

The UFO Whistleblower Hearing

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The United States Congress's House Oversight Committee was established "to ensure the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the federal government and all its agencies."⁴ Within its structure is the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs.⁵ This subcommittee decided to convene a UFO hearing, suggesting that national security, public safety, and government transparency are at stake.

Rumors of pressure from Pentagon brass against the hearing, NASA officials pulling out, AARO rejecting participation, and potential witnesses not clearing their political backgrounds with the Committee's investigator's check, overshadowed the preliminary proceedings of the meeting.⁶

We don't know whether to label it as ridiculous or shameful. Under the guise of a bipartisan initiative, the real scenario is a group of mostly Republican politicians seemingly trying to undermine the Democrat administration, using the tenuous pretext of UFOs this time around.⁷ Whether they are naive, misinformed, driven by ideology, or simply gullible remains unclear.

Three individuals testified on July 26, 2023, before those United States Congress lawmakers.^{8,9} Two of them, D. Fravor and R. Graves, have extensively discussed their UFO experiences on TV shows and in interviews over the years. The third, D. Grusch, has recently risen to media prominence with a slew of sensational—and certainly fantastical—claims. So, the immediate and pressing question is: did they reveal anything new? The simple answer is no. Matter-of-factly, all that effort was pointless. To begin with, what was the intention of this hearing? First and foremost, it was an attempt to highlight alleged secrecy and lack of transparency by the U.S. Government on the UFO subject.

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⁴ <https://oversight.house.gov/about/>

⁵ <https://oversight.house.gov/subcommittee/national-security/>

⁶ Matt Laslo, Ask A Pol website

⁷ For example, here is an extract from the introduction by Mr. Glenn Grothman, Chairman (R-WI): "...despite these offices being established [AARO and the NASA independent study], there lies a pressing demand for government transparency and accountability ... The Biden administration handling of the Chinese spy balloon that violated US. Air space is one example how the government is not prepared for these. The Biden Administration's description of events has shown that the government continues not to be forthright ... Yet we have seen little clarity from the Biden administration. We must demand transparency from the Department of Defense, our intelligent community, and our defense industry on the UAP work."

⁸ Hearing online viewing: <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/unidentified-anomalous-phenomena-implications-on-national-security-public-safety-and-government-transparency/>

⁹ Hearing transcript: <https://picdataset.com/ai-news/full-transcript-of-subcommittee-hearing-on-unidentified-anomalous-phenomena/>

Then, to excite the audience of the pro-UFO movement by affirming that UFOs (UAP as they are called today, after the terms flying saucer and UFO lost their novelty) persistently pose threats to US national security. The UFO narrative has been in the spotlight in the last few years in the United States, and the topic generates interest, with critiques of the Government's cover-up being particularly palatable to the public.

The two-hour and 17-minute hearing can be summarized as follows:

(1) Retired US Navy Commander and longtime UFO enthusiast, David Fravor, once again detailed his first-hand, well-known UFO sighting on November 14, 2004, while dispatched from the USS Nimitz carrier, 110 miles off San Diego, California. He described a "tic-tac" shaped UFO that moved in a way that baffled aviators. Infrared airborne footage related to this event was released in 2017. The footage was initially claimed to demonstrate unusual flight characteristics, such as sharp acceleration. However, experts have since dismissed these claims and assessed the object in the video as likely being a conventional aircraft.^{10,11,12}

(2) Former military pilot Ryan Graves was flying an F-18 near Jacksonville, Florida on January 21, 2015, operating from the USS Roosevelt carrier, when another of the three infamous "Navy UAP FLIR videos" was captured, colloquially referred to as "Gimbal." The footage displays a peculiar rotation of the target that puzzled the pilots. However, experts have shown this rotation to be an artifact of the gimbal mechanism¹³ used for tracking the target, and they believe the footage merely depicts a conventional aircraft.^{14,15} Graves did not record this video, as he was in a different plane at the time, but he claims to have seen the "fleet of UFOs" when viewing recorded video on the radar screen, some time after the incident. Furthermore, he has reported a few second-hand sightings of UFOs that resemble a black cube enclosed in a transparent sphere. During his testimony, which was replete with second-hand accounts, he shared that a colleague once nearly collided with a UFO.

