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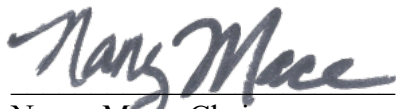
Dear Mr. Elizondo:

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
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The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
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Questions for Mr. Luis Elizondo
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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. Are you aware of the recent claim made by journalist Christopher Sharp regarding Bigelow Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, and the CIA allegedly blocking the transfer of materials of advanced, non-human origin?
7. Can you confirm or deny the attempt to transfer non-human technology to Bigelow Aerospace from Lockheed Martin during your time at AATIP?
8. How was it determined that Lockheed Martin had such non-human technology to begin with? If so, how was it confirmed by Lockheed Martin?
9. Were you aware of any efforts by the CIA to block the transfer of UAP-related materials or information during your tenure at AATIP?
10. Do you believe that the CIA or other government agencies are actively working to conceal UAP-related information from the public?

11. Was any or all of the \$22 million said to have gone to the AASAP program earmarked for this alleged transfer of non-human technology from Lockheed Martin to Bigelow Aerospace?

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SUBJECT: Responses to Questions for the Record at the Hearing “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: “Exposing the Truth”

Dear Chairwoman Nancy Mace and Chairman Glenn Grothman:

It was an honor to testify on November 13, 2024, at the hearing titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth,” convened by your subcommittees of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability (the “Committee”). I have responded to each question for the record (“QFR”) posed by Representative Eric Burlison on December 9, 2024, following the hearing. *See Attachment 1*. The responses below are presented at the UNCLASSIFIED level. I remain available to provide additional details via secure means if I am given approval by a corresponding Original Classification Authority (“OCA”).

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

Response: Yes. I served as the senior ranking person of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (“AATIP”) within the Department of Defense (“DoD”). AATIP investigated unidentified anomalous phenomena (“UAP”). AATIP engaged senior executives at DoD Defense aerospace companies who claimed they possessed recovered “exotic material” not made by any U.S. or foreign source. Because these executives

indicated that they could no longer glean additional insight from such material, they initially agreed to allow AATIP/AAWSAP to take custody of the material.

Confirmation of this may be inferred from an official DoD Office of Prepublication and Security Review (“DOPSR”) document, dated September 6, 2023. This document authorized the release of a statement by Dr. James Lacatski, the former Director of the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Application Program (“AAWSAP”). The statement, marked ‘Cleared for Open Publication,’ reads in part:

The 22M allocated for DIA AAWSAP, after speaking to multiple individuals on the program, was originally intended to SCIF-out Bigelow Aerospace facilities in Las Vegas due to a UAP material divestment plan proposed to AAWSAP leadership by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Vice President, Dr. James Ryder, (now deceased).

See Attachment 2.

This statement addressed the ‘crash retrieval’ of UAP material recovered during the 1950s and other historical operations. I was also informed that, immediately following the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the U.S. Government significantly reduced its UAP legacy efforts due to the budgetary constraints associated with the Global War on Terror.

2. Question: “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?”

Response: Yes. The U.S. Government (or a defense contractor) has in its possession exotic materials of nonhuman origin.

3. Question: “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?”

Response: Yes.

4. Question: “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?”

Response:

(a) Yes. I am aware of several incidents where the U.S. military and certain Defense Contract companies recovered craft/vehicles of non-human origin. In some cases, biological specimens were recovered from such crashes.

(b) I am unaware, however, if any of these specimens were “alive” at the time of the recovery. Furthermore, I am unaware if these biological specimens were complete specimens or partial, due to the nature of the crashes.

Several key scientists associated with both AAWSAP and AATIP were part of a conversation, sponsored by the White House in approximately 2004, to determine if the U.S. public was prepared for the acknowledgement of UAP by the U.S. Government. After approximately one week of deliberations, the decision was made that the U.S. Government should not disclose any UAP-related information to the public.

