

Stephen Bassett is a leading advocate in the nation for ending the 61-year government imposed truth embargo regarding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. He is a political activist, lobbyist, commentator and columnist. He is the founder of the Paradigm Research Group, the Executive Director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee (**X-PPAC**), the creator of the Paradigm Clock and the executive producer of the X-Conference. His work has been covered extensively inside and outside the United States. See [PRG Media Coverage](#).

Since 1996 Bassett has assisted numerous organizations and initiatives working to 1) raise public awareness, 2) convene open Congressional hearings to take government witness testimony, and 3) end the truth embargo. He has appeared on hundreds of radio and television talk shows and in numerous documentaries speaking to millions of people about the implications and likelihood of "Disclosure" - the formal acknowledgement of the extraterrestrial presence by world governments

In 1995 Bassett decided to bring a 15-year background in business development and consulting and a degree in physics into the issues surrounding extraterrestrial-related phenomena. His point of entry was a five-month stint working at the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER), founded by the late Dr. John Mack in Cambridge, MA.

In **July of 1996** he left Cambridge to set up an advocacy organization, Paradigm Research Group (PRG), in Bethesda, MD, just outside of Washington, DC. The mission of PRG was to use all means possible to confront the United States government regarding its policy of a truth embargo on the events and evidence demonstrating an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race and the formal acknowledgement of that presence. One of the first moves of PRG was for Mr. Bassett to register as a lobbyist advocating UFO/ET issues, most importantly Disclosure. He was the first person to ever do so.

In **April of 1997** he attended the press and congressional briefings conducted in Washington, DC by Steven Greer and CSETI. During the July, 1997 events in Roswell, New Mexico, he assisted Stargate International in launching the "Petition for an Open Congressional Hearing on Modern UFO Evidence." This is part of an ongoing process to bring the United States Congress formally into the process of disclosure. The petition continues to gather [paper and e-mail signatures](#) and will eventually be presented to the Congress at the appropriate time. In October 1997 he assisted Frances Barwood, city councilwoman in Phoenix Arizona, in dealing with an aggressive attempt by her political opponents to discredit and punish her for speaking publicly and in council session on the lack of a proper investigation of the Phoenix UFO sighting in March of 1997. Ms. Barwood won her recall election by a 2 to 1 margin.

Another project of importance during this period was publicizing the complex issues represented by the Area 51 environmental damage lawsuit on behalf of former Area 51 employees. This case was pressed by Jonathan Turley of the Environmental Law

Advocacy Center at George Washington University and eventually went to the Supreme Court where it was unfortunately rejected. In November of 1997, he turned his attention to the issue of the disposal of records and documents which may have historical bearing on the actions and posture of the U. S. government relating to UFO events and evidence.

In **January of 1998**, Mr. Bassett assisted in launching the campaign of Frances Emma Barwood for Secretary of State of Arizona, the first candidate to ever run for high state or federal office in the United States who will directly address publicly the issue of possible intelligent extraterrestrial presence in our airspace and lack of proper government response to citizens demands on this matter. She subsequently lost the primary election.

At midnight on April 30, 1998 he published the "Paradigm Clock" to the World Wide Web. This website is designed to support the researchers/activists in the field. The Clock itself is a metaphor for citizens and the media to develop a feel for the process of disclosure underway. Then from early April of 1998 Mr. Bassett worked to develop media interest in the anomalies present in the photographic returns of the Cydonia region of Mars from the Mars Global Surveyor. Additional concerns included the fate of journalists who had done investigative pieces unfavorable to elements of the government and the secrecy reform legislation (S-712) introduced by Sen. Patrick Moynihan.

Early in 1999 Bassett began a collaboration with Robert Bletchman and Larry Bryant of MUFON who had developed a UFO State Ballot Initiative targeting the 16 states permitting direct referendum. He developed a web subsite to represent this project. Missouri became the first test effort under the guidance of MUFON state director, Bruce Widaman. Then in July, after assisting Virginia MUFON in promoting MUFON's '99 International Symposium in DC metro area, he begun a process for a more intense approach to Congressional members. Consequently, on July 13, 1999 he founded the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee (X-PPAC), the first PAC in history to target the politics of UFO/ET phenomena and the government embargo of facts confirming the presence of extraterrestrial life forms in our world, now. Announced nationally on July 21 it will be promoted via its website at www.x-ppac.org and by ongoing guest media appearances.

