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(This remains an evolving database, and will be updated continuously. It was first published in May of 2022, and has been updated numerous times since then.)

According to NASA, “The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is responsible for unique scientific and technological achievements in human spaceflight, aeronautics, space science, and space applications that have had widespread impacts on our nation and the world. Forged in response to early Soviet space achievements, NASA was built on the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), and other government organizations, as the locus of U.S. civil aerospace research and development.”

The following is a large archive of internal NASA related UAP / UFO communications, consisting primarily of e-mails, along with their attachments.

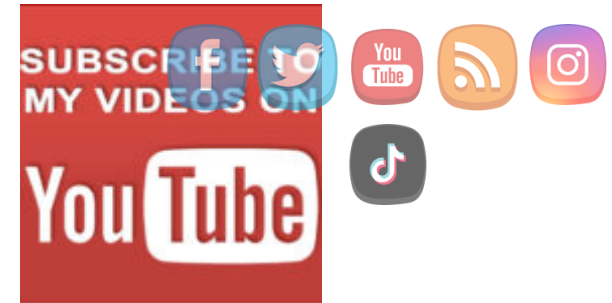
The cases are broken down below, along with links to the documents released.

The Black Vault has, in some cases, reported on documents within these releases through articles and on [The Black Vault's YouTube channel](#). Make sure you are subscribed to ensure you get notified of new videos, and the profiling of documents in the future.

NASA FOIA Case 22-HQ-F-00488

This particular case asked for:

All emails sent to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) NASA Administrator Bill Nelson (include ALL email addresses utilized by Mr. Nelson), which contain the following keywords:



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"Airborne Object"

and/or

AOIMSG

and/or

AOIMEXEC

and/or

"Unidentified Aerial"

The request only stipulated records dated December 1, 2021, to the date of processing the request, which was filed on April 22, 2022. This date was stipulated since previous FOIA requests were processed for records prior to this date.

There was one article that came up, circulated internally from The Guardian that caused a hit on the keyword, but this was public information. The key to this release, was a calendar invite that showed Director Bill Nelson had a meeting about UAP, organized by Special Assistant to the Administrator Kayla Ratnasamy.

Also indicated by the released records, the meeting included Alyssa Bias, who appears to be a #FOIA officer with Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).

No other names were connected to the invite on this release.

Why just GSFC?

 [22-HQ-F-00488](#) [17 Pages, 1.5MB]

NASA FOIA Case 21-HQ-F-00603

Note: This case is ongoing. The Black Vault has agreed to pay \$382.50 for an estimated 2,650 pages total. The remaining records other than the below are still being processed for released.

NASA FOIA Case 21-HQ-F-00603 consisted of asking for the following:

ALL emails, with any level of classification (list of NASA personnel below), which contain the following keywords:

“Unidentified Aerial” and/or

“Unidentified Flying” and/or

“UAP” and/or

“UFO” and/or

“Unidentified Spacecraft” and/or

“Unidentified aircraft” and/or

“UAPTF”

and requested a search of the following NASA personnel:

Invoice Summary

300 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20546


Requester Details		Requester Invoice	
Mr. John Greenwald Jr. Black Vault 27305 W. Live Oak Road Suite 1203 Corte Madera, CA 94934		Request No: 21-HQ-F-00603 Invoice No: 0000005418 Invoice Date: 03/06/2022 Requester Name: John Greenwald	


Fee Item	Quantity	Unit (\$)	Extended (\$)	Not Charged (\$)	Charged (\$)
COPY					
Scanned Copy	2,650.00	\$0.15	\$397.50	\$15.00	\$382.50
Administrative Cost			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Amount					\$382.50
Amount Paid					\$0.00
Balance Due (1/2 of total amount)					\$191.25

Screenshot of the invoice, with the agreed to pay amount and note of a deposit required


- *Mike Gold, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of International and Interagency Relations (November 2019 – May 2021)*
- *Joel Montalbano, International Space Station (ISS) Program Manager (January 1, 2020, through the date of processing the request)*
- *Margaret Kieffer, Director of the Export Control and Interagency Liaison Division (January 1, 2017 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Suzanne Gillen, Former Associate Administrator for Legislative Affairs (January 1, 2017 – January 20, 2021)*
- *Dr. Ravi Kumar Kopparapu, Research AST, Planetary Studies (August 1, 2015 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Sandra E. Connelly, Deputy Associate Administrator (January 1, 2020 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Karen Feldstein, Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations (January 1, 2016 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Dr. Michael New, Deputy Associate Administrator for Research (June 1, 2018 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Dr. Paul Hertz, Astrophysics Division Director (April 1, 2000 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Bhavya Lal, Senior Advisor for Budget and Finance (January 1, 2020 – the date of processing this request)*
- *Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA Science Associate Administrator (June 11, 2021 – the date of processing this request)*

Interim Release #1 – No records release, only acknowledgement of request

 [Interim Release #2](#) [39 Pages, 0.8MB] – Emails to/from Joel Montalbano, Sandra Connelly, Margaret Kieffer and Bhavya Lal.

 [Interim Release #3](#) [174 Pages, 5.4MB] – More emails to/from Sandra Connelly, Margaret Kieffer, and Bhavya Lal.

