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## ‘UFO Hacker’ Tells What He Found – After Hacking Into NASA Websites Where He Found Images of Extraterrestrial Spaceships

The search for proof of the existence of UFOs landed Gary McKinnon in a world of trouble.

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If you think [NASA](#) has more information about [UFOs](#) than they are letting on, then you are not alone. In fact, you are part of the majority. The US space agency and other space agencies are hiding information about alien spacecraft. This idea shows up, and has for years, in internet forums, social media, TV shows, memes, and movies. Almost as interesting as any special secret is why it is kept secret.

And for the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life, the answers run the gamut: they would cause too much peace, they would create too much chaos, they would give too much technology to too many people, or maybe they would just be a real disappointment. But it seems that what could be considered “alternative theories” could be real.

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It all started when a British hacker shared his findings after hacking into NASA files two decades ago. The United States tried to extradite Gary McKinnon after he gained access to NASA files and threatened the now 56-year-old former hacker with jail for more than 60 years.



After lengthy appeals, then-Interior Secretary Theresa May blocked McKinnon's extradition, and she has now spoken out about exactly what she found in NASA computers. In an interview with the British newspaper The Sun, McKinnon claimed to have unearthed "thousands" of images, one of which showed a cigar-shaped alien spacecraft. McKinnon gained access to the images between February 2001 and March 2002 and is sure the space agency is "covering up evidence of extraterrestrial life."

"It is a fact that there are objects that we do not understand that are flying in our skies, it is also a fact that there are scientific, intelligence and military departments that study these objects," McKinnon said. "I was absolutely stunned and those folders had thousands more images."

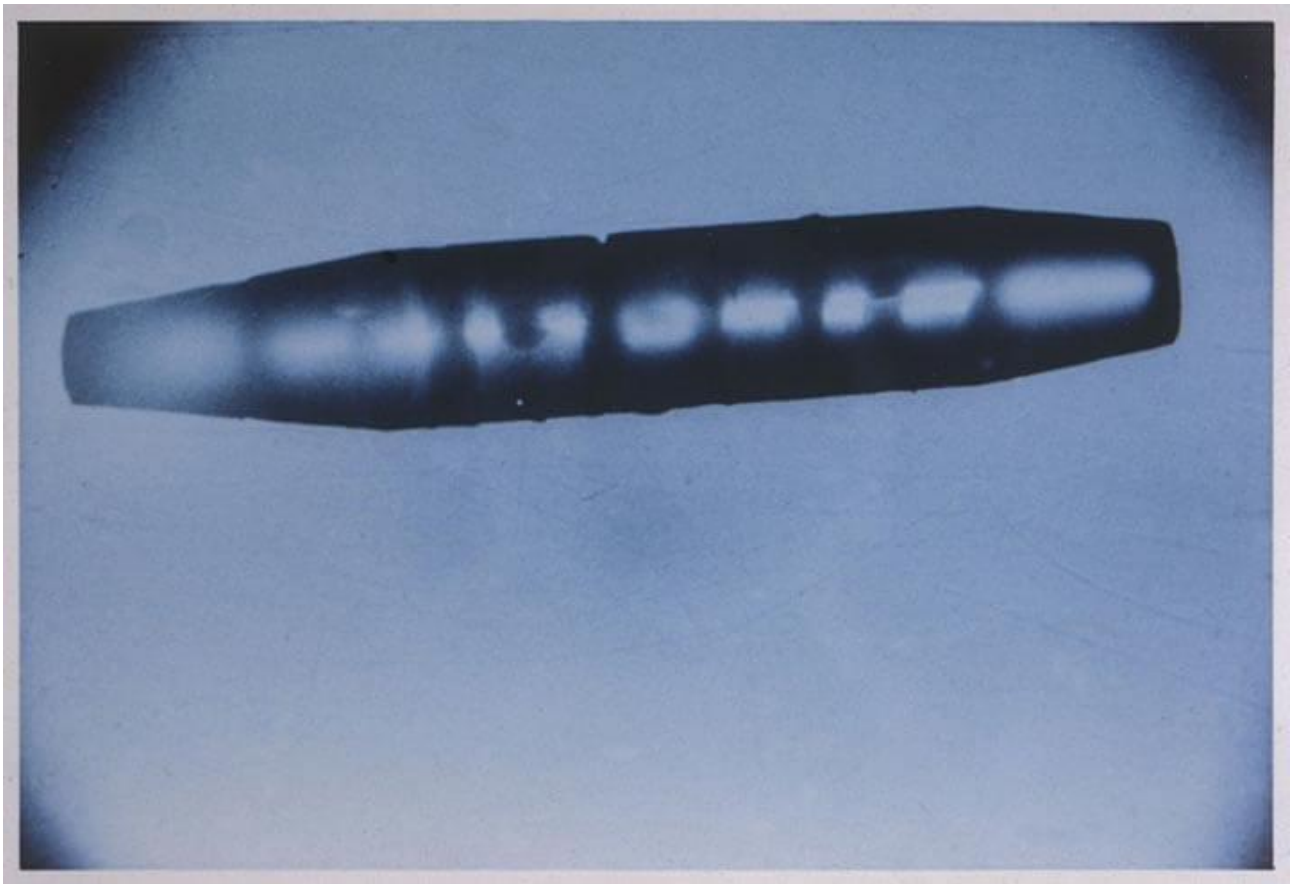
By order of US authorities, McKinnon was arrested in 2002 and then again in 2005, told that his hacking caused more than \$700,000 worth of damage. In blocking McKinnon's extradition in 2012, May cited McKinnon's Asperger syndrome and Keir Starmer, who was director of public prosecutions at the time, and confirmed that the hacker would not face charges in the UK.