¹⁰ J. Plaza del Olmo, "The FLIR1 Video," https://www.academia.edu/45588364/The_FLIR1_video

¹¹ Mick West, "Nimitz FLIR1 "tic tac" UFO video – No Sudden Moves!," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1di0Xla9RQ>

¹² Luke M. Herrington, "Cutting the Chaff: Overlooked Lessons of Military UAP Sightings for Joint Force and Interagency Coordination," National Defense University Press, July 7, 2023, <https://ndupress.ndu.edu/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/3447233/cutting-the-chaff-overlooked-lessons-of-military-uap-sightings-for-joint-force/>

¹³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gimbal>

¹⁴ Mick West, "Gimbal UFO – A new analysis," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsEjV8DdSbs>

¹⁵ On the same day, during the COMPTUEX military exercise, another U.S. Navy pilot captured video footage of a different UFO, later named "Go Fast". During NASA's UAP live-streamed meeting in May 2023, Dr. Joshua Semeter, a professor of computer engineering and director of the Center for Space Physics at Boston University, analyzed the footage. Contrary to the initial belief that the object was flying low and fast, Dr. Semeter concluded that it was actually at a high altitude and moving slowly, characteristics consistent with a balloon. Refer to: V.J. Ballester Olmos and Chris Aubeck, "The Needle in the Haystack: Reflections on the NASA UAP Meeting, May 2023" https://www.academia.edu/103389571/The_Needle_in_the_Haystack_Reflections_on_the_NASA_UAP_Meeting_May_2023

Experience in factual UFO investigation has repeatedly shown the following sequence: a pilot reports encountering a UFO during flight. Many, wrongly assuming that pilots are exceptional observers, are left stunned. Indeed, when a pilot with countless hours in advanced fighter jets recounts an event of such scale and apparent drama, it resonates strongly, particularly to laypeople. But when the sighting undergoes thorough and impartial scrutiny, the object often gets identified as an airplane, balloon, drone, bird, or planet. The pilot or the equipment simply erred. It's undeniable that individuals from all walks of life—farmers, clergy, military personnel, and so on—observe objects or lights in the sky they cannot identify, usually due to their limited knowledge or other causes. Pilots are no exception; they can both mis-observe and misreport. Over 1,300 UFO sightings by pilots are recorded in the annals of ufology. However, dispassionate research proves that well-documented and properly briefed air encounters tend to lead to full rational explanations, or reasonably match naturally occurring phenomena or man-made objects. Those that remain debatable are likely due to a lack of comprehensive information. For example, the latest examination of the most comprehensive database of airborne UFO sightings, where 55 cases were meticulously reviewed, produced the following findings:¹⁶

Explanation	Number
FIREBALL	13
ASTRONOMICAL	11
SPACE REENTRY	10
MISSILE	9
BALLOON	8
AIRCRAFT	1
SATELLITE	1
BARIUM CLOUD	1
SUBSUN	1

(3) David Grusch, a former intelligence officer, “member of the UAP Task Force from 2019 to 2021¹⁷ and ... from 2021 to April 2023 at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency,” allegedly reporting to the UAPTF and AARO.¹⁸ Recently, Grusch has shot to media fame by amazing claims such as that the United States possesses several extraterrestrial craft resulting from crashes and have been covertly reverse-engineering their technology for years. The current hearing was keenly awaited, with bated breath, as many wondered what new details he might divulge to the congressmen and congresswomen, eagerly assembled for this very testimony, in the company of two opening acts? On a side note, Grusch was backed-up by two fellow guardians of the faith: George T. Knapp, an American television journalist, conspiracy theorist and believer in the paranormal, and Jeremy Corbell, a documentary filmmaker who accessed UFO footage leaked from the

