

WHO WAS CLARK MCCLELLAND AND HOW BELIEVABLE ARE HIS STORIES??? James Oberg // Houston, Texas // Feb 10, 2020 // DRAFT-5

Clark McClelland was a strange and wonderful space industry character, and a heroic story-teller. There is documented evidence he served honorably in the US Navy and in the US space program at Cape Canaveral. And in recent years he had been in physical and mental torment that simple humanity required compassion for.

But what about the amazing stories he'd been telling in interviews [see youtube] and on his website [www.stargate-chronicles.com]? If they were accurate, many extraordinary aspects of the US space program are far different from traditional accounts. How can interested and sympathetic observers assess that accuracy?

There is no evidence that he was maliciously engaged in deliberate falsification in his writings and interviews, his sincerity and self-confidence seemed entirely genuine.

But beyond his own website, what evidence is there that anyone ought to believe anything he's been claiming for so many years? Here is a sampling of such claims:



McClelland photo of himself in shuttle cockpit; Oberg similar photo on right
Oberg photo, with checklists, badge, and with comm headset, shows working status; McClelland photo [no badge, headset, checklists] appears to be posed visitor shot.

Clark McClelland on VeritasRadio.com [Apr 30, 2013]

NASA & The Dictatorial Secret Shadow Government

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twT5Vk2Hiy8&feature=player_embedded#t=

4 Here are some notes I took from the video:

-- Claims he was 'Technical Assistant to the Apollo Program Manager'. NOTE: But recall he didn't even have a college degree at that point.

-- "I was an Office of Naval Intelligence officer at Cape Canaveral". -- "I was with NASA from 1958 to 1992".

--Astronauts: "They told me what they saw out there."

--"No one will publish my book on the planet Earth."

--"I'm in poverty, been that way for 21 years."
--"The Earth is a living cosmic life form."
--"Challenger was sabotaged -- a shaped charge was inserted inside one of the Solid rocket boosters" by "eighteen Libyan spies" hired to work at the Cape. --"Apollo-1 was also sabotaged -- people entered and placed charges inside the cabin to blow it up."
--Columbia was attacked by somebody's space weapon, because "the Jew astronaut" was carrying a secret nuclear spy device.
--"There were two attempts to kill me already, they fumbled. I carry a 38 and a 45, they are very heavy."
--[26:00] The Germans were evil Nazis.
--"The Germans were good friends of mine, I went to Kecksburg with a German scientist. It was a Soviet Venus failure"
--"The probe was a working Nazi-designed 'glock' time machine that NASA needed to copy for its own space designs.
--"The New World Order" [Jews] have already stolen the US stolen design. They have already flown to Mars and back, they have a base on the back side of the Moon. They have flown to Saturn too."
--"JFK visited the Cape six days before being shot, he came to my pad, I met him and he gave me a secret gift, a presidential patch. I warned him about assassins in Dallas. Oswald was a patsy, and Ruby was a Zionist Jew, it all falls into place." --"I'm 77 years old, I'm very sick, it is horrible pain. The Percussit they give me isn't worth dog s--t."
--"This nation is already dead. The sheeple live in a nation of total morons." --"Lucifer owns this planet -- with his black army of Zionist angels, to destroy our race on Earth."

He related a story of when he was in the Navy, in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and an admiral declined to court martial him for trying to warn the world. --"The media worldwide is owned by Zionist Jews!" But he is not prejudiced, he once had a Jewish friend named Bernie, and he cried when Bernie died. --"I met Ike [President Eisenhower] at the Pershing [missile] pad [in 1960]. He put his arm around my shoulder, walked with me to the pad, and told me top, top secrets about the missile. But he still was under the command of the "DSSG" -- the "Dictatorial Secret Shadow Government" and the Zionist owned and controlled pharmaceutical companies.

--"I'm the only one who realizes the truth! They are all idiots!!"
--[at 53:30] "I saw the aliens in the space shuttle payload bay. It was waving its hands like ordering the astronauts. I saw it for a minute and seven seconds, then they shut off the TV because they knew I was seeing it." It was 8-9 ft tall, "That's a Nefelim, they still control the planet earth for Lucifer."

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Clark McClelland [KSCPioneer]: (ATS message board - May 10, 2008) For many years I have been aware of a giant object in deep space that I observed heading towards our Solar System area of our Galaxy, while at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. It was traveling at one fourth the speed of light about 15 years ago.

I believe my dismissal and loss of my retirement was due to my knowledge of this massive object!

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Blogger Barry Roffman often interviewed McClelland and has posted messages from him: [http://www.arkcode.com/custom3_28.html]

“Flash: On the evening of May 26, 2014 I received an e-mail from Clark telling me that he was dying. I tried calling him. He did answer the phone, but he sounded like he was indeed close to the end. He let me know that he never wanted to hurt me, apparently referring to things he said about Jews on Rense.Com on December 2, 2012 that I discuss further below under updates. That evening I asked my readers to say prayers for him, but when I spoke to him the next morning (May 27, 2014) he made clear that the Diabetes that he was dying from and giving him so much pain was to be blamed on the Zionists who had raised the rent in his mobile home park by \$30 per month. He spewed so much hatred toward the Jews that I had to hang up on him.”

Roffman: “Sept 9, 2015: Update sent to me by Clark. I have, unfortunately, long been forced to report that Clark suffers from persistent anti-Semitism, and that while I have not dismissed his claim to have seen an alien craft, I think his health problems affect his judgment. For those who are his friends, or who have an interest, I am publishing an e-mail from him below. By Z he means Zionists...Here now, are Clark's words today

Hi Barry: I was wondering how you were. I am dying with a slow death now. I have soon 30 of my Stargate-Chronicles, book chapters on my website. I had hopes to realize my books would publish, but, Z owns all the publishing companies. I am blocked.

I will be cloned after I pass on, by, the Aryans from the planet in orbit around Aldebaran. NO JOKE!

DOCUMENTATION ON MCCLELLAND'S MILITARY RECORD -- McClellan was indeed a military veteran, according to documents available under the Freedom of Information Act [FOIA]. On March 6, 1953, he enlisted in the Navy, at the age of 17 [his DoB is Sept 5, 1935], trained and served as a 'storekeeper', served briefly on several ships but mostly ashore in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh [his home town], and was mustered out on March 5, 1961 at Cocoa Beach, Florida [at Cape Canaveral]. There is, however, nothing in his records that supports his later claim he was 'an officer' for the Navy's "Office of Naval Intelligence" [ONI].

He is indeed a 'space program veteran' at Cape Canaveral. I've been able to establish that he worked as a pad mechanic and draftsman in technical support jobs on a series of short-term contracts for various rocket programs, from the early days of the Space Age through 1992 [but with long gaps]. Yet the more elaborate portions of his stories, including face-to-face meetings with presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson on their visits to Cape Canaveral when EACH of them privately confided UFO secrets to him, intimate friendships with astronauts and with the V-2 Germans like Debus and von Braun, I'm not able to believe any of them for reasons to be described below.



