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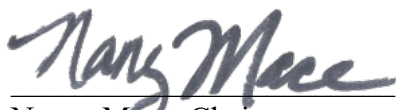
Dear Mr. Gold:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to your attention and submitted to the official record for the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation and the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs joint hearing that was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth.”

To ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Committee on or before Monday, December 23, 2024, including each question in full as well as the name of the member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Mallory Cogar, Chief Clerk, at mallory.cogar@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Nancy Mace, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity,
Information Technology, and Government Innovation



Glenn Grothman, Chairman
Subcommittee on National Security,
the Border, and Foreign Affairs

cc: The Honorable Gerald Connolly, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation

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Questions for Mr. Michael Gold
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November 13, 2024: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation and Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs joint hearing titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth”

Questions from Rep. Eric Burlison

1. Does any branch of the United States government, or defense contractors (aerospace and otherwise), possess technology derived from a non-human source?
2. Does any branch of the United States military, or defense contractors (aerospace and otherwise), employ exotic materials of non-human or non-terrestrial origin in any application, including aircraft and watercraft?
3. Has the United States government, or defense contractors, made new breakthroughs in physics that are currently undisclosed to the general public, including at the University level?
4. Are you aware of any evidence or indication that the United States military, or defense contractors, have recovered craft of non-human origin?
 - a. *(If yes)* – Were there non-human entities associated with these craft?
 - b. *(If yes)* – Were the non-human entities recovered alive?
5. Is it possible that UAPs are extra-dimensional rather than extraterrestrial? What I mean by that is—is it possible that UAPs might not fit the traditional narrative of aliens from another planet but could instead be entities from other dimensions.
6. Mr. Gold, regarding your time at Bigelow Aerospace, specifically from 2003 to 2016, when you served as the Director of D.C. Operations & Business Growth:
 - a. Can you describe your primary responsibilities in that role and how they relate to the topic of UAP research?
 - b. According to a recent article by journalist Christopher Sharp, it appears that Bigelow Aerospace was involved in attempts to transfer materials of advanced, non-human origin from Lockheed Martin to the Defense Intelligence Agency's Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP). Were you aware of these efforts during your time at Bigelow Aerospace, and if so, can you elaborate on your involvement?
 - c. Did you interact with James Ryder, the former Vice President of Lockheed Martin Space Systems, regarding the attempted material transfers? If so, what was the outcome of those interactions?

- d. Are you familiar with the alleged blocking of these material transfers by former CIA Director of Science and Technology, Glenn Gaffney? Can you provide insight into this matter?
- e. During your tenure at Bigelow Aerospace, were there any successful acquisitions or analyses of anomalous materials that you believe warrant further examination in the context of UAP research?
- f. Considering your experience at Bigelow Aerospace and later at NASA, do you believe there are opportunities for collaboration or resource-sharing between the private sector and government agencies in the pursuit of UAP research?

December 23, 2024

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**Responses to Hearing Questions for the Record
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On December 23, 2024

**For the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
Subcommittees on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation;
and
National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs**

***Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth*
Hearing Held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Responses to Post-Hearing Questions from Rep. Eric Burlison:

1. Does any branch of the United States government, or defense contractors (aerospace and otherwise), possess technology derived from a non-human source?

With apologies, I have no first-hand knowledge with which to respond to this question. However, for what it's worth, I can say that I know and trust my fellow witness, Louis Elizondo, implicitly. In my opinion, Mr. Elizondo is a paragon of integrity and an American hero. Therefore, any statements and/or claims that he makes on this topic should be treated with the utmost seriousness and priority.

2. Does any branch of the United States military, or defense contractors (aerospace and otherwise), employ exotic materials of non-human or non-terrestrial origin in any application, including aircraft and watercraft?

Please see my response to the previous question.

3. Has the United States government, or defense contractors, made new breakthroughs in physics that are currently undisclosed to the general public, including at the University level?

I have no knowledge of any such breakthroughs that are undisclosed to the public.

4. Are you aware of any evidence or indication that the United States military, or defense contractors, have recovered craft of non-human origin?

I am not aware of any such evidence beyond what my fellow witnesses provided (which, again, should be treated with seriousness and urgency), what was disclosed in the prior UAP hearing, and what is publicly available.

5. Is it possible that UAPs are extra-dimensional rather than extraterrestrial? What I mean by that is—is it possible that UAPs might not fit the traditional narrative of aliens from another planet but could instead be entities from other dimensions.

I have no special knowledge, but my personal belief is that while the vast majority of UAPs have mundane or at least terrestrial explanations (e.g., drones from adversary nations, balloons, unique weather phenomena, etc.) that some small percentage may be extraterrestrial in nature. I don't mean to be dismissive of the extra-dimensional hypothesis, but I suspect that the mechanisms necessary to traverse star systems may leverage technology that could appear to be extra-dimensional or is in fact extra-dimensional in nature. For example, a spacecraft that utilizes a warp bubble and/or technology that integrates some of the more extraordinary aspects of quantum mechanics could be mistaken for extra-dimensional activity. Another possibility that has been broached is that some UAP are highly evolved humans from the far future traveling back to the past. I don't think we have enough data to come to any definitive conclusions, but I personally believe extraterrestrial intelligence is the more likely explanation than extra dimensionality for some of the most inexplicable UAP incidents.