¹⁶ Tim Printy, “The Weinstein Catalog: Ufological Bullion or Fool’s Gold?” in V.J. Ballester- Olmos & Richard W. Heiden (eds.), *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR (Turin), 2023, <http://www.upiar.com/index.cfm?artID=201>

¹⁷ Surprisingly, this employment at the UAPTF is not included in his bio:

<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/GO06/20230726/116282/HHRG-118-GO06-Bio-GruschD-20230726.pdf>

¹⁸ U.S. Navy’s UAPTF (2018-2020), DoD’s UAPTF (Aug 2020-2021), DoD’s AOIMSG (Nov 2021-2022), and DoD’s AARO (July 2022 to date).

UAPTF, promptly broadcasted as evidence of extraterrestrial presence, only to be later debunked by down-to-earth analysts.¹⁹

The core of his declaration is the existence of a “multi decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program” in the United States, to which very conveniently he was denied access when requested it. He stated he had “personal knowledge” of people harmed or injured in efforts to cover up extraterrestrial technology, but when pressed for details by Anna P. Luna (R-FL), he simply talked about “concerns based on the interviews I conducted.” Grusch affirmed he personally “suffered retaliation” because of his decision to report to his superiors. When cross-examined, he described it as “brutal and very unfortunate.” He avoided elaborating so as not to compromise a whistleblower investigation against him that was underway. However, he noted the existence of an “active, planned reprisal activity against myself ... from certain senior leadership at previous agencies I was associated with,” which he called “administrative terrorism.”²⁰ He also shared the belief that people had been murdered by concealing alien secrets, and said: “I directed *people with that knowledge* to the appropriate authorities.” [Our emphasis] Additionally, he mentioned hostile activity caused by alien technology to humans. He reiterated his vague claim about the Government’s “multidecade campaign to disenfranchise public interest” in UFOs.

Grusch labeled his belief that the Government is in possession of UAPs as “absolute” (based on ... “interviewing over 40 witnesses over four years.”) He applied the term “non-human” to alleged U.S. Government awareness of alien evidence occurring since the “1930s” (incidentally, this is something that scholarly ufologists had written off as a fake years ago.)^{21,22} Particularly, when Nancy Mace (R-SC) naively asked if we have the bodies of pilots of this craft, he affirmed that “biologics came with some of these recoveries. Yeah ... Non-human, and that was the assessment of *people ... I talked to* that are currently still on the program.” [Our emphasis]

Grusch also presented theoretical arguments to offset the awkward issue of saucer crashes, raised by Congressman Eric Burlison (R-MO) during an excellent interrogation: “multi dimensionality ... the framework ... called the Holographic Principle. It both derives itself from general relativity and quantum mechanics ... you can be projected from higher dimensional space to lower dimensional.” Clearly, this individual is deeply immersed in

¹⁹ The influence of these people on some congressmen’s background is profoundly alarming. From the statement by Mr. Tim Burchett (R-TN): “I know I saw it in the crowd there. George Knapp. My buddy. Jeremy Corbell. They’re not witnesses, but they’ve provided some statements on this subject. And I seek unanimous consent to enter those statements into the record.” From our perspective, the information provided to the House seems dangerously biased.

²⁰ Compare the opposite treatment received by the two pilots (actual UFO witnesses) and Mr. Grusch. At the question by Mr. Jamie Raskin (D-MD), Ranking Member of the Oversight Committee: “Can you describe your experience after you decided to come forward and go public with your experience?” Graves simply decided to report his own experience without any further problem, and Fravor was treated “very well.” Only a stigma for liars?

