.F.O. Program</u>, and has been steadfast in his claim that the U.S. possesses NHI materials, and is hiding them from the public. Elizondo appeared on 60 Minutes in 2021 and has written a book, entitled <u>Imminent</u>, which was published in August 2024. This book provides a detailed and clear-eyed analysis of this topic, within the constraints of his security oath.

Tim Gallaudet, Ph.D., (ret. Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy) Tim Gallaudet's resume is awe inspiring. He served as Oceanographer for the Navy, Chief Meteorologist for the Navy, acting Under Secretary for Oceans, Atmosphere, acting Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and a variety of other impressive government and private positions. In the past year, Dr. Gallaudet has emerged as a strong and informed voice for transparency by the government with regard to NHI. Gallaudet states that, during his service in the U.S. Navy, he was "read-in" to highly classified information which validates the existence of an NHI presence on Earth, and specifically, under the oceans of the world.

Karl Nell, (ret. Colonel, U.S. Army) Karl Nell's resume is equally impressive, having held a number of high level intelligence positions within the U.S. Army, in addition to his civilian work with aerospace and technology companies. In June 2023, Nell was among the first and strongest voices to support David Grusch's claims, stating he was "fundamentally correct", and, further, that Grusch's credibility was "beyond reproach." In June 2024, Nell was a keynote speaker at the Skybridge Alternatives (SALT) alternative investments conference. In response to a

direct question about the presence of NHI on Earth, Nell stated, unequivocally, "non-human intelligence has been interacting with humanity. This interaction is not new, and has been ongoing, and unelected people in the government are aware of that." When asked about his confidence about this statement, he further stated" There's zero doubt." Nell's full, 21-minute talk is available on YouTube and is also well worth watching.

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Christopher Mellon, former Deputy Secretary of Defense for Intelligence under the George W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. Mellon has been a strong and stable presence in this conversation, working closely with Lue Elizondo in and others on the release of the 2017 UAP videos, and serving as a voice of credibility and reason in a conversation that can often get hyperbolic and overly influenced by passionate opinions. In recent months, Mellon publicly shared correspondence that was formerly classified, which indicates he was directly informed of a UAP crash retrieval in Kinsman, Arizona, by persons with first-hand knowledge of the incident.

3. U.S. Government Legislation:

Following David Grusch's remarkable statements and sworn Congressional testimony in June and July 2023, it was revealed by several Senators, including Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Marco Rubio (R-FL), and in the press, that many of the 40 people whom had spoken to Grusch during his official investigation, had also spoken to members of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding their knowledge of "black" programs involving reverse-engineering of NHI craft. These testimonials were so compelling as to prompt Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Sen. Mike Rounds, (R-SD), to co-sponsor a bipartisan amendment to the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) regarding the UAP/NHI issue. The amendment was lengthy, but in brief, would have required several steps toward public disclosure of UAP/NHI information, including;

- The establishment of a multi-disciplinary Review Board, appointed by the President, to declassify and manage a controlled disclosure of UAP/NHI information, ensuring Congress was fully informed on this issue, and providing for a smooth integration of this information into the public awareness.
- Whistleblower protections for individuals who come forward with information about UAP/NHI, ensuring they can report their experiences and knowledge without fear of government and legal reprisals.
- Invocation of "eminent domain" on all NHI materials, including craft, bodies, and other items, from private persons and corporations who may be in possession of such materials. These materials would have to be disclosed and/or turned over to the government within a set time period.
- Comprehensive reporting requirements to Congress on UAP activities, findings, and efforts to understand UAP/NHI, in order to enhance legislative oversight and public accountability.

Unfortunately, in December 2023, this amendment was stripped of many of its important components, largely by other Members of Congress who opposed these provisions. One has to wonder what might motivate Members of Congress, representing the people of the United States of America, to attempt to prevent the truth about this existential subject from being more fully disclosed.

Nonetheless, there are strong indications that the amendments which were stripped from the final version of the 2024 legislation, are being supported for reintroduction into the 2025 version of the NDAA. While there is no guarantee these provisions will survive the entire process, they are supported by powerful Senators and Congresspersons, and it is a hopeful sign that they will have another chance to be enacted into law.

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4. Officials from Other Governments:

The Phenomenon is not limited to the United States. Several high-level officials of other governments have come forward to state their beliefs and provide insights on this topic from their perspective. Two of them are particularly noteworthy.