L: Picture with good “good friend” Judy Resnik, that he misspells “Resnick”... R: In 1992 in shuttle hangar with astronauts

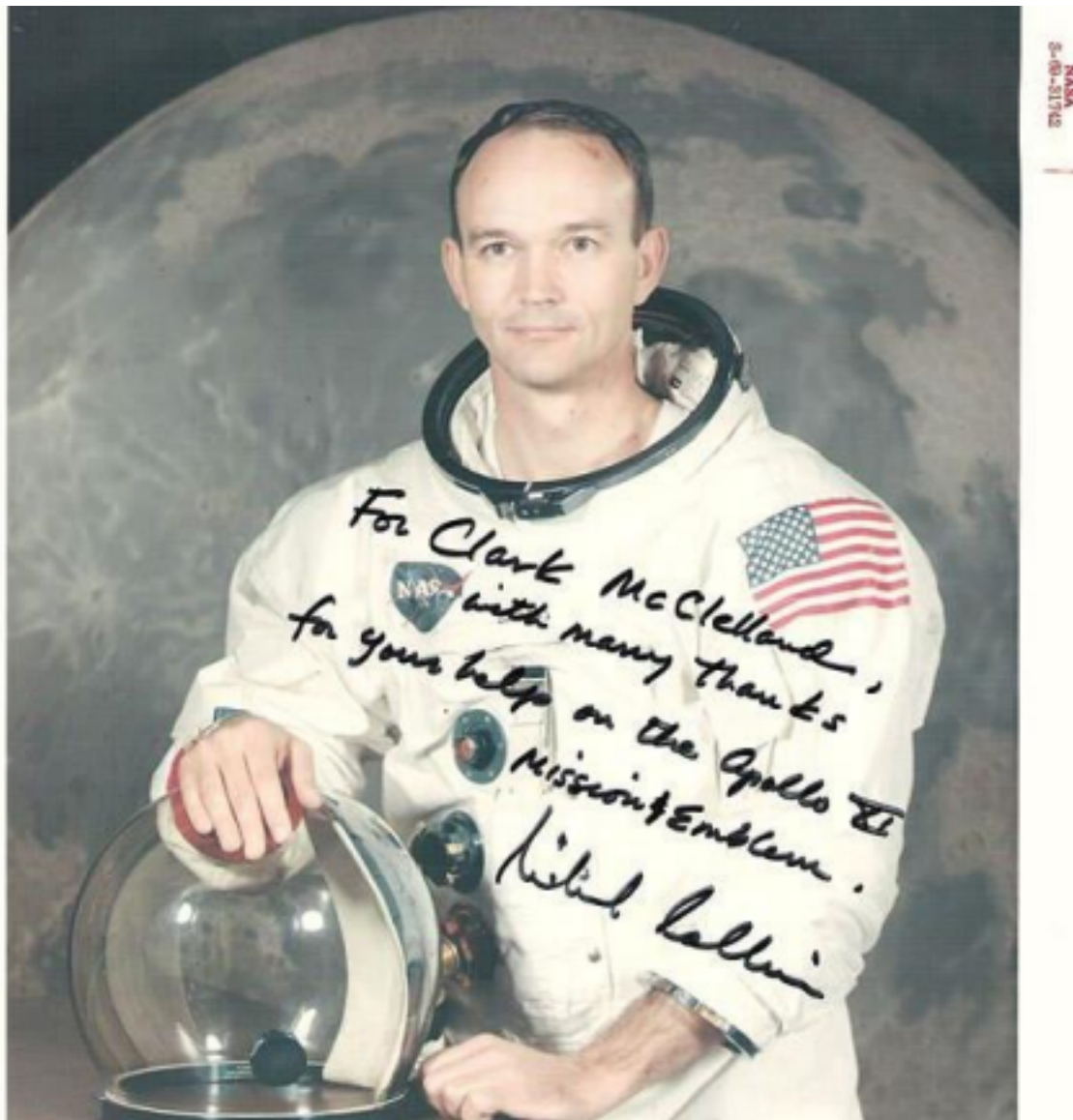




McClelland gleefully posing outside a secure area at the Kennedy Space Center, circa 1992. If he really had possessed the requisite security clearance to enter this area, he wouldn't need to use the telephone to check in, he would have run his card through the reader in the access control panel to the left of the door. ===

McClelland claimed to be related to "such historic people as Civil War General George B. McClellan (he did not use the "d" in his last name); William Clark, of the Lewis and Clark Expeditions; Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence; Revolutionary War General George Rogers Clark; John Clark, first mate of the Mayflower (Pilgrims, 1620); William Clark(e) Quantrill, of the Confederate guerrilla band that scourged the west with Jesse and Frank James and Joseph Clark, who had an apartment across from Ford's Theater in Washington, DC, where President Abe Lincoln was carried and lay in his (Clark's) bed, where the President died."

McClelland claimed to have designed the official Apollo-11 crew patch and thus received a personal thank-you note signed by crewman Michael Collins.



Hundreds of people sent in suggestions for the Apollo-11 patch, and all of them received 'thank-you' photos inscribed by astronaut office secretaries and 'signed' by autopen. Note the different handwriting of the capital 'C' and middle double-L in "Collins" and "McClelland"

HIS CLAIM: US Navy, 8 years, Honorable Discharge. Served concurrently with Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) assignments at Cape Canaveral and Patrick AFB, FL.

<http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/site/about-clark-mcclelland/my-space-program-career/>

Here are his genuine navy service records [his serial number 452 68 68]:

INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	
NAME: MCLELLAND, CLARK CHARLES	
BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S): UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE/ 452 68 68	
DATES OF SERVICE: MARCH 6, 1953 TO MARCH 5, 1961 (NOT ACTIVE)	
DUTY STATUS: DISCHARGED	
RANK/GRADE: SKG3	
SALARY: N/A	
SOURCE OF COMMISSION: N/A	
PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER: N/A	
ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS: NEVILLE ISLAND, PA 3/6/52; PITTSBURGH, PA 3/6/53-8/21/53; BAINBRIDGE, MD 8/22/53-9/4/53; PITTSBURGH, PA 9/5/53-10/1/54; USS WISCONSIN BB64 10/2/54-10/19/54; PITTSBURGH, PA 10/20/54-3/17/56; USS WARRINGTON 3/18/56-3/30/56; PITTSBURGH, PA 3/31/56-3/29/57; PHILADELPHIA, PA 3/20/57-4/14/57; PITTSBURGH, PA 4/14/57-3/25/58; USS BLACKWOOD 3/26/58-4/11/58; PITTSBURGH, PA 4/12/58-3/31/59; PHILADELPHIA, PA 4/1/59-4/17/59; SEE ATTACHED	
MILITARY EDUCATION: SEE ATTACHED	

ASSIGNMENTS CONT'D:

PITTSBURGH, PA 4/18/59-11/11/59; COCOA BEACH, FL 11/12/59-33/5/61

USS Wisconsin BB64, Iowa-class battleship [Norfolk, VA]
 USS Warrington (DD-843) was a Gearing-class destroyer
 USS Blackwood (DE-219), Buckley-class destroyer escort [Newport, RI] And Philadelphia, Reserve Training Ship

He was assigned to the battleship Wisconsin (BB-64) for a mere 17 days, destroyer Warrington (DD-843) for only 12, Destroyer Escort Blackwood (DE-219) for just 16 days. Probably just TAD (Temporary Additional Duty) assignments just so he could see what it's like at the other end of the supply chain.

