Hacking the Pentagon: Gary McKinnon

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Kerry Cassidy: I'm here with Gary McKinnon, and we're here to talk about his possible extradition to the United States for some hacking that he's done, and some investigation he's also done on the part of UFOs and disclosure.

So, Gary, maybe you can tell me what it is the US government is really on about in regard to you, and your perspective on it.

Gary: The main thing that concerns me is I've made full and frank admissions all the way down, in two police interviews, that yes, I did obtain unauthorized access to these systems. But they're piling on these ridiculous damage claims. And I've since found out that for it to be worth a year in prison in America for an extradition case, it has to be worth at least $5,000 damage, because it comes under cybercrime.

So as if by magic, lo and behold, every machine I was on I'm accused of causing exactly $5,000 worth of damage. It's patently untrue. And in my opinion, and the opinion of others more well-informed than me, the pressure they're bringing to bear is more to do with where I've been and what I may have seen.

KC: OK. So I found that very interesting that they were actually claiming damage, because my understanding is you were on a dial-up modem and that you didn't even download files. So how is it that you actually did any damage?

GM: They've got no explanation. I mean, they just claim that. Under this new extradition law you don't have to provide any evidence, which is ridiculous. And also it hasn't been signed on your side of the water. Congress, the Senate, hasn't ratified it. So at the moment it's a treaty with only one signature.

KC: OK. And you had one hearing. When was that exactly?
GM: The last one was, I think, in the middle of May [2006] or toward the end of May. I'm not sure.

KC: And you have another one coming up in July? Is that right?

GM: No hearing is scheduled as yet. We've got until June 21st to make representation to the Home Secretary, after which time he'll make his decision as to whether or not the extradition is allowable. And then if he decides that it is allowable - which I'm sure he will - then I can go into the appeals process.

KC: OK. And so once you're in the appeals process you're still basically safe over here, so to speak, in terms of they actually can't do anything to you yet. Is that right?

GM: That's correct. Yes. I've been on bail now, £5,000 security for months and months... well, for four years since the arrest.

KC: For four years?

GM: Yes. In March of 2002 they arrested me.

KC: Wow. OK. So, maybe you can explain exactly what you're in for - or "up" for, I guess might be a better word.

GM: Apparently it's seven counts of intentional malicious damage and unauthorized access, each count carrying 10 years maximum. Each.

And previously the American government had tried to do some deals with me whereby they said: If you don't force us to go through extradition and just come across of your own free will, then we'll give you only 3 to 4 years in prison, most of which you can serve in your own country after the first 6 months or 12 months.

I said: Fine; that sounds great. Give me that in writing. [Smiles, shrugs] Guess what happened. I didn't get it in writing. So I said no to the various deal offers.

So it looks like on paper, they said to me: If you don't accept the deal we'll prosecute to the max. That's a verbatim quote from Ed Gibson, who was the attaché at the US Embassy in London at the time.

To me that's not a deal. A deal is something arrived at after reasonable discussion between two or more parties.

KC: Absolutely.

GM: They're saying: If you don't take it, we'll prosecute to the max. So, yeah, I think they do want to try to push for 60 or 70 years in prison which is ridiculous, considering they had blank passwords, in other words, no passwords.

KC: Right, so let's get into that a little bit. You basically - I don't know if you want me to use the word hack. I don't know if you consider yourself a "hacker," or did at the time?

GM: I never did consider myself a hacker at the time. Also, basically all I was doing was, because it was an administrator level account, let's not forget, with full control of the local machine with a blank password. So it was almost like logging on.

KC: So let's back up one minute here. Exactly what were you looking for when you were doing this?

GM: At first I was looking for anything to do with UFOs. As I got more into the subject and listened to more serious talk and discussion about the subject, and was introduced to the Disclosure Project, and realized that there were, you know, 400 witness testimonials from people who worked in everything from civilian air traffic control, up to military radar operators, right up to men and women in charge of whether or not to launch nuclear missiles. I thought these were surely credible people.
And the whole suppressed technology thing, which kind of grabbed my humanitarian side. I thought: Crikey, we're having wars over oil, and we're burning fossil fuels, polluting the environment, and we have old age pensioners dying in Britain because they can't afford to heat themselves because fuel bills are so high.

And so I thought: Why on Earth is this technology being sat on? I can see perhaps some of the arguments that may be for it. For example, you know, what if terrorists had free energy, or terrorists had antigravity? Well, you know, what if terrorists had guns? Everything's dual-use. You have to protect it, make it tamper-proof, anything, but just get it out to the public. Surely everyone should have it.

KC: OK. But as far as the hacker community - you said, I believe, in some things I read, that you came across a lot of other sort of "interested parties" that were investigating the same places you were, and were aware that there were blank passwords, and were able to get into via the administrative sites. Is that right?

GM: Yes. I mean, I would have been surprised if there wasn't anyone else, because it wasn't even really a "hack" to get into. It was large-scale fishing with blank passwords. And some of these places, you know, were pretty special places; they were places you wouldn't think wouldn't have firewalls or blank passwords.

KC: And this was what year that you were involved in this?


KC: So it's not that long ago. So computer systems should have been... especially for government, military and NASA... you would think they would be covered for things like that.

GM: Yes, absolutely. In fact I think there are supposed to be federal guidelines, you know.

KC: So in a way you did them a favor, isn't that true?

GM: Yeah, you could look at it like, that because I'm sure... I mean, the other connections that were there - Turkey, Holland, Germany, all across the world - you could see the IP addresses that connected to the machine and you could look it up and find out which country they're in and even which businesses own the IPs. And I don't know whether that was foreign governments. It could have been Al Qaeda. It could have been someone else just like me, just snooping around. Who knows?

KC: That's a very interesting point. So you've got these administrators, basically, that got found out because of what you did. Is that what we can assume?

GM: No. It's good to clarify that it's the Administrator account. A lot of the time, on a corporate network or a large organization like the Army or the Navy, they didn't actually use "an Administrator," but it's a built-in account. You can't delete it. You can re-name it. But that's for, say, if someone wanted to do something system-wide across the whole network, they would use that account to log in remotely. That gives you full control over the machine. But it doesn't actually refer to a particular person.

KC: Oh. So there's no particular worker involved in that, that maintains the site or anything.

GM: That's correct, yes. Well, obviously they must have IT staff that look after things.

KC: Right. And didn't you encounter once such person, or was he an IT guy, on the other end?

GM: Yeah. He was a network engineer. Because I had graphical remote control of the machine, it was literally like sitting on the chair opposite the screen, opposite the monitor. And I think I must have got the time zone wrong, or he was working late hours or whatever. But he obviously saw the mouse moving across the screen. And next thing I know, WordPad flashes up and someone types: "Who are you?"

And I panicked. I didn't want to get caught. I thought very quickly on my feet and turned around my own investigations into an explanation to answer him.
And I said: "I'm from Nipponet Security" - which is a non-classified internet protocol and router network - "And I've discovered some unauthorized scanning coming from this machine. I'm here to investigate it." And he immediately - it was a good ploy of my human nature, you know - tried to impress me with his knowledge and showed me this, did a virus scan, and pretty much showed me that the machine was clean - and then moved along.

KC: Wow. And he was never the wiser? Because I know that this was somehow linked to you actually getting caught, what, a month later, or I don't know how much longer.

GM: I can't actually remember when that incident took place. I was doing this every night, all night practically, for two years. I'd not really looked after myself very much, so dates and things are a bit mangled.

KC: So this was a real passion of yours, in other words?

GM: Oh yeah. Yeah.

KC: Was the passion for information related to UFOs and hidden technology? Was that your passion? Or what would you say is your passion in that regard?

GM: I passionately believe that we should all have this technology. And not so much, obviously, if you could confirm the existence of extraterrestrials and their contact with us, then that would be good. But to me it was more important to have this free energy system.

KC: OK. So what did you find out?

GM: About free energy, nothing. Unfortunately, I got nothing at all.

But the UFO thing: it may sound circumstantial to some, but as far as I'm concerned it's proven. As part of the Disclosure Project, Donna Hare - a NASA photographic scientist who had a Top Secret clearance and was in Building 8 at Johnson Space Center - she says in her testimony that one of her colleagues who was doing some photographic work invited her over to look at it. And she saw high-res satellite images of half a kilometer above the treetops - I think it was like a white disk.

And she at first thought: Oh; it's a blob in the emulsion, you know, some kind of fault with the photographic process. And he said: well, look, you know, blobs in the emulsion don't have perfectly formed shadows going in the same direction as the trees? Etcetera, etcetera. All the detail was there. And she basically was saying that they had this whole base in Building 8 for airbrushing out UFOs on a regular basis, because they then sell on their images to universities and the like.

And having been all over other NASA installations already - I asumed the blank password scanning method will work the same at Johnson Space Center - and it did. Once I was in there, I used various network commands to strip out the machines that were in Building 8. And I got on to those. And the very first one I was on literally had what she said. I can't remember if it was "Filtered" and "Raw", Processed" and "Unprocessed," but there were definitely folders whereby there was a transformation in the data taking place between one and the other.

These folders were full of images in a proprietary NASA format, or in a format I'd never seen before: no jpegs or gifs. They were also 200 to 300 megabytes in size. And being on a 56K dial-up modem, there was no way I was going to download that at five minutes per megabyte.

So what I did... The remote control program that gives you graphical control of the machine - I turned the resolution right down to, I think, 4-bit color and then on the desktop on the NASA machine, navigated to the folder, double-clicked on the first image. The application launches. The image comes up on the screen, but it's still very, very slow.

And what I saw, or was hoping to see, was what she was describing as a saucer, very definite imagery. And what instead I saw I assume was the Earth. This was in shades of gray. You had the Earth's hemisphere taking up about 2/3 of the screen and then halfway between the top of the hemisphere and the bottom of the picture there was a classic sort of cigar-shaped object,
but with golf-ball domes, geodesic domes, above, below, and this side [gesturing to the right], and I assume the other side as well. It had very slightly flattened cigar ends. No seams. No rivets. No telemetry antennae or anything like that. It looked... it just had a feeling of not being man-made. There was none of the signs of human manufacturing.

KC: So in essence it was a craft, is what you’re saying?

GM: Yeah. At first when I saw the top half I thought: Bollocks, it's just a boring satellite picture. But as more of the thing was revealed, it was obvious it wasn't like any satellite I'd ever seen. I've been space-mad since I was about 14, so I've seen lots of pictures of satellites.

KC: OK. So you knew what you were looking at, to some degree. [Gary nods.] So, basically, did you feel during those two years that you were doing this investigation, threatened by what you were doing? I mean, technically, you got caught out by one guy, right? [Gary nods yes.] Was that the only time?

GM: No. That guy, that network engineer, sort of saw me but didn't realize that I shouldn't have been there. The chap that actually caught me was in NASA when this photograph was about ¾ of the way down on the screen. He sees the mouse move, he right-clicks the local area network connection icon, chooses Disconnect, and - bash, that's me. And that's why it was such a strange moment. It was triumphant in a way, of course. I had completely corroborated what Donna Hare had said on my own, but then got caught at the very same moment.

KC: Now when you say you got caught... how did he catch you? I understand he closed down the network so you couldn't continue to visit. [Gary nods yes] But does that mean he actually knew who you were at that point, or did it take them a lot more investigation to find out actually where you came from?

GM: It took them a while longer, I think a good while longer, although I'm not sure how much longer. Again I can't remember if that was... That was fairly near the end of my investigations. I think that may have been late 2001. I was arrested in March of 2002. But what happened, I'm told, is that NASA and the various military establishments that I was in shared information - which I think these bodies should do more often - they don't do it enough just by law enforcement, and they realized that whoever had been in the system was using the same tools, the same programs, the same method of entry.

And I think NASA knew it was from a United Kingdom IP address. This is the thing: I wasn't a professional hacker; I wasn't always covering my tracks and stuff, or thinking properly. I had been in time zones when people were still working in the offices. So, yeah

KC: OK. Donna Hare. I guess you heard her testimony or saw her testimony somewhere? Was it on the web?

GM: It was the Disclosure Project website, their 2001 National Press Conference.

KC: Oh, I see. And has she ever gotten in contact with you at all?

GM: No. But her secretary has.

KC: Huh. OK. And you’ve actually been interviewed by a number of publications, reputable establishment so-called, such as the BBC. Is this right?

GM: Yes. BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5, ITV, BBC World Service...

KC: And The Guardian?

GM: The Guardian.

KC: The Financial Times?

GM: Yes, the FT. I've been in The Metro, The Standard... The Daily Mail want me at the moment but I've yet to return their call.
KC: OK. And just recently, Linda Moulton Howe for Coast to Coast, or possibly for Coast to Coast at some point, and for her own website.

GM: Yeah. For Earthfiles and Dreamland.

KC: OK. Just wondering because I know that your cause is kind of a cause celebre here in the UK, but it's not really getting the kind of coverage that it deserves in the United States at this point. Isn't that right?

GM: Yeah. In my view there's a deliberate news blackout over there. I've only had contact from, I think it's CNN, and none of the other news networks - because I think there seem to be two factions in the US military and government. One of them is hugely embarrassed by what you could term failings in security - no firewalls, no passwords, no security, basically. Especially since 911, you know, security should be a lot more strong. The other faction seems to want it all out in the open and to have a big show trial, a big circus trial saying: This Is What Happens to Hackers.

KC: Oh, I see, to use you as a scapegoat kind of person. [Gary nods yes] Well, that sounds unfair and it sounds like, just from the most obvious level, why didn't they just hire you [Kerry laughs] since you basically pointed out a real hole in the system? They could have brought you on board. It sounds like you're not totally against security, computer security.

GM: No, not at all. Not at all. I've got a great respect for law enforcement agencies and military agencies, when they're thinking correctly. But these days... they know I'm in complete disagreement with years and years of - not American foreign policy - I hate when people say it's American this, American that - it's not the American people. It's just they've been the victims of a succession of very bad governments, with, you know, very short-termism outlook. So I think they know that I wouldn't work for them.

KC: And how is the British government actually treating you? Have you had any interactions with members of the British government?

GM: Well, you know, we obviously write to MPs and that sort of thing. But I am very disappointed when you think the first thing the British government did with this was hand it over on a plate to the American government. All the evidence was in London. My hard drive was in London. I was in London. I'd made a full and frank admission to all the unauthorized access. All the details were there.

And at first the police here were quite friendly. They said: Oh, you may get 6 months community service, just helping the community at large, etcetera. But when they went over to America and had meetings with the Office of Naval Intelligence, and I think possibly the Air Force Office of Special Investigations as well, they came back with a completely differently attitude: Very, very heavy; very, very serious. And then suddenly you've got all the headlines about "criminal masterminds", and all this rubbish.

KC: Oh. Right. And isn't it true that you also sort of were inspired by War Games to some degree... the movie?

GM: That's kind of a misquote by John Ronson. I said I had seen that, but I wasn't really inspired. What actually inspired me was The Hacker's Handbook by Hugo Cornwall, who is now Peter Sommer at the London School of Economics.

KC: Oh really...

GM: [Nods, shrugs] Uh huh. It was the first hard information publication that I read. In fact the first issue was banned by the UK government and they had to make a reprint with stuff taken out.

KC: But now he's basically teaching. Isn't that right?

GM: Yeah. I'm not sure what he lectures in, though.

KC: OK. Well, that's very interesting that you sort of got into this via someone who you could...
certainly say is working for the establishment on some level, right?

GM: [Nods] Uh huh.

KC: But he wrote a book about hacking. And "hacking" is a way of finding out information that's kind of slang for somebody who's an investigator but maybe not liked? Or not appreciated by the powers that be?

GM: Yeah. OK. Like a journalist, hacking away at it.

KC: Right. So, can you tell me what else you found? Because I know you have some information in regard to Non-Terrestrial Officers. Is that right?

GM: Yeah. There was an Excel spreadsheet and the title was "Non-Terrestrial Officers," and it had names, ranks... it wasn't a long list; it didn't fill the whole screen, I don't think.

KC: Could you just generally say how many? I mean, if you were to guess, are we talking 20, 50?

GM: 20, maybe 30.

KC: Did you notice if they were male or female, by chance?

GM: That I can't remember.

KC: OK. First names and last names?

GM: [pauses thoughtfully] Definitely ranks, but nothing to say Army captain, or Navy captain, or US Air Force captain.

KC: Ah, so the designation wasn't there as far as which organization they worked for?

GM: Yeah. I mean, that was the title "Non-Terrestrial Officers", and obviously it's not little green men. So I was thinking: What force is this? And that phrase is nowhere to be found on the web or in official Army documentation or anything. And the other thing was a list of ship-to-ship and fleet-to-fleet transfers - and bear in mind fleet-to-fleet, that means multiple ships - movement of materials. And these ships weren't, you know, US Navy ships. Again, I don't remember any of the names, but I remember at the time looking and trying to match up the names, and there wasn't anything that matched.

KC: So, now, this theoretically would have been pretty top secret information if indeed non-terrestrial is what it sounds to be, which is off-world, right?

GM: Yeah. I mean, I gleaned from that information... What I surmised is that an off-planet Space Marines is being formed. And if you actually look at DARPA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, literature at the moment and in the last few years, a lot of government and space command stuff is all about space dominance. It is really, you know, the final frontier. Yeah, so I think it's natural for them to want to control space and to be developing a space-going force in secret. But I think most likely using technology reverse-engineered from ETs.

KC: To get out there, in other words?

GM: Yeah. And also to be cloaked, otherwise how many other governments would see this going on.

KC: So, was this NASA? Where was this? Are you at liberty to say?

GM: [laughs] Again, I wish I was. I find it so hard to remember all of it. It's strange: I can remember IP addresses... but [I can't remember] a lot of the names, and where I was when I found the particular thing. I remember thinking at the time that this must be NASA and the Navy, you know, or secret parts thereof. So it was either the Navy or NASA. I really think it was most likely the Navy. But I'm not entirely sure.

KC: OK, so at this point this kind of a discovery is really stupendous, right? I mean, for any
researcher to come across something like that is pretty intense.

GM: If... [searching for words]... what I surmise to be correct was correct, yes. And it does kind of point that way, I think.