Paul Hellyer (1923 - 2021) was a Canadian politician who served in several positions of trust within the government. Most notably, he served as Minister of Defense (sic) from 1963 to 1967. In 2005, Hellyer publicly announced his belief in the existence of UAP, stating "UFO's are as real as the airplanes flying overhead 'and "Decades ago, visitors from other planets warned us about the direction we were heading and offered to help. Instead, some of us interpreted their visits as a threat and decided to shoot first and ask questions later. It is ironic that the U.S. should be fighting monstrously expensive wars, allegedly to bring democracy to those countries, when it, itself, can no longer claim to be a democracy when trillions, and I mean thousands of billions, of dollars have been spent on black projects which both Congress and the commander in chief have been kept deliberately in the dark."

Haim Eshed, former Director of Space Programs for the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Eshed has stated that a "Galactic Federation" has been in contact with the U.S. and other governments for years, yet this information has been kept secret because "humanity isn't ready." Further, Eshed claims NHI are involved in a massive research project to understand "the fabric of the Universe". In addition, he claims the former president of the U.S. was on the verge of disclosing this information, but was prevented from doing so by intervention of the Galactic Federation.

5. Military and Civilian Pilots:

There are thousands of credible reports from military and civilian pilots all over the world of mysterious craft, orbs, and lights in the sky that defy

prosaic explanations. During World War II, pilots from Allied and Axis countries alike reported balls of light outside their planes that seems to defy the laws of physics. These lights would chase the planes, buzz around them, vanish, and return instantaneously. These lights were invisible to radar and were entirely unidentified. The term absurdist term "Foo Fighters" was adopted to categorize them, and they remain entirely unidentified to this day.

Perhaps the most well-documented incident of recent times is the "Tic Tac" which occurred off the coast of San Diego, California in November 2004. Navy Commander David Fravor led a flight training mission from the USS Nimitz over the waters of the Pacific Ocean. During this flight, Fravor and his co-pilot observed a roiling disturbance in the otherwise calm water below them. Upon closer inspection, they noted a large, "tic tac" shaped object over the disturbance, bouncing back and forth in a manner Fravor later described as "like a ping-pong ball". Fravor described the object as about 40 feet long, with no wings, engines, or visible means of propulsion. Upon engagement by Fravor, the object began moving around the plane at incredible speeds in a pattern that defied the known laws of physics, then seemed to vanish. Seconds later, the same object was picked up on the Nimitz's radar 60 miles from Fravor's plane. It was standing still 20,000 feet over the ocean, then departed at almost instantaneous velocity of approximately 24,000 miles per hour.

Fravor recounted this incident in sworn testimony to Congress in July 2023. In his statements, he indicated the technology they encountered

was far beyond anything known to be in any arsenal in the world, American or otherwise.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usPustgTcDU

6. Embrace by Academia:

It wasn't that long ago that serious discussion of the UAP/NHI topic was taboo. Depending on where a person worked and their social network, such conversations could end careers and damage friendships. Notably, in the 1990's, Dr. John Mack, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Harvard, nearly lost his job due to his interest in and investigation of UAP incidents, and his belief that many claims were quite credible. Indeed, many highly trained pilots and astronauts have stated, after their retirement, that they had encounters which they never reported fearing loss of their career, ridicule and worse.

But the tide is turning. Since 2017, and the New York Times article mentioned above, academia seems to be embracing this topic in a much more serious manner. To that end, notable and respected academics such as Stanford University professor and scientist Dr. Garry Nolan and sociologist Dr. Peter Skafish formed the <u>Sol Foundation</u>, which is dedicated to the scientific and academic study of The Phenomenon. Dr. Avi Loeb, formerly the Chair of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard, and several of his esteemed colleagues have formed the <u>Galileo Project</u>, dedicated to searching for signs of NHI life through a focused, systematic, and open minded approach to the topic. Other academics have emerged as well. Dr. Jaques Valles, perhaps the "godfather" of this topic, has been sought out for his insights and theories. Newer voices, such as Dr. Diana Pasulka, Dr. Kevin Knuth, Dr. Beatrix Villaroel, Dr. Iya Whitley, and many others, have embraced this topic as vital and worthy of serious inquiry, lending gravitas and momentum to the issue.