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

Response: Yes. Several scientists within AATIP proposed that UAP may have inter-dimensional or even crypto-zoological origins. Leveraging cutting-edge knowledge of quantum physics and human consciousness, some scientists suggested that non-human intelligence—potentially responsible for operating certain UAP—might be as integral to our environment as other natural phenomena. However, we currently lack the tools to observe or measure them using conventional scientific methods. Another hypothesis put forth by AATIP scientists suggests that UAP may originate from the depths of our oceans. There is a well-documented correlation between large bodies of water and UAP activity, which could explain why the U.S. Navy has reported more incidents than the other Services. Notably, as of June 2024, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that only 26.1 percent of the global sea floor has been mapped with modern high-resolution technology.

6. Question: “Are you aware of the recent claim made by journalist Christopher Sharp regarding Bigelow Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, and the CIA allegedly blocking the transfer of materials of advanced, non-human origin?”

Response: Yes. The CIA opposed the transfer of materials of advanced, non-human origin from Lockheed Martin to Bigelow Aerospace.

7. Question: “Can you confirm or deny the attempt to transfer non-human technology to Bigelow Aerospace from Lockheed Martin during your time at AATIP?”

Response: Yes. I can confirm that specific facilities were identified to enable Bigelow Aerospace to acquire and securely store recovered UAP materials as the new custodian, following their transfer from Lockheed Martin. These facilities included locations in the Las Vegas area and a newly built hangar at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station (“PAX”). Specifically, the PAX River hangar was designed to facilitate the transfer of future materials via air and river. The hangar was purpose-built to meet the requirements of a Special Access Program Facility (“SAP-F”) and was capable of accommodating materials at any classification level. I was informed that funding for the hangar, approximately \$10 million,

was allocated at the request of then-Representative Steny Hoyer. I have visited this facility; however, as it was a new construction at the time, no materials had yet been transferred.

8. Question: “How was it determined that Lockheed Martin had such non-human technology to begin with? If so, how was it confirmed by Lockheed Martin?”

Response: I am unable to answer this question due to a lack of direct knowledge.

9. Question: “Were you aware of any efforts by the CIA to block the transfer of UAP-related materials or information during tenure at AATIP?”

Response: Yes, and similar obstructionist efforts were also made by the U.S. Air Force. There seemed to be passive resistance from certain elements within the Central Intelligence Agency and a more active campaign by specific factions within the U.S. Air Force to suppress inquiries and investigations into the UAP topic

10. Question: “Do you believe that the CIA or other government agencies are actively working to conceal UAP-related information from the public?”

Response: Yes. Many of my former colleagues and I have faced retaliation for our public advocacy for UAP transparency. This has included efforts to suspend or revoke our security clearances, as well as direct threats to our safety and that of our families. Some elements within the DoD and the Intelligence Community (“IC”) have engaged in what can only be described as 'administrative terrorism' to deter individuals with security clearances from raising this issue.

Other forms of retaliation have included harassment, surveillance, adverse bureaucratic actions, unauthorized data leaks, criminal investigations, and even death threats. Additionally, efforts to discredit whistleblowers and spread disinformation to the public and Congress by certain Pentagon Public Affairs officials have persisted for at least seven years, if not longer.

11. Question: “Was any or all of the \$22 million said to have gone to AASAP [*sic.*] program earmarked for this alleged transfer of non-human technology from Lockheed Martin to Bigelow Aerospace?”

Response: The \$22 million dollars that funded AAWSAP/AATIP was directed to a variety of programmatic needs, including commissioning academic studies on advanced physics concepts, funding civilian personnel and contractors, and conducting field research. As a result, thirty-seven of these academic studies were published as Defense Intelligence Agency Defense Intelligence Reference Documents (“DIRDs”). See **Attachment 3** for a complete list of published DIRDs.

In addition to my responses above, I strongly encourage the Committee to obtain the U.S. Government’s current *UAP Security Classification Guide*, which outlines the classified aspects of UAP and their levels of classification. Additionally, the Committee should review the latest

UAP Collection Requirements from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as these may highlight critical gaps in our understanding of UAP relevant to these inquiries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this Committee about this urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information or be of any assistance.

Very Respectfully,



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