KC: OK. Are you familiar with the Serpo story? We've mentioned it to you. But I don't know if you've actually... because you're not on the web, right? You haven't been on the web for a number of years?

GM: That's correct. Yes.

KC: That's part of your... what do you call? Probation?

GM: My bail conditions, yeah.

KC: So perhaps you didn't know about it, but it's an alien-human exchange program that supposedly took place between, I think it's 1965 and 1978. And there's been a release of information on the web, and I've given you an article here from *The Fortean Times* to kind of fill you in on it.

But just offhand and hearing about this, there were 12 astronauts that actually went to another planet. The planet was called Serpo in the Zeta Reticulian system - supposedly. Now, a lot of people say this is all disinfo, but the interesting thing is that when you say non-terrestrial officers, there's actually a chance that it could be the Serpo astronauts that this is referring to. Does that link up for you at all?

GM: Well, yes, it certainly could do. I think all things are possible in these kinds of cases. I think... hmmm. I mean, just the fact that it's not based on Earth doesn't necessarily mean it's orbiting the Earth, does it? It could be based on another planet, in another solar system.

KC: Right. Because it's non-terrestrial, meaning not on the Earth.

GM: Yeah.

KC: So, yeah, we're talking about people that are based somewhere else in the solar system - theoretically - whether they're up circling the planet in a ship or they're actually on another planet. Anyway, it's an interesting link-up that's kind of unexpected, I would say.

GM: Yeah.

KC: So what exactly happened to you when... sort of the blow-by-blow of when you got discovered?

GM: I'd been asleep for an hour. It was about 8 o'clock in the morning and my girlfriend answered the door. It was a national high-tech crime unit - four or five officers, big police van. They came into the house. They had a warrant for the address. My girlfriend at the time and I were living in her auntie's house. We had the ground floor and her auntie had the top two floors. But the warrant was for the entire house. So, unfortunately, as well as taking my PC and my girlfriend's PC, [they took] four other PCs I had there to fix for friends, and they also went upstairs and took my girlfriend's auntie's PC.

Then they separated us both, and did the Mr. Nice and Mr. Nasty routine. Like: "We know what you're like, mate, I used to dabble a bit, if you know what I mean. Oh, you got into NASA and the Pentagon, did you?" ...trying to get me to admit things before I was even in the police station. So I kept my mouth shut, obviously.

And then we went down to the police station. I was there for four hours, which time I used to catch up on some sleep because I was absolutely knackered. Then they brought me out of the cell after interviewing my girlfriend at the time. They interviewed me for a few hours, threatened to go back and arrest my girlfriend's 15 year old cousin just because she was at the house that the warrant was for, and basically put me under great duress to actually say something without a lawyer being present.

KC: Wow.
GM: And I thought: Well bugger this; it's all on my hard drive anyway, so I may as well just tell them now since they'll find out anyway. That's been my style ever since, my full and frank admissions to the unauthorized access and the material I did download. But not the ridiculous claims of damage.

And then after that I had two police interviews, the second of which the police had just been to, I think, Washington, the ONI (Office of Navy Investigation) and possibly the AFOSI [Air Force Office of Special Investigations] as well. And they had a very different tone then: very, very serious. And they asked me more and more questions, actually trying to get me to admit to being in places that I hadn't been in, which I found interesting.

And then in November of 2000 - having been arrested in March - in November of 2000 the Department of Justice said they intended to apply for my extradition. They didn't actually apply for it then, but said they intended to.

And then we waited and we waited and we waited. Nothing happened. And then came along the 2003 Special US-UK Extradition Act Only which required no evidence whatsoever on the part of the Department of Justice to be provided in order to take a UK citizen. Now, we can't do that to a US citizen. You're protected by your Constitution. And this treaty had only been signed by the British, not signed by the Americans. 400 people are currently under threat of being extradited with this.

KC: Are they?

GM: Yes. And America has extradition agreements with 119 countries and only Britain and Ireland agree to extradite of their own nationals with no evidence. It's a ridiculous situation.

KC: And I guess there's also the Guantanamo Bay sort of specter out there.

GM: Yeah. Someone said to me... They said the fact that most people in Guantanamo Bay haven't even had trials yet, and they're not proven to be terrorists, although I'm sure many of them may be... whereas I have allegedly directly attacked American military sites. So... you know.... [despondent shrug]... sounds like a good one-way ticket to me. And also the fact that it's military order number one, where you have a secret military tribunal, no right of appeal, no right of comment. They declare national security, and the whole thing is in a black hole from then on.

KC: So, you have a lawyer. Is that right?

GM: Absolutely. Yes. And I get legal aid here. Because I'm unemployed, we get free legal advice.

KC: OK. I don't know whether you're at liberty to say as to how they're going to be supporting you in this?

GM: [pauses] Umm... We felt that District Judge Nicholas Evans who ruled in my last hearing didn't really properly address all the main points we brought up. I'm not sure if he's really qualified or experienced enough to properly address them in the House, and if that's why he didn't. And so we feel that we've got a better chance on the appeal of getting things changed. Also we're actually trying to get the law changed. It's not just about me. It's about many other people, and the fact that you can be extradited without evidence. So we're trying to get judicial reviews in motion and put some pressure on, and we've got petitions going, etcetera.

KC: OK. And you have a website. Isn't that right?

GM: That's right. Yes. Freegary.org.uk.

KC: OK. Very good. So maybe you can tell me what it is that you thought when you saw the Non-Terrestrial Officer list?

GM: I thought WOW, I'm really on to something here. [Kerry laughs] But that, along with the material transfer thing, were the only two things I found. Bear in mind that 99% of the time you find nothing, absolutely nothing. I was trawling the system for years. There were times I did know where I was, but it was vague. I knew I was in the Pentagon, obviously. But a lot of
the time, when you're first getting your entry into the fringes of the systems to try and obtain deeper entry that leads to control, you're kind of shooting blind at first.

And there's a chap over here, Peter Warren, an investigative journalist, who tells me that he went over to America and interviewed the top brass and said, you know, to his face: Why are you pursuing this guy so vehemently? Why is this the first extradition-hacking case ever? And someone apparently said to him: "It's not the person or what he's done and what he's saying, it's where he's been and what he may have seen that he's not saying."

KC: OK, well, let's pursue that for a second. Is there some stuff that you haven't revealed to the press? For example, that you might have come across? You know, sort of your ace in the hole, some cards you're holding?

GM: If there was, I wouldn't tell you. [laughs]

KC: Oh, really. OK. OK. Fair enough. And there's a sense that if you have information, that it would be stowed somewhere safe. Because, look, people disappear every day, isn't that right?

GM: Uh huh.

KC: So hopefully you've protected yourself on some level.

GM: [pauses, thoughtful] I'm not going to disappear.

KC: Yeah? OK. So in a sense, are you actually considering yourself a bit of a warrior? You're fighting a battle?

GM: No. No. I'm certainly in conflict, but...

KC: What I mean is, in a sense you're fighting a battle for disclosure, when all's said and done, in the acts that you've taken part in, isn't that right?

GM: I guess I am. But I get very impatient with this cloak of grandness that a lot of people in this field tend to cloak themselves in. [Kerry laughs] For me, it's just a job that has to be done and it has to be done pragmatically. I don't really see myself as anything. I just want to beat this rap and then carry on following UFO disclosure, but obviously through legitimate channels this time.

KC: OK. So, just out of curiosity, have you thought of writing a book?

GM: I hadn't thought of it, and then John Wiley & Sons approached me and they got me to write the blurb, you know, the new book proposal document. And write some stuff for the back. You know: Gary McKinnon tells us this, that, and the other. And they said: Oh great, sounds really good, wow. And then they had a meeting with their legal department from Stateside - it's an American based company, ultimately - and [snaps his fingers] that was it.

KC: Oh wow, they pulled... Well, I've got some people in Hollywood that might be interested. How do you feel about that?

GM: [Gary smiles broadly, gestures, two thumbs up] Yep! As long as I can stay in this country and film it.

KC: Oh, very good. OK. So, as far as your background... You're not really a skilled, I don't know... educated IT guy, is that correct? Do I have that right?

GM: I am skilled, but I've got no formal qualifications.

KC: But when you started this sort of search, had you worked in the field?

GM: Oh Yeah. Yeah. I had my first computer at 14, learned to program in Basic, then learned to program in Samba, and then I didn't do any computing work for a long time but it was a hobby... graphics programming, OpenGL, artificial intelligence, games programming. And then I went to study computing but found I had a lack of ability at high level maths, so I couldn't even start a computer science degree.
So they bumped me down to a Higher National Diploma and I still had trouble with high level maths, and so I had to leave that all together and just went to work in it. I got my first job with no experience whatsoever apart from my own hobbyist experience, just installing and configuring Windows. And from then on you get another contract, get more experience, do more stuff. And at that time employers respected experience more than pieces of paper. I found later on they started to respect the pieces of paper more, but I could sit next to ten guys with MCSEs and whatever, and be better than all of them put together because of 20-odd years of experience behind me.

KC: Great. So you've done some game and artificial intelligence work as well?

GM: Not for work, for pleasure. Genetic algorithms, fuzzy logic, that sort of stuff.

KC: Fabulous. And I understand you're also into graphics? You have a background in that as well?

GM: Yeah. I'm using OpenGL as a way to learn C++ programming language because you get a lot of visual feedback. It's a very rewarding way to learn something that's quite dry, really.

KC: OK. Cool. So you're very self-taught in a lot of ways.

GM: Mm.

KC: Now I'm just curious, have you had the "hacker community" come out for you in any way?

GM: Well, I was never part of the scene, so to speak. I did contact a couple of chaps whom I saw in a newsgroup posting with what seemed like very, very well-informed and knowledgeable comments on my case, and one of those chaps is now the guy who runs the freegary website. He's, you know, very knowledgeable, very worthwhile, very, very caring - one of these people that seems to be sacrificing his entire self for the good of everyone else. And I've read some stuff that lots of hackers are angry. I've read that hackers have said: If Gary goes to jail in America, we'll hack the bejesus out of the American government. [Kerry laughs]

[Gary shakes finger admonishingly at camera] Please don't do that, chaps.

KC: Do you have other people sort of in there batting for you? Like family? Friends?

GM: My mum's a tower of strength, you know. But I'm lucky enough to have four parents... I speak to my step dad and my real dad. And my step mum, not quite so much because she's still living in Scotland. But yes, friends are incredibly supportive, having told me to stop doing what I was doing. They didn't know exactly what I was doing, but they knew I was in places I shouldn't have been. And they would always say: It's very silly for you to do that. And they would try to discourage me from doing it. And then they were very angry when it first came out that I had been caught. But, yeah, they're incredibly supportive.

And I think the best thing is when we just make jokes about it. Because it's quite dark sometimes, thinking: God, I could be facing 60 years in jail! So it's good to keep a sense of humor.

KC: OK. You know, when you do investigation for two years, I'm sure that a lot of it sort of goes into the back of your head somewhere. I'm just curious whether or not - of course I don't know what you're reading lately or anything - but if you ever find things that corroborate what you might have come across. That sort of thing.

GM: Ah, yes. I mean my story in itself - just the hacking story - I didn't find out... Well, there were only a few items. There's nothing more that I've got on that. That's all there is. The Excel spreadsheets and the picture. But you're absolutely right: having read lots of stuff recently, I've had so many people get in contact with me, and thanks to all them for sending me books and DVDs. And being unemployed and stuff, it's been nice to have something for your brain to chew over, you know. I did realize there were places I've been, which I didn't know at the time but we found out, are apparently hot-beds of UFO activity - China Lake...

KC: Well certainly, I guess, Johnson Space Center? [laughs]
GM: Well, yeah, absolutely Johnson Space Center. A couple of NSA machines at Fort Meade as well, actually. Yeah, the stuff... I do think I probably was in places that were more sensitive than I realized at the time. I probably missed a whole lot of stuff, you know?

KC: So you did keyword searches. Isn't that right?

GM: Well, no. Once you're actually... You have to become... It's no good just being an Administrator of the machine. You have to become what they call in the Microsoft network the "Domain Administrator", so you've got full control of the entire network. Once you've got that, you can run a program. I used one called Land Search, at the time, which just searches every single computer and picks up files of certain types. But unfortunately at that time it wasn't good enough to lift the keywords within the file, so I had to get creative with filenames.

KC: Wow. So you could have missed something that was top secret just because it was called some innocuous name that didn't trigger any idea?

GM: Yeah. And also I basically realized... There was one network I was on - I won't say which - where because of the technique of... Rather than going around with a CD and installing Windows on every machine individually, you create what's called an image and then you shoot that image across the network on to each machine. On this particular network the image had been made with a blank administrator password, so I had 5,000 machines all with blank administrator passwords. What was the question there?

KC: How do you search something like that?

GM: Oh right, yeah. That's what I started to realize. It's just too huge a job for one person. I thought: Cripes, it would take me years and years and years. And it did become boring because most of the time you find nothing. And also my relationship was going down the pan. I left my job. I was going down the pan, wasn't eating properly, wasn't washing properly. It was a proper unhealthy obsession.

KC: So you were really motivated, though, on a certain level.

GM: Yeah. I thought I was doing something that would ultimately benefit a lot of people, so...

KC: Well, I think there are a lot of people out there that would support the right to know on a certain level - certainly free energy. And look, if we're sending officers off-world, then what are we doing using things like the Space Shuttle, ancient machinery that's blowing up in space?

GM: Yeah. I think what you're saying about hacking to find stuff out, I think I wouldn't advise anyone to do it, or anything like that. But there have been plenty of times in history where you can only gain freedom by breaking the law... Jesus himself, I remember in the Bible, telling people off where poor people were stealing food off the table and, you know, they were cutting their hands off. Things like that. They're poor, they're starving. Let them steal a little bit. How's it going to hurt you?

KC: Right. You know, do you envision a future for yourself?

GM: I'd like this whole thing to be dropped, or at least to be tried in my own country. That's the first thing. That's obviously taking up a lot of my energy at the moment. Beyond that, I'm absolutely fed up with fixing people's computers. [Kerry laughs] I'd like to follow my singing ambition, which is where my main passion lies - singing and song-writing.

KC: Oh... great. OK!

GM: I'm sick of machinery, and technology, and fast living, and profit.

KC: OK. So, is there anything else that you'd want to tell people about this experience? About where you were at, those two years? Obviously it's a few years later and you're kind of older and wiser, but you know, is there a message [Gary smiles] within what you were doing back then? If you can place yourself back then.

GM: Yeah. [looks directly into camera and speaks seriously] Always Listen to Your Girlfriend.

[laughs]
KC: [laughs] OK. I hear that. Very good!

OK. Well, this is Kerry Cassidy, and we've been talking here with Gary McKinnon and having a beer [Gary raises his glass to the camera] out in the back of a local pub here in London, on the outskirts. Isn't that right?

GM: That's correct.

KC: And I do have one other question. I'm wondering. Do you think, to this day, that you've got organizations that are using that kind of administrative blank password, duplicating desktops?

GM: Right. well, I'm not sure, but I mean... Is it the Government Accounting Office over there? Or the General Accounting Office? They put out a report every year praising federal security in the critical national infrastructure. I read that every year, and every year it doesn't get any better. So I think... I'd stake a hefty amount of money that if I went and did that again today, you could probably do the same thing again. Yeah.

KC: So what that actually means is that there could easily be some people out there that are coming across the same things you are.

GM: Right, I reckon.

KC: They're just not getting caught.

GM: Yeah. [shrugs, smiles]

KC: All right. Now, just in terms of the ET situation, did you ever have a sighting yourself? Or have you ever had, you know, any interactions with other races, other beings from other planets?

GM: No. I saw something once when I was about, maybe 11 or 12, I think. It was just a light in the sky. It was night time and it wasn't moving in a straight line. It was moving very erratically [draws side-to-side zigzag line in the air] - in a general direction, but it was moving very erratically side to side. And I thought: It's not a meteor and it's not a satellite. But I didn't know what it was. It wasn't an aeroplane. The lateral motion was quite fast.

KC: OK.

GM: And my stepfather had seen some stuff, and had dreams about UFOs. He lived in Falkirk, near Bonnybridge, and Bonnybridge is now quite a hotspot for UFO sightings. And he was a sci-fi fan, got me into sci-fi when I was young, and that kind of sowed the seed of that kind of stuff. And also, God, just the thought of meeting beings from somewhere else! That would be better than swimming with dolphins, wouldn't it? [smiles]

KC: [laughs] Good point. So, did you do any investigation of your own government, or are you at liberty to say?

GM: Let me put it this way: our government security is very, very, very, very good.

KC: Oh really? How about that.

GM: Yeah. But then again, so's the CIA, in Langley. That's very, very, very, very good as well.

KC: But you were able to get into the Pentagon and you were able to get into the NSA?

GM: Yeah, but that wasn't via breaking their security mechanisms as such. That was via a very old technique called "trust relationship exploitation". You start off in, say, a Navy logistics site which isn't well protected. And because you're already coming from a dot-mil internet address, then all the other dot-mils trust you. So you gradually go up the hill and get in deeper.

KC: OK. Huh. So were you reading emails? During this time, were you able to come across that kind of thing?

GM: No. I made it a personal rule not to read people's emails.
KC: Oh. That's interesting.

GM: I mean, I was looking for documentation, not communiqués. Once you start reading emails, Crikey, what a lot of data to sift through...

KC: Right. What about the Majestic... are you familiar with the Majestic website with Majestic documents? Top secret documents, some of which have been exposed?

GM: Yeah. I've heard about that. See, at the time I wasn't really into the UFO scene. I was not really in the act, you see. There is lots of stuff I wasn't aware of. And if I had've been, I probably would have done a better job and got more out of it. But as far as I know the Majestic things aren't proven to be real or false yet, are they. But I don't like to trust anything that I don't know is absolute fact, which is why I went to find out for myself rather than, you know...

KC: All right. Well, thank you very much, Gary. This has been great. And we're going to try to call Jerry Pippin now, who's helped set this up for us. And we hope to hear a lot more from you. We'd love to hear a lot more from you. We'd love to know what you're carrying in your back pocket, so to speak. [Gary smiles] I hope the day will come when disclosure allows you to actually reveal as much as you may have come across.

