

a Lure Control which would be an observation post for monitoring the responses of the aliens.

The Lure was based on the belief that the aliens are seeking interactive communication and that we should respond to their attempts to communicate with us.

Although revolutionary in its concept it is probably now outdated. Keyhoe's book was produced in 1973 when abduction or contactee claims were still treated with considerable suspicion by even mainstream Ufologists, let alone scientists, and this would have been seen as a rational and scientific alternative to abductions or contactees.

However, the upswell of such claims in recent years suggests that if aliens are involved in the UFO phenomenon then they are perfectly capable of arranging their own meetings as and when they seek to do so. Indeed, their abilities seem so wide ranging that the Lure begins to look like the equivalent of a child seeking to please his father by showing off a particularly nice building-bricks house and – as children do – believing that the father is receiving architectural instruction by looking at it.

Whatever the merits of the Lure, it is not a plan that has ever been put into operation, or at least no government has admitted doing so.

More recent statements by Ufologists and others suggest that the United States government and aliens have been working together for many years on a program of acclimatisation towards an overall exposure of the truth. These statements are viewed with some suspicion, not least because each pre-appointed day of some revelation passes with no event happening and also because factors outside Ufology suggest that if the aliens were going to entrust a massive secret to anybody, the United States government might not be the first on the list!

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MACARTHUR, GENERAL DOUGLAS

One of the most famous American generals, General Douglas MacArthur, is believed to have been involved in establishing the **Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit, (IPU)**, allegedly formed to investigate crashed and retrieved flying saucers.

In 1955 he made an astonishing statement for somebody in his position, and one which has led to intense speculation that the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit may have uncovered more than has been revealed. MacArthur stated: 'The nations of the world will have to unite for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the Earth must some day make a common front against attack by people from other planets.'

MCASHAN, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES

Lieutenant-Colonel James McAshan was one of a number of United States Air Force officers opposed to the official policy of **debunking** and cover up. He stated, 'In concealing the evidence of UFO operations the Air Force is making a serious mistake.'

MCDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

In the stories of crash retrievals, i.e. the retrieval of crashed flying saucers and dead aliens by governments and particularly the United States government, it is generally held that the discs and bodies are stored at **Wright Patterson Air Force Base**. However, other locations have been given for the retrieval of other discs in the past and McDill Air Force Base in Florida is one of the more prominent of these.

It has been speculated that public pressure for disclosure about crash retrievals centred on Wright Patterson, caused the authorities to move the material to McDill Air Force Base where some researchers believe it is still held.

MCDIVITT, ASTRONAUT JAMES

During *Gemini 4's* flight, astronaut James McDivitt reported seeing the appearance of a cylindrical-shaped object outside the space craft.

Although much has been made of this report, McDivitt has stated that it is not believed it was anomalous, i.e. that it was an 'ordinary' object he simply could not identify at the time.