In 2000 political initiatives were restrained by the pending change of government. Mr. Bassett continued to speak to the issue at conferences in [Santa Clara, CA](#) and Santa Fe, NM later that year.

Early in 2001 Paradigm Research Group and X-PPAC put their support firmly behind a major new political initiative titled "[The Disclosure Project](#)." Specifically assistance was given to the holding of an important press conference on May 9, 2001 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. At that time the testimony of 70 government and agency employees, 21 in person, directly relating to extraterrestrial-related events and evidence was presented to the media. The totality of this testimony, compiled from 120 hours of interviews, essentially confirmed an extraterrestrial presence and a government embargo on formal acknowledgement of this fact.

On April 17, 2002, in a press conference held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, "Disclosure2003: the Maryland 8th District Congressional Campaign of Stephen Bassett" was formally announced. This campaign sought to challenge the voters of the 8th District (parts of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties) as well as the other candidates to engage the politics of disclosure and the facts of an extraterrestrial presence along with a range of other controversial issues neglected by America's increasingly risk averse politicians. The campaign website is [archived](#)..

On **January 13 of 2003** he proposed a new project, [Citizen Hearing](#), which would conduct a week-long hearing in Washington, DC before former Members of the House and Senate. The motto for this project is, "If Congress will not do its job, the people will."

In **April of 2004** he produced the 1st Exopolitics Expo - the [X-Conference](#) - held at the Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg. This was followed by X-Conferences 2005, 2007 and 2008.

On **October 1, 2008** PRG launched the [Million Fax on Washington](#) with the goal of directing thousands of letters, faxes and emails toward the transition headquarters of the new President Elect. The considerable correspondence generated all called for the new president to end the truth embargo, release all files, call for congressional hearings, and make available ET derived technologies to the public domain. Phase II of the Million Fax on Washington began on February 1, 2009 with the new destination the White House.

Concomitant with these projects was continuing public awareness work via the PRG website and media appearances coupled with lobbying of the political media to take notice of what is easily the biggest and most important news story in history.

With the nation and world moving into new and troubling territory, Mr. Bassett will continue to work to create a broad based coalition within the extraterrestrial phenomena research/activist community capable of reaching out to the twenty million plus American citizens who are following the politics of disclosure with interest and concern. The aim is to form a political structure of sufficient size to meaningfully influence government policies and actions leading up to and following the formal acknowledgment of the extraterrestrial presence.

Jan 8, 2010	Re Million Fax on Washington	January 25, 2010
Sept 8, 2009	Re PRG Europe Speaking Tour	January 17, 2008
July 13, 2009	Re: Open Letter to the White House press corps	December 16, 2009
July 12, 2009	Re: Fax on Washington, etc.	December 13, 2009
June 16, 2009	Re: Million Fax on Washington - Phase III	September 5, 2009
June 2, 2009	Re: Million Fax on Washington - Phase III	August 18, 2009
May 14, 2009	Re: NY Times On-Line Article	August 11, 2009
April 29, 2009	Re: Exopolitics European Summit 2009	July 25, 2009
April 27, 2009	Re: X-Conference 2009 PRG Awards	July 20, 2009
April 20, 2009	Re: National Press Club Press Conference	July 12, 2009
April 13, 2009	Re: X-Conference 2009 press conference - National Press Club	June 19, 2009
April 6, 2009	Re: X-Conference 2009	May 10, 2009
April 3, 2009	Re: X-Conference 2009	May 8, 2009
Jan 22, 2009	Re: Citizen's Briefing Book	May 1, 2009
Feb 9, 2009	Re: X-Conference 2009	March 22, 2009

January 20, 2009 after being open for nine days. According to Michael Strautmanis, director of public liaison and intergovernmental affairs for the Obama/Biden transition team, "Over 125,000 users submitted over 44,000 ideas and cast over 1.4 million votes. The best rated ideas will be gathered into a Citizen's Briefing Book to be delivered to President Obama after he is sworn in."

Of the 44,000 submissions, 23 submissions were related to ending the government imposed UFO/ET Truth Embargo. They received a combined total of 177,210 votes with over 3200 comments. Based upon voting support six of the UFO/ET Disclosure related ideas were in the top 101 out of 44,000+ submitted.