GM: Well, I didn't say I was carrying anything in my back pocket! [laughs]

KC: Absolutely. I understand. But you gotta understand that, you know, there's always the question... and it's a fascinating subject.

All right. Well, thank you very much.
Hey i'm new and i'm not sure if this has been posted before but it is a good watch if you have a spare 49minutes.
It's an interview with Gary Mckinnon the Brit who, well, he didn't "hack" but rather logged onto government computers such as the Pentagon and NASA to look for information about Ufos/Aliens. One interesting file he did find, was labelled "Non-Terrestrial Officers", in this file it had a list of names of officers and ranks. And other files which had proof in them showing that the government has been working with aliens.

This guy seems rather intelligent and appears to be genuine. I for one think he is telling the truth. What would he gain from lying?

What do you guy think??

reply posted on 6-8-2008 @ 11:27 PM by silverking

What do I think?

He will shortly have to leave his home in North London and could be facing up to 70 years in a U.S. federal prison

I think he is going to regret it.

when I was there, you do a NetStat routine and you see all the other connections to that machine, and there is a permanent weakness for foreign hackers because their security is not even lax, it is nonexistent. You wouldn't believe it. They might claim that by installing a remote control program, I opened them (the systems) up, but the access was already there. I didn't even have to crack passwords.

news.cnet.com...

I'm not sure about what he claims to have seen. Thats something only he knows for sure. I would like to know if getting access to a NASA cpu is as simple as he made it seem.

[edit on 6-8-2008 by silverking]

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reply posted on 6-8-2008 @ 11:37 PM by Epsillion70

Sounds like this maybe validates the Mars Record? Where the term NTO was also termed there as well.

www.themarsrecords.com...

reply posted on 7-8-2008 @ 08:32 AM by Axzion

Originally posted by silverking

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Hmm, well, I'd pay 70 years for government secrets...

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This too... in the interview he really implied that people have been getting into these computers pretty easily for quite some time, as in a day to day basis...

reply posted on 7-8-2008 @ 08:54 AM by Lethil

I personally dont think he found anything of great significance...Very secret documents would never be held on a computer,they would still be on old fashioned paper,and if it was on a computer it would encrypted...Plus he didnt *really* hack into anything...

reply posted on 7-8-2008 @ 08:58 AM by yeebsy
Of course he didn’t, that’s why the American government trying so hard to have him extradited!!

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I expect you work at NASA and or the Pentagon? Plus no one said he “hacked” into anything, only the media has made that accusation... And why would it make a difference if he did or didn’t hack into something? Why would that make his story less credible?

[edit on 7/8/08 by Axzion]
Non Terrestrial Officers, page 1

Has anybody more information on Gary McKinnon, the guy who hacked the Pentagon and found all of that information? I’m particularly interested in what everybody thinks about the Non Terrestrial Officers spreadsheet he found. Are they humans serving in outer space, Actual aliens serving on Earth? maybe some sort of shape shifter?

I found a little bit at Rense, and that is it.

www.rense.com...

I believe they serve Earth like the CIA.
Do you mean that they serve Earth but are not from Earth? I'm not clear on this. What I've been getting at is this information that McKinnon found could potentially be Earth shattering, or a waste of everyone's time. It would be nice if somebody did some digging so we would know which.

Here is a thread about him already on ats. You can always go up to the right hand side of your ats browser and google in things like "Gary McKinnon" and if there is a thread ongoing it will pop up for you. I just put a video up on one of my threads too, I'll try to find it for you too.

As far as I'm concerned McKinnon didn't find the smoking gun. He found some interesting information, but it's not proof of anything... He certainly didn't find enough to warrant the amount of time he's going to be spending in jail.

He found information that landed him 70 years to life in prison... which is interesting.... But i have a feeling that that was also because he hacked government files to get to it. You'd think that if the dude could hack into the government's secret files they would want to hire him or something other than locking his butt in the pen but that might make to much sense for the US gov.

I have no real idea what he found, other than a video I saw where he talked about some of it. What I find interesting is that he got 70 years out of it. Is it just me, or does that sound like overkill?
In all honesty, McKinnon is/was no more a true hacker than Billy Meyer's photos are real. A self-proclaimed amateur on Dial-Up who didn't even think to save files or capture screenshots. From the interviews I've heard, his typical response regarding such was something along the lines of a Pink Floyd lyric, "I don't know. I was pretty drunk[<*] at the time." He openly admits he was simply scoutin' about when he made said entries/accesses.

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As for the 70 year sentence... Well, some One has to set The example. (?)

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reply posted on 16-12-2007 @ 10:59 PM by NGC2736

reply to post by 12m8keall2c

So you think it was a trap, and he sprung it? But if that were so, and he was such a computer "dummy", once this was clear, wouldn't it have been more logical to have given him a short sentence.

Maybe even probation, just to get him out of the picture without all the hoopla, and then leave the trap in place? Surely such a trap wouldn't have been aimed at such a low level hack.

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reply posted on 17-12-2007 @ 01:23 AM by timb3r

Originally posted by 12m8keall2c

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Whilst I don't necessarily believe his story, I'd like to see you save a 170Mb raw image file, downloaded on a 56k modem! He does state in several video interviews that he never downloaded a full image file.

Although, I agree the fact that he didn't even save a single image or file is either incredibly stupid or highly suspicious to the true nature of what he found. i.e. nothing.

As for the sentence, it is a typical over-reaction because of the embarrassment caused by the poor house keeping of the IT infrastructure he penetrated.
They have a video interview with him on projectcamelot. I don't think it's extremely current. My understanding (don't remember from which source gleaned) was that non-terrestrial officers was just like an elite duty roster category of normal human American military personnel (although maybe McKinnon was misled by sly alien names like "Ackerman" instead of the more typical "Klariolus").

It is my understanding that Special Operations detachment Delta is highly involved in extra-terrestrial exploration and it is also my understanding that the Stargate series is based on Delta (more commonly known as Delta-Force), as a matter of fact, the Delta-Force insignia is similar to the Stargate insignia on their uniforms.

I think Delta is a possible cover for the real Delta or perhaps there is a higher echelon of Delta that deals with these matter but that is all speculation and hearsay on my part.

The TR-3B Astra (or whatever it is really called) is said to be able to make 'jumps' in space, the drive has problems with overheating so trips can only be made in short jumps after which the engines or drives or whatever propels this craft need to cool down, I am not entirely sure of the dynamics but for conventional atmospheric propulsion it has a more or less "conventional" SCRAM-Jet arrangement, it may use a combination of its Zero-Point powerplant, its exotic propulsion (some sort of gravity alteration of gravity wave vectoring system or a system employing mercury which more info is available online on, I am not versed on this) and its SCRAM-Jets, perhaps it can't jump out of the atmosphere on it's own power, likely due to the problems with the energy requirements of this drive not having been met.

I also understand an advanced artificial intelligence system controls much of the navigation, possibly because of the complex calculations required to travel such long range and all that at the same time avoiding space borne obstacles.

I cannot confirm any of this so it's to be taken with a grain of salt and my sources might not be 100% reliable. just FYI.
reply posted on 17-12-2007 @ 07:48 AM by Grozny07

I don't think anyone, except maybe a foreign intelligence agency with a huge budget and access to lots of technology, could "hack" the Pentagon. There are too may layers of security and the NSA isn't going to let someone break in.

reply posted on 17-12-2007 @ 07:56 AM by Paul_Richard

Originally posted by Raoul_Duke
...He certainly didn't find enough to warrant the amount of time he's going to be spending in jail.

Apparently, US authorities strongly disagree with you. 🙆

And that is precisely the point.

If what Gary McKinnon discovered through his hacking into US government computers was not EXTREMELY REVEALING, then he would not be facing **70 years in a federal penitentiary** in Virginia.

To All,

What **Gary McKinnon** stumbled upon constitutes evidence, not proof, that the US government has an operational, black projects space fleet.

But that is not the only evidence available.

In addition to the input of retired Army Sergeant Clifford Stone (among others in Dr. Steven Greer's Disclosure Project) regarding various Reticulan bases in operation locally, and the testimony of people like John Lear that the US is discreetly exploring and colonizing other planets, there is also the telling testimony of a former CEO of **Lockheed Aircraft**.

That former CEO, **Ben Rich**, before he died, told **Jan C. Harzan**, MUFON California state section director, the following, as it is quoted in Flying Saucers 101: Everything you ever wanted to know about unidentified flying objects (published by the editors of UFO Magazine and authored by Harold E. Burt), page 326:

> We already have the technology to move among the stars. What a shame it is that such breakthroughs are being hidden from humanity.
So no, Gary McKinnon's testimony ALONE is not PROOF that NASA is only a cover operation and that the US has an operational space fleet. However, it does constitute evidence IN ADDITION TO other corroborating testimonies.

Some people don't have the emotional capacity to accept credible testimony from expert witnesses. They will never believe it unless they are forced to from the government declaring that it is the case. But, like the idea of Open Disclosure about extraterrestrials, the government, which is largely self-serving, will never be honest about the Reticulan presence or their operational black projects space fleet - the "Non Terrestrial Officers" that Gary McKinnon stumbled upon in his investigations.

But for those of us who have done some RESEARCH and/or have FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE, and who are also RATIONAL and OBJECTIVE (and perhaps a little courageous at times too): there is indeed a covert fleet in operation, and one that is using gravity wave propulsion systems that were reverse-engineered from acquired Zetan spacecraft. Reticulan spacecraft that was analyzed by engineers like Bob Lazar when he worked at S4 in 1989. Advanced spacecraft which also uses electromagnetic cloaking technology so that they, like the Zetan ships and probes, are often invisible to the naked eye and only seen with the aid of infrared night vision equipment.

Well, I heard him interviewed on I believe it was Dreamland, and he didn't mention anything about Zeta Reticulan bases. If you know of an interview where he mentions this, I'd love to hear it (please post the link). If he in fact found info on the government’s knowledge of other lifeforms' travels in space, maybe his efforts were worthwhile.

So many leaps of faith are being made with absolutely no evidence. McKinnon didn't give us any evidence other than anecdotal, which is useless to any serious investigation. What are "Non Terrestrial Officers"? Most likely nothing.
He saw the pictures on the remote computers he connected to, he did not need to
download the 170 MB images. In the BBC interview he states this. You dont even
have to use hacker sofware to do this, you can use programs like Remote Desktop
that comes with Windows.

[edit on 17-12-2007 by Acharya]

In my opinion, he got 70 years for what he did not for what he found. He broke into
their network. They are pissed. Do you really think they would
just slap him on the wrist even if he only played on someones minesweeper? No,
you do this, you get sent away. Simple.

The way you all are talking is like he is in jail? as far as the home office are
concerned and British media he hasn't even been extradited yet, he has n't even
been given a date for the home secretary to make that decision so i dont know why
you keep saying he deserved his 70 yr sentence because he hasn't ben found guilty
of a crime yet.

he did what a lot of people on ATS would love to do and that is he got closer than
any of us to knowing something, so give the guy a break before you condemn him
and have him locked away and the key melted.

TOO many people jump in with their opinions without finding the facts first.

To my knowledge, Gary McKinnon hasn't publicly mentioned any direct Reticulan
connection. But his testimony does tie in with what others like Clifford Stone have
said. We not only have a black project fleet in space but that there are also various
underwater and underground, fully operational, Zetan-alien bases. Clifford Stone
said that there are probably "twelve or fewer" alien bases. The black project fleet in
space came about largely because the US government had access to advanced
Zetan technologies and has worked for decades to reverse-engineer them.
Did Gary McKinnon Uncover a U.S. Off-Planet Space Navy?

Gary McKinnon, the English hacker facing 70 years in U.S. prison for searching Pentagon sites for UFO evidence, says the weirdest thing he found was a list of "Non-Terrestrial Officers" and fleet transfers between ships that don't exist in the U.S. Navy.

**THE GUARDIAN: GARY MCKINNON INTERVIEW - EXCERPT:**

"What was the most exciting thing you saw?" I ask.

"I found a list of officers' names," he claims, "under the heading 'Non-Terrestrial Officers'."

"Non-Terrestrial Officers?" I say.

"Yeah, I looked it up," says Gary, "and it's nowhere. It doesn't mean little green men. What I think it means is not earth-based. I found a list of 'fleet-to-fleet transfers', and a list of ships..."
names. I looked them up. They weren't US navy ships. What I saw made me believe they have some kind of spaceship, off-planet.*

*The Americans have a secret spaceship?* I ask.

*That's what this trickle of evidence has led me to believe.*

*Some kind of other Mir that nobody knows about?*

*I guess so,* says Gary.

*What were the ship names?*

*I can't remember,* says Gary. *I was smoking a lot of dope at the time. Not good for the intellect.*

The Guardian, July 23, 2005

Extra sources:

Extra poltics.blogs.com...

www.rense.com...

This is, possibly - a profoundly important development. If Mr. McKinnon's data and assumption are correct, it validates what many have been postulating for many years: that the US Navy/Military may well be operating off-planet via back-engineered ET technology (or WWII German related?). This must have been occurring as well for a long time, long enough to have a 'fleet' of space craft and officers to either man them or otherwise control them. For those who remember the Clementine mission, you will recall it was a US Navy project which micro-mapped the entire Moon. If McKinnon stumbled onto a secret file of 'Non-Terrestrial Officers' it would, indeed, suggest the US Military has been quietly, efficiently, secretly running off-planet operations for a long time.

How can this guy be taken seriously when he answers a question like this...

*I can't remember,* says Gary. *I was smoking a lot of dope at the time. Not good for the intellect.*

So we should believe everything else? I don't think so.

If he had any secrets that he found out by hacking into the system, do you think he would be able to freely talk about these secrets now? No, definitely not.

There are numerous existing threads on the topic of Mr. Gary McKinnon.

Gary McKinnon discussions on ATS
Please direct your thoughts or contributions to one of the ongoing discussions.

Thank you.

Closing ...

On a side note,

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and there's always the Google Search of ATS in the upper right hand corner, on ALL pages. 🌐

[edit on 6/21/2006 by 12m8keall2c]
This is more what I meant.

Reason as the source of the most reliable knowledge.

I should explain a bit here about how knowledge obtained by reason and argument alone has been seen as more reliable than knowledge from the senses. It was not easy to settle whether the earth is round or flat—this is often debated today, even if few people decide it is flat. There have been other questions, such as what are the elementary substances of which the earth is made, and what the sun and moon are made of and how far away they are. It has taken centuries of science to answer these questions. In ancient and mediaeval times there were no definite answers.

By contrast, ancient mathematicians had shown, from a few axioms and using a limited number of rules of inference, that the sum of the 3 angles of a triangle was 2 right angles. This was proved without examining any real triangles; yet on examining real triangles the result is confirmed, in every case. This appeared to show that the most reliable knowledge is obtained by reason, and that it is knowledge about the
Reason and argument were originally seen as the prime source of reliable knowledge. Plato referred to this as dialectic. In the 18th century Immanuel Kant, having been very impressed with how Isaac Newton described the real world by his theory of gravitation, wrote about how synthetic a priori propositions are possible. A priori means before examining any data; and synthetic means saying more than is merely implied by or contained in the starting premises. Kant viewed Newton's theory as giving definite knowledge about the external world, in the same way as geometry had been thought to do from ancient times.

As dialectic is said to be an older method than Russell's logistic or analytic method, I will say a bit about it. Plato often refers to dialectic as his own method and as the highest form of knowledge. For Plato dialectic is the method of asking a question, giving an answer, and asking further questions until the matter is solved. Aristotle appears to have had the same meaning for dialectic.

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great thread this, someone mentioned Gary McKinnon, here is an extract of an interview he did.

"What was the most exciting thing you saw?" I ask.

"I found a list of officers' names," he claims, "under the heading 'Non-Terrestrial Officers'."

"Non-Terrestrial Officers?" I say.

"Yeah, I looked it up," says Gary, "and it's nowhere. It doesn't mean little green men. What I think it means is not earth-based. I found a list of 'fleet-to-fleet transfers', and a list of ship names. I looked them up. They weren't US navy ships. What I saw made me believe they have some kind of spaceship, off-planet."

"The Americans have a secret spaceship?" I ask.

"That's what this trickle of evidence has led me to believe."

from here.

www.guardian.co.uk...

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The top secret US military space program is very real. Former NASA astronaut Brian O’Leary already spoke about this in the eighties. In his book THE MAKING OF AN EX-ASTRONAUT he writes about this very secret manned space program.

US Air Force launched a Titan 34D rocket with a secret payload in April 1984 from Cape Canaveral.

Some papers wrote about it. The Contra Costa Times of April 15 1984:

SECRET PAYLOAD GOES INTO ORBIT

Air Force spokesman Dick Castelucci told the press that it was a classified launch and a classified payload.
A secret base on Mars was probably operational already 1966.

The latest conspiracy theories is about a classified launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base on August 16 1976. It was a Saturn V rocket and the mission was to investigate a huge spacecraft on the moon.

The astronauts were William Rutledge and Leona Snyder from Bell Laboratories and Alexei Leonov from Soviet Union.

Hopefully somebody could do a thorough investigation into this strange story. Like checking old papers from the region and interview people who might have witnessed the presumed launch on August 16 1976.

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Yep! But that's been debunked here on ATS before! However, I wonder if there's some element of truth in the Apollo 20 mission after all? I personally feel that there's more than meets the eye here!

Cheers!

Yup! There's also an atmosphere on the moon, humans under Denver International Airport, a secret base at Dulce, an underground transit system, and all of the above have been documented and proven along with your claims above. Great job spreading the rumors!
I am unsure how this thread grew so large without me seeing it. 😐

CoolHand asks some good questions. I would like to remind people that, according to the OP, there is no launch area needed, as they use gravity tech to achieve propulsion.

However, IF they needed launch locations, there is ample space in the middle of the Pacific Ocean for a SeaLaunch vehicle. Not to mention the far flung missile bases we have (think Kwajelein).