An emerging, and admittedly controversial subject area, concerns what have come to be called "The Nazca Mummies".

In September 2023, at hearings held by the Congress of Mexico, several scientists, pilots, and highly credible experts testified regarding their

experience and expertise related to various aspects of The Phenomenon. The event was fascinating and quite informative. Toward the end of the hearings, something quite unexpected happened. Jaime Moussan, a famed (and controversial) UFO investigator presented two small, strange, humanoid bodies to the assembly, and claimed these were "aliens" which had been discovered in caves in Nazca, Peru. The bodies (which are not actual mummies) look strikingly like the alien in the Stephen Spielberg movie "ET". The presentation was met with surprise, and a good deal of derision, with many saying they were fake, or part of an elaborate hoax.

In the intervening time, things have changed significantly. Reputable scientists from all over the world have studied the "mummies" and the hoax explanation now seems less likely. CT scans have demonstrated the bodies are real and not cobbled together from body parts from other animals, as was first claimed. Further analysis has indicated that, while DNA is present in the bodies, it is not entirely human and may have reptilian qualities.

In early 2024, Dr. Michael Brown, professor of philosophy at Ohio State University, provided a lecture, available on YouTube, about his views on this topic. Dr. Brown came to the subject largely as a skeptic, and has come to believe the mummies may, indeed, be the remains of a Non-Human Intelligence (NHI), origin unknown.

Dr. Brown's opinion regarding the mummies continues to evolve, but the video of his original lecture is well worth watching, to observe his academic thought process with regard to this enigma.

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7. Mysterious Structures:

The list of mysterious megaliths, structures, and around the Earth is staggering. Stonehenge and Avebury in England, the Pyramids of Egypt, Gobekli Tepe in Turkey, Pumapunku in Bolivia and the Carnac Stones in

France are just a few sites which can fill us with awe and wonder. Each of these sites prompt more questions than answers as to their origin and purpose. Beyond those issues, larger questions remain about how these structures came into existence in eras when the technology simply did not exist to create them. Consider the Great Pyramid of Egypt, which soars to 455 feet - was the tallest building in the world until the Strasbourg Cathedral was completed in 1439. No one knows how this massive structure, along with its 'two companions was completed with such meticulous technological skill and architectural accuracy, - precision that rivals modern computer design - around 4,650 years ago. The fact that these three structures are built in near perfect alignment with the cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west), and the belt stars in the Constellation Orion, prompts even more big questions.

Gobekli Tepe is a structure discovered under the Earth by a shepherd in the 1990's. Upon excavation, this amazing and mysterious site was determined to be approximately 12,000 years old, predating by thousands of years the earliest known human settlements.

Clearly, this is speculative, but while neither these, nor the other structures mentioned, constitute clear evidence of NHI, there is a large and vocal group of researchers, who believe these sites may have been constructed with the assistance of NHI for reasons we don't yet understand.

8. Crop Circles:

This, too, is a topic which lends itself to a great deal of speculation. In the late 1970's and early 1980's several mysterious circular patterns began emerging in the farmlands of the English countryside. These circles ranged from 20 to 50 feet in diameter, with geometric designs in their interior. Initially these circles were believed to be the work of hoaxers. Indeed, several people came forth claiming they were responsible for the circles, even showing news crews how they made them, using boards strapped to their feet, and ropes to keep them in position and guide their steps. And, it

is likely that many of those early circles were made by hoaxers and attention seekers.

However, the circles continue to show up around the countryside, even to today, increasingly larger and with ever more complex and intricate geometric patterns. Most notably, several circles appeared with what appeared to be messages written in various codes, including binary computer language. Many believe these messages to be from NHI, based on the information they convey. Several of these gigantic circles seem to appear literally overnight. In a famous video from 1989, two orbs flying over farmland appear to instantaneously create a crop circle below them as they pass overhead.

The beauty and mystery of these circles is undeniable, but the question is why are they occurring? They seem to be too large and intricate to be created by humans using ropes and boards. Who is creating them, and what are they trying to tell us?

9. Roswell and Phoenix:

While there are many incidents worthy of discussion, the events at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, and Phoenix, Arizona in 1998 are particularly curious.