Following the April 17-19 X-Conference 2009 (www.x-conference.com)
Paradigm Research Group will hold a press conference in the First Amendment Room at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC on Monday, April 20, at 10 am.

At that time Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell will take questions at the NPC for the first time regarding his assertions there is an extraterrestrial basis for the UFO phenomenon and the United States government committed itself to a cover-up or "truth embargo" in the late 1940's after recovering a crashed extraterrestrial vehicle near Roswell, New Mexico.

Also at that time, Nick Pope, a former Senior Executive Officer with the UK Ministry of Defence, who directly investigated the UFO issue while working for the MoD, will take questions at the NPC for the first time regarding an explosion of sightings, actions by the British government and other events. Media coverage in the United Kingdom of the extraterrestrial/UFO issue has exploded over the past twelve months due to the timed release of thousands of documents and sighting reports by the British government into the public domain. These releases have generated hundreds of articles both in the UK and the United Kingdom. Nick Pope has been at the center of this storm.

One of those released reports tells of an incident in 1957 in which an American pilot stationed in the United Kingdom was ordered to shoot down a UFO that was registering on radar the size of an aircraft carrier. That pilot, Major Milton Torres, PhD, USAF (ret.) will describe and take questions about this incident.

Questions will also be taken by Dr. Roger Leir who will have revealed at X-Conference 2009 for the first time startling new evidence supporting the growing number (tens of thousands) of extraterrestrial contact accounts.

The European Exopolitics Summit 2009 will be a milestone in a growing international movement to command formal Disclosure by world governments of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. On this occasion the Disclosure movement's top leaders in Europe and North America will present at the four- star Hotel Fira Palace Barcelona.

Petition 111 PRG announced today a national petitioning process to bring about a political resolution to the UFO/extraterrestrial issue has entered a critical third phase. Between November 4, 2008 and May 31, 2009 thousands of American citizens sent letters, faxes and emails to the presidential transition headquarters and the White House calling for President Barack Obama to disclose to the American people what the government knows about an extraterrestrial explanation for the UFO phenomenon.

Jan. 8th 2010

Paradigm Research Group (PRG) announced today a renewed international effort to convince Barack Obama to end a 62-year truth embargo preventing formal government acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. Also renewed is pressure on the White House press corps to start asking appropriate questions and demand appropriate answers about connections between key members of the Democratic Party – Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, John Podesta, Leon Panetta and Bill Richardson – and the UFO/ET issue. See: **Rockefeller Initiative**

Since June 1, 2009 letters, faxes and emails from around the world have been sent to the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) insisting the reporters in the White House press corps begin asking politically related UFO/ET questions and receive appropriate answers. Samples of this correspondence can be viewed at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yb4wvay> and <http://tinyurl.com/62748k>

On the July 24, 2009 C-Span Morning Show White Press Secretary Robert Gibbs was asked about this correspondence which he declined to acknowledge. Subsequent queries to the WHCA from reporters such as Billy Cox of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* have also been ignored – no response.

In similar fashion thousands of letters, faxes and emails to the President Elect and the President since November 4, 2008 demanding Barack Obama end the truth embargo and call for congressional hearings on the UFO/ET issue have not been acknowledged by the White House – no response. Furthermore, the Citizen's Briefing Book generated during the transition by the Change.gov website was stripped of all UFO/ET related input to the Book prior to submission to the President. This is not acceptable. PRG executive director Stephen Bassett stated, "France, Denmark, Canada, Australia, Sweden, Brazil, Russia, the United Kingdom and other countries have recently released tens of thousands of UFO/ET related files into the public domain. The message to the U.S. is clear, 'If you do not end this truth embargo, one of us will.'" "Either Russia or China would benefit enormously by acting first on this issue," added Bassett.

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PRG In the News

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/articles/PRGarticles.html

PRG's advocacy work was featured in an extensive article by Timothy Lavin about Gorge Noory and Coast to Coast AM in the Jan/Feb issue of The Atlantic. PRG was also the focus of another article by Daniel Fromson in the Jan/Feb issue of Washington Monthly. If you like these articles, let the magazines know. They love feedback.