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Were you on vacation? Oh yeah! 😜

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Right! I think they've graduated from those antiquated 'chariots of fire' to the more esoteric forms of propulsion, dispensing with the cumbersome infrastructure requirements. So they could operate from literally any place on the globe.

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Yep! A secret astronaut corps. Was William Rutledge one of them? 😊

Hey, everyone knows that there are many alternate ways to get information, why do you have to believe that the ones controlling the government are geniuses and plan many operations with absolute precision? Why don`t you think the the people in the government are normal humans like us and they don`t enjoy having to work extra?
And what about drug money laundered into black projects? It doesn't take a genius to figure out that while the Taliban was controlling Afghanistan they destroyed the poppy fields and heroin and opium dropped to zero from there. Since we have sent troops to "liberate" the Afghans, production has peaked once again.

It would be nice to think that our tax dollars alone pay for all of these covert projects, but reality is that they can't and don't. Even with the deficit spending to maintain all of the federal handout programs, our tax dollars alone cannot afford them.

The Drug War was created so that the money would be funneled into these black programs instead of into the hands of drug dealers. William Cooper claimed that this money helped finance the covert space program which has been flying shuttles out of Vandenberg for years before there was a NASA public shuttle program.

I'd like to address a previous comment regarding health and cures also. It is not necessarily the government that suppresses cancer cures, but the collusion of the AMA and FDA, with the financial blessings of the pharmaceutical industry.

And regarding energy technology, while it would be great to unlock the source of such free and abundant energy, it is like opening Pandora's Box in that while it can provide benevolent use to replace oil, gas, and nuclear, it can also be used by our enemies and fanatics in general to create very powerful weapons as well. Perhaps it is the stance of the "powers that be" that we are not yet ready to handle such abundance of free power, else as many conspiracy theorists claim, it is the power of Big Oil and the financiers that suppress it for their own greedy agendas. Either way, we lose.
budget goes to space related programs and that we are far ahead of where we claim to be.

Great Thread

reply posted on 4-12-2008 @ 07:44 PM by dreamingtree

Interesting post...I doubt the U.S could come up with trillions of dollars though to fund these programs considering the US GDP is 12 trillion/ year as it stands and is by far the highest in the world. It would take a lot of drugs and drug money to equal trillions of dollars.

reply posted on 4-12-2008 @ 07:45 PM by dreamingtree

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reply posted on 4-12-2008 @ 11:59 PM by ANNED

If there is a secret space station i know where it is and why no one can see it.

Its at the earth/moon L2 point.
You can not see it because it is always behind the moon. This would be the perfect place to hid it.

The program my be a military starwars program. But not the one you are thinking of.

I believe the US and a few friendly countries have been setting up a weapons storage site for there weapons of last resort. These weapons would be used instead of nuclear weapons if the US is attack with nuclear weapons.

Scenario One attack by Iran or North korea
In this scenario the country firing a nuke at the US would be given a warning after our interceptors take out the weapon. The Original Starwars.

They would be told that if they did not Surrender within 2 days they would face
massive retaliation.

The first thing they will watch is the US nuclear sites to see if we were getting ready
to launch.

they would not be watching space.

Scenario Two russia or china
same as Scenario one exept we would take out there government with a massive
NON nuclear attack.
At the same time they would be told that if they did not Surrender within 2 days
they would face massive retaliation.

The first thing they will watch is the US nuclear sites to see if we were getting ready
to launch.

They would not be watching space.

Scenario three
We would call for a cease fire and ask for there Surrender terms setting up a
meeting in 3 days.

The first thing they will watch is the US nuclear sites to see if we were getting ready
to launch.

They would not be watching space.

In all three Scenarios they would never know what hit them.
it would be a bolt from the blue.

Our weapons
Not nukes.
Just big rocks

Just look what a 150-foot meteor did near Winslow, Ariz
www.thewordteaches.com...
wikimapia.org...

Even a 20 foot rock would be dangerous

Now for there launch sites.
They use a system like used on space ship one exept much larger.
about the size of a C5 cargo plane.
This would allow them to launch over the ocean out of site of people.

Is this a guess.
not really.

I heard this from a rocket scientist at NWC China Lake in the late 1970s after he
had done a paper on it for the government.
He was transferred 6 months later to a NASA/Air Force lab.

Interesting points! And to think that the then pres Ronald Reagan wanted to
establish a forward post on the Moon, not against a supposed alien threat that
many imagined, but actually as part of the Star Wars program, that include the
options you have mentioned.
But then again some say that the SW program has something to do with a probable future alien threat too! Killing two birds with one stone?

Cheers! 😊

reply posted on 5-12-2008 @ 09:48 AM by StellarX

reply to post by ANNED

Now type of four of five scenarios presuming that the Russian/Chinese are the one's with the orbital 'battle stations' and weapons on the Moon. 😏 It's strange that it's always presumed that the US landing on the moon first 'proves' that moon related activities would necessarily then always have to do with the US. Does anyone here realise that beside for the moon landing 'first' (edit: Firsts in space that is and not in my opinion always because the US lacked the capabilities) the USSR did practically everything else first; including everything noteworthy?

Stellar

[edit on 5-12-2008 by StellarX]

reply posted on 5-12-2008 @ 10:30 AM by ablue07

Check out Jack Arneson's file at Pegasus Consortium.com. The parts about the provisioning of the I.S.S by the Soviet Progress craft is most interesting as it lists manifests for food which include 540 lbs of fruit and vegetables they do not eat this type of food on the I.S.S especially only three astronauts. Also the are some interesting notes on the time it takes for these provisioning craft to reach the I.S.S it should only take a few hours to get to the station but the records all show a 3 day time from lift off to docking with the station. Again thats Pegasus Research Consortium, Jack Arneson's files on the Progress Craft and I.S.S. Thanks again Mike for an excellent post (as usual)

reply posted on 22-12-2008 @ 07:55 PM by Anonymous ATS

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Topic started on 27-7-2010 @ 03:46 PM by LiveForever8

Last week British Prime Minister David Cameron and President Obama met for discussions at The White House, the obligatory press conference followed. With numerous big issues to be discussed, such as the BP Oil Spill and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, it was surprising that a certain issue was raised (quite so publicly too), that is the issue of Gary McKinnon.
BBC Article

McKinnon has been accused of what one US prosecutor claims is the "biggest military computer hack of all time" and is currently awaiting extradition to the United States where he could spend the rest of his life in jail.

He was accused of hacking into 97 United States military and NASA computers over a 13-month period between February 2001 and March 2002. McKinnon claims he was merely looking for evidence of free energy suppression and a cover-up of UFO’s - subjects he believed the general public have a right to know about. He has never denied these charges, stating that he accessed open, unsecured machines with no passwords and no firewalls.

However, US authorities accused him of deleting critical files and US Naval logs, shutting down complete computer networks, copying data, account files and passwords onto his own computer and claim that the cost of correcting all of this damage was $800,000. McKinnon denies all of these charges.

For this case to be raised by Cameron in such a public way can only be good news for McKinnon and although Obama refused to talk in any depth about the issue, Cameron later hinted at the possibility of "some of the (sentence), if there is a prison sentence, being served in a British prison".

Many have claimed that the ferocity at which the US authorities have gone after McKinnon proves that he saw, or could potentially have seen, very sensitive information. It certainly seems that they have done everything in their considerable power to get McKinnon over to the US, with some sighting The Extradition Act 2003 as a prime example of this. Considered by some to be one-sided because it allows the US to extradite UK citizens and others for offences committed against US law, even though the alleged offence may have been committed in the UK by a person living and working in the UK, and there being no reciprocal right.

But what did McKinnon see that was so scandalous?

In June 2006 Project Camelot did an impromptu interview with Gary, entitled Gary McKinnon : Hacking the Pentagon. In it he discussed the whens, whys, where’s and hows of his story and made clear that the only reason the
US authorities wanted him so badly was not because of the damage he had done but because of the information he might have seen.

The interview:

KC: OK. So what did you find out?

GM: You had the Earth's hemisphere taking up about 2/3 of the screen and then halfway between the top of the hemisphere and the bottom of the picture there was a classic sort of cigar-shaped object, but with golf-ball domes, geodesic domes, above, below, and this side [gesturing to the right], and I assume the other side as well. It had very slightly flattened cigar ends. No seams. No rivets. No telemetry antennae or anything like that. It looked... it just had a feeling of not being man-made. There was none of the signs of human manufacturing.

KC: So in essence it was a craft, is what you're saying?

GM: Yeah. At first when I saw the top half I thought: Bollocks, it's just a boring satellite picture. But as more of the thing was revealed, it was obvious it wasn't like any satellite I'd ever seen. I've been space-mad since I was about 14, so I've seen lots of pictures of satellites.

So McKinnon states that while investigating the claims made by Donna Hare (which can be seen here) he stumbled upon an image of a craft orbiting the earth, one which he deemed was not man made, or at least nothing that has been made public.

The interview goes on...

KC: Right. So, can you tell me what else you found? Because I know you have some information in regard to Non-Terrestrial Officers. Is that right?
GM: Yeah. There was an Excel spreadsheet and the title was "Non-Terrestrial Officers," and it had names, ranks... it wasn't a long list; it didn't fill the whole screen, I don't think.

GM: Yeah. I mean, that was the title "Non-Terrestrial Officers", and obviously it's not little green men. So I was thinking: What force is this? And that phrase is nowhere to be found on the web or in official Army documentation or anything. And the other thing was a list of ship-to-ship and fleet-to-fleet transfers - and bear in mind fleet-to-fleet, that means multiple ships - movement of materials. And these ships weren't, you know, US Navy ships. Again, I don't remember any of the names, but I remember at the time looking and trying to match up the names, and there wasn't anything that matched.

KC: So, now, this theoretically would have been pretty top secret information if indeed non-terrestrial is what it sounds to be, which is off-world, right?

GM: Yeah. I mean, I gleaned from that information... What I surmised is that an off-planet Space Marines is being formed.

This is the most documented piece if information regarding McKinnons case and it has been elaborated on by many theorists, without corroboration of course. By itself it really isn't that spectacular but it is hugely interesting. I suppose the importance you place on the phrase 'Non-Terrestrial Officers' is up to your own personal interpretation and beliefs on the issue, but at the moment it is all speculation.

Gary McKinnon has been honest and upfront with authorities and the press from the very moment he was caught, holding his hands up to what he had done. But there is a belief amongst some that he is holding an ace up his sleeve, something that Gary refuses to discuss...

Is there some stuff that you haven't revealed to the press? For example, that you might have come across? You know, sort of your ace up your sleeve, something that Gary refuses to discuss...

GM: If there was, I wouldn't tell you. [laughs]

KC: Oh, really. OK. OK. Fair enough. And there's a sense that if you have information, that it would be stowed somewhere safe. Because, look, people disappear every day, isn't that right?

GM: Uh huh.

KC: So hopefully you've protected yourself on some level.

GM: [pauses, thoughtful] I'm not going to disappear.

Apparently Peter Warren, an investigative journalist, was told that "It's not what he's done and what he's saying, it's where he's been and what he may have seen that he's not saying." This could explain why McKinnon has been pursued so doggedly by the US officials, they are afraid he will leak top secret information and although McKinnon states he isn't holding anything back (which is understandable) one must wonder if all is not as it seems.

Another interesting point is that McKinnon is sure he wasn't the only person looking at this sensitive information...

GM: I mean, the other connections that were there - Turkey, Holland, Germany, all across the world - you could see the IP addresses that connected to the machine and you could look it up and find out which country they're in and even which
businesses own the IPs. And I don't know whether that was foreign governments. It could have been Al Qaeda. It could have been someone else just like me, just snooping around. Who knows?

It seems possible that there could be others, just like McKinnon, all over the world who have been privy to this top secret information - the fact that we have heard nothing could mean that they too were arrested (in a much more low key fashion) or maybe they are still hacking away now. Perhaps they were silenced...interminably.

McKinnon certainly believes that it is very possible that what he did could still be done today...

GM: Is it the Government Accounting Office over there? Or the General Accounting Office? They put out a report every year praising federal security in the critical national infrastructure. I read that every year, and every year it doesn't get any better. So I think... I'd stake a hefty amount of money that if I went and did that again today, you could probably do the same thing again. Yeah.

Which once again begs the question; Are there people still doing this today?

The obvious answer would be 'no', for we would have heard about them...wouldn't we?

With this being in the news recently I thought the case was worth dragging up again, so, what are your thoughts?

Concerning the non-terrestrial officers:

Terrestrial:
1. Relating to the earth or its inhabitants
2. Relating to land as distinct from air or water
3. Belonging to the class of planets that are like the earth

Our minds typically go to strange places with this terminology, but could it not just as well indicate NASA officers, submarines, planes, space station personnel, and the like?

Not to say it’s not what....we're all thinking. 😊

I suppose it could do. But I would ask if you could find me a reference to
'Non-Terrestrial Officers' anywhere in NASA, Navy or Air Force documentation. I certainly have never heard that term.

Also, (from the transcript):

And the other thing was a list of ship-to-ship and fleet-to-fleet transfers - and bear in mind fleet-to-fleet, that means multiple ships - movement of materials. And these ships weren't, you know, US Navy ships. Again, I don't remember any of the names, but I remember at the time looking and trying to match up the names, and there wasn't anything that matched.

Me either. You're right, it's very curious. Additionally, the description of the craft he gives doesn't sound like something we see around-- provided his description is accurate.

Curiouser and curioser.

First...

He has never denied these charges, stating that he accessed open, unsecured machines with no passwords and no firewalls.

Is it really hacking if you don't need to bypass firewalls or input passwords? Not saying that he wouldn't be a competent hacker if he wanted to be, just that maybe what he was doing wasn't hacking. Assuming that everyone with an Internet connection of some sort knows at least the basis of browsing the Internet 'privately'. From what I read, the government officials never actually accused him of breaking firewalls, or doing anything that would deem what he did to be illegal. If he accessed this 'open' information and it was truly 'open' then how can they...
charge him with anything.

On the other hand it’s hard to believe that (assuming he did access sensitive information) the government would have for whatever reason left this information unsecured.

But what if while on route from one secure government computer to another, the sensitive information passed through an unsecured computer or server? That would leave the information open for anyone with the knowledge to intercept the information. Usually information being passed through multiple stops, if you will, is encrypted. And in most cases breaking an encryption can be deemed illegal. Look at this way, there are roads all over the world, think of the roads as the information super highway, along these roads are billions of cars, the files, if there is a car traveling on the road from point A to point B and someone intercepts the car in between point A and point B and kidnaps the driver even though the door is locked, that is breaking numerous laws. But it’s also still illegal to kidnap the driver if the doors are unlocked...right?

I am really looking forward to seeing how this case proceeds. I usually support someone giving the general public classified information because I believe the government doesn’t have the right to hide things from us, but until I learn some more about this case I can’t decide...

reply posted on 27-7-2010 @ 06:40 PM by Ex_MislTech

The UFO issue is real, some may be craft made by governments here on earth as experiments, some may be repaired wrecked craft, etc etc.

The reason I say this with such assurance is as a RADAR tech I tracked something that moved faster than my RADAR could track it, it went faster than the slew rate and that was MACH 5 the year was 1988.

Later in life a documentary on NBC confirmed my feelings and it has been a closed case for me ever since.

Google Video Link

Watch the film in full and make your own choice.

[edit on 27-7-2010 by Ex_MislTech]
Well, McKinnon did not consider himself a hacker...

GM: I never did consider myself a hacker at the time. Also, basically all I was doing was, because it was an administrator level account, let's not forget, with full control of the local machine with a blank password. So it was almost like logging on.

And he later describes what he was doing (which he doesn't consider as hacking)...  

GM: Yes. I mean, I would have been surprised if there wasn't anyone else, because it wasn't even really a "hack" to get into. It was large-scale fishing with blank passwords. And some of these places, you know, were pretty special places; they were places you wouldn't think wouldn't have firewalls or blank passwords.

As for the charges against him, McKinnon explains them here...

I did obtain unauthorized access to these systems. But they're piling on these ridiculous damage claims. And I've since found out that for it to be worth a year in prison in America for an extradition case, it has to be worth at least $5,000 damage, because it comes under cybercrime.

So as if by magic, lo and behold, every machine I was on I'm accused of causing exactly $5,000 worth of damage. It's patently untrue.

It appears the US Navy once had a secret space programme that ran along side NASA. Don't forget the shuttle was a DOD craft 1st to put there payloads into orbit and a public show 2nd.

An old ATS member who resides over at "the living moon" ZORGON now he has pretty much ALL the info on the non terrestrial officers.

You may want to pop over to his site, it is very revealing and has a wealth of info on the navy's secret space missions and who some of these officers are.

Some of the info ZORGON U2U'd me was really mind blowing stuff all backed up with sources. Some of the links were MIL. sites so very sensitive stuff at times.

He is the man when it comes to this case and it's implications of what Gary saw. IMHO.
reply posted on 27-7-2010 @ 07:23 PM by fasteronfire

*reply to* post by LiveForever8

I guess I could have done a little more research before posting 😔

Thanks for the clarity LiveForever8

Constructive criticism is always appreciated 😊

reply posted on 27-7-2010 @ 07:58 PM by invetro

I've always had the feeling that the US left doors open to allow people like Gary into their networks, just to come after them at a later date and put the terrors up anyone else who ever had thoughts of "hacking." I don't doubt GM for a second. He has been thoroughly transparant in his side of the story to date, unlike the strange coincidences of the US government, the $5,000 per machine damage charges being a prime example.

I can only hope that the extradition will be dropped. Maybe he will be used as a bargaining chip by the US. 😔

[edit on 27/7/2010 by invetro]

reply posted on 27-7-2010 @ 09:37 PM by fasteronfire

*reply to* post by invetro

That's a very interesting way to look at things.
It wouldn't surprise me at all for the government to do something that shady and underhanded.

We all know that 96% of the time the government gets what the government wants. Even if that means lying, cheating, stealing, exploiting, etc.

reply posted on 28-7-2010 @ 08:37 AM by LiveForever8

*reply to* post by invetro

Good point, I had the same thoughts.

By leaving certain 'corridors' open they could direct hackers through the system, allowing people like McKinnon to see only what they wanted them to see, and by doing so they turn the hacker into an unwilling dis-information artist.