²¹ Giuseppe Stilo, “Fascisti su Marte,” *UFO*, August 2003, pp 32-39, <http://www.cisu.org/files-ufo-fascisti-no-grazie/> English translation: <http://www.cisu.org/fascist-ufo-files-no-thank-you/>

²² Massimiliano Grandi, “I “files fascisti” sotto esame,” *UFO*, July 2004, pp. 44-47, <http://www.cisu.org/files-ufo-fascisti-il-parere-dellarchivista/> English translation: <http://www.cisu.org/fascist-ufo-files-a-professional-archivists-opinion/>

the concepts found in hypothetically speculative papers produced by the AAWSAP.²³ This person is materially living in Wonderland! Few specifics can be found in Grusch's discourse, which conveniently shields him from direct rebuttal. However, he did mention something about saucer recoveries that can be ascertained or refutable: "the recoveries predate a lot of our advanced programs."

From our perspective, the overarching tone of the majority of Republican comments was one of credulity, likely swayed by recent media narratives. For us, the standout portion of the hearing was when Mr. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL) stepped in, bringing a higher level of rigor and skepticism to the proceedings. He presented pointed questions that could get Grusch into trouble if his replies were finally proved false. Grusch found a way out, though, by frequently claiming that the information in question was "confidential." For instance:

Q: ... have you met with people with direct knowledge ... of non-human origin craft?

A: Yes, I personally *interviewed* those individuals. [Our emphasis]

Q: ... have you met with people with direct knowledge ... about advanced technologies that the US Government has?

A: I was *briefed* to the preponderance of the Defense Department's, both space and aerospace compartment of programs.

Q: Do you have knowledge that there are programs in the advanced tech space that are unsanctioned?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: ...when you say that they're above congressional oversight, what do you mean?

A: Complicated question ... there's some I would call it abuse here ... congressional oversight of conventional special access programs. So I'll use title 10 ... However, the Gang of Eight is ... supposed to be notified if a ... unacknowledged SAP is created ...

Q: I don't want to cut you off, but how does a program like that get funded?

A: I will give you generalities. I can get very specific in a closed session. But misappropriation of funds, and, Q: does that mean that there is money in the budget that is said to go to a program, but it doesn't, and it goes to something else?

A: Yes, I have specific knowledge of that.

Q: Do you think US Corporations are overcharging for certain tech they're selling to the US Government and that additional money is going to programs?

A: Correct. Through something called IR&D. [Independent Research & Development]

Q: Let's talk about satellite imagery ... do you have direct knowledge ... that there are satellite imagery of these events?

A: ... I personally reviewed both [at NGIA] what we call overhead collection and from other strategic and tactical platforms that were I could not even explain prosaically...

Q: ... Crash imagery?

A: I can't discuss that in an open session.

Q: Do you have any information that the US government is involved in a disinformation campaign to deny the existence of certain UAPs?

A: I can't go beyond what I've already stated publicly in my News Nation interview because it touches other sensitivities.

Grusch's prepared statement raised several questions, but his responses were consistently evasive, often resorting to a go-to phrase: "I can't discuss that publicly" (not

²³ A precursor to the UAPTF. DIA's Defense Warning Office, Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Application Program (AAWSAP, nicknamed AATIP) funded with \$ 22 mils, outsourced to Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAAS), 2008-2012, an output of 38 Defense Intelligence Reference Documents (DIRD), <https://www.documentcloud.org/app?q=%2Bproject%3Adia-files-207723%20>

to mention his pretentious style of replying to simple questions).²⁴ His laconic responses often left an aura of mystery. Essentially, his main excuse for not divulging more information was that he could “go to jail for revealing classified information,” even though he had already discussed the matter in TV interviews.

Examination of his testimony under oath reveals that it is based on information given to him by third parties. When asked whether he saw the spacecraft and the bodies, his answer was either non-committal or negative. He did not share any piece of the “compelling evidence” he claims to have received, and he did not name any sources, timing, or locations, either. We are confident this gentleman trusts his sources. However, we question the legitimacy of their claims and seriously doubt that his bold statements hold any merit. Notably, the legend of UFO crashes and alien bodies in the custody of the United States has been a longstanding narrative in UFO literature, filled with countless uncorroborated and unverified tales.²⁵

On the oft-discussed topic of stigma, the three “witnesses” were specifically asked if they faced any repercussions from their superiors after reporting their encounters with a UAP. Both pilots Fravor and Graves answered “No”. Star witness Grusch had to reply: “I’ve actually never seen anything personally.” A witness of what, then? Of hearsay and rumors, as will be proved when it is duly investigated.