All the time in Pittsburgh is puzzling. The period 3/6/52 to 3/6/53 could have been something like when he enlisted but was not inducted until a year later. This wouldn't affect grade progression, but would affect pay.

NAVY OCCUPATION AND TRAINING HISTORY *See Art. B-2305, BuPers Manual							
1. NAVY JOB CLASSIFICATION RECORD				2. ADVANCEMENT, REDUCTION, OR CHANGE IN RATING RECORD			
DATE	PRIMARY CODE	SECONDARY OR SPECIAL PROGRAM--JOB CODES	AUTH. OFF. DETAILS	DATE	PRIMARY CODE	SECONDARY OR SPECIAL PROGRAM--JOB CODES	AUTH. OFF. DETAILS
17 JUN 53		0005	RTD 274	1 FEB 54	SR	SA	RTD 8.74
5 AUG 53	0009-88		RTD 274	11/22/54	SA	SN	RTD 274
9/10/53		Removed	RTD 274	12/16/54	SN	SA	RTD 274
12/8/54	0032-88		RTD 274	1/26/55	SA	SN	RTD 274
17 AUG 55	0015		RTD 274	16 DEC 55	SN	SKG3N	RTD 274
16 NOV 55	SK-2810-88	-----	RTD 274	MAY 8 1 1957	SKG3N	SKG3	A
8/21/57	0000						
8/27/59	NONE		NDS				

SR is Seaman Recruit (E1), SA is Seaman Apprentice (E2), SN is Seaman (E3), SKGSN Storeskeeper (general) (E3, but with a specialty), next step up is SKG-3 a third class petty officer, then SKG-2 (he took the required course in 3/58). It looks like he got busted from E3 down to E2 in January of '55. My navy experts say it's not insignificant, but not earthshaking. If he got drunk and was AWOL for a day that could be enough.

My navy experts don't know what the "0000" and "NONE" mean, they suspect that he just stopped serving as a storekeeper. They do not think it is camouflage for a military intelligence assignment.

3. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED			
NAME AND LOCATION OF SERVICE SCHOOL Instructor Training School, Bldg. 662 Naval Base, Philadelphia, 12, Pa.			
DATE ENROLLED 5 Apr 59	CLASS NUMBER 58-7	COURSE LENGTH 2 wks	RATE ON GRADUATION
DATE OF TRANSFER 16 Apr 59	CLASS STANDING Graduated	In class of [REDACTED]	FINAL MARK (0-100) (92.5 POSITIVE)
GRADUATED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO**			
SIGNATURE D. L. JACOBS, JR. USN, Officer in Charge			

McClelland's website claims "US Naval Instructors Institute, Philadelphia, PA, Security of Information, etc." Two weeks in the school was followed by no rating change, but experts advise that a two week school isn't enough to make any change in rank.

"Navy Training Courses" [next page] lists the course "MilReq for PO 3&2 91206" is just the regular training course for Petty Officer 3 and 2.

<http://www.amazon.com/Military>

[Requirements-Officer-NavPers-91206-1/dp/B005KSI41Y](http://www.amazon.com/Military)

5. RECORD OF NAVY TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED			
DATE COMPLETED	NAME OF COURSE	MARK	INITIALS*
12/14/54	Seaman	[REDACTED]	RTD [REDACTED]
15 AUG 56	SK G-3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/14/58	Storekeeper 2	[REDACTED]	IGH [REDACTED]
10/9/58	MilReq for PO 3&2 91206	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The following course was taken a year after he was sent to Cape Canaveral, six months before he was discharged. It's a professional development training class which probably accurately reflects what his duties were.

6. RECORD OF OTHER OFF-DUTY STUDY (USAPI Courses, Etc.)				
DATE COMPLETED	NUMBER AND TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	SCHOOL	GRADE	OFF. INITIALS
9/22/60	NAVPERS 9132-1A STOREKEEPER 1	NavCor CouGen	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

This was a correspondence course, required for promotion to first class petty officer (SKG-1). But there is nothing on the record indicating he received the promotion, instead within a few months he separated.

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Navy Enlisted Rating (Job) Descriptions and Qualification Factors -- Storekeeper (SK) <http://usmilitary.about.com/od/enlistedjob1/a/sk.htm>

Storekeepers manage inventories of repair parts and general supplies that support ships, squadrons, and shore-based activities. They procure, receive, store and issue material and repair components. They utilize [financial accounting](#) and database systems to perform inventory and financial management functions.

The duties performed by SKs include:

- ordering, stocking, and issuing repair parts, clothing and [general supplies](#); •
- maintaining financial records and [accounting systems](#);
- maintaining inventory databases for material stocked in shore based warehouses and ship storerooms;
- perform duties associated with [hazardous material control](#) and management; •
- organizing and maintaining databases, correspondence files, and reports; •
- [maintaining logistics](#) and financial publications and CD-ROM libraries.

McClelland's website gives this educational information [during the same years he was serving as a storekeeper in the US Navy]

Western Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA Structural Design Technology/Mathematics, 1957 (GPA 4.0).

The search engine at yahoo.com finds the only person ever to list a degree from this supposed educational entity on their CV is Clark McClelland, with a few other untraceable links.

https://search.yahoo.com/search;_ylc=X3oDMTFiN25laTRvBF9TAzlwMjM1MzgwnZUEaXRjAzEEc2VjA3NyY2hfcWEEc2srA3NyY2h3ZWl-?p=%22Western+Pennsylvania+Institute+of+Technology%22&fr=yfp-t-458&fp=1&toggle=1&cop=mss&ei=UTF-8

Career | Clark C. McClelland, ScO

clarkcmcclelland.wordpress.com/career ▼

Education and Training. Western Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA
Structural Design Technology/Mathematics, 1957 (GPA 4.0). Allegheny Observatory ...