It's very possible.

Then, like you say, they come down heavy on the 'hackers' making scapegoats out of them - thus deterring any serious hackers who might have the potential to do
some serious damage to the secrets the system may hold.

invetro does bring up a good point that MAY be a possibility but i think the true story of the lack of secure password protection was just that. through the staff not being bothered or caring about even having a password to remember.

maybe so each member of staff could jump on to each others computer to retrieve info if needed.just plain lazy.

interesting theory non the less.😊
Gary McKinnon’s Extraterrestrial discoveries confirms other intelligent beings in the universe,

The British citizen and computer science genius thought to have hacked into 53 US government agencies’ computer systems has spoken out about his discoveries in NASA's networks. The 39-year-old from north London had told The Guardian he initially started his hacking career when looking for evidence of a UFO cover-up. Using a software program, Gary McKinnon was able to discover senior network administrators who didn’t use passwords.

*I knew that governments suppressed antigravity, UFO-related technologies, free energy or what they call zero-point energy. This should not be kept hidden from the public when pensioners can’t pay their fuel bills,* says Mr. McKinnon.

*You get on to easy networks, like Support and Logistics, in order to exploit the trust relationship that military departments have between each other, and once you get on to an easy thing, you find out what networks they trust and then you hop and hop and hop,* and...
eventually you think, 'That looks a bit more secretive,'” McKinnon told The Guardian.

McKinnon said he was eventually able to access the US' Space Command network, where he found evidence of an extra terrestrial mission.

“I found a list of officers' names,” he claims, “under the heading 'Non-Terrestrial Officers'... What I think it means is not earth-based. I found a list of 'fleet-to-fleet transfers' and a list of ship names. I looked them up. They weren’t U.S. Navy ships. What I saw made me believe they have some kind of spaceship, off-planet.”

The hacker denied that he had made Washington’s computer system inoperable, although he did admit he may have deleted some government files by accidentally pressing the wrong key.

While McKinnon is facing the possibility of up to 70 years in jail, it seems NASA has more to worry about than the British man known as ‘Solo’ in the hacking community.

McKinnon continued: “Once you’re on the network, you can do a command called NetStat - Network Status - and it lists all the connections to that machine. There were hackers from Denmark, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Thailand... every night for the entire five to seven years I was doing this.”

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Yea this interview is interesting, incase u have missed it.. wow loads of Gary threads 😊
Okay I was just asked a question by someone on another board... in it a comment was made...

"look what the US did with Gary MacKinnon.."

Well I had not heard much about him for some time so I looked up to see what the current status was...

Well I found this thread on google 😃

WikiLeaks cables: US spurned Gary McKinnon plea from Brown
www.abovetopsecret.com...

 tanggal - Gary makes the Wikileaks important break of the day list. I then wanted to see the state of his extradition.. and I found his page on wikipedia...

Really?
John Lear had his page deleted because his career, life and UFO material wasn't important enough, but a wanna be weed smoking hacker, whose only claim to fame was looking at some unprotected NASA computers, seeing a list of Naval Space Command officers and a pic of a ship, but being to dumb to remember to hit screen capture or even check his temp internet cache... gets a full detailed page on wikipedia and now wiki leaks makes him front page news again..

WTF? Has the world gone insane? Seriously this is ridiculous

And where is he now? Has he been extradited? Served time? I mean its been what 9 years now? Well here is what Wikipedia says

On 20 July 2010 Tom Bradby, ITN political editor, raised the Gary McKinnon issue with President Barack Obama and Prime Minister David Cameron in a joint White House press conference who responded that they have, in fact, discussed it and are working to find an 'appropriate solution'

Yet according to the Gaurdian

Leaked US embassy cables reveal that Gordon Brown unsuccessfully put his reputation as prime minister on the line in a plea to Washington that the computer hacker Gary McKinnon be allowed to serve any sentence in the UK.

Brown's face-to-face attempt to strike a deal with the US ambassador was spurned by the Obama administration, in a humiliating diplomatic rebuff.

Washington now appears to be just as intransigent with Brown's successor, David Cameron. The Cameron government has failed to announce whether or not it will comply with continued US demands to hand over McKinnon after he hacked into their government computers.

www.guardian.co.uk...

Well I guess I should hang up my hat and go back to my Crown and my sword play... because with all the work I have done, I don't get a wiki page or direct intervention from the Prime Minister or the President. 😒😂

I guess it shows that failure gets the rewards... total lunacy...

Mr.McKinnon could be put to good use.
He may be looked upon as a sort of hero someday.
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hero? For what precisely? 😃

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Maybe it's because you haven't been caught yet... 😊

To be noticed you need to do time...

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www.guardian.co.uk...
edit on 2-12-2010 by sueloujo because: (no reason given)

Can't the UK just grow some balls and tell them NO !?

Did G. Brown actually beg on his knees or litterally lick some shoes ?

I think that this case deserves some attention but not of this kind.

And anyway, what kind of leverage does the UK gov have with so many US nukes laying around.

If you leave your home but don't lock the door. If you get robbed without any proof of infraction, what will the insurance tell you ? They'll tell you to ....

They left their computers un protected, well, too bad. They know they are a target. I think i read somewhere that these computers get attacked several hundred times per day.
Well the DoD agent (AF intel) who use to actually post here did come and 'visit'... but that went pretty good actually 😊 Do time huh? Well I will pass on the fame and wikipage then... he can have it 🤗

Mr. McKinnon does have some mental health problems if I remember and thats why they are fighting not to let the americans have him.

In think this needs to be taken into account before you slate the guy.

Sorry double post.

Mr. McKinnon stayed long enough in your mind to think of looking into his case again?

No someone brought him up, as I said, so I looked at the current situation

It is not what Gary actually did that gives him continued press but the fact that the extradition treaty is so lop-sided and therefore people in the UK are are busy fighting his case.

Why don't they just say 'NO'? Afterall he is a British citizen, right? And what extradition? Its been 9 years and he is still free... has no one figured out yet that this is all just a game? When are they going to extradite? A date been set yet?
The man is autistic and is not "dumb" as you call him.

Well that is the current line of defense NOW, yes... but there was no mention of that at the beginning...

In fact here it is from Gary himself...

"What was the most exciting thing you saw?" I ask.

"I found a list of officers’ names," he claims, "under the heading 'Non-Terrestrial Officers'."

"Non-Terrestrial Officers?" I say.

"Yeah, I looked it up," says Gary, "and it's nowhere. It doesn't mean little green men. What I think it means is not earth-based. I found a list of 'fleet-to-fleet transfers', and a list of ship names. I looked them up. They weren't US navy ships. What I saw made me believe they have some kind of spaceship, off-planet."

"The Americans have a secret spaceship?" I ask.

"That's what this trickle of evidence has led me to believe."

"Some kind of other Mir that nobody knows about?"

"I guess so," says Gary.

"What were the ship names?"

"I can't remember," says Gary. "I was smoking a lot of dope at the time. Not good for the intellect."

Nothing about autism... just pot... And this is a 'hero' in the UK? Sorry, but doesn't work for me. Yeah I think the whole charge is stupid as well, but then the FBI is setting up mixed up kids as bombers these days.
Originally posted by zorgon

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WTF? Has the world gone insane? Seriously this is ridiculous

And where is he now? Has he been extradited? Served time? I mean its been what 9 years now? Well here is what Wikipedia says

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Yet according to the Gaurdian

Leaked US embassy cables reveal that Gordon Brown unsuccessfully put his reputation as prime minister on the line in a plea to Washington that the computer hacker Gary McKinnon be allowed to serve any sentence in the UK.

Brown's face-to-face attempt to strike a deal with the US ambassador was spurned by the Obama administration, in a humiliating diplomatic rebuff.

Washington now appears to be just as intransigent with Brown's successor, David Cameron. The Cameron government has failed to announce whether or not it will comply with continued US demands to hand over McKinnon after he hacked into their government computers.

www.guardian.co.uk...

Well I guess I should hang up my hat and go back to my Crown and my sword play... because with all the work I have done, I don't get a wiki page or direct intervention from the Prime Minister or the President. 😞😞

I guess it shows that failure gets the rewards... total lunacy...

You will not get your fat yank hands on him if the British public have anything to do with it. You will NEVER get the opportunity to torture him or label him a terrorist.

Our government needs to grow some balls and tell you outright to # off.

edit on 2-12-2010 by allthegoodusernamestaken because: (no reason given)
Here's my thread on McKinnon: www.abovetopsecret.com...

Also, nothing about autism?

In August 2008, McKinnon was diagnosed by three of the world's leading experts (Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Professor Jeremy Turk and Professor Thomas Bernie) as suffering from an autism spectrum disorder compounded with clinical depression.

- from his Wiki page.

I don't really get what your point is with this thread zorgon

I'm good with that Americans could use some of those balls to... but seriously its been 9 years and no action... and yet it shows up as one of the all important wikileaks documents? Really? The ambassadors have no more pressing business?

Ah well in a few years the UK will be the next Muslim state and America will emulate the NAZI's only much worse if you watch the daily news. I really need to find out if these Aliens have a place to hang out for a few decades.

At the beginning of this drama. no. As your link points out that was diagnosed in 2008, 6 years after the 'interview' by police as wiki puts it...
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Simple... I don't see his contribution to UFOlogy justifying this much importance and hero worship put on him, by either the Gov or the Gary Huggers. It just makes no sense.

But I guess people prefer a good story to any real disclosure... autistic or pothead, point is he got nothing... from computers that were wide open so their was nothing hacked and the charges are nothing but a mockery. So bottom line is a whole lot of fuss about nothing

Ah well I guess I will go find me another blurry moon rock to play with

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reply posted on 2-12-2010 @ 05:23 AM by RUSSO

reply to post by zorgon

You are right, Zorgon. Gary did nothing more than just talk.

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reply posted on 2-12-2010 @ 05:30 AM by LiveForever8

reply to post by zorgon

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Originally posted by zorgon

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I don't think many take his story THAT serious and I've certainly never heard of any 'Gary Huggers.' I think the reason so many people took his side was more political than conspiratorial, they could see he was being unfairly treated by a hypocritical government and so that won him many supporters. As for the level of attention the Government paid him, well, that is why I was left asking what he could have seen that he hasn't yet spoke about.

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Yep, you could be right. There is no hard evidence, only his word and the circumstantial evidence that followed (eg. the circus that is his trial).

I still think it is a very interesting case all the same.
Originally posted by zorgon
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Yes, that's probably for the best 😊

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Zorgon, with all due respect the premise of Gary McKinnons case has been pointed out by another poster and to be honest i would personally rather hear and read about him instead of John Lear, I know he is your friend and thats your prerogative but to be brutally honest i think that McKinnons story is a hell of a lot more interesting then John Lear's "fantasies ".

But, thats just me personally .

Yours respectfully .

Omega

edit on 2/12/2010 by Omega85 because: Proofing
NASA promises spaceship that can "travel between alien worlds", in next few years, page 1

This is alot bigger news that that crap they announced yesterday. They say they will utilize electro-magnetic propulsion.

Here's a Piece:

A SENIOR NASA official has promised to deliver a spaceship that will travel between alien worlds "within a few years".

Speaking at a conference in San Francisco on Saturday, NASA Ames director Simon Worden said his division had started a project with Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency called the "Hundred Year Starship".

The project was kicked off recently with $1 million funding from DARPA and $100K from NASA and hopes to utilise new propulsion ideas being explored by NASA.

Star Trek fans, prepare to get excited – electric propulsion is here, according to Mr Worden.
"Anybody that watches the (Star Trek) Enterprise, you know you don’t see huge plumes of fire,” he said.

"Within a few years we will see the first true prototype of a spaceship that will take us between worlds."

Source

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 05:10 AM by pazcat

This is like a month old and there are a heap of threads about it already.

www.abovetopsecret.com...
www.abovetopsecret.com...

That's just a couple.

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 05:12 AM by ATLien

reply to post by pazcat

I see.....

In this economy you can still make a smart investment. Find the nation's highest yielding CD account

The secret of how to learn a foreign language in just 10 days is revealed! Read here to find out...

The smartest investment you can make during the recession. Top CD accounts in the nation...

Men are finding an unlikely testosterone booster...

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 05:15 AM by nik1halo

Very interesting, although should this really be in the Aliens and UFOs forum, as it deals with neither aliens or UFOs?

It's cool to think that we could be inhabiting the moons of Mars within my lifetime though. I'll see if I've got a spare $10 billion handy and we're home free!

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 05:28 AM by ChaosMagician

The "Hundred Year Starship"...?!!!!

I wonder why they are calling it that because usually it doesn't take them near that long to steal technology. This one must have been harder won than the old fashioned way.
ah, I'm just messin with the good ol' dod.  
I'm anxious to see this and knew nothing about it.

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 05:51 AM by Larryman

As if... NASA could ever build the Star Trek Enterprise! 😊

If they can't build an anti-gravity flying saucer... then they will never build the warp-drive Enterprise. And electromagnetic drive is NOT warp-drive. 😅

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 06:42 AM by DataWraith

I'd believe NASA on this 'promise' if they instead said to the world, "We'll promise to not edit anymore photographs, and actually tell the truth about what we have seen and what we see tomorrow out in space", before I believe anything else they say.  
Sorry but thats my opinion.

reply posted on 17-11-2010 @ 09:09 AM by GummB

*reply to post by ChaosMagician*

You seem to think you know a lot about anti-gravity, warp-drives, and electromagnetic drives.  
Please if you know something NASA doesn't, enlighten us

Or are you just assuming everyone is as clueless as you are - do you know what they are doing inside area 51, Dulce, or Pine Gap?

I don't 😕

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**ETA:** ATLien.... Outkast is the Sh***

props for the dope name

GummB  
edited on 17-11-2010 by GummB because: ETA
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Very interesting, although should this really be in the Aliens and UFOs forum, as it deals with neither aliens or UFOs?

Well, in a way it deals with the subject Aliens, as the personnel of the ship - if encountering an inhabited world - will be Aliens to that world and its inhabitants. If the inhabitants are primitive, the arrivals will more exactly become Ancient Astronauts.

So, nowhere in the article the OP provided was there mention of electromagnetic propulsion. It mentions electric propulsion. Is there a difference?

Why does NASA need to build a new space ship? Their photoshopping of space seems successful enough. Besides, our President made NASA's core duty right now to go to muslim countries and tell them they contributed greatly to science.

No more Americans Shall be Astronauts......

Considering our luck it might end up being some kind of a freaky runaway ship like the one pictured in Pandorum www.imdb.com... with its only trip in transit to an unknown alien world where the human Elites will be traveling in order for saving their arses while leaving the scorched Earth behind and some G.Soros overlords captured in carbonite ala Han Solo in Star wars that wakes up mutated during transit from a computer error and eats everybody before the ship reaches it's final destination...
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GummB

What? I'm not even sure where you are coming from with this.😂

I thought my reply would seem like an obvious joke regarding the name. It has absolutely nothing to do with the OP in itself. As I said, I had not heard about this and am anxious to see it... seriously. They may actually have something good up their sleeve.

I'm just saying that if they do, I wonder where they got their ideas from (and don't even pretend like their ideas are always original) and why they are calling the project that name. Don't you think that name is kind of humorous? I mean hell, rumor has it (we are still on ATS aren't we?) that they have been back engineering alien craft for decades. I can't help but to wonder how far they've gotten. Maybe they have gotten far and are using them to razzle dazzle us as of lately and just don't want to tell us, which is understandable for a while till we get wise to it as it becomes more common... but still... took them a while if they were able to do it...especially if any of that alledged technology has helped them only recently. Just saying... and I do believe they have pinned themselves on purpose for a laugh by calling it the "Hundred Year Starship"... so I feel no harm is done at all by my comment and that it's all in good humor and jest.😂

"Hundred Year Starship"😂... no seriously. I want to know where they got the name.

NASA promises spaceship that can "travel between alien worlds", in next...
Oh... and btw. I never said I knew jack about anti-gravity, warp-drives, and electromagnetic drives. That is TOTALLY jumping to conclusions. I do know when something sounds funny though. Try not to get those things confused.

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it's still a SF

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I wouldn't be at all surprised to learn NASA already has such a craft, and are now looking for funding for another top secret project. Time travel perhaps? I'm inclined to believe Gary McKinnon who hacked a Pentagon computer system and as a result found information pertaining to "Non Terrestrial" ships and officers. Even under threat of deportation from England and more than likely spending the rest of his life in an American prison, he still stuck with his story.

It was "non-terrestrial" officers, not ships.

Which in the Navy, could mean officers assigned to units on ships, subs and aircraft.

Military documents tend to be fussily precise and jargonized.

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NASA promises spaceship that can "travel between alien worlds", in next...
Well, I don't see the OP answering your question, so...

I don't think there is a difference in this case. Because I think they are referring to the use of an ion-plasma rocket. Electrically charged atoms (ions) are accelerated into movement by use of electromagnetic fields, and then ejected from the ship to push it forward. Very slow acceleration, but can 'eventually' surpass the velocity of a chemical rocket propulsion. Still requires 100's of years to get to the nearest star system.
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Gary McKinnon (born 10 February 1966) is a Scottish systems administrator and hacker who was accused in 2002 of perpetrating the "biggest military computer hack of all time," although McKinnon himself – who has a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome – states that he was merely looking for evidence of free energy suppression and a cover-up of UFO activity and other technologies potentially useful to the public. On 16 October 2012, after a series of legal proceedings in Britain, Home Secretary Theresa May withdrew his extradition order to the United States.

**Alleged crime**

McKinnon is accused of hacking into 97 United States military and NASA computers over a 13-month period between February 2001 and March 2002, at his girlfriend's aunt's house in London, using the name 'Solo'.

The US authorities claim he deleted critical files from operating systems, which shut down the US Army's Military District of Washington network of 2,000 computers for 24 hours. McKinnon also posted a notice on the military's website: "Your security is crap". After the September 11 attacks in 2001, he deleted weapons logs at the Earle Naval Weapons Station, rendering its network of 300 computers inoperable and paralyzing munitions supply deliveries for the US Navy's Atlantic Fleet. McKinnon is also accused of copying data, account files and passwords onto his own computer. US authorities claim the cost of tracking and correcting the problems he caused was over $700,000.

