



UFOs and NASA

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One of the primary goals of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is to discover new life in the universe. From the many images captured by their cameras and the growing testimony of their astronauts, it seems intelligent life *has* been discovered and is trying to discover us.

Mitchell's Testimony

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut, was the sixth man to walk on the Moon. He has spoken out on the subject of UFOs and how the extraterrestrial issue is handled in some circles of the military and government:

I have met with credible professionals within two governments who have testified to their own firsthand experiences with close encounters. They include members of military intelligence and government whose official duties involved the extraterrestrial presence. As is expected, they were all bound by strict security oath agreements which prevented them from disclosing any of this.

Mitchell has also stated that military personnel with whom he has spoken have seen actual alien bodies in the course of their duties.

Dr. Mitchell appeared as a guest on my talk show recently and I asked him about the continuing cover-up, conspiracy, and truth embargo related to the UFO phenomenon. He had this to say: There has been, as we both know, considerable effort within most governments to suppress this information and to limit what is being said about it. Let's hope that it's coming to an end.

Cooper Sees UFO Landing

In 1965 Gordon Cooper orbited the planet 22 times on the last single-manned space mission.

In 1955 Cooper was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base. While supervising the filming of a new landing facility for F-86 fighter jets, he and his crew observed a disc-shaped craft that hovered close to the ground, extended three retractable landing gear, and set down near the runway. The film crew approached and continued filming. Cooper states that the craft then lifted off the ground, retracted its gear, and soared off into the sky. When he developed the film it clearly showed the event he had witnessed. The film was then sent to Washington where it was classified and remains so to this day.

When asked about the current location of this film and other evidence of UFOs captured by the Air Force, Cooper said that within the government and the military, it was impossible to learn where such documents were sent unless you were directly involved, and he was not.

I was speaking recently at a conference on the subject of comparative UFO mythology of Asian and Middle Eastern traditions. After the talk an older gentleman approached me and told of his involvement with the Apollo missions as a communications engineer. His duties were to repair and maintain the two-way radios in the spacesuits used by the astronauts on the lunar surface. During a training exercise at NASA he overheard a conversation between two astronauts on their in-helmet transmitters. They were talking about a briefing they had the day before about the reality of UFOs.

NASA told all the Apollo astronauts about unknown craft that had been seen in space on previous missions and that they were not ours. This briefing was done about two weeks before blast-off so they would have time to adjust to this new reality and prevent any panic if and when

they saw alien spacecraft during their mission. NASA most likely gave them instructions on how to handle their radio communications and photography in the event of a sighting.

It would seem NASA secretly briefed most if not all of the Apollo astronauts. To this day some will only talk about it off the record.

The Evidence

The photographic evidence NASA has released is even more compelling. For instance, in this photograph taken on Apollo 15 (above), the view of lunar module at the Hadley Apennine landing site is unusual, not because of what is there, but because of what's missing.

While poring over the thousands of photos at Johnson Space Centre in Houston, I came across this image and it caught my eye. The entire top portion of the photo has been cut off, obscuring the upper portion of the spacecraft and the hill and sky behind it.

What could have been so secret to require crudely doctoring this particular image? Perhaps the reports of multiple UFOs hovering near the Apollo landing sites are true.

In the next photo, we see evidence of what could be ancient alien ruins on the surface of the Moon. In this rarely seen NASA image we see the lunar surface with very clear, sharply pointed shadows extending from what appear to be high mountains. On closer inspection I have noticed that whatever is making these extremely symmetrical shadows is in contrast to the rough and jagged shadows that appear everywhere else. It must be a mountain of unusual height and shape. Moreover, three together suggests an artificial quality similar to the three pyramids at Giza.

If these shadows appeared on Earth, it would be easier to believe they were man-made, but on the Moon, our conditioned response prevents us from considering a broader explanation.

Possible artificial structures have been photographed on the surface of Mars as well. At right, bottom, is the official NASA photograph file # 80-35077 taken by Viking 1 orbiter on July 25, 1976, from a distance of 1,162 miles. Viking 1 was photographing areas in the northern hemisphere looking for possible landing sites for Viking 2.

The official explanation for the face-like appearance of this mile-wide rock formation is

simply a shadow effect. The varying degrees of darkness are not uncommon when the sun is at an angle of 20 degrees, as it is in this photograph. The most compelling aspect of this face from the shadows is that also clearly detectable are the mouth, nose, teeth, and a symmetrical head gear feature that runs vertically along the right side of the face.

There is much more to the evidence of artificial structures on the Martian surface. These photos are merely a highlight. Faced with this data it would stand to reason that NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (the organization responsible for unmanned missions) would turn their attention to these remarkable outcroppings. Instead, only a few more images have been released, and only after relentless public pressure. Some of these were put through a filter that makes the details more difficult to see.

A very rare newspaper clipping (see opposite page) shows a 1965 photograph from the Soviet Zond-3 spacecraft. It seems to show a disc-shaped craft orbiting the Moon. What struck me about this photo were the shape and features of the UFO. I knew I had seen this one before, but where? I searched through my collection of UFO pictures from around the world until I found the picture with the craft that looked exactly the same.

This picture (at bottom right) shows a striking similarity to the UFO in the Russian shot. It was taken by an official mapping aircraft of the Costa Rican government on September 4, 1971, while flying at 10,000 feet altitude over a body of water known as Lago de Cote.

The Costa Rican image appears on the cover of the Cometa report, a briefing document by the French space agency and military advisors stating that some UFOs *have* to be extraterrestrial in origin. They chose this picture because it is virtually indisputable.

In the back of my mind I seemed to recall yet another photograph with the same UFO. It appears on the first page of this article. This photograph, from Apollo 16 in 1972, on the approach to the Moon, seems to show a UFO with the same characteristics. Could this be evidence of a craft intent on being pictured multiple times?

Perhaps it is part of a fleet of spacecraft that circled the Earth and Moon 30 years ago.

Time for Disclosure

The few pieces of evidence that have filtered down into the public domain are most likely a small fraction of photos kept in classified files within the governments of the world. I have been collecting these pictures in the hopes of presenting them in this and future articles to offer some perspective and understanding to this perplexing field of study.

It is my hope that the area of ET contact, both now and in ancient times, might become part of a normal course of study at colleges and universities. The emerging science of ufology may hold solutions to ongoing religious and political unrest that serves only to polarize humanity. It could be that the widespread disclosure of ET reality could unify the world in a way that nothing else could. The importance of this subject is among the highest as it impacts our society, our faith, and our fundamental understanding of the universe in which we live.

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