PRG Media Schedule

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html

Jan 23, 2010, Saturday, 10 am EST, [Universal Talk](#) w/ Joe Marra
Jan 23, 2010, Saturday, 11 pm EST, [Exopolitics Radio](#) w/ Alfred Webre
Jan 21, 2010, Thursday, 7 pm EST, Veritas Show w/ Mel Fabregas
Jan 20, 2010, Wednesday, 5 pm EST, [Matinee Madness](#) w/ Mike Montgomery

Open Minds Magazine

www.openminds.tv

The future of media will be integrated, cross promotional platforms. The ultimate example of such a multi-platform is: radio, television, website, print publication, online publication, all working together.

That is exactly what Open Minds Production out of Phoenix is about to accomplish when the print and online versions of Open Minds Magazine and Open Minds Television soon join the OM website and radio show already launched. The magazine is due to hit the news stands in a few weeks. Editor Maurizio Baiata has proven he can produce high production value publications and Open Minds Magazine will be of a kind with the late and much missed Omni Magazine - now collector's items.

PRG encourages all who care about UFO/ET and related issues to support this magazine. Look for it on the stands and tell your friends. It is going to represent our issues in stunning fashion.

First Contact TV

www.youtube.com/user/FirstContactTV

www.facebook.com/pages/First-Contact-TV/360893055076

The Internet is itself a multi-platform of media. A new HD television series is in development starring: Richard Dolan, Jaime Windon, Michael Lukowiak and Rob Simone. It's directed by John D'Auria. A Facebook page and YouTube channel are already up and running. Sign up and support this program as it utilizes the Internet to reach a worldwide audience.

The Sophia Project - University of Arizona Study

<http://lach.web.arizona.edu/sophia/index.htm>

The University of Arizona has announced it will be conducting a scientific study of individual claims of experiencing contact with non(physical)-human entities under the direction of Dr. Gary E. Schwartz. ET contactees will be included in the study.

PRG considers this a very significant development. The near absence of engagement of the UFO/ET issue by U.S. colleges and universities since the 1950's is perhaps the greatest intellectual failure in history. PRG's believes this will be the first time a university will formally study the contact/abduction phenomena. Dr. John Mack's work was done outside of Harvard with an affiliation back to Harvard through the Cambridge Hospital only because Mack was officed there. Temple University has never engaged the issue. It has just permitted Dr. David Jacobs to keep his job while doing his outside work plus a limited credit course. Dr. Leo Sprinkle was forced to retire from the U. of Wyoming over his outside contactee work.

Furthermore, a systematic effort to parse these accounts could be very revealing. All cultural history is filled with events interpreted by people within the context of what the person knows about the physical world. If someone sees an entity walk through a wall in their bedroom, why would they not consider that a "ghost experience?" But, alas, it is well reported that ET's can come through a wall.

Dr. Gary Schwartz has the stature of Mack and is fully aware of the ET presence. He attended the MIT abduction symposium in 1992 and is going to make sure the ET accounts are properly considered.

It also is worth noting the University of Arizona is where Dr. James E. McDonald worked right up until his suicide. Perhaps the circle is about to be closed at last.

National Declassification Center

<http://tinyurl.com/yjhh6om>

[From the White House Blog]

President Obama has issued a new executive order on Classified National Security Information that addresses the problem of over-classification in numerous ways and will allow researchers to gain timelier access to formerly classified records. Among the major changes are the following:

- * It establishes a National Declassification Center at the National Archives to enable agency reviewers to perform collaborative declassification in accordance with priorities developed by the Archivist with input from the general public.
- * For the first time, it establishes the principle that no records may remain classified indefinitely and provides enforceable deadlines for declassifying information exempted from automatic declassification at 25 years.
- * For the first time, it requires agencies to conduct fundamental classification guidance reviews to ensure that classification guides are up-to-date and that they do not require unnecessary classification.
- * It eliminates an Intelligence Community veto of certain decisions by the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel that was introduced in the Bush order.

Without question the first year of the Obama administration has been highly problematic. Much has gone wrong. However, in the background and with little attention from the media, efforts to serve the open, transparent promise of the campaign have been ongoing. This is just one example. PRG considers this new Executive Order to be very significant. The administration is building a platform upon which to serve a post-Disclosure reality. It is PRG's view Disclosure is still on the delayed agenda of the Democratic administration of Barack Obama.

