## **Ever Increasing Circles: John Maynard Interview**

The Disclosure Project is a non-profit organisation established by Dr. Steven Greer, formerly an Emergency Ward physician in the United States. The organisation has interviewed over two hundred military, intelligence and corporate witnesses who have some first hand knowledge or experience of extraterrestrial intelligence. Amongst these witnesses is John Maynard, a former US Army Sergeant who was subsequently recruited into the Defence Intelligence Agency (D.I.A.). He retired from the Agency in 1980.

The D.I.A. was established under President John Kennedy in 1961, to co-ordinate all US military intelligence services, that is, the Army, Navy and Air Force. As such, the D.I.A. can be viewed as being at the heart of raw military intelligence, before that same intelligence becomes sanitised and then released, if at all. **John Maynard** was the manager of the D.I.A.'s classified records ("Portions of newspapers were classified. Even though they are already in the public domain, they became part of a classified document. They don't want anyone to know that the military investigates this [extraterrestrial intelligence]. There is nothing ambiguous [in those files] on U.F.O.s"). John Maynard can thus be regarded as a man who knows where the D.I.A.'s bodies are buried, so to write.

"I worked with National Security people for twenty years and I still talk to them," Maynard said. The obvious question then, is why would the D.I.A. allow a Sergeant – relatively low on the military pecking order – into such a sensitive position?

"This kind of work [intelligence] is not about rank, but about politics. As an N.C.O. [Non Commissioned Officer] I had access to more information than a certain one-star General. The system is organised along compartmentalised Top Secret lines. Rank doesn't come into this. There are concentric circles of secrets, based on need-to-know clearance. The outward circles feed [their unevaluated intelligence] into the centre, but the centre selectively passes out information. This is clearly defined."

Indeed, a clear example of rank being secondary to need-to-know status can be found during 1977. Then President Jimmy Carter made a pledge in his election campaign to disclose all Unidentified Flying Object material: "If I become President I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists." Carter made this statement because he himself had witnessed an unidentified object in the sky. Once elected, President Carter attempted to honour his promise to the public. However, Carter – as Commander in Chief – was categorically refused access to the files confirming the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence by the Director of Central Intelligence, George Bush (former President and father of current President *Dubya*). Bill Clinton was thwarted too, when he had the temerity to suggest that the public has a right to this knowledge.

So we can clearly see that John Maynard's assertion that official rank is the poor relation of special access/need-to-know, is quite accurate and comes with other examples. Similarly, the Disclosure Project's legal council, Daniel Sheehan, was refused access to the Vatican's extraterrestrial intelligence files, which begs the

rhetorical question, if we *are* alone in the universe, what is there to hide? "Yes, the Government is very good at playing double jeopardy..." says Maynard.

Part of Maynard's work at the D.I.A. involved the acronymic project D.O.C.L., the Direct Orbital Code Link (sometimes referred to as *Docile*). These are approximately \$5 billion satellites designed to communicate with classified US Air Force vehicles and also to possibly monitor deep space.

"I held the budget that flew those birds," said Maynard. When asked why would a communication project be interested in supposedly empty space, Maynard replied, "Didn't you just answer your own question? We are talking to those coming in and going out." So one facet of the D.I.A. - D.O.C.L. - is the monitoring of extraterrestrial traffic.

Another satellite project that Maynard worked on were the Keyhole satellites during the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (S.A.L.T.) talks of the 1970s. "These Keyhole satellites were photographing the Earth. On these pictures, anomalous objects showed up. We knew <u>exactly</u> what they were. It was no mystery to me what we were looking at. It was an open secret within the department. The Russians knew too. They were not one of ours and not one of their either."

One of the Disclosure Project's witnesses has corroborated this version of events, that there is routine vetting and 'airbrushing' if necessary, of all US Government-connected satellite imagery. There has been international co-operation on this project and at certain points, some strong-arming; the US being viewed internationally as something of a bad actor in this drama.

Any discussion of the US power structure and its relationship with extraterrestrial intelligence will inevitably lead to the Majestic group, also know as M.J.-12.

Set up in September of 1947 with a special classified executive order by President Truman, M.J.-12 was a working group created to manage all facets of the UFO phenomena, from retrieving downed alien craft to retro-engineering recovered alien artefacts into human usable technology and, of course, to covering up the existence of its own activities, including the long term acclimatisation program for the ignorant masses to gradually accept the reality of alien contact.

The reality of the Majestic group and the authenticity of the Majestic documents has been a controversy within a controversy for many years. John Maynard describes the Majestic narrative as "basically true."

"There was," Maynard claims, "a game plan but it was not rigid. It was discussed from the very beginning and it was decided very early on that this [plausible deniability of alien contact] was the way to go."

Maynard says that there was a UFO working group in operation prior to 1947, but Majestic effectively formalised the approach.

"With Roswell [the infamous crash of a UFO in New Mexico in July 1947] they got caught with their pants down. They didn't anticipate a crash. It almost literally

brought a Government down if Truman didn't intervene. This was a direct intervention into a military situation. He [Truman] was so mad [that the crash occurred] that it almost became public knowledge. Truman was so incensed, that Roswell set the scenario for all future handling [of the issue]. By the time the next incident occurred in the 1950s, the news media was set. It was pure P.R." Maynard continued, "War correspondents became media correspondents who are very receptive to National Security. The boundaries [of what the free press were allowed to report] were firmly set by the late 1950s – they developed their own rules that followed the National Security agenda."