There is no address for such an organization. McClelland's entry at AUTHORS DEN [<http://www.authorsden.com/visit/author.asp?authorid=66101>] explains this by noting the school is "not in existence today. Students now attend Carnegie-Mellon U." His military records do show him in Pittsburgh from March 1956 to March 1957, although why the US Navy would send a storekeeper to a 'structural design' course is obscure.

There are no verifiable college degrees.

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McClelland says he was ALMOST picked to be an astronaut

<http://buhlplanetarium2.tripod.com/bio/2006ChallengerBuhl.htm> SpaceCraft Operators were also considered for actual mission status until the U.S. Congress cut the shuttle budget. Mr. McClelland said, "I came within a hair of having my dream come true. At least my student, Astronaut Jay Apt flew. I and others taught Jay astronomy at Buhl."

When was McClelland [born 1935] in Pittsburgh able to teach future astronaut Jay Apt [born 1949] anything? Apt does indeed credit Buhl Planetarium classes for inspiring] his love of space but that would [http://buhlplanetarium2.tripod.com/bio/2006ChallengerBuhl.htm] have been in the early 1960s when McClelland claims to have been at Cape Canaveral already. The timelines don't mesh.

One Cape Canaveral shuttle processing engineer, Kay Hire, WAS actually picked as an astronaut in 1994. McClelland didn't meet minimum standards to even apply.
WHAT BROUGHT MCCLELLAND TO CAPE CANAVERAL?

Why did McClelland [a native of Pittsburgh] finish his military service in, Florida? Probably because his father and mother had moved there in 1955. See <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=29271361>

According to an account apparently written by McClelland, in 1956 his father "decided he wanted to participate in the still-embryonic space program and moved his family to Cape Canaveral, Florida. Initially, he worked on a team that fueled rockets and spacecraft, and was on the fueling team that sent Alan Shepard into space and John Glenn into earth orbit. Later he did work in air-conditioning and environmental control during the Saturn V Apollo missions to the moon." [Since Shepard and Glenn rode on different rockets built by different contractors, using totally different fuels, it is puzzling that an employee of one company would do work for another – but not impossible]. An uncle [Joseph Mackovitch] and another son, Robert L. McClelland, also worked at the Cape during this period. The senior McClelland returned to western Pennsylvania about 1970 for reasons of his wife's health, and his son Robert accompanied them. The father died there in 2001.

Clark McClelland wrote a long testimonial story about his father for Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, in which he identified himself as "**Astronaut Clark McClelland, 'the real Fox Mulder'**"

In another autobiographical essay, McClelland wrote that "I arrived there [Cape Canaveral] in 1958 with my former wife Anna Mae (Smoller) McClelland. She gave birth to our son, Clark Michael McClelland, and daughter, Colleen Marie McClelland." McClelland does not mention her further but states "I remained at the launch bases and worked the Apollo-Soyuz mission of the meeting and coupling of the US and USSR spacecraft in orbit, the unmanned Lunar Orbiter, program, and launching the many Space Shuttles to the International Space Station." Historical chronology note: The first shuttle missions to the International Space Station began in 1998, six years after

McClelland lost his last space-related job there.

He added: "During my years at Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center, I was also involved in the search for extraterrestrial life and investigating UFO sightings by our astronauts. I was the Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) at both launch bases. I was actually the real "X-Files" and the real Fox Mulder. Yes, our astronauts have seen UFO's."

More: "I am a member of the Masonic Order (F&AM) and a York Rite Knight Templar at Lodge 301 in Florida. I am an honorary Blood Brother of Chief White Wolf of the Native American Lakota Sioux Nation, being made a Blood Brother and a member 1993."

McClelland's lawsuit over his 'denied' pension [2008 website]
posted on Jul, 30 2008 @ 03:35 PM

Most of you are not aware that my Space Program Retirement was DENIED TO ME!! I was told by several KSC high management people to not take a legal action, and that they were working to have my job returned to me with back pay!

Yeah, SURE! Thanks to the Legal Gods that I found an attorney who would give me a free consultation. He told me that I had a fixed time limit to file an action against those responsible. My attorney called me and said, your time is running out. It had about two weeks still allowed for filing a legal action. I informed him that he could file that action after I called KSC to see if they had accomplished any action for my return. None of those management people would talk with me. They were hoping my time would run out. People I had worked with, were cowards!

My attorney and I had several meetings with their legal group from Miami. They offered me peanuts to accept their "final" offer! I advised them that I would write several books to disclose my astounding experiences at Cape Canaveral and the KSC! I refused the offer.

It went to the criminal court system we have been educated to TRUST! The initial court hearing REFUSED my attempt to have a court trial with my peers as the jurors. I believe they realized that with my personal experiences of lecturing at many universities, that I would no doubt win my case! So, they denied me my Constitutional Rights.

My attorney said that he could have it transferred to the Federal Court in Atlanta, GA. He said it was one step from the Supreme Court in Washington DC. He required MORE \$\$\$! Of course, what else would anyone expect to hear from a lawyer? I borrowed \$\$ from my beloved and not-to-well-off wonderful parents. The attorney took my case to Atlanta! It languished there for a couple of years! My attorney was summoned to Atlanta. He returned to tell me that once again, I had been denied my Constitutional Rights! They would not allow my case to be heard!! I was and still am VERY BROKE!

I lost the \$\$ I had, lost my family, my son, died at age 19, my wife divorced me, I lost our home, I was not able to find a job paying over \$4.25 hour, My beloved

parents were devastated. That and MUCH more.

I am asking those that are rich, famous, like Rock Stars, Movie Stars, Bill Gates, all who have enough \$\$ for ten life times, PLEASE HELP ME! I am doing this FOR YOU, the Human Race! I am standing ALONE, so FAR! Are any of you courageous enough to assist me? If not, then my astonishing books may never be read!

Send HELP to my P.O. Box 233, Tavares, Florida USA 32778! Clark Contact me at: clark0003@gmail.com stargatechronicles@yahoo.com Experience my exciting website: www.stargate-chronicles.com [NOTE: McClelland was never a NASA employee, so what lawyer would sue?]

McClelland's Role in The Mercury-9 UFO of Gordon Cooper

"Original Seven" Mercury astronaut Gordon Cooper late in life [post-NASA] told various UFO stories and expressed personal opinions on alien visitors and government coverups. McClelland may actually have been the origin point of a story Cooper NEVER told and vigorously denounced as a hoax – the encounter on his Mercury-9 space flight.



Here: http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/case_barry_goldwater.html

"I heard the voice of Astronaut Gordon Cooper during his Mercury 9 mission report a 'green colored object' that appeared to be passing his capsule in the opposite orbital direction over the Pacific Ocean.