 [Interim Release #4](#) [75 Pages, 1.5MB] – Emails to/from Margaret Kieffer and Karen Feldstein.

 [Interim Release #5](#) [375 Pages, 18MB] – Emails to/from Ravi Kumar Kopparapu. *NOTE: NASA released some Google Document links I opted to redact in orange. I chose to do so because at the time of publishing these documents, I believe it was a mistake. The document from what I can tell was not public; was not a NASA product; and offered editing privileges. The rest is unedited.*

NASA FOIA Case 21-HQ-F-00506

This particular case asked for:

ALL emails sent to/from, bcc'd or cc'd, NASA administrator Bill Nelson which contain the following keywords:

“Unidentified Aerial”

and/or

“Unidentified Flying”

and/or

“UAP”

and/or

“UFO”

and/or

“Unidentified Spacecraft”

and/or

“Unidentified aircraft”

This request had only one responsive record. A new request was filed on June 22, 2022, to cover dates for the past year. Those results are below.

 [21-HQ-F-00506](#) [17 Pages, 1.5MB]

NASA FOIA Case 22-HQ-F-00667

This particular case asked for:

ALL emails sent to/from, bcc'd or cc'd, NASA administrator Bill Nelson which contain the following keywords:

“AOIMSG”

and/or

AOIMEXEC

and/or

"Unidentified Aerial"

and/or

"Unidentified Flying"

and/or

"UAP"

and/or

"UFO"

and/or

"Unidentified Spacecraft"

and/or

"Unidentified aircraft"

This request also yielded two UFO videos sent to NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, from a private citizen.
Here is the story behind that and the videos:

NASA FOIA Request Turns Up Two UFO Videos Sent to Administrator Bill Nel...



Download the videos:

[16_Nasa_Starcruiser.mp4](#)

[17_STS-114_Original.mp4](#)


NASA FOIA Case 22-HQ-F-00140

NASA FOIA Case 22-HQ-F-00140 asked for the following:

"... emails sent to or from, bcc'd or cc'd, Senior Advisor to the NASA Administrator Randy Cruz which contain the following keywords: "Unidentified Aerial" and/or, "Unidentified Flying" and/or, "UAP" and/or, "UFO" and/or, "Unidentified Spacecraft" and/or, "Unidentified aircraft" and/or, "UAPTF" dated 8/01/2018 to 07/31/2021."

The request yielded more than 1,100 pages of material. After the first release, the case was closed with 247 pages being referred to the Department of Navy for review and release. That case is still ongoing.

Document Archive

 [Release #1](#) [1,135 Pages, 3.6MB] – Note: There are many NASA Morning Briefing emails in this release, which in part, will be unresponsive to this request. However, there are still many gems hidden throughout, including one never-before-heard-of event, seen below.

"Extreme Acceleration by UAPs" Event

"Extreme Acceleration by UAPs" Event Found in NASA's Internal UFO Commu...



One particular revelation from the above release, was the discovery of an October 6, 2020, virtual event with the title, "Extreme Acceleration by UAPs." It was said to be a presentation given by Robert Powell, founder of the [Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies](#) (SCU), along with Christopher Mellon, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, delivering introductory remarks.

At first glance, it appeared to may be just an event held by [SCU](#), and Michael Gold, Former Associate Administrator for Space Policy and Partnerships, was sent an unsolicited invitation. However, at closer glance, you can see that Gold received the invitation from a Rich Coleman, and in the signature line, he signed it as the President of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Association. Gold then sent it to Randy Cruz, Senior Advisor to the NASA Administrator, saying "I just got this but FYI if you're interested in attending..."

When researching this Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Association group, nothing is really found that connects to this group online nor are there any references to it. However, Richard Coleman, along with Alexandra Hale who also appeared in the signature block as the Vice President of the group, do run an organization known as the [Space Transportation Association](#) (STA) with the same titles. According to their website, the STA is “dedicated to supporting policies that advance robust, affordable space transportation for NASA, DOD, and commercial markets.”

There is no contact information on STA’s website, but The Black Vault reached out to Powell and Mellon for comment on the 2020 event.

According to Powell, this was “not a public event.” In addition, he said , “There were 41 people at the presentation,” but declined to name any who attended nor would confirm if they were from the government or military. The only information he gave on the attendees was that they “...were not from the world of ufology.”

When Mellon was asked by The Black Vault for comment, only minimal information was received in return. The first response was that his “plans changed” insinuating that he did not attend the event. He also called the document a “nothing burger.”

The Black Vault followed up to confirm that he definitely did not attend, and if the introductory remarks were given by someone else, but Mellon only responded with, “...not ringing a bell.”

Powell was asked to confirm Mellon’s attendance, but declined to answer.

NASA was also asked by The Black Vault on whether their personnel attended on official business, but they declined to comment stating that Gold, Cruz and NASA Director at the time James Bridenstine no longer were at the agency, and they would need to be contacted directly for confirmation.

Attempts were made to contact the three individuals, but as of the writing of this article, no responses were received.

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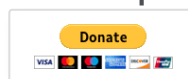
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