While not admitting that it constituted evidence of destruction, McKinnon did admit leaving a threat on one computer:

"US foreign policy is akin to Government-sponsored terrorism these days … It was not a mistake that there was a huge security stand down on September 11 last year … I am SOLO. I will continue to disrupt at the highest levels … "

US authorities claim that McKinnon is trying to downplay his own actions. A senior military officer at the Pentagon told *The Sunday Telegraph*: "US policy is to fight these attacks as strongly as possible. As a result of Mr McKinnon's actions, we suffered serious damage. This was not some harmless incident. He did very serious and deliberate damage to military and Nasa computers and left silly and anti-America messages. All the evidence was that someone
was staging a very serious attack on US computer systems."[6]

**Arrest and legal proceedings**

McKinnon was first interviewed by police on 19 March 2002. After this interview, his computer was seized by the authorities.[7] He was interviewed again on 8 August 2002, this time by the UK National Hi-Tech Crime Unit (NHTCU).[7][8]

In November 2002, McKinnon was indicted by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia.[9] The indictment contained seven counts of computer-related crime, each of which carried a potential ten-year jail sentence.[7]

**Extradition proceedings**

McKinnon remained at liberty without restriction for three years until June 2005 (until after the UK enacted the Extradition Act 2003, which implemented the 2003 extradition treaty with the US wherein the US did not need to provide contestable evidence), when he became subject to bail conditions including a requirement to sign in at his local police station every evening and to remain at his home address at night.

If extradited to the US and charged, McKinnon would face up to 70 years in jail.[10] He has expressed fears that he could be sent to Guantanamo Bay.[11][12]

**Appeal to the House of Lords**

Representing McKinnon in the House of Lords on 16 June 2008, barristers told the Law Lords that the prosecutors had said McKinnon faced a possible 8–10 years in jail per count if he contested the charges (there were seven counts) without any chance of repatriation, but only 37–46 months if he co-operated and went voluntarily to the US.

US-style plea bargains are not a part of English jurisprudence (although it is standard practice to reduce the sentence by one-third for a defendant who pleads guilty)[13] and McKinnon's lawyers contended that in effect this was intimidation to force McKinnon to waive his legal rights. McKinnon also claimed that he had been told that he could serve part of his sentence in the UK if he co-operated. He rejected the offer because the Americans would not guarantee these concessions.

McKinnon's barrister said that the Law Lords could deny extradition if there was an abuse of process: "If the United States wish to use the processes of English courts to secure the extradition of an alleged offender, then they must play by our rules."[14]

The House of Lords rejected this argument, with the lead judgement (of Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood) holding that "the difference between the American system and our own is not perhaps so stark as [McKinnon]'s argument suggests" and that extradition proceedings should "accommodate legal and cultural differences between the legal systems of the many foreign friendly states with whom the UK has entered into reciprocal extradition arrangements."[15]

**Further appeals**

McKinnon appealed to the European Court of Human Rights,[16] which briefly imposed a bar on the extradition,[17] but the request for an appeal was rejected.

On 23 January 2009, McKinnon won permission from the High Court to apply for a judicial review against his extradition.[18] On 31 July 2009, the High Court announced that McKinnon had lost this appeal.[19][20] McKinnon's legal team, solicitor Karen Todner and barrister Ben Cooper, have applied for a judicial review into the Home Secretary's rejection of medical evidence, which stated that, when he could easily be tried in the UK, it is unnecessary, cruel and inhumane to inflict the further stress of removing him from his homeland, his family and his medical support network.
British government blocks extradition

On 16 October 2012, Home Secretary Theresa May announced to the House of Commons that the extradition had been blocked, saying that "Mr McKinnon's extradition would give rise to such a high risk of him ending his life that a decision to extradite would be incompatible with Mr McKinnon's human rights." She stated that the Director of Public Prosecutions would determine whether McKinnon should face trial before a British court.[21]

Asperger's diagnosis

In August 2008, McKinnon was diagnosed by three of the world's leading experts (Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Professor Jeremy Turk and Professor Thomas Bernie) as suffering from an autism spectrum disorder compounded with clinical depression.[22][3]

McKinnon's mother, Janis Sharp, claimed that he was suicidal and that he would not survive a U.S. prison incarceration.[23] She has received support from psychiatrist Professor Jeremy Turk of St George's Hospital, London, who said that suicide was now an "almost certain inevitability".[24] On 10 November 2009, Janis Sharp gave evidence before the Select Committee for Home Affairs of the UK Parliament.[25] The Committee backed calls for the extradition to be halted because of McKinnon's "precarious state of mental health" and called for a comprehensive review of the extradition treaty.[26]

Judicial review

In January 2010 Mr Justice Mitting granted McKinnon a further judicial review of the decision of Home Secretary Alan Johnson to allow McKinnon's extradition. Mitting distinguished two issues which were arguable, the first being whether Professor Turk's opinion that McKinnon would certainly commit suicide if extradited means that the Home Secretary must refuse extradition under section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (which prevents a public authority from acting in a way incompatible with convention rights). The second was whether Professor Turk's opinion was a fundamental change to the circumstances that the courts had previously considered and ruled upon. Mitting ruled that if the answer to both questions was "Yes", then it was arguable that it would be unlawful to allow the extradition.

Support for McKinnon

In early November 2008, a total of 80 British MPs signed an Early Day Motion calling for any custodial sentence imposed by an American court to be served in a prison in the UK.[27] On 15 July 2009, many of them voted in Parliament against a review of the extradition treaty.

In mid-November 2008, the rock group Marillion announced that it was ready to participate in a benefit concert in support of Gary McKinnon's struggle to avoid extradition to United States. The organiser of the planned event is Ross Hemsworth, an English radio host. No date has been set yet.[28] Many have now voiced their support, including Sting, Trudie Styler, Julie Christie, David Gilmour, Graham Nash, Peter Gabriel, The Proclaimers, Bob Geldof, Chrissie Hynde, David Cameron, Boris Johnson (Mayor of London), Stephen Fry, Jonathan Ross, Terry Waite, Tony Benn, Chris Huhne, Lord Carlile, the Conservative Party, the Liberal Democrats, the Green Party of England and Wales, the National Autistic Society, Liberty, and many others. All of these propose that, at least, he should be tried in the UK.[29] In August 2009, Scottish Newspaper The Herald reported that Scots entrepreneur Luke Heron would pay £100,000 towards McKinnon's legal costs in the event he was extradited to the US.[30]

In a further article in The Herald, Joseph Gutheinz, Jr., a retired NASA Office of Inspector General Senior Special Agent, voiced his support for Gary McKinnon. Gutheinz, who is also an American criminal defence attorney and former Member of the Texas Criminal Justice Advisory Committee on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments, said that he feared Gary McKinnon would not find justice in the USA, because "the American judicial system turns a blind eye towards the needs of the mentally ill".[31]

The British tabloid The Daily Mail has started a campaign to prevent Gary McKinnon's extradition to the U.S.[32][33]
Janis Sharp, McKinnon's mother, stood as an independent candidate in the 2010 General Election in Blackburn in protest against the sitting Labour MP Jack Straw, who was Foreign Secretary when the extradition treaty was agreed. She finished last out of eight candidates with 0.38% of the vote.

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**Song**

In August 2009, Pink Floyd's David Gilmour released an online single, "Chicago - Change the World", on which he sang and played guitar, bass and keyboards, to promote awareness of McKinnon's plight. A re-titled cover of the Graham Nash song "Chicago", it featured Chrissie Hynde and Bob Geldof, plus McKinnon himself. It was produced by long-time Pink Floyd collaborator Chris Thomas and was made with Nash's support. A video was also posted online.

**Statements to the media**

McKinnon has admitted in many public statements that he obtained unauthorised access to computer systems in the United States including those mentioned in the United States indictment. He claims his motivation, drawn from a statement made before the Washington Press Club on 9 May 2001 by "The Disclosure Project", was to find evidence of UFOs, antigravity technology, and the suppression of "free energy", all of which he claims to have proven through his actions.

In an interview televised on the BBC's *Click* programme, McKinnon claimed that he was able to get into the military's networks simply by using a Perl script that searched for blank passwords; in other words his report suggests that there were computers on these networks with the default passwords active.

In his interview with the BBC, he also claimed of "The Disclosure Project" that "they are some very credible, relied-upon people, all saying yes, there is UFO technology, there's anti-gravity, there's free energy, and it's extraterrestrial in origin and [they've] captured spacecraft and reverse engineered it." He said he investigated a NASA photographic expert's claim that at the Johnson Space Center's Building 8, images were regularly cleaned of evidence of UFO craft, and confirmed this, comparing the raw originals with the "processed" images. He claimed to have viewed a detailed image of "something not man-made" and "cigar shaped" floating above the northern hemisphere, and assuming his viewing would be undisrupted owing to the hour, he did not think of capturing the image because he was "bedazzled", and therefore did not think of securing it with the screen capture function in the software at the point when his connection was interrupted.

**NASA documents**

In 2006, a Freedom of Information Act request was filed with NASA for all documents pertaining to Gary McKinnon. NASA's documents consisted of printed news articles from the Slashdot website, but no other related documents. This is consistent with NASA employees browsing internet articles about Gary McKinnon; the records of such browsing activity are in the public domain.

The FOIA documents have been uploaded to the internet for review, and can be downloaded.
Radio play

On 12 December 2007, BBC Radio 4 broadcast a 45-minute radio play about the case, *The McKinnon Extradition* by John Fletcher. It was re-broadcast on 2 September 2008. It was directed by Pete Atkin and produced by David Morley.

Notes

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• Profile BBC News - lost his appeal in the UK's House of Lords 30 Jul 2008 (http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4715612.stm)

• Paranormal Daily News - Gary McKinnon should be praised and not punished (http://paranormaldailynews.com/2009/07/17/uf0-hacker-gary-mckinnon-should-be-praised-and-not-punished/)
• Dan Bull - Free Gary (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6fYMzKvXxg) (an open letter to the Home Secretary)
• Coverage of the Gary McKinnon case since 2006 (http://www.darknet.org.uk/tag/gary-mckinnon/)
• Gary McKinnon (http://asperger-syndrome.me.uk/people.htm) Famous people with Asperger Syndrome
• 16min video interview (http://www.snotr.com/video/6250) on Snotr
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06-231

Mr. John Greenewald
john@greenewald.com

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The NASA Headquarters Office of Public Affairs conducted a search and from that search found a Non-NASA record responsive to your request. You may access this record at: http://science.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=06/05/06/1247236&from=rss.

You may appeal this initial determination to the NASA Administrator. Your appeal must (1) be addressed to the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (2) be clearly identified on the envelope and in the letter as an “Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act”, (3) include a copy of the request for the agency record and a copy of this initial adverse determination, (4) to the extent possible, state the reasons why you believe this initial determination should be reversed, and (5) be sent to the Administrator within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of this initial determination.

Sincerely,

s/signed

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FOIA NO. 10-F-2006-231
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To Legal (legal review):

FOIA Request from: Grant Cameron
The Black Vault

Date Request Rec’d: 6/6/2006

COMMENTS:

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☐ A search was conducted and no responsive records were located.

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Subject: FOIA 06-231  
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 11:04 AM  
From: FOIA <hq-foia@nasa.gov>  
To: FOIA Request via The Black Vault - Grant Cameron  
<presidentialufo@presidency.com>

Conversation: FOIA 06-231

FOIA 06-231  
June 13, 2006

Grant Cameron  
Black Vault  
presidentialufo@presidency.com

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on June 6, 2006, requesting information related to Gary McKinnon.

Your request is being processed in chronological order based upon the date it was received. NASA processes all FOIA requests in a multi-track processing system, based upon the date of receipt and the amount of work and time involved in processing the request. The agency determines whether the request is simple or complex. In order for a request to be expedited, the requestor must demonstrate a compelling or urgent need and demonstrate that failure to obtain the information could pose an imminent threat to life or physical safety or loss of substantial due process rights.

Questions regarding this action should be in writing to this center at the address shown below.

Sincerely,

original /signed

Mary F. Bell  
Freedom of Information Administrative Specialist  
NASA Headquarters  
300 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20546
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From: FOIA Request via The Black Vault - Grant Cameron
<presidentialufo@presidency.com>
To: <foia@hq.nasa.gov>, <john@greenwald.com>
Conversation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

From FOIA Requestor: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>

To Agency: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Submitted FOIA Request:

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Please Note: This is a FOIA Request Submitted Via The Black Vault's E-FOIA Request Submission Tool to assist requestors - The guide is setup here: http://www.bvalphaserver.com/article9525.html

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NASA Hacker Gary McKinnon Interviewed

Posted by CowboyNeal on Sat May 06, '06 09:44 AM
from the out-of-this-world dept.

An anonymous reader writes "A BBC article reports about an interview between Click and Gary McKinnon who in 2002 hacked into NASA and other US Military networks. In the interview he talks about how he accessed machines by using default passwords and a conversation with a NASA network engineer using Wordpad. He also talks about how he found information about anti-gravity, UFO technology, free energy and how UFOs are regularly airbrushed out from high-resolution satellite images."
I'm really skeptical

by suso (153703) on Saturday May 06, @09:48AM (#15276585) (Score:5, Insightful)
(http://suso.com/ | Last Journal: Tuesday March 09, @01:03AM)
No, the graphical remote viewer works frame by frame. It's a Java application, so there's nothing to save on your hard drive, or at least if it is, only one frame at a time.

What kind of moron spends 3 years breaking into government computers and doesn't know how to do a screen capture or see the importance of saving what he's doing. Sorry folks, but from reading this interview, he seems like bullshit.

Re:I'm really skeptical by AndyAndyAndyAndy (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @09:53AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by malsdavis (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:07AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by TapeCutter (Score:2) Sunday May 07, @03:58AM
Re:I'm really skeptical by Threni (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:03AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by danhuby (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:13AM
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Re:I'm really skeptical by Anonymous Coward (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:16AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical

by AndroidCat (229562) on Saturday May 06, @10:38AM (#15276825) (Score:4, Funny)
(http://home.primus.ca/~ronsharp/)
Well, it would be hard for it to seem less credible, wouldn't it? What happens when you reduce the video to 4 bit colour?
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Re:I'm really skeptical by FunkyELF (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:16AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by liquidpele (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @09:20PM
Re:I'm really skeptical by darkmeridian (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:37AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by Bungopolis (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:42AM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by azav (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:43AM

Re:I'm really skeptical

by malsdavis (542216) * on Saturday May 06, @11:04AM (#15276948) (Score:5, Informative)
If you had read or watched the interview you would know he was using the remote operating program RemoteAnywhere. In which case his story is totally consistent.
He states that the image was downloading when a staff member physically accessed the computer and disconnected him. I know personally the program can freeze for a couple of seconds on a slow connection while taking screen shots. It is therefore quite plausible that he was waiting for the image to download before taking the screenshot and then did not have time - in the few seconds it takes for a person to go the bottom-right-corner of the screen and select disconnect - to take a screenshot of what had already downloaded (as he would have had no indication of someone being about to use the computer locally). I imagine later and any cache of the image would have been lost.

This doesn't at all prove his claim of viewing a NASA UFO image are true but they are at least plausible.

Re:I'm really skeptical

by DrXym (126579) on Saturday May 06, @10:48AM (#15276872) (Score:4, Insightful)
This seems par for the course for UFO nuts. When pressed for hard evidence of the amazing things they claim, you get a bunch of excuses or some grainy blurry mess that could be and probably is a hubcap or a spray painted flower pot. In this idiot's case he has no excuse for not providing evidence. If he really saw these super secret UFOs, free energy devices etc, all he had to do was save / download the information and stash it somewhere.

Since he didn't he is full of shit. The UFO / conspiracy nuts will probably love him.

Re:I'm really skeptical

by Ohreally_factor (593551) on Saturday May 06, @11:13AM (#15276977) (Score:4, Funny)
(I Last Journal: Sunday November 27. @03:29PM)
I'm not sure if they have the equivalent under UK law, but maybe he is laying the groundwork for his not-guilty-by-reason-of-insanity plea.

http://science.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=06/05/06/1247236&from=rss
Re:I'm really skeptical by xxybermancer (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:09PM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by Frozen Void (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @02:30PM
  Re:I'm really skeptical by Rob Carr (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @11:00AM
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Re:I'm really skeptical

by gerardri (207690) on Saturday May 06, @11:51AM (#15277143) (Score:5, Informative)
(Last Journal: Wednesday July 21, @02:03AM)
This guy's full of shit. His answers don't make sense.

...and bearing in mind this is a 56k dial-up, so a very slow internet connection, in
dial-up days..."

"...No, the graphical remote viewer works frame by frame. It's a Java application..."

"SK: You were actually cut off the time you were downloading the picture?
GM: Yes, I saw the guy's hand move across."

Can someone show me a Java VM that existed and would have been the programming
language of choice in the "dial-up days"? At least to me the heyday of dialup was the late 80s to
mid 90s, then cable and DSL started taking over. The first version of Java wasn't released until
about '96 and wasn't widely deployed/accepted until 2000 or so.

HOW did he see a "guy's hand move" over a dial-up connection that was sending about 1 frame
every 2 minutes at best?

Idiot. I'm guessing the interview was so short because the BBC interviewer smelled the BS.
  [ Parent ]
    Re:I'm really skeptical by Anonymous Coward (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:05PM
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    Re:I'm really skeptical by Anonymous Coward (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @02:49PM
    Raising hackles by Anonymous Coward (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @06:47PM
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UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity?