"I was at the Mercury Mission Control facility here at Cape Canaveral on the day of the return to earth by Cooper... I immediately heard communications between Mercury 9 and the Cap Com (Capsule Communication) officer, Astronaut Wally Schirra who was tracking Cooper and the Faith 7 across the Pacific Ocean on its final pass prior to splash down in that same area on its next pass. The commentary was on an open PA system at mission control. Following the disclosure of Cooper that he was observing a 'green colored object', and other comments that were made by Astronaut Scott Carpenter who was in the Kauai, Hawaii tracking

station concerning it.“

“Many years later, I spoke with Gordo during a phone conversation and asked him if he would elaborate? He denied it was a fact and said he did not see an object during Mercury 9. But, I had heard him say he was tracking such an object? He quickly added, we are on a phone, Slim.”

JOJ: I've written up my assessment of this story here:

<http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/cooper.html#first>

I quote a 1978 letter to me from Cooper where he stressed "the non occurrence of a sighting on Mercury 9. I have the original on-board tapes in my possession which also refute this."

cooper

http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/ciencia/ciencia_flyingobjects40.htm

Weeks, a month or two after the Coopers Mercury-9 mission, I often went to Hangar "S" that was a short distance from Hangar "T" where I was part of the Titan II Launch Operations team. The guard at the hangar gate approved my entry and I would find the astronaut that was next up for a mission. Cooper was there and we sat down and discussed his mission and UFOs.

He said he was considering taking the mystery to a world organization (He did not say the UN) and hopefully have the subject brought before the world to establish research into what they were and what their mission might be concerning the earth. Cooper believed UFOs were extraterrestrial machines. I believe Cooper knew secrets about UFOs he kept from disclosing to the public at that time. I personally believe he was threatened with the loss of his retirement if he would not remain quiet. His interest in UFOs also may have impacted his NASA career.

Astronaut ufo stories

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2011/10/04/147142/>]

WORKING FOR "NASA"



In

1969, Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at Apollo-11 viewing

area, with Senator Barry Goldwater [JO: the photo is proof he had no official role in the launch, or he'd have been at a duty station, like everyone else of any importance was]

The documentation for McClelland's space program employment is less detailed. Elaine Liston, the Senior Librarian/Archivist at the NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center's "Library Archives" in Florida was asked what official records exist about McClelland's claimed NASA employment. This is her answer:

I have only two sources that are used to search for former KSC employees – the Spaceport News [KSC's newspaper -- no entries] and the KSC Telephone Directories. A search for Clark C. McClelland in the telephone directories produced the following results.

1964-1967 no listings

Feb 1968 KSC employee worked for Boeing Company

Ditto July 1968, Jan 1969, Oct 1969

1970-1992 no listings

A remarkable profile of McClelland by Michael Lindemann contains unique insights into his final formal job at Cape Canaveral in 1992. [CNI News: July 1999]
<http://www.oocities.com/marksrealm/coverup037.html>

Lindeman located two former co-workers of McClelland's who provided details of his past employment. Walter Kollosch was with the Martin Company in the early 1960s when McClelland was a draftsman there, working on the Pershing missile launch pad. He recalled McClelland telling stories about being friends with the Mercury astronauts. In later years, Kollosch said that "Clark has had some bad luck as far as his employment goes," without further details. And Dennis Bestwick was a senior specialist at the space shuttle processing facility in 1992, when McClelland was accepted for training there – but according to Bestwick, "something in his security check didn't quite check out. Nothing illegal, but something about the dates didn't match." Whatever it was, McClelland was denied a security clearance and was laid off before beginning actual shuttle work.

Unfortunately, neither source can provide further information. Kollosch died in 2001, aged 74 [<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=101142878>] and Bestwick was killed in 2007 when his motorcycle was struck by a drunk driver [http://www.sharonherald.com/obituaries/article_0a1e7103-33f0-5652-966a-ae04cb7f063.html]. No other associates from those years has been found.

Public records also indicate potential years-long gaps in this period. On August 30, 1975, he married 20-year-old Carolyn Dorthea Shanley in Pittsburgh, and their four children were born there in 1976, 1977, 1981, and 1983 [names and exact dates available on request], an unusual pattern if he was at the same time working at Cape



stop him from later printing 'business
spacecraft Operator" for NASA
as 'work address'].

Actual address -- Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899-0001

Clark's numerous well-wishers are understandably outraged by his claim that his pension was cancelled as punishment. But this "NASA pension" actually never existed, so it couldn't have been terminated as punishment for anything. As he carried out short term contract work for a series of commercial contractors on a range of missile programs, Clark [like so many other space workers, [including myself] probably never attained the 'vesting threshold' of ten years employment with many, if any, of them. Lots of such workers, despite their diligent and honorable service, would up on the short end of retirement funding. The claim about a 'lost NASA pension' is untrue because Clark never worked directly for NASA.

Stanton Friedman, "the flying saucer physicist", has been an ardent proponent of alien visitors for more than forty years. He also has expressed skepticism of McClelland's stories, for example in this email:

From: Stan Friedman fsphys@rogers.com To:
<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net> Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 07:54:40 -0300

I knew Clark McClelland years ago. Within the last few years I did some detailed checking on his claimed background, because he had claimed that von Braun had told him he knew all about Roswell. While von Braun may well have known about Roswell (he was stationed at Fort Bliss in 1947 and working at White Sands), I found no reason to believe Clark's comments. He had substantially "enhanced" his background in both Pittsburgh and Florida! I would place these quotes in my gray basket, at best, unless somebody can find better sources than McClelland.

Similar care seems called for with other sole-source single-say-so claims. For example, his long accounts of conversations with Apollo-15 moon walker Jim Irwin about UFOs on the moon and death threats to his family to enforce the coverup – I've found them impossible to believe. I've recently been in touch with Irwin's family, they have no records of Clark's supposed contacts with the astronaut. And the speech Clark brags about delivering at Irwin's university when the disclosures were made, never occurred. It

was [according to a contemporary press clipping] cancelled when the university checked up and discovered the bio McClelland submitted to the university was false.

In my clippings files I recently discovered a forgotten item from 1980 which has direct bearing on the current theme, and here it is [next page] in its entirety:

Note the words attributed to McClelland, 35 years ago, when he was caught issuing inaccurate descriptions of his own achievements. "I think that what has happened is that there has been wide misrepresentations of what I said about myself." He seemed to be suggesting that it was OTHER people who were lying about his career claims, not him.

But in his latest career summary [<https://clarkcmcclelland.wordpress.com/career/>], his repudiation by the director of the Allegheny Observatory seems long forgotten, and McClelland wrote, "Allegheny Observatory of the University of Pittsburgh, PA, Planetary Reseach" [note misspelled 'research']

On that same professional profile, McClelland wrote: "Research award for observations of 106 Messier objects, Astronomical League of the USA, 1976." That organization's website [<https://www.astroleague.org/al/awards/alaward/alawards.html>] contains historical information on past award winners and McClelland's name is not on it.