6. Mr. Gold, regarding your time at Bigelow Aerospace, specifically from 2003 to 2016, when you served as the Director of D.C. Operations & Business Growth:

a. Can you describe your primary responsibilities in that role and how they relate to the topic of UAP research?

I had a wide variety of responsibilities at Bigelow Aerospace, including Congressional Relations, developing and implementing a Space Act Agreement and Intellectual Property licenses from NASA Johnson Space Center, procuring launches for our Genesis I and II spacecraft, overseeing the launches of Genesis I and Genesis II (with a specific focus on export controls), developing the agreement for the Bigelow Expandable Activity Module (BEAM) with NASA, achieving trailblazing export control reforms that enabled space tourism operations,

obtaining a unique payload review from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation for a lunar base, and conducting international business development (e.g., signing MOUs with a wide variety of potential international customers). However, none of my activities involved UAP. UAP-related activities were conducted by a separate corporate entity from Bigelow Aerospace, specifically, Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAAS), which I was not a part of.

b. According to a recent article by journalist Christopher Sharp, it appears that Bigelow Aerospace was involved in attempts to transfer materials of advanced, non-human origin from Lockheed Martin to the Defense Intelligence Agency's Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP). Were you aware of these efforts during your time at Bigelow Aerospace, and if so, can you elaborate on your involvement?

Again, because I worked for Bigelow Aerospace and not BAAS, I am not and would not have been aware of any attempt to transfer materials of advanced, non-human origin.

c. Did you interact with James Ryder, the former Vice President of Lockheed Martin Space Systems, regarding the attempted material transfers? If so, what was the outcome of those interactions?

I do not recall ever interacting with James Ryder and if I did it would not have been in relation to UAP material transfer or UAP generally.

d. Are you familiar with the alleged blocking of these material transfers by former CIA Director of Science and Technology, Glenn Gaffney? Can you provide insight into this matter?

I don't have any familiarity with the alleged blocking of this material transfer beyond what I have read in the media and therefore cannot provide any additional insight.

e. During your tenure at Bigelow Aerospace, were there any successful acquisitions or analyses of anomalous materials that you believe warrant further examination in the context of UAP research?

I'm not aware of any acquisition or analyses of anomalous materials. Again, such activities, if they took place, were occurring at BAAS and were separate from Bigelow Aerospace. That being said, while serving on the NASA Independent Study Team, I did learn about the Advanced Aerospace Weapon Systems Applications Program (AAWSAP), which was supported by BAAS. If it hasn't already, I believe the Committee could benefit from a briefing on AAWSAP, what it was and what it discovered.

f. Considering your experience at Bigelow Aerospace and later at NASA, do you believe there are opportunities for collaboration or resource-sharing between the private sector and government agencies in the pursuit of UAP research?

There are numerous, diverse, and invaluable opportunities for the private sector to partner with NASA and other government agencies to support UAP research. Specifically, NASA should solicit private sector partners to develop an Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning algorithm that would scan the agency's archives for UAP. NASA has voluminous archives that are very likely to contain information relevant to UAP. We spent a great deal of the hearing talking about classified information, however, I believe that NASA currently has data open to the public that could be significant if a modicum of time and effort is spent on a review. The costs of conducting such an activity could be minimal, especially if a private sector partner were willing to donate their time and capabilities. Due to the high-profile nature and public interest in UAP, and the prestige of working with NASA, I suspect companies would be very interested in such an opportunity and would subsidize their work.

Moreover, per my testimony, NASA should team with the FAA to leverage the existing Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) to collect UAP data from commercial airlines. This was a key recommendation of the NASA UAP Independent Study Team which would lead to the collection of invaluable UAP data with negligible cost to the taxpayer since ASRS is already established and has been operating successfully for decades. Expanding ASRS to include UAP is a commonsense action that could and should be immediately implemented.

Finally, in all of its relevant agreements with the private sector, whether it's for Earth remote sensing, aviation, Earth orbit, cislunar, lunar, planetary, or the study of any other celestial bodies or astrophysical phenomena, NASA should always include clauses to gather UAP data. NASA leadership should develop standard UAP language that can be included in all relevant contracts, grants, and agreements. Again, due to the public interest in UAP, which is shared by many in the commercial space industry, I suspect that companies would be very willing to identify and provide any relevant data that they collect with NASA. Any information provided by the private sector could be combined with material from the ASRS and posted publicly on a NASA website.

While any or all of these concepts can be implemented with relative ease and low costs it will require some, or at least one, official at NASA to support UAP research. Unfortunately, I believe that the only official at NASA that was explicitly responsible for UAP research was recently reassigned to Earth Science. The Committee should urge NASA to reconsider this decision. Per the attached article, I have gone on the record during my tenure on the NASA UAP Independent Study Team advocating for the agency to establish a permanent, albeit modest, UAP office. Particularly in light of the recent spate of UAP sightings over New Jersey and other states, the issue must be taken seriously and NASA has a critical role to play in unraveling the mystery of UAP, acting as a publicly open and transparent mirror to the Department of Defense's All-domain Anomalous Resolution Office.

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