Royal Society ET Life Conference

<http://royalsociety.org/Event.aspx?id=1887>

Vatican ET Astrobiology Conference

<http://tinyurl.com/yzxhb8t>

<http://tinyurl.com/y9oljtv>

It seems the study of ET life is on everyone's agenda these days.

On January 25-26, 2010 the prestigious, 350 year old Royal Society of London will conduct a conference on "The detection of extra-terrestrial life and the consequences for science and society." Confirmed speakers include: Simon

Conway Morris FRS, Dr Malcolm Fridlund, Paul Davies, Albert A Harrison, Ivan Almar, Michel Mayor, Dr Chris McKay, Charles Cockell, Dr. Kathryn Denning, Colin Pillinger CBE FRS, Ted Peters, Christian de Duve FRS, Dr Frank Drake, and Pascale Ehrenfreund. PRG considers this a timely move on the part of the Royal Society. Very stodgy academics with high opinions of themselves hate to be caught with their pants down and there are lot of pants out there at risk.

Of greater importance is the astrobiology symposium held at the Vatican during the first week of November 2009. Scientists from around the world convened to discuss essentially the same subject matter about to be taken up by the Royal Society. Father Jose Gabriel Funes, the director of the Vatican observatory, is leading the effort positioning the Catholic Church on the right side of the UFO/ET issue as disclosure draws near. Monsignor Corrado Balducci would be very pleased.

PRG Update - January 24, 2010

X-Conference 2010 - May 7-9 - National Press Club

www.x-conference.com

X-Conference 2010 has been scheduled for May 7-9 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The NPC is 2 blocks from the White House, 8 blocks from the Capitol and 15 blocks from nearly all national media covering Washington, DC. This improves the prospects of members of the White House or Congressional staffs or national political press attending the weekend lectures. PRG will also hold a press conference at the NPC on Monday morning.

Should any political staffers or press attend that weekend, it will send a strong message if they see the Main Ballroom of the NPC filled from balcony to balcony. So please consider attending this year during a very nice time for touring the nation's capital.

For those on Facebook please consider joining the X-Conference group page and invite your FB friends to join as well.

www.facebook.com/#/group.php?gid=260156013243&ref=ts

New Zealand Climbs on Board the Disclosure Train

www.stuff.co.nz/national/3255716/UFO-papers-to-be-made-public

Another nation has announced the release of UFO files from its archives. New Zealand now joins France, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico, and Russia.

And Let's Not Forget Chile

www.cefaa.cl/web/home.html

[Translated] The State Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGAC) has reactivated the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena, which analyzes unidentified flying objects (UFOs) from a scientific perspective. The Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena was created in 1997 but in recent years has kept a low profile due to a shortage of funds. The committee now has an annual budget of \$100,000.

The secretary general of the DGAC, Pablo Ortega, told reporters today that "there is more information, technology and international collaboration to study these anomalous phenomena" that affect flight operation and flight safety. He acknowledged that "there are photographs and reports from pilots who talk of situations that are worthy of being studied" by the committee, where they will work two experts in air traffic. The committee will be headed by retired officer of

the Air Force of Chile, Ricardo Bermudez. Ricardo Bermudez became interested in the phenomenon several years ago and has addressed it from a scientific standpoint.

And Then There's Brazil

<http://www.ufo.com.br/>

The former Brazil's Air Force minister S?rates Monteiro was interviewed by the Brazilian *UFO Magazine* and made astonishing statements about the action of extraterrestrial intelligences in the country.

Monteiro is retired from the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) for a number of years, but keeps his bounds with active militaries from various sectors of the Brazilian military. He has an extremely lucid memory of the major facts of his activities in the Air Force and ? of special interest to the Ufology ? about how the country handled with the matter during the time when he was on active duty. Like other ministers, before and after him, Monteiro also had access to sensitive information on the interaction of other cosmic species in Brazil, reporting a few cases.....

What are These?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8POHkMQg0Dw

This video and others like it are turning up. Anyone who thinks they know what is being seen here, please let PRG know?

Dr. Edgar Mitchell Speaks in the UK

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Apollo 14 astronaut and Disclosure advocate, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, will speak at St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School, Cutsyke Road, Featherstone, UK on Friday April 16, 2010 at 7:30pm local time. For more information email the above address.