However, following the recent atrocities in New York and Washington D.C. of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, says Maynard, "the National Security state is hostile to criticism and is closing the lid on UFO material."

There is though, a fifth column, if you will, embedded within the National Security establishment: "There are black hats and grey hats within the US power structure. Grey hats work both sides and align themselves with whoever has the biggest stake."

Which leads us to the Bildebergers.

The Bildebergers are some one hundred and forty of the world's leading politicians, media barons, corporate heads, bankers and industrialists that meet once a year behind closed doors, to informally discuss matters of international concern. Though the likes of Henry Kissinger and Bill Clinton are members, most are not familiar faces and prefer it that way. They are the classic power behind the visible symbols of authority. Some see these people as, in the words of British investigator Ron Jonson, the secret rulers of the world: if they are not a conspiracy, they do a fine job of impersonating one. The Western free press chooses not to report on these meetings, presumably because they believe that the bewildered herd have no right to be informed. Yet what little we know is discussed in these meetings often becomes reality: Bill Clinton was given the go-ahead to become US President at these meetings; the Euro, too, was given official approval as part of the move towards a trilateral world – and some would argue that the next step is a global currency and a one world Government, all part of the move towards a New World Order.

Given that the Bildebergers largely comprise the world's ruling elite, it might be reasonable to suggest that they have some knowledge of contact with extraterrestrial intelligence.

"The Bildebergers do have sessions on disclosure, but these are held behind closed doors," says Maynard. "The 'three families' are in control of this – it is discussed strictly within their inner circle." Once again we see the highly compartmentalised nature of this issue: the Bilderbergers largely comprise the world's kingmakers, yet even within this elite coterie, the UFO subject is so sensitive that it can only be discussed betwixt the top "three families", who are the Rockefellers, Rothschilds and Hapsburgs.

Now here's the rub: the Disclosure Project is in part funded by the Rockefellers.

When asked to explain this, Maynard said, "This is back door acknowledgement that the Disclosure Project is on the right track." That is, the deep power structure was giving a nod and a wink to the goal behind the Disclosure Project, but due to the Project's 'controversial' nature, they could not openly espouse such unorthodox thinking.

In other words, there is an Official Public Opinion, widely disseminated and rarely challenged within conventional wisdom, that says that the study of extraterrestrial intelligence is a waste of time and that no serious scholar, scientist, politician or journalist should give it too much credence. Conversely, once inside the loop, the subject of extraterrestrial intelligence becomes a focus for intense concern at the highest levels of power.

Indeed, when Vice President Dick Cheney (currently in hiding) was recently asked on a US radio talk show if the current Bush administration, "...has developed a policy on UFOs and the little creatures flying them?" (radio caller), Cheney replied that if he did attend such meetings, it most certainly would be 'classified' and therefore he'd be unable to discuss it.

Continuing on this theme, John Maynard said, "There are things that are obvious that are not obvious. The Government tells you things but to understand it, you need the theoretical background. It's about how they present it and how they do it."

This doesn't apply only to politicians either. "Astronauts have 'hidden' phrases or words alerting people – usually military – to problems," says Maynard. Again, there are on-the-record statements concerning this. Astronauts James McDivitt, James Lovell, Gordon Cooper and Scott Carpenter have all spoken of their encounters with anomalous phenomena whilst in space, sometimes using coded words. Live and unedited ('open') conversations betwixt astronauts and ground control were publicly accessible up until the mid 1980s. Access to current conversations is now on a restricted basis ('closed'), perhaps because astronauts were encountering and commenting on phenomena that were not supposed to officially exist. At the very least, we can reasonably assume that a certain level of space-based secrecy exists because there is more activity in space on the part of astronauts, than we are lead to believe. Astronaut John Glenn was even featured on the US sitcom *Frasier*, talking humorously about that he had seen in space that he wasn't allowed to discuss.

Thus, we can safely reason that people connected to the Government, military, corporate or intelligence agencies, have an Official Public Opinion and a private opinion, which can sometimes be diametrically opposed.

When will these two polarised positions merge, regarding extraterrestrial intelligence issues?

"They [the control group] will wait until sufficient public knowledge is out there," says Maynard. "The Disclosure Project will build a momentum that will snowball, leading to a critical mass of inevitability."

Final disclosure, though, comes with three prerequisites: "One – that the panic of the population will be minimised;

Two – that control, both physical and intellectual, is maintained by the existing power structure; and

Three – that there will be no retribution towards those that have kept the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence a secret.

"We are already in the end game of denial, which is also the first step of initial disclosure."

This is to say that the shadow Government that controls the UFO cover up must remain in control once the UFO reality becomes apparent and undeniable to a significant majority.

To generate the momentum for final disclosure, a paradox emerges: the mainstream mass media must report honestly and undertake some serious investigative research to stimulate the public's interest; the mainstream mass media though, is largely owned by multinational companies who also have an interest in nuclear and fossil fuel consumption. These multi-trillion dollar special interests are unlikely to encourage the exposure of zero point energy, which would ultimately replace nuclear and fossil fuels.

All the more reason therefore, to pay heed to John Maynard and the Disclosure Project.

The last word goes to John Maynard: "All of my knowledge is based on Government documents and this knowledge is extensive." When asked if he had kept any of these documents personally, Maynard replied, "No, I didn't have to take any of the documents, as they will be there when I need them to testify before Congress. Besides, there was always the threat to myself and my family to consider if I had taken any.

"I do believe that in a court of law, we could prove the Disclosure Project's central assertions beyond a reasonable doubt."

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