

**Fascinating glimpses and disturbing questions - Notes from the
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The June Minnesota MUFON meeting held some interesting glimpses into aspects of the UFO phenomenon that I don't normally focus upon. It was a public lecture by two UFO researchers, one by Tom Tulien and the other by Michael Schrott.

The first half of the meeting was a talk by Tom Tulien, a principal in the [Project Sign Historical Group](#). Tom is a historical researcher, documentary film-maker and consummate investigator. He talked about some of his digging into the nooks and crannies of vital cases from the 1940s through the 1960s. These included extensive digging through archives and old documents. But foremost, it has involved tracking down and interviewing primary witnesses to the original events, first-hand accounts of UFO history.

Tulien's work has included investigations into sightings at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota - especially [the 1956 Radar/Visual Incident](#) involving a confrontation between a B52 and a UFO. He also discusses the evolution of projects such as [Sign](#), [Grudge](#) and [Bluebook](#). Of these, he states that only Project Sign was a serious effort, during the 1950s to investigate this anomalous presence in our skies. After the [Estimate of the Situation in 1949](#) and the convening of the [Robertson Panel](#) in 1952. Estimate of the Situation concluded that they were probably extraterrestrial in nature. While a concern in many ways, they did not appear to threaten us. Thus, the conclusion was that UFOs were not a national security concern. At that point, UFOs became more of a public relations problem than a research endeavor for the USAF.

Tulien also talked a little bit about his views on various other aspects of the UFO phenomenon. He indicated that he doesn't think the question of the origin of UFOs is answerable (or at least verifiable). He said he focuses on historical research because, in his view, it is tagible. We can document interviews, locate and publish documents, sequence and interrelate historical events, etc. In short, his goal is to bring to light past evidence of an extraordinary phenomenon in our skies. He especially calls abduction research subjective and says that he is more concerned about the objects themselves, sighting events that are more easily documented.

The second half of the meeting was a talk by Michael Schrott, an aerospace historian who specializes in research into black projects. Schrott talked at length about various deep black projects that have since come to light. He looked extensively at the early aircraft development projects at the Lockheed [Skunk Works](#). Then he looked at the more recent developments, such as the [F117](#) fighter, the [B2](#) bomber, the [Joint Strike Fighter](#), etc. He discussed several probable current projects such as [Aurora](#), the [F19\(?\)](#), the [TR3b](#) and several additional [black budget](#) projects.

He discussed some other topics such as the [increase in the black budget](#) since the start of the Reagan administration. The deep black budget mushroomed from about one billion dollars to over 9 billion [CL Note: need to verify these figures]. It has since continued to increase, even under the Obama administration.

Schratt included discussion of some probable current leading-edge aerospace projects, such as an in-depth look into the TR3b, the alleged triangular craft that uses [electrogravitics](#) for propulsion. He developed the case that the B2 uses similar technology, oppositely charging the leading edge and the exhaust to exploit the [Beifeld-Brown effect](#) - a gravitational assist that allegedly allows the B2 to travel far and wide in the world with minimum fuel consumption.

Finally, Schratt touched upon some possible ultra-advanced projects. He suggests that there are possible space-worthy electrogravitic craft, ready and perhaps already being used. Do we truly have a [secret space program](#) already in action? Is our rocketry-based civilian space program actually little more than a shell? While I remain quite skeptical of these assertions, the questions are intriguing.

If the answer to any of these questions turns out to be affirmative, then it means that there is a lot of extra-constitutional activity being conducted by those whose job is supposed to be to uphold and defend that very constitution. Schratt touched upon the clause in Article 2, section 9 of the [constitution](#) which states, "*No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.*"

This mandates a public accounting of expenditures from the public treasury. However Schratt pointed out that an examination of the 1994 military budget revealed that a discrepancy of several [didn't get the exact number] billion dollars existed between the itemized project lines and the bottom line. This can only mean that other endeavors - deep black projects - are consuming the remainder. What are these? We can only guess, but Schratt had some suggestions - and those suggestions were amazing indeed.

Especially if the allegations are true that we have a secret space program, then we are already in the heavens, carrying our military agenda with us. In [The Cosmic Bridge](#), I develop the idea that our cosmic neighbors would probably take a dim view of we warlike barbarians carrying our nukes and death-rays out into the interstellar realm. Indeed, would this be allowed? I tend to doubt it. Yet I have no way of knowing for sure.

Ultimately, if this is true, that we have a secret military space program, then it constitutes a tremendous unauthorized expenditure of money. It implies that the military-industrial complex and the deep-black world is harboring advanced technology that could advance humanity by years. This is the claim of organizations such as the Disclosure Project and the Paradigm Research Group, as well as others working to lift the lid off the secret world.

I've always been skeptical about most ultra-advanced-technology deep-black-project claims. Furthermore, I have put them off as a different area from my own focus - alien abduction. Yet all aspects of the phenomenon are related and so this could somehow feed into areas of interest to my own research. How, I don't know - but crosstalk between specialty areas is common.

In the mean time, in the world of deep black, the endless flow of dollars goes on. And from the work of people like Tom Tulien and Michael Schratt, we discover that there are indeed a lot of questions - and some of them may have some disturbing answers.