McKinnon is certain that evidence of UFOs is being hidden in the US and was inspired to hack NASA files after Donna Hare, a former NASA worker, claimed that the space agency had been deleting UFO evidence images. In

an attempt to verify Hare's claim, McKinnon gained access to NASA files and claims to have seen four folders marked: Leaked; without filter; Processed; and unedited.



However, due to his slow Internet connection, McKinnon was only able to copy one image from the space agency's folders: the image of a cigar-shaped spaceship. Several media outlets, including The Sun, have attempted to contact NASA for comment, however, per his policy, they have not and will not respond.



Interestingly, last May, the US space agency announced that it would intensify its efforts to search for answers to UFOs. NASA confirmed it would assist US government investigations into the search for extraterrestrial life following the first Congressional hearings on 'Unexplained Aerial Phenomena' (UAP) in more than 50 years. However, McKinnon doesn't think the renewed interest will lead to much more disclosure, and he has questions about the motivations behind it.

"[The hearing] is not significant at all for disclosure, these hearings, panel discussions and the like are never fruitful for disclosure," McKinnon explained. "We must not forget the military mentality: the unknown is a threat or a potential tool to use. The disclosure comes from witnesses, not the military or the government, all they give us are lies."

The former hacker is convinced that the United States is covering up information about UFOs, either because the ships are so advanced that they are beyond human comprehension or because they have managed to extract secret technology from mysterious objects that they want to keep hidden.





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**Wired News:** What was your motive or inspiration for carrying out your computer hacking? Was it the War Games movie?

**Gary McKinnon:** This is a bit of a red herring. I have seen it but I wasn't inspired by it. My main inspiration was The Hacker's Handbook by Hugo Cornwall. The first edition that I read was too full of information.... It had to be banned, and it was reissued without the sensitive stuff in it.

**WN:** Without this book would you have been able to do it?

**McKinnon:** I would have done it anyway because I used the internet to get useful information. The book just kick-started me. Hacking for me was just a means to an end.

**WN:** In what way?

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

**WN:** Did you find anything in your search for evidence of UFOs?

**McKinnon:** Certainly did. There is The Disclosure Project. This is a book with 400 testimonials from everyone from air traffic controllers to those responsible for launching nuclear missiles. Very credible witnesses. They talk about reverse-(engineered) technology taken from captured or destroyed alien craft.

**WN:** Like the Roswell incident of 1947?

**McKinnon:** I assume that was the first and assume there have been others. These relied-upon people have given solid evidence.

**WN:** What sort of evidence?

**McKinnon:** A NASA photographic expert said that there was a Building 8 at Johnson Space Centre where they regularly airbrushed out images of UFOs from the high-resolution satellite imaging. I logged on to NASA and was able to access this department. They had huge, high-resolution images stored in their picture files. They had filtered and unfiltered, or processed and unprocessed, files.

My dialup 56K connection was very slow trying to download one of these picture files. As this was happening, I had remote control of their desktop, and by adjusting it to 4-bit colour and low screen resolution, I was able to briefly see one of these pictures. It was a silvery, cigar-shaped object with geodesic spheres on either side. There were no visible seams or riveting. There was no reference to the size of the object and the picture was taken presumably by a satellite looking down on it. The object didn't look manmade or anything like what we have created. Because I was using a Java application, I could only get a screenshot of the picture — it did not go into my temporary internet files. At my crowning moment, someone at NASA discovered what I was doing and I was disconnected.

I also got access to Excel spreadsheets. One was titled "Non-Terrestrial Officers." It contained names and ranks of U.S. Air Force personnel who are not registered anywhere else. It also contained information about ship-to-ship transfers, but I've never seen the names of these ships noted anywhere else.

**WN:** Could this have been some sort of military strategy game or outline of hypothetical situations?

**McKinnon:** The military want to have military dominance of space. What I found could be a game — it's hard to know for certain.

**WN:** Some say that you have given the UFO motivation for your hacking as a distraction from more nefarious activities.

**McKinnon:** I was looking before and after 9/11. If I had wanted to distract anyone, I would not have chosen ufology, as this opens me up to ridicule.

**WN:** Tell me about your experiences with law enforcement and the procedures you have gone through.

**McKinnon:** I was arrested by the British National Hi Tech Crime Unit in March 2002. They held me in custody for about six or seven hours. My own computer and ones I was fixing for other people were taken away. The other machines were eventually returned, but they kept my hard drive that was sent to the U.S. It was November 2002 when the U.S. Department of Justice started their efforts to extradite me.

**WN:** The British Crown Prosecution Service dropped charges against you because your activities did not involve British computers.

**McKinnon:** I was to be officially charged in 2003 but a warrant wasn't given until 2004.... In June or July 2005, I was scooped from the street by Scotland Yard. I was kept at Belgravia Police Station overnight. I just wore what I had on when I was out; I didn't get a chance to wear a suit in court. I was given police bail.

**WN:** When will they make a decision about extradition?

**McKinnon:** It's down to the Home Secretary, John Reid. The deadline for representations is 21 June 2006. Even after that date, it could be as much as 11 months for him to decide on my fate.

**WN:** How have you been coping?

**McKinnon:** God, it's very worrying and stressful. It's been worse because I'm unemployed. I worked on and off in IT, contracting and stuff, before this, but no one will touch me with a large barge pole now.

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