Another issue is his sale of allegedly rare space flight artifacts. Here's an example of what he offers for sale on his website:

US Flag, flown to the moon on Apollo 15 -- This RARE, SPECIAL 3×5 inch flag of the United States of America affixed to an official NASA Certificate was flown to the moon on July 26 to August 7, 1971 by the crew of Apollo 15. It was the first extended scientific exploration of the moon with the initial use of the Lunar Rover Vehicle an electrical car at the Hadley Rill region of the moon. Each NASA Astronaut, David Scott, Albert Warden [JO: SIC!] and James Irwin autographed the certificate. The Apollo 15 mission emblem is shown on it. A copy of the letter that Irwin wrote will also be included to verify the mission and a copy of the Irwin photo will

accompany this flag certificate upon purchase. How many people on earth can say they have such a rare and valued, historic memory of a great achievement in Human Space Exploration history? The flag was safely kept in a sealed plastic container that was in one of the white bags shown on the LRV. [JO: Lunar Roving Vehicle, th 'moon jeep']



Irwin's

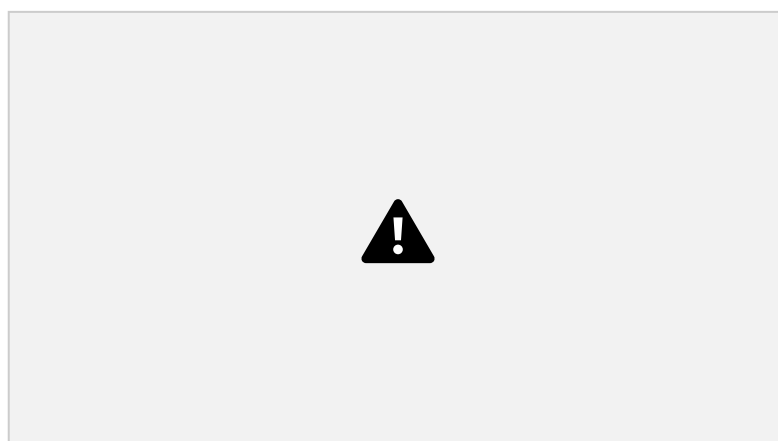
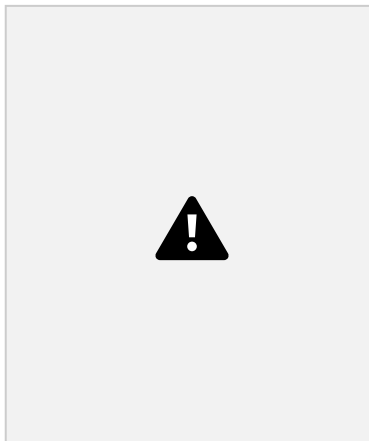
family has objected to these claims.

Statement from Jan Irwin [youngest daughter of Col. James B. Irwin] to James Oberg re Clark McClelland's claim of 'UFO secrets' revealed to him by astronaut James Irwin. May 12, 2013

James, I appreciate you letting me know about what this person is saying and doing. I have informed my mother and she will be involving her attorney to contact the attorney general of Florida to shut this guy down and to cease using dad's likeness and name. Again thanks for all your help and your concern for my father's name -- Kind Regards, Jan Irwin-Ewing

His attempt to sell 'genuine Apollo souvenirs' has, according to space-memorabilia guru Robert Pearlman [www.collectspace.com] exposed him to potential serious charges of mail fraud [or possessing stolen federal property] if anyone actually sends him money. <http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/web/space-memorabilia/>

Origin of material allegedly from top officials such as von Braun



The conversation Clark claims to have had with Wernher von Braun is practically word-for-word extracted from a book by Timothy Good, quoting comments allegedly from an East German UFO newsletter. A colleague of mine chased down the original

newsletter and determined that Good's version itself was highly garbled [Good claims to have used an English UFO newsletter's account of the original as the direct source but falsely cited the original German publication in his footnote]. But since Good's garbled version alone was adequate for Clark's imaginary 'conversation', no such interview could have occurred. Link: <http://www.unexplainedmysteries.com/forum/index.php?s=d80020d72f8c328645ba6c36e69d0539&showtopic=104263&st=15&p=1869735&#entry1869735>

The evidence I present that ONE of his stories about von Braun is MIGHTY suspicious is that it is nearly word for word identical to a story in a UFO book by Tim Good, and by the way did not appear in public until AFTER Good's book was published. One hypothesis is that McClelland read Good's book and decided, through a mental process I am not competent or bold enough to characterize, that the von Braun statement had also been made to him.

The reason one could argue that Good's "von Braun statement" is itself bogus, and never previously existed anywhere EXCEPT in Good's book, is that by checking the cited source (a difficult process, which nobody else in the world ever did), the published version is so garbled and fictionalized that it's published form is purely original to Good's own imagination, and nowhere else -- EXCEPT when McClelland later claims that HE, too, got the 'same message' from von Braun.

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Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo-14 moon walker and later famous as a 'UFO believer', was asked about McClelland's alien visits stories while on the Kevin Smith Show on August 6, 2008, and had this to say regarding McClelland's story: "I don't put much credence into it." Second he said he'd 'prefer not to get into it,' and third he said he was 'a little disturbed' about the things on the web site.

<http://www.alienseekernews.com/audiofiles/kevin-smith-show/edgar-mitchell-8-6-08.wma>

McClelland and NICAP // CNI News // 1999

<http://qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/jul/n.htm>

.... Starting in the early 1960s[McClelland] kept records and filed reports as head of the Cape Canaveral (later Cape Kennedy) Subcommittee of NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, then the nation's best known and most influential civilian UFO research organization.

One person who was privy to McClelland's UFO reports from the Cape was Richard Hall, then acting director of NICAP. More recently, Hall was Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research and is also the author of several respected books on UFOs. Hall is known for his dim view of many self-styled UFO researchers, but he gives Clark McClelland a big thumbs-up.

"I've known this guy for a lot of years and I've dealt with him extensively," Hall told CNI News. "And I've never had the slightest clue of anything other than an honest, conscientious, forthright person. So I endorse him strongly. He should be given the fairest audience and listened to carefully. I think he's going to check out. He's not a fantasizer, not an embellisher. He's laid back and conservative and careful, and I respect that highly."

Hall says that McClelland sent a number of impressive case reports to NICAP founder Major Donald Keyhoe and himself. Some of those cases remain secret even today. "I'm still keeping secrets that will probably go to the grave with me -- things that people have told me privately -- because that's the way I feel about it, unless they give me the green light," Hall explained. But he

gave one example of a case that McClelland sent in.

