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DoD Watchdog to Study Military's Response to UFOs

The subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), long considered a joke or a sideshow by many, is now getting a serious look from no less than the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). A May 3 [memo](#) issued by Randolph Stone, the assistant inspector general for evaluations of space, intelligence, engineering and oversight, calls for a review of how the Pentagon has reacted to reports of what they call unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP).

"The objective of the evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena," Stone wrote.

The evaluation will be conducted at the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Military Services, Combatant Commands, Combat Support Agencies, Defense Agencies, Military Criminal Investigative Organizations and other possible locations that may be identified during the evaluation.

In April 2020, the Pentagon released three short videos of a UAP incident involving U.S. Navy aviators. The same videos were originally released in late 2017 by a private entity. At the time, one of the pilots who claimed to be involved told CNN that the object he was following moved in ways he could not explain.

"As I got close to it ... it rapidly accelerated to the south, and disappeared in less than two seconds," said now retired Navy pilot David Fravor. "This was extremely abrupt, like a ping pong ball bouncing off a wall. It would hit and go the other way."

In the [videos](#) (see below), astonished Naval personnel can be heard reacting in awe to how fast the objects were moving.

Then, in August 2020, the Pentagon formed a new task force with the expressed purpose of evaluating UFO incidents reported by the U.S. Military.

The order for the evaluation comes in advance of an expected June release of declassified information from the Pentagon's UAP Task Force to the Senate's Intelligence Committee. That release of information was ordered as a part of the December 2020 Stimulus Bill, which was signed by then-President Donald Trump.

"Consequently, it's fair to say that the request for an unclassified report on the UAP phenomenon enjoys the support of both parties in both Houses of Congress," former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Christopher Mellon said at the time.

"The nation will, at long last, have an objective basis for assessing the validity of the issue and its national security implications. This is an extraordinary and long overdue opportunity," Mellon declared.

The coming June report is being overseen by the Senate Intelligence Committee, currently headed by



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Senator Mark Warner (D-Va.). It is expected to include “detailed analysis of unidentified phenomena data collected by” military intelligence as well as a detailed analysis of data of the FBI, which was derived from investigations from intrusions of unidentified aerial phenomena data over restricted United States Airspace.”

Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) is particularly concerned that the phenomenon seems to be very interested in what we’re doing militarily.

“We have things flying over our military bases and places where we’re conducting military exercises, and we don’t know what it is, and it isn’t ours. So, that’s a legitimate question to ask,” Rubio told a Florida CBS affiliate in July of last year. “Frankly, if it’s something that’s from outside this planet, that might actually be better than the fact that we’ve seen some technological leap from the Chinese or the Russians or some other adversary.”

This is not the first time the American military has investigated the subject of UFOs. Project Blue Book is the best-known effort studying the phenomena and it followed on the heels of Project Sign in 1947 and Project Grudge in 1948. Project Blue Book was run by the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1969 and collected more than 12,000 UFO incidents, most of which were determined to be misidentifications of conventional aircraft or natural phenomena such as stars or clouds.

Since 1947, when a headline in the Roswell Daily Record proclaimed: “RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region,” Americans have been fascinated by the possibility that aliens from other worlds are flying around and investigating us — and who’s to say that isn’t the case?

But God-fearing Americans may want to read [Second Thessalonians 2:11](#) again before they blindly accept anything that the U.S. Government has to say about the subject.



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