In early July 1947, a mysterious object crashed on Mac Brazel's ranch in the desert outside Roswell, New Mexico. Brazel discovered the crash and reported it to law enforcement. Subsequently, the nearby Roswell Army Airfield, (RAAF) dispatched a team to investigate. Initially, Army personnel reported that they had recovered a "flying disk". On July 6, 1947, The Roswell Daily Record's headline stated, "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region". In an incredible turn of events, the next day the Army retracted their initial story, stating the recovered materials were from an ordinary crashed weather balloon, not a flying saucer. The public largely accepted this story, however over the years, individuals in a position to know the truth began coming forward to state the crash was, indeed, a saucer of unknown origin. Most notably, Major Jesse Marcel, who had

been the Public Information Officer at RAAF when the incident occurred, later made several public statements that he had been ordered to make the retraction on the story, and that the object, which he had personally seen, was a flying saucer.

In 1994, the U.S. Government stated the incident at Roswell was not a weather balloon, but part of a top-secret cold war era program called Project Mogul. However, this explanation has never seemed quite credible, and the incident remains large and unsettled in the public imagination even today.

The "Phoenix Lights", as the incident has become known, occurred on the evening of March 13, 1998. In the early evening, hundreds of reports began pouring in to law enforcement agencies between Tucson, Arizona, and Phoenix, from individuals seeing a large, triangular object floating soundlessly in the sky in a northbound trajectory. At approximately 10:00 pm, the object was seen by thousands of witnesses in the Phoenix area, as it emerged over the Estrella Mountains. Several lights were on the front edge of the object, which was estimated by many to be between one and two miles wide. The Governor of Arizona, Fife Symington, initially downplayed the incident, ensuring the public there was an ordinary explanation for the event, such as military flares from a plane. Years later, Symington admitted that he, too, had seen the object. As a former Air Force pilot, he stated the object was unlike anything he had ever seen, and was, most likely, not of human origin.

10. Witness Testimony:

Throughout history, into modern day, ordinary people doing ordinary things have had unexplainable experiences and encounters, seemingly with UAP/NHI The list is vast, and includes people from all walks of life. Betty and Barney Hill, 1961; Betty Andreasson, 1967; Travis Walton, 1975; Whitley Streiber, 1985; Linda Napolitano, 1989; The Ariel School Incident, 1994; Varghina, Brazil, 1996. These encounters are all well known and well documented within the discussion of the Phenomenon. But what is not as well known is that every day, hundreds of reports of UAP/NHI encounters happen all over the world by regular people just going about their lives. Certainly some of these encounters have prosaic explanations mistaking a plane in the sky for a UAP, or the planet Venus, when it is large and bright in the sky. But not all of them. And for many of these very credible people, their lives and their understanding of reality is changed forever after these incidents. Even in our own Now Creations, several members have reported incidents which they are certain don't have an ordinary explanation, and which have profoundly affected their lives and their view of reality.

Concluision:

The UAP conversation is complex and crucially important to the future of our species, and the planet. The one constant in the elements listed above is the mystery of it all. Next to "what happens after death", the question of whether or not we're being visited by, or living with NHI, is essential to understanding our place in the Universe.

Happily, the topic has broken open in a way that allows much more frank conversation at all levels of society, and among people from all walks of life. It is most fortunate that visionary groups and organizations like Now Creations, with Vince's leadership, see the importance of this conversation and want to advance the dialogue.

It is our hope that this brief paper, which only touches the surface of this vast topic, will serve as a reference for the Now Creations membership, as well as inspiring some to take their inquiry further, keeping an open mind and seeking out additional information.

Please feel free to reach out to John Shartle for additional resources, at <u>jts99362@gmail.com</u>.

Terminology

UFO - Unidentified Flying Object; self-explanatory, but a term that has been replaced by UAP.

UAP - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena; this term subsumes "UFO", and includes submerged objects, those stationary on land, and those which defy prosaic explanations.

NHI - Non-Human Intelligence; this term has replaced the more familiar "alien" as it includes potential inter-dimensional and other forms of intelligence.

The Phenomenon. This term refers to the myriad manifestations of UFO/UAP/NHI incidents including, but not limited to; physical, spiritual, psychic, extrasensory, and dreams.

Reverse Engineering - This term refers to the concept of retrieving NHI craft, and attempting to break down and understand the "technology" for use in military and commercial products. It is traditionally a military term applied to acquisition of foreign/enemy technology.