It occurred in 1961. "A rocket was launched and radar was tracking it. And a UFO came in and the radar locked on to the UFO. You can put this out under my name now, if you wish," Hall said. "His [McClelland's] subcommittee sent to us a report by Pan American airways, which was then the operating subcontractor at the Cape. And they had a quarter-inch thick technical report on this UFO tracking, radar lock-on.... In order to protect them [Pan Am and the witnesses], we were very vague about it." Hall says he made a brief reference to this case in his book, "The UFO Evidence." But the full report has never been published.



McClelland's Mystery Radar Tracking Story

"As the Gemini Capsule entered orbit, the RCA world tracking team began to realize that "our" capsule was not alone as viewed through their incoming telemetry, visual theodolite and other high powered optical data. Our capsule had four 'visitors'. The RCA team was ordered to run a recheck of the situation to be certain ghost images were not the cause. The Titan II stages [SIC! Only one stage enters orbit with the payload -- JEO] were also excluded as causing the images.

"Several hours after the objects departed their single orbit rendezvous with the Gemini capsule, a strange shadowy group of personnel arrived on scene... One thing was for certain, this group was at the Cape for no other reason other than the Gemini Titan mission and its guests.

"The official NASA determination was that the objects were the torn particles or remains of the Titan upper stage that apparently entered orbit with the Gemini capsule. I was at the news conference and I nearly began to laugh. How could a broken [sic!] stage overtake the capsule and stop slightly ahead of the capsule to accompany it an entire orbit around the earth?"

I have at least two serious technical problems with this narrative. First, NASA couldn't TRACK a satellite for a full orbit of the Earth, only sporadically between long passes out of range of radar sites. So any observations of extra blips near the main payload (which frequently happened in those days, both due to items coming off the booster and spacecraft, and tracking side-lobe ambiguities) would have been rare. Which blip seen on pass 3 was the same as pass 4 would be impossible to tell. One seen 'overtaking' on one pass couldn't be linked with another seen 'holding position' an hour later.

Second, McClelland asks mockingly, "How could a broken stage overtake the capsule", referring to the expended second stage. Actually, discarded upper stages practically ALWAYS overtook and passed their deployed payloads. It was normal -- to those familiar with launch operations -- and is STILL normal (e.g., Soyuz manned

spacecraft and their third stages).

The way it happens involves orbital dynamics, which is a specialty that even many mechanically-inclined space workers don't need to study. The primary payload separates from its booster with forward thrusting that places it in a slightly higher orbit. The booster's lower orbit is shorter in length and since closer to Earth is accelerated more strongly by gravity. Added to air drag, which affects big hollow things (e.g., empty fuel tanks) more than dense heavy things (payloads) and hence quickly sucks them into even lower and faster orbits, this is the recipe for cast-off boosters and flaked-off debris to pull ahead of the main payload very, very quickly.

This seems to me to be a genuine launch puzzle that could easily have been caused by extraneous objects from the vehicle itself, embellished by imaginative dramatizations, misunderstandings, and the 'improvements' any narrative accumulates over decades of retellings.

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Here's another example of where, when there is a possibility of independent verification, McClelland's stories collapse into fantasy:

UFO Sightings Coast To Coast - And In Space
George A. Filer // Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
MUFON Skywatch Investigations
<http://www.filersfiles.com>
Filer's Files #23 (June 6, 2001)

CAPE CANAVERAL -- NASA's Clark McClelland writes, "In 1991 (probably September), I had ended a third shift assignment at my LCC (Launch Control Center) top secret office and was making my way to the fourth floor elevator. Two NASA Astronauts (I will not mention their names at this time) were also waiting. We said hello again, because they had been in my Control Room during my monitoring of a Space Shuttle mission in progress. I think it was the important STS-48 UARS flight. If I remember correctly Astronaut Brown was in orbit. As we talked on our way down, one of them told me to look behind the shuttle, as it would be passing over Central Florida that early morning. He said, I "would see the next Space Shuttle miles behind the present Space Shuttle in orbit." We said goodbye and I went home but stayed up to watch for the "NEW" craft. Soon, the Space Shuttle came over in a clear night sky and soon thereafter I observed the "NEW" craft apparently in orbit and trailing the official Shuttle mission. As it came overhead, it abruptly steered off to the left of my sight and shortly and completely disappeared. I was surprised with this event. A few weeks later, the very same Astronaut was at the control room again and gave me a foxy smile as if to say, "I told you Clark." I cannot say if the trailing object was or was not an alien craft. I'm almost certain the astronaut I mentioned would not disclose an object and this event if it were anything other than an advanced technological development by the USA. The astronauts are very controlled by military secrecy oaths. Later my investigation indicated that it was either the craft called the Aurora or the X-43A. Thanks to Clark McClelland, clark002@hotmail.com and Robert Collins.

Now there are ways to determine if STS-48 was even visible over Florida the morning after launch. Sites such as www.heavens-above.com provide satellite spotting opportunities. Other sites have software, and orbital data, for anyone to run their own calculations.

So-o-o-o-o.... Try this. Learn how to do something useful, like predict satellite visibility opportunities, and do so for STS-48 from the Cape Canaveral area. Compare the calculated, provable 'visual passes' with the one that McClelland claims to have seen.

If you do it correctly -- and check yourself, on a few contemporary ones that you then actually can see for yourself in the sky -- and you will find what I found. McClelland couldn't have seen STS-48, it was physically impossible.

Now, when he wrote this, I don't doubt he never thought somebody would actually try to verify his claim. Probably he figured his target audience was just incapable of performing the check, or were afraid to ask anyone who was capable, to do it.

But many Internet sites allow easy computation of historical satellite positions, and my favorite is www.wolframalpha.com. For Sts-48, launched 12 September 1991 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STS-48>, we also need local sunrise [use the site www.heavens-above.com] to determine it was 7:07 EDT, or 1107 utc. A pre-dawn visibility pass would have occurred about an hour before sunrise.

So load that into the 'calculation' box

[<http://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=position+of+sts+48+on+Sept+13,+1991,+at+10:00+UTC&rawformassumption=%7B%22TimeAMOrPM%22,+%7B1991,+9,+13,+10,+0,+Automatic%7D%7D+-%3E+%22am%22&rawformassumption=%7B%22MC%22,%22%22%7D+-%3E%7B%22Formula%22%7D>] and this is the result:

An hour either sooner or later would cover all visibility opportunities, and the shuttle simply wasn't flying close enough to be seen from Cape Canaveral. McClelland's claim of personally witnessing an exotic spacecraft accompanying STS-48 is physically impossible, so is descriptions of astronauts telling him to WATCH it can't be true.

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McClelland insists he was inside Top Secret Control Room for STS-48 UFO encounter

May, 6 2008 @ 08:42 AM

From the KSCVeteran (05-06-2008)

I was on duty when the STS-48 event happened.