(Score:5, Funny)
by Anonymous Coward on Saturday May 06, @09:49AM (#15276589)
Is he certain he didn't stumble on a NASA honeypot?
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by AndroidCat (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @11:17AM
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by Bing Tsher E (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:55PM
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by maxumce (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @07:54PM
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by AndroidCat (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @08:15PM
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by wik (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @02:27PM
- Re:UFOs, free energy, and anti-gravity? by nozzo (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @03:31PM
- Ugh.. by jamesjw (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @09:49AM
- Re:Ugh.. by Archon-X (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @09:56AM
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- I've heard of this guy by DerGeist (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @09:49AM
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- Re:I've heard of this guy by xiando (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:08AM
- Re:I've heard of this guy by Ohreally_factor (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:19AM

UFO Vs Alien & Gary's Flakey Story

by eldavojohn (898314) * on Saturday May 06, @09:49AM (#15276593) (Score:5, Insightful)
(http://slashdot.org/~eldavojohn/journal/ | Last Journal: Sunday May 14, @09:12AM)
I'm going to throw out this warning that this article was not fairly summarized by Slashdot.

I will preemptively state that UFO does not necessarily mean extraterrestrial technology or not from this planet. In the raw form of the acronym, it means simple that there is an Unidentified Flying Object. There are most likely hundreds of types of aircraft that governments around the world would refuse to classify due to a need to keep their enemies in the dark (national security).

From the article:

Gary McKinnon: I was in search of suppressed technology, laughingly referred to as UFO technology. I think it's the biggest kept secret in the world because of its comic value, but it's a very important thing.

He interchangeably uses "suppressed technology" with "UFO technology." I'm certain the United States Government has tons of suppressed technology as well as any other government for obvious reasons.

I should finish the quote, however:

Old-age pensioners can't pay their fuel bills, countries are invaded to award oil contracts to the West, and meanwhile secretive parts of the secret government are sitting on suppressed technology for free energy.

Ok, that last bit about free energy, you can go ahead and call him a nut job. And then there's also this:
I got one picture out of the folder, and bearing in mind this is a 56k dial-up, so a very slow internet connection, in dial-up days, using the remote control programme I turned the colour down to 4bit colour and the screen resolution really, really low, and even then the picture was still juddering as it came onto the screen.

But what came on to the screen was amazing. It was a culmination of all my efforts. It was a picture of something that definitely wasn’t man-made.

Yeah, Gary, it sure is crazy how you can mess with the color quality and resolution of an image to make it look like my family picture is really some image a green gelatinous blob that eats people.

Firstly, because of what I was looking for, I think I was morally correct. Even though I regret it now, I think the free energy technology should be publicly available.

Uh, I only heard a story about a blimp above the earth's atmosphere. Where was the story where you saw a device that produced unlimited amounts of energy?

"In my house, we obey the laws of thermodynamics!" - Homer Simpson

Honesty...

by Valdrax (32670) on Saturday May 06, @10:04AM (#15276666) (Score:5, Insightful)

Anyone who thinks that the US government is sitting on technology that would give us greater air superiority in combat, make exploration and military domination of space easy, eliminate a significant portion of our trade deficit, make us no longer beholden to countries like Iran, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, etc., etc. is a complete and total lunatic.

If we had alien technology, had reverse engineered it, and knew how to make it work, we would be using it right now.

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- Re:Honestly... by xiando (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:16AM
- Re:Honestly... by Anonymous Coward (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:33AM

UFO Conspiracy Theories Debunked by Geopolitics.

by Valdrax (32670) on Saturday May 06, @10:46AM (#15276864) (Score:5, Interesting)

Consider this: WHY would you show off your MOST ADVANCED technology if your LESS ADVANCED technology already IS SUPERIOR to the adversary?

You've obviously never read up on the kind of technological fantasies the US military has. Despite your BOLD STATEMENTS that EMPHATICALLY use CAPITALIZED WORDS which make me DOUBT YOUR SANITY, the US military is completely and totally incapable of understanding the words "good enough." Even though our military technology can stomp on anyone on the planet, the Pentagon has long argued for increased capabilities against a phantom Chinese threat. They conjure up the image of China suddenly having tech on par with ours in 10-20 years as a boogeyman to justify bigger and fatter budgets for more powerful weapons.
Second, the space program is a black eye for the US. It was a prominent sign of American strength and leadership that has decayed into a series of failures. It costs a ridiculous amount of money to send a space shuttle up and to deploy our many satellites. If we had alien technology, then we could half NASA's budget and accomplish the same goals. We could also cheaply weaponize space like the Pentagon always fantasizes about.

Third, oil. We have a lot of shady alliances worldwide that revolve completely around access to oil. Take Saudi Arabia. We've known for decades that the Saudis are state sponsors of terrorist groups and have spent their money heavily to foment Muslim radicalism. We know that the majority of the 9-11 attackers were Saudis. However, we're still all buddy-buddy with them because of oil. If we weren't dependent on oil, we could pressure the country towards democracy or at least leave it as some sort of backwater of no importance and focus on developing more friendly allies elsewhere.

Take Venezuela. The US government has long thought that the rise of Communism and Socialism in Latin America was to be stopped at all costs -- even to the point of toppling democracies for dictatorships. (I really, really hate this policy, BTW.) Venezuela is the vanguard of a new South American socialism movement, and it only succeeds because the state oil industry can support the entire economy. Guess what country is the number one customer of Venezuela despite our official dislike of Chavez? The US of course.

Take Iran. Right now, our conflict with Iran over nuclear power/weapons is sending oil prices skyrocketing and hurting Americans. If we had free energy, then Iran would have no leverage. If we were smart, we'd give it to the Chinese and the Russians and remove the economic leverage that makes them veto UN resolutions against Iran, Sudan, etc.

Oil blocks a very, very large amount of US foreign policy goals and make us have some goals that are very unsavory. Free energy would not only boost our economy, but it would make many of Washington's dreams possible. To say that we have it and aren't using it is to BLATANTLY IGNORE GEOPOLITICS.

Then again, I don't expect to reach you with facts. For crying out loud, you post a link to a site which goes on about "Illuminati," "The New World Order," and "Chemtrails." If you can offer a RATIONAL explanation of why we have a greater interest in hiding technology than in using it, I'd love to hear it. Bonus points if you can explain why 100 years advanced military technology isn't being used in Iraq right now.

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- Re:UFO Conspiracy Theories Debunked by Geopolitics by joe 155 (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:25PM
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- Re:UFO Conspiracy Theories Debunked by Geopolitics by gbjbaanb (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:46PM
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Re:UFO Conspiracy Theories Debunked by Geopolitics

by wkitchen (581276) on Saturday May 06, @12:59PM (#15277440) Score:5, Fu
Bonus points if you can explain why 100 years advanced military technology isn't being used in Iraq right now.

It is. They're using 300 years advanced Romulan technology to hide it. You can trust me on this because I got it straight from Elvis. He's in a great position to investigate these things because no one suspects him since they all think he's dead.

- Re:UFO Conspiracy Theories Debunked by Geopolitics by multimedia77t (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @05:41PM
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- Re:Honestly... by Andrzej Sawicki (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:36AM
  - Re:Honestly... by Valdrax (32670) on Saturday May 06, @10:54AM (#15276896) (Score:5, Insightful)
    See my reply to the other guy. Please explain what rational motive would lead the government to hide technology that could solve several major US policy goals and that would give us even more military superiority when the Pentagon is never satisfied with what they have already. Despite the abundant benefits of openly using the technology, your excuse must provide a good reason why hiding it has more benefits, especially as our economic leadership is starting to decay.
  [ Parent ]
  - Re:Honestly... by linvir (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:39AM
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  - Re:Honestly...

by lawpoop (604919) on Saturday May 06, @12:32PM (#15277319) (Score:4, Insightful)
(http://lawpoop.blogspot.com/ | Last Journal: Friday May 28, @07:51PM)
The international wealthy have their wealth invested in the current petroleum based economy. If there really is a viable new technology, or one comes around, they would do everything they can to prevent it from getting a foothold and stopping the profit from the petroleum economy. They have made the investment in oil, and they have no interest in suddenly not making a profit off of it. We will be using oil, and they will be profiting from it, until the very last drop is used up. There's no sense in them throwing away their investment. Once the oil is all used up, and all the profit has been made from the investment in oil, then, and only then, will they change.

These international cartels don't care about middle classes, poor people, political stability, or any country in particular. In fact, it's easier to make money in collapsed, unstable countries with corrupt politicians. There are no pesky laws, labor unions, middle class, or people's champion politicians getting in the way of profits.

If war breaks out in the Congo, they can raise prices in response. Unstable markets mean windfall profits with little accountability. If there is a steady, consistent stream of product and revenue, people start getting suspicious about profitability and start wanting to audit the books. They want to get paid more for working in the fields, and politicians start wanting to tax the profitability of the oil. It's bad for business.
  [ Parent ]
  - Re:Honestly... by fourtyfive (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:53PM
Re:Honestly... by Andrzej Sawicki (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @02:19PM

100 MPG carburetors, the Cold War, etc.

by Valdrax (32670) on Saturday May 06, @03:49PM (#152781 [Score:5] In: The international wealthy have their wealth invested in the current petroleum based economy. If there really is a viable new technology, or one comes around, they would do everything they can to prevent it from getting a foothold and stopping the profit from the petroleum economy.

Yeah, yeah, and the oil industry is hiding the 100 MPG carburetor and a car that can run on water.

You know what? A little over 100 years ago, all the wealthiest Americans and international investors had their money invested in railroads and related industries. The railroad was obsoleted for travel and for light shipping by the automobile and the airplane. The descendents of the people who were rich back then are still rich now.

I don't buy the argument that the oil companies could prevent such technology from being found out about or that their investors would be all that interested in stopping it instead of getting all their money into it first or at least into other lucrative industries. Why do you think Bill Gates diversified his portfolio years ago?

We've had many Presidents who were boosters of the space program or at least of our ICBM program during the Cold War. Had we a cheap way of getting to space based on alien technology, then why the hell would we waste all that money on chemical rockets when the life of the nation was on the line in nuclear detente? We could've dominated space over the Soviet Union with a fleet of craft, knocked nukes out of orbit on launch, and pretty much won the Cold War as a conventional war without all of the fuss.

Face it, Occam's Razor demands that the most simple explanation (that we don't have the technology) should be listened to over the theory that we have all the technology but the world hasn't been shaped by it because of a coalition of people working for interests that don't match the public interests they should have.

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- Re:100 MPG carburetors, the Cold War, etc. by asscroft (Score:1) Sunday May 07, @04:09AM
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- Just say NO to free energy by aws910 (Score:1) Sunday May 07, @06:22AM
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  - Not so fast by Ohreally_factor (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:33AM
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      - I'm not saying he's deluded but ... by ctid (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @09:51AM
        - Re:I'm not saying he's deluded but ...
          by hotdiggitydawg (881316) on Saturday May 06, @09:55AM (#15276626) (Score:5, Funny)
          I can't think of any way to end this sentence.

I can - 5 years, 3 with good behaviour.
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      - Re:I'm not saying he's deluded but ... by SteeldrivingJon (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:34AM
        - Re:I'm not saying he's deluded but ... by AndroidCat (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @08:18PM
    - Obviously this man is innocent or a liar. by Valdrax (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:05AM
    - April Fools? by TheKidWho (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @09:53AM
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      - not sure?? by slashmojo (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:33AM
        - Re:not sure?? by dnrnlrly (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @01:00PM
      - Re:What's the date? by fabs64 (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:37AM
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This guys best defense?

by wiferg (24378) on Saturday May 06, @09:55AM (#15276625) (Score:5, Funny)
(http://huizen.dds.nl/~wiferg/)
This guys best defense would be to issue a full and frank admission of guilt.

Who would believe him?
   No. "not guilty by reason of insanity" seems best. by Ritz Just Ritz (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:06AM
     Re:No. "not guilty by reason of insanity" seems be by Cyvros (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:58AM

Can't get to story. by diertrollemdefender (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @09:55AM
   Re:Can't get to story. by distilledprodigy (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:18AM

Re:Can't get to story.

by xiando (770382) on Saturday May 06, @10:23AM (#15276757) (Score:5, Funny)
(http://en.xiando.org/ | Last Journal: Wednesday May 18, @08:44AM)
AND...if there really was flying saucers from Krypton out there, who's keeping the Europeans, Chinese, Russians, etc... from publishing those photos...

The Bildeberg Group. You will hear of them soon enough. The media has time and time again told you the official government conspiracy story which claims that a guy in a cave somewhere was behind 9/11. As you will find by clicking the link in my sig, the evidence clearly shows it was an inside job. Millions of people worldwide have realized this and if you Google you'll find more websites about this issue than you could possible read in your lifetime.

But now, recently, Alex Jones and Sharlie Cheen were allowed to inform that 9/11 was an inside job on CNN (who originally came with the "government story" and are complicit).

You WILL be informed about the Bilderberg Group soon. And perhaps the truth about UFO's. You see, "The interests behind the Bilderberg Administration, such as the CFR, the Trilateral Commission - founded by Brzezinski for David Rockefeller - and the Bilderberg Group have prepared for and are now moving to implement open world dictatorship within the next five years. They are not fighting against terrorists. They are fighting against citizens." (Dr. Johannes Koepll, former official of the German Ministry for Defense and adviser to NATO, 2001)
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   Re:Can't get to story. by linvir (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:50AM
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     Re:Can't get to story. by Snarfangel (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:40AM
   Re:Can't get to story. by stoicor (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @12:28PM
      Re:Can't get to story. by sp0rk173 (Score:2) Sunday May 07, @02:35AM
   Re:Can't get to story. by sgt_doom (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:20PM
   Re:Can't get to story. by fourtyfive (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @02:00PM
Ufos? not really...

by Captain Perspicuous (899892) on Saturday May 06, @09:55AM (#15276630, Score:4, Insightful)
The last time he was interviewed [checktheevidence.com], he said he didn't find any real proof for UFOs, just a file for "non-earth-based marines" (or something of that sort, it's been a year since I heard it). And now he suddenly has more info? This sounds to me like he's running out of money and tries to sell a story.

Re:Ufos? not really... by CanSpice (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @02:58PM
Re:Ufos? not really... by BenBenBen (Score:2) Tuesday May 09, @11:59AM

There's evil afoot ...

by hotspotbloc (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @09:56AM

Airbrushed UFOs?

by Megane (129182) on Saturday May 06, @09:56AM (#15276635, Score:4, Interesting)

"and how UFOs are regularly airbrushed out from high-resolution satellite images."

Like this one? [dvorak.org]

(Yes, I know it's probably a water droplet on a high-altitude atmospheric camera, since there's a grid of them. Why wouldn't the "UFOs" airbrushed out by NASA also be weather balloons and similar artifacts?)

Re:No by imsabbel (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:49AM

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Please stop hijacking the "energy conspiracy"! by Zaphod2016 (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @09:58AM

Re:Please stop hijacking the "energy conspiracy"! by Quiet_Desperation (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:26AM

Re:Please stop hijacking the "energy conspiracy"! by imsabbel (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @01:26PM

Re:Please stop hijacking the "energy conspiracy"! by phiber9 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @03:03PM

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Re:Please stop hijacking the "energy conspiracy"! by Opportunist (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:01AM

Re:Try VNC by vertinox (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @03:20PM

Doesn't make sense by ardo (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @09:58AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by stewartjim (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:17AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by kurzweilfreak (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:25PM

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Re:Doesn't make sense by GreenPlastikMan (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:35AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by alienw (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:56AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by Kandenshi (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:12AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by alienw (Score:2) Sunday May 07, @02:41AM

Re:Doesn't make sense by scottv67 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @04:57PM

Re:Doesn't make sense by alienw (Score:2) Sunday May 07, @02:39AM
65000 passwords in 8 minutes?

by sl4shd0rk (755837) on Saturday May 06, @10:19AM (#15276738) (Score:5, Insightful)

"I wrote a tiny Perl script that tied together other people's programs that search for blank passwords, so you could scan 65,000 machines in just over eight minutes."

65000/8 = 8125 per min.
8125/60 = 135 per sec.

Dunno about that. Just the time it takes to bring up a socket and get some syn/ack going chews up a good portion of a second. Maybe he was searching a local password database.

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes?

by vidarlo (134906) <vidarlo AT bitsex DOT net> on Saturday May 06, @10:59AM (#15276827)

"I wrote a tiny Perl script that tied together other people's programs that search for blank passwords, so you could scan 65,000 machines in just over eight minutes." 65000/8 = 8125 per min. 8125/60 = 135 per sec. Dunno about that. Just the time it takes to bring up a socket and get some syn/ack going chews up a good portion of a second. Maybe he was searching a local password database.

In the TFA he says he was on a 56K dial-up link...Say each machine sends a 25 byte login string, you send a 20byte login credentials, they send 50 byte denials. That is around 100 bytes pr machine, in a theoretical minimum (overhead for TCP/IP - telnet handshakes and such makes it probably three times as much). So 135 machines would mean 135*100bytes=13.5kB/sec. 56K modem has 33.6kb upload speed, so he could send 4kB/sec at optimal. So he is clearly a nutjob.

[ Parent ]

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes?

by Quixote (154172) * on Saturday May 06, @11:08AM (#15276964) (Score:5, Insightful)

The Perl script need not run on his machine. He could have logged into a machine inside the network, and then run this script against the other machines on the network.

[ Parent ]

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by Skuld-Chan (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @03:09PM

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by m0RpHeus (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:08PM

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by An Elephant (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @03:21PM

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Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by StuartFreeman (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:38AM

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by Gorshkov (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:57AM

Re:65000 passwords in 8 minutes? by Ohreally_factor (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:39AM

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TRUTH OR NOT?? by davecrusoe (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:25AM

Re:TRUTH OR NOT??

by close_wait (697035) on Saturday May 06, @10:55AM (#15276900) (Score:4, Informative)

Give the guy a polygraph
polygraphs are worthless pseudoscience, whose only merit is in their ability to trick the gullible into confessing. They can be trivially defeated, for example by tensing your anal sphincter during the control questions (the ones where they try to get you to lie), in order to set a high baseline.

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  - Re:TRUTH OR NOT?? by carlislematthew (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:03PM
  - Re:TRUTH OR NOT?? by Haeleth (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @12:41PM
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- This guy is getting really tedious, by nowhere.elysium (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:26AM
  - Re:This guy is getting really tedious, by Dr. Kashik (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:46AM
  - Re:This guy is getting really tedious, by sjwest (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @12:35PM
- Hand of God, Perhaps by gyrogeerloose (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:31AM
  - Re:Hand of God, Perhaps by sasserstory (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @10:49AM
  - Re: Wordpad by Monkeys!!! (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:51AM

Re:Hand of God, Perhaps

by Bungopolis (763083) on Saturday May 06, @10:55AM (#15276898) (Score:5, Informative)
He was (idiotically) using a VNC style remote administration program. It sends a jpeg stream of desktop screen captures and forwards your mouse movements/clicks. By "hand" he surely meant "cursor" which he could see move if somebody else touched the mouse. The WordPad conversation was possible simply because both parties were looking at and inputting to the same window.

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- Re:Hand of God, Perhaps by Opportunist (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:05AM
  - Re:Hand of God, Perhaps by markild (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:41AM
- Re:Hand of God, Perhaps by dmb (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:15AM
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- Re:Hand of God, Perhaps by Zaphod2016 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:17AM
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Conspiracy

by kakapo (88299) on Saturday May 06, @10:34AM (#15276811) (Score:5, Insightful)
The thing that always surprises me about these Giant Conspiracy nutjobs is that they never really ask themselves how such a conspiracy would *work*. There must be thousands of people in the know, going back for at least 30 years -- and they really think this wouldn't have leaked by now??

Apple can't keep the date they launch new computers secret (next Tuesday for the next batch intel powerbooks, by all accounts). And that is a secret with a finite lifetime (three months ago not even Steve Jobs knew the date -- a week from now everyone will know it).

The NSA can't randomly listen in on international calls for more than a year or two without someone blowing the whistle. The CIA grabs some very bad guy in Pakistan and holds his head underwater, and
a few months later we can all read about it in the New Yorker.

Remember this giant conspiracy is brought to you by the same people who run FEMA and promote "abstinence only" sex education as a solution to teen pregnancy. But somehow the conspiracy works well until some script kiddie breaks into NASA over a dialup line (you plan to find free energy devices that will change the face of civilization, and you can't spring for DSL??) and you find that all these "secrets" are protected by default passwords. This guy presumably did hack into NASA, but the rest of it crap -- he is either nuts, or hoping that the Feds will decide it isn't worth the bother to have the guy spouting this nonsense on the stand.

Re:Conspiracy

by asuffield (111848) <asuffield@suffields.me.uk> on Saturday May 06, @ 09:55 PM (#15277564)

The thing that always surprises me about these Giant Conspiracy nutjobs is that they never really ask themselves how such a conspiracy would *work*. There must be thousands of people in the know, going back for at least 30 years -- and they really think this wouldn't have leaked by now??

Such a conspiracy would work by publishing the broad scope of what's going on, with a few errors added, as fiction. And also publishing a lot of other related, fictional ideas with the same premise. That way it's still effectively secret - you'll never know which one of the X-Files episodes was a true story - and anybody who tries to blow the whistle will be treated like a conspiracy nut and ignored, because everybody already thinks of that as fiction.

It's an insidious idea and it would probably work. Our abilities to falsify images, documents, videos, and even reality (to some extent) have grown so effective that it's no longer possible to prove that aliens exist: even if I brought a live talking mollusc over to your house, you'd get on slashdot and post about three different ways that could have been faked.

The simple fact is that people believe what TV tells them to believe, and TV tells them that people who believe in UFOs and aliens are crazy conspiracy nuts. We will probably never know whether or not this is actually true; the subject has become so obscured that truth is most likely unobtainable at this point.

So, yes, there could be a conspiracy going back 30 years with thousands of people in the know. No, I'm not saying that it wouldn't have leaked by now. I'm saying that if there was a conspiracy, the mere fact that we're talking about it indicates that it has already leaked, and the leaks have been ignored by the public because most of them didn't believe any of it. This should not seem unreasonable to you, because there are hundreds of subjects which involve information, of interest to the general public, which is only known by a group of a few thousand individuals simply because the rest are too stupid to understand it, or because TV told them it wasn't true. Subjects like medicine, biology, physics, statistics, and most other technically inclined disciplines are full of such things. It is a very small step to move from this to outright secrecy, when the populace at large would neither believe or understand the information that is being kept secret.

Whether or not that has actually happened? Well, I've just spent ten minutes explaining why you'll never get a useful answer to that. For practical purposes, it is unlikely that it will ever matter to your life in any way (regardless of what the answer is), and that's probably more important.

[ Parent ]

http://science.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=06/05/06/1247336&from=rss
Re:Conspiracy

by Paladin144 (676391) on Saturday May 06, @01:58PM (#15277706) (Score:5, Insightful)

The thing that always surprises me about these Giant Conspiracy nutjobs is that they never really ask themselves how such a conspiracy would *work*. There must be thousands of people in the know, going back for at least 30 years -- and they really think this wouldn't have leaked by now??

Works pretty well, I'd say. If somebody ever comes out and starts telling secrets, they are immediately branded a "giant conspiracy nutjob." And after that.... and after that nothing. Nobody pays attention to them any more. Case closed. I wonder how many of the people who screamed "nutjob" had even finished reading the article before they made up their mind. I wonder how many have done any serious research into the matter.

I'm not saying this guy is for real. You'd think he'd get something better than dialup if this is his obsession. But to claim that a massive conspiracy couldn't work is just ludicrous. It's all about getting people to play along, while compartmentalizing knowledge. It's possible nobody really knows all the big secrets out there. So then is it really even a conspiracy? Sounds more like it's just our fucked up world, where everyone thinks he knows everything.

The NSA can't randomly listen in on international calls for more than a year or two without someone blowing the whistle. The CIA grabs some very bad guy in Pakistan and holds his head underwater, and a few months later we can all read about it in the New Yorker.

The NSA has been listening to domestic calls for over 30 years. Get a clue. Read some of my older posts for more information on this. It's people like you who make "conspiracy" possible, because you don't question what leaders tell you. The reason why nobody is too shocked about Bush's international call spying is because most people of power in Washington know that the NSA has been monitoring domestic calls for decades. It's really not that big of a deal. But you can't talk about it in polite company without being branded a nutjob, no matter how many facts are on your side.

You're not one of those people who doesn't believe in any conspiracies, are you? There are folks out there who reject the very idea of a conspiracy, saying that it has never happened, in all of human history - EVER....And people say conspiracy "theorists" are the nutjobs. Sheesh. The whole coincidence theory [wikipedia.org] crowd actually just makes the conspiracy theorist crowd more paranoid because it leads them to believe that everyone has been brainwashed. In a way, I suppose, it's true.

Conspiracies can be very benign and very mundane. For instance, I am party to a secret conspiracy to fool people worldwide. I bet you are, too. It involves telling children that a fat guy in a red suit flies around the planet delivering presents to the entire world in just 24 hours. That's right: Santa Claus. Have you ever really wondered why we tell our children such ridiculous lies? And the creepy thing is that every adult is in on the conspiracy. How can it be possible that we are all a party to this vast conspiracy? What do we even have to gain from it?

The weird thing is, if you dare to tell a child the truth, their parents will get upset at you! It's insane. I met a guy recently who admitted he believed in Santa until he was 16 years old. And somebody had to tell him! He was devastated! Now, if this guy tells me there's no such thing as
UFOs, should I believe him? Personally, I was rigging boobytraps for Santa by the time I was 6 or 7 years old.

My point is, don't be so sure that our leaders are telling the truth. Sometimes people -- no, whole cultures lie, for no good reason. That doesn't mean Gary McKinnon isn't full of shit, but it's impossible to know for sure. There is certainly more to our world than meets the eye.

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**how insulting can this guy be?**

by 3seas (184403) on Saturday May 06, @10:54AM (#15276894) (Score:4, Interesting)

It seems every so many years this sort of thing happens as a dumbing down of the general population.

many of the posts here point out the flaws in what this guy presents, but if he really did hack into some classified systems and he is that dumb to not know how to save a screen image....

what is he really saying?

that even a monkey can hack into national security?

Oh wait, didn't some research expose that a monkey was able to hack into the diebold voting machines???

There are alot of people on this planet that know that so called alien life exist, technology more advanced than what we have created exist and even sources of so called free energy, etc. SO WHAT?

The fact of the matter is that is NOT what we are doing with our time here.

here is something else we are not doing, though we have the knowledge, man power and natural resources to do it

and there is nothing hidden about it.

http://www.unesco.org/education/tlsf/theme_a/mod02/www.worldgame.org/wwwproject/ [unesco.org]
since we can't even help ourselves, or don't show a real intent or effort to, then what the fuck useful is it to even acknowledge the existence of such advanced stuff?

unless you just want to insult others.

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  - "Saw the guy's hand move across the screen" by Random Q. Hacker (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @10:58AM
    - Re:"Saw the guy's hand move across the screen" by Anonymous Coward (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:14AM
  - Nah by al broccoli (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:04AM
  - Liar, liar... by jrothwell97 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @11:42AM
    - Re:Liar, liar... by OverlordQ (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:56AM
    - Re:Liar, liar... by AC-x (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @01:59PM
    - Re:Liar, liar... by scottv67 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @05:26PM
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**I BELIEVE HIM**

by CranberryKing (776846) on Saturday May 06, @11:45AM (#15277113) (Score:5, Interesting)

I am seeing a lot of criticism but you are all looking for holes. Addressing those arguments:

* The "hand moving accross".. he meant the mouse was then controlled by someone viewing the desktop who realized he was remotely controlling.
* [possibly] that same person launched wordpad to type a message knowing he would see it, "who are you? what are you doing?"
* He didn't save anything because he was just discovering it and didn't know what he would be looking at in advance. Then he was cut off.

There is nothing unbelievable about his story unless you are still in denial that the governments are hiding free energy technology and awareness of alien life from the general public. If he has changed his story at all, it is probably because he is now contending with the fact that he may spend the rest of his life in 6'x6' concrete room in the US.

Free Energy is the death blow to the entire class/economic system that keeps most of the world enslaved to 12 families. If we all had access to Free Energy, no one would have to "Earn a Living", we would just live (imagine that). The perfect example is when J.P. Morgan pulled all his funding and effectively shut down Nikola Tesla when he realized Tesla was working on a free energy system. He said (paraphrasing possibly) "if it's free to anyone, where do I put the meter?". In a matter of years Wardenclyffe was being dismantled and we know how the rest of the story goes.

Believe it.

- Re: I BELIEVE HIM by topham (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @11:57AM
  - Re: I BELIEVE HIM by jjohnson (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @12:17PM
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    - Re: I BELIEVE HIM by antispam ben (Score:3) Saturday May 06, @01:40PM
Conspiracy theories are missing the point

by zoebelade (600058) on Saturday May 06, @12:53PM (#15277420) (Score:5, Interesting)

Leaving conspiracy theories aside for a second, isn't it just as interesting and worth commenting on that several American military administrator users that are accessible over the internet aren't password protected, or that the same government is trying to throw this person in jail for sixty years for using these accounts, double what you'd get in the UK (the hacker's own country) for murder?

- No by Silkt (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:27PM
- He is just building the best legal defense he can by ebraescu1 (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @01:47PM

Re:Conspiracy theories are missing the point by Detritus (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @02:59PM
Re:Conspiracy theories are missing the point by Tweekster (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @03:02PM
Re:Conspiracy theories are missing the point by _Sprocket_ (Score:2) Saturday May 06, @03:20PM
Re:Conspiracy theories are missing the point by novus ordo (Score:1) Saturday May 06, @04:26PM

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Honeypots

by JacksonAces (868638) on Saturday May 06, @04:05PM (#15278232) (Score:5, Informative)

This guy is just trying to cover his rear. Here is a quote from another site covering this story. I think it should sort some of the conspiracy theorist's fears about national security:

from http://forums.fark.com/cgi/fark/comments.pl?IDLink=2051653 [fark.com]:

erewhon wrote:

"muninsfire: Calling erewhon....

Last time this came up, IIRC, it was stated that NASA, et al, have 'honeypot' systems filled with spurious, though tantalizing, information--if you go cracking into 'em multiple times, they trace you and send the guys in the suits who have no sense of humour.

You rang? This is what, like rerun #4 for this one guy?

Ok, kiddies, here is something that is the absolute truth. Consider it closely when you go groping around other people's systems.

All these agencies have their very own MIS departments, who, contrary to popular opinion, are very VERY good at what they do. The military guys have the Defense Information Systems Agency, for example, although quite often the intelligence branches for the various services get in the game as well. We have at least two military MIS guys that post regularly on Fark. One of them works at NORAD, for example.

Now, it's not unheard of for DIA to launch attacks on various military MIS systems just to see how well they are doing. I recall one physical invasion where they infiltrated a Marine base and corrupted their system, but I digress.

Here's the deal. There are no less than three military networks. The lowest level is NIPRNET, and it is tied to the civilian internet by gateways. It is fairly secure, but no secure data is trusted on it.

Next is SIPRNET. SIPRNET is ok for traffic up to 'TS'. SIPRNET is not physically connected to the civilian Internet. Anywhere. At all. You can't "hack into it" because there are no systems with both connections. That is verboten. They audit you to make sure you didn't do some dorky multihomed system with links to both. All the time. There's even rules about how close you can put a NIPRNET and a SIPRNET machine in the same room.

But wait, SIPRNET is TS at best. It has its very own web program called Intellink-S. SIPRNET has all SORTS of cool stuff on it, but it's been described as tactical instead of strategic and while I don't go surfing around just to see what I can get into (bad form) that's probably true.
Then you have JWICS. JWICS is top level. It has SCI level stuff. You use Intelink-SCI. It has battle plan type crap, strategic level info. On JWICS the elder gods of They® reside, like Zeus on Olympus. You thought DISA was a bitch about SIPRNET. JWICS isn't the sort of thing you want due to the asspae level it brings you.

Like SIPRNET, JWICS is totally separate, it has NO physical connections to ANYTHING civilian. It's the sort of thing where they might monitor the freaking dispersion characteristics and signal flight time of the fiber for taps. The sort of thing where they'll probably end up using OAM-entangled modulation. Where the cable sheath might be pressurized and double walled with marker gas in the outer sheath that sets off alarms when the slightest pinhole occurs. Personally, I don't know how the physical level of JWICS is protected and don't want to.

Now, for the sort of thing our young Brit is discussing, data for SCI projects, that would be on JWICS, if it were stored on ANY accessible server. You would not be getting into JWICS. I can't imagine a more classified project. Hell, it's probably OVER SCI, whatever's up there in the security stratosphere. But it couldn't be less than SCI.

It would be a violation of any number of legal documents and/or oaths to put something like that on NIPRNET, much less on a civilian web server.

So, what did he find? Well, they put out honeypots. The term is "military intrusion detection honeypot". You can't r

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Re: Honeypots

by fatduck (961824) * <fatduck@@@gmail...com> on Sunday May 07, @03:41AM
(#15280411)
Oh dear...

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Okay, let's see. SIPRNet packets are (often, not always) transmitted over civilian internet routers. Otherwise there'd be damn near no connectivity. There is no "secret internet" setup parallel to the internet backbone we all know and love. The only difference is you can only send/receive encrypted packets on SIPRNet. I'm not saying SIPRNet isn't secure, but it's a far cry from "totally separate." By the way, the laptop I'm on right now is sitting roughly 6-12 inches away from another laptop which is connected to the SIRPnet. There's nothing in 380-5 that mandates a physical separation between classified and unclassified systems.
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Actually, Secret is the highest level of classification authorized on SIPRNet. While just "surfing around" does violate the letter of the law as far as having a "need to know" to access classified information, I wouldn't say it's regarded as "bad form" by most. Actually, that's pretty much what I do all day. It's ridiculous to classify SIPRNet as "tactical" as it depends on what information you're trying to access. There's plenty of information at tactical and operational levels that are highly classified. Just because a unit is at the "strategic" echelon doesn't mean they're all cooking up ultra-top-secret plans for invading China.

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Actually, most people use JWICS to make free phone calls from their Trojan Spirit truck. I guess I should have joined #mountolympus and talked to @[lol]HaDeZ aka Donald Rumsfeld. You're making it sound like you might accidentally open Bush's furry porn folder on the share drive but your ethernet cable (which has to be made of tinfoil to connect to JWICS, right?) will unplug itself and strangle you before you can watch any of the videos.

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Yea it's probably COSMIC TOP SECRET right cause it's about aliens! Aliens are way too cool just to be "Top Secret" right, that's boooorinng. PROTIP: Top Secret is the highest level of classification the U.S. Government uses. If they have some special project that needs to be more restricted, such as Project Alienware then they'll classify it "Top Secret/Alienware" and limit the project to a certain number of TS clearance holders. That's it. A lot more modular than a bunch of escalating clearance levels like "Ultra Top Secret" "Ridiculously Top Secret" "G14 Classified" and so on (discounting modifiers such as NOFORN, REL NATO, etc.)

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Gary McKinnon: A NASA photographic expert said that there was a Building 8 at Johnson Space Center where they regularly airbrushed out images of UFOs from the high-resolution satellite imaging. I logged on to NASA and was able to access this department. They had huge, high-resolution images stored in their picture files. They had filtered and unfiltered, or processed and unprocessed, files. My dialup 56K connection was very slow trying to download one of these picture files. As this was happening, I had remote control of their desktop, and by adjusting it to 4-bit color and low screen resolution, I was able to briefly see one of these pictures. It was a silvery, cigar-shaped object with geodesic spheres on either side. There were no visible seams or riveting. There was no reference to the size of the object and the picture was taken presumably by a satellite looking down on it. The object didn't look manmade or anything like what we have created. Because I was using a Java application, I could only get a screenshot of the picture -- it did not go into my temporary internet files. At my crowning moment, someone at NASA discovered what I was doing and I was disconnected. I also got access to Excel spreadsheets. One was titled "Non-Terrestrial Officers." It contained names and ranks of U.S. Air Force personnel who are not registered anywhere else. It also contained information about ship-to-ship transfers, but I've never seen the names of these ships noted anywhere else. WN: Could this have been some sort of military strategy game or outline of hypothetical situations? McKinnon: The military want to have military dominance of space. What I found could be a game -- it's hard to know for certain.
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Previous BB posts on McKinnon's case: Link.

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