I heard all the comments of the crew and those of the NASA/Shadow Government [JO: SIC!] on earth in the Top Secret room I was stationed to monitor the mission, in the LCC (Launch Control Center). I witnessed many events and others YOU have not been allowed to know. ET's in the Shuttle Payload Bay, etc.

Get this VERY CLEAR! It was NOT ice crystals that were observed. No ice crystal can accelerate to between 50 to 100,000 miles per hour in that short time duration that my VERY trained eyes were following. Those advanced technology "objects" were there and were attacked by a weapon we called "Brilliant Pebbles" [JO: SIC! He meant 'brilliant pebbles'] at that time in our US Space Program History.

McClelland claims several secret UFO stories told to him privately by astronaut Story Musgrave.

http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/case_the_demonstration.html

Space Shuttle Columbia during STS-80 took a crew of five astronauts into a 17 day, 15 hour and 54 minute mission around the earth, the longest flight in the history of this vehicle. During this lengthy flight a very strange event occurred that even had crewman Dr. Story Musgrave unable to explain what he observed from the shuttle windows.

A large disc shaped object appeared below the Columbia. The shuttle was approximately, 190 Nautical miles high.

The disc was first observed to miraculously appear from out of nowhere, flying through the clouds below and progressing from right to left as the astronauts stared in utter amazement. The outer rim of the craft appeared to be rotating

STS-80 occurred in November 1996, four years after McClelland had left his job at KSC -- so his information can't have come from direct experience.

The scene referred to is from a payload bay camera, downlinked to Mission Control. There's no available evidence (to my knowledge) that, as McClelland asserts, anyone on board watched the scene from any windows, or on any TV monitor.

Later on a TV show, Musgrave was shown the video cold and admitted he hadn't seen it before. Does that refute McClelland's allegation? Musgrave was given no context of the

video, such as time, illumination, or other technical specs by which such scenes can be analyzed. No mystery why he didn't come up with the proper explanation off the top of his (bald) head.

A white blob does appear. There's nothing 'miraculous' about it -- orbiter-generated debris often 'pops up' in the middle of TV field-of-view when (as in this case) the camera was pointed away from the sun, in the direction of the Orbiter's own shadow. Small stuff drifting out of the shadow becomes visible only when it reaches sunlight. Happens all the time and is fully understood by Mission Control operators.

McClelland states that "the astronauts stared in utter amazement". I am not convinced he has any evidence for this, and perhaps he only conjured up the dramatic scene himself.

Ditto his claim that the outer rim of the 50 to 150 foot diameter disk (how was that measured?) was rotating. I've never seen any evidence that these white dots were doing anything of the sort.

If there is any verifiable backup evidence for this story, aside from McClelland's own imagination, I hope somebody will share it with us.

Denials

<https://skywalking1.wordpress.com/2011/04/18/did-ufos-visit-sts-80-columbia/>

http://www.jamesoberg.com/musgrave_ramble.pdf

So STS-80 was a well known one, but it depends now... when I take a video and I'm looking at stuff and it's a hundred feet away, the video that gets out there, the reader comes back doesn't know how far away the objects were. And a lot of that stuff they put it a thousand miles away. Well the videos I took of stuff is 40 feet outside and I know it came from me, if you say it's a thousand miles away you are into a very significant phenomenon. But it's not a thousand miles away. It's right here.

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<http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/people.html>

Dr. Story Musgrave, STS-6, 51F, 33, STS- 44 (Giant in payload bay), 61(Hubble ST repair mission), 80

His full claim: http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/release_mitchell.html

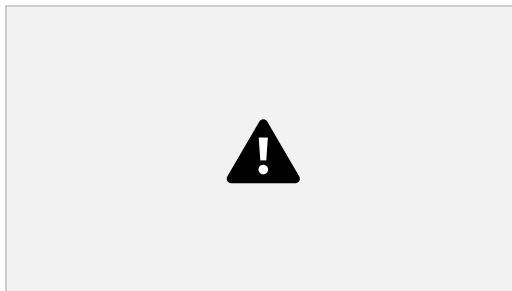
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In recent years, we've seen his stories grow wilder and wilder, even disregarding the lamentable racist ravings. He claims to have been flown in a special NASA plane to the Kecksburg UFO crash site in 1965 to personally inspect what he discovered to have been a Russian-built Nazi-designed time machine. According to McClelland, Hitler is alive in Antarctica, too. For years, the cynically exploitative late-night talk shows acted like they saw a gold mine in Clark's ravings and seemed to be putting him on air more and more and more to stir up their own audiences.

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He is indeed difficult to approach, as would-be friends have found out. Some years ago, after he had written to the now-deceased British science fiction legend Arthur C. Clarke in Sri Lanka, Clarke tried to open contact through a volunteer posing as his "corresponding secretary". McClelland distrustfully dropped correspondence.

Much of his anguish also appears connected with his inability to convince people that his belief in Nazi Antarctic bases, and New World Order UFO-powered manned craft visiting Mars and Saturn, and in Lucifer and the Nefelim giants ruling Earth on behalf of evil ETs, are the absolute truth. "Nobody believes me!" he lamented. "They're ALL morons." Sad case, indeed.



Aside from the human compassion any of us must feel, if even half of his woeful tale of personal tragedies is reliable, there's a bigger historical issue. What role has McClelland played, over the decades, of the creation and introduction of famous 'space UFO' stories into the world UFO data base? While some of the tales he now tells are clearly derivatives of versions he read elsewhere [but claims to have discovered independently] it's plausible that in the 1960s he was sending Keyhoe at NICAP the kinds of rumors that always DO spring up at high-tech enterprises. For example, his role in spreading the bogus story of Gordon Cooper's UFO encounter on Mercury-9 in May 1963 remains

to be defined -- he may have originated it, and been the source of the elaborate Frank Edwards coverage soon afterwards. Or he may have read the Edwards version and just absorbed it into his own memory.

WHY WOULD A TOO-TALL ALIEN STAND 'UP' AND HAVE TO BEND OVER?

Did anyone notice the absurd comment that the alien had to bend over because the ceiling of the shuttle middeck was too low? Why, in zero gravity, would an entity try to 'stand up' and have to maintain an uncomfortable posture, when it much more conveniently could have stood on the WALL and extended its posture completely, with the other wall comfortably far away above its head? The description sounds like it came from somebody whose spatial concepts are trapped in the familiar up-down orientation of earth surface gravity.

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TO BE CONTINUED.....

Recent internet activity as of Dec 31, 2019



McClelland claims Challenger accident crewman Ellison Onizuka confided in him he'd seen films of the dead aliens from the Roswell crash:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/weird/779560/Lt-Col-Ellison-Onizuka-Roswell-dead-aliens-McClelland-air-force-base-Clark-C-McClelland>



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