Reflecting on this hearing, one might have anticipated a more skeptical stance from the Congress representatives. Ideally, lawmakers should uphold a degree of discernment and criticality. However, they appeared merely to seek validation of the assertions already made by their “witnesses”, seldom challenging or interrogating their statements. Whenever Grusch was pressed for details, he demurred. No one censured him even when he made grave accusations about “harmful and aggressive activity” and “colleagues allegedly injured” by both the UAPs and the “Federal Government”. How can elected officials remain so unperturbed when presented with such alarming claims?

These politicians must possess an extraordinary level of resilience to calmly endure Grusch's public derision. He basically said, “I can't give information in public.” Then why was he even summoned to testify? Grusch openly ridiculed the Congress members with palpable arrogance. He loves to show he is privy to unique information. The simple, straightforward question: do you believe our government has made contact with intelligent extraterrestrials? is answered as “Something I can't discuss in public setting.” It's a classic case of casting aspersions and then evading responsibility.

The ill-designed hearing was clearly redundant and ineffective. This wasn't solely because the UFO stories shared by the three testifying witnesses were already public knowledge, but also because the stated goal—that the Government establishes a

²⁴ For example. Question: “if we wanted to find out more ... where would we go to find the files?” Answer: “I could potentially give you a vector on that.” Or when using “my personal leadership” instead of “me.” Come on, dude!

²⁵ Leonard H. Stringfield, “Retrievals of the Third Kind: A case study of alleged UFOs and occupants in military custody,” in Walter H. Andrus (ed.), *MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, (Seguin, Texas), 1978, pp 77-105, <https://es.scribd.com/document/298409397/1978-Mufon-Symposium#>

protocol for safely reporting UFO sightings—had previously been announced as the primary objectives of the DoD’s All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO). Indeed, the Pentagon’s UFO department had designated this objective as the "authorized reporting mechanism and public guidance," originally scheduled for rollout in March 2023.²⁶

But as a reader, you would rightly ask us: what's our assessment of these sworn statements? Regarding pilot-related UFO incidents, we've already established that after 76 continuous years of sightings—from land, air, and space—no presented case has proved to be irreconcilable with human-made flying vehicles. True evidence isn't mere chatter: it is tangible proof. And such irrefutable proof is noticeably absent. We understand the power of dreams. But certain dreams do not come true.

As for Grusch's grandiose declarations, they're questionable and problematic. They boil down to mere hearsay. He just relayed claims told to him by others. Nothing presented is verifiable, with no palpable or documented evidence. It’s clear that he had been fed false information that he has uncritically accepted. We perceive this as a monumental misstep by the U.S. Congress in their dealings with the UFO subject, UFO proponents, the UFO lobby in the American Congress, impressionable politicians, and a media frantically pursuing viewership. Yet a seemingly pyrrhic victory by Grusch and the UAP lobby, who've momentarily secured a potent platform for such baseless testimonies. But time puts everyone in their place.

What has this session truly accomplished? It has merely amplified a set of extravagantly dubious claims. Claims that AARO must now meticulously dissect and disprove. Could this be the reason behind the delay of their 2022 annual report, initially expected in July 2023? The Pentagon spokeswoman Sue Gough rapidly challenged Grusch’s allegations by specifically stating that the Pentagon does not have “any verifiable information to substantiate claims that any programs regarding the possession or reverse-engineering of extraterrestrial materials have existed in the past or exist currently.”²⁷ This aligns with the official statement from the Pentagon when these allegations first emerged in early June 2023.²⁸ (See “Pentagon Response” caption below).

We wouldn't certainly want to be in Dr. Kirkpatrick's shoes, but an immediate response has been released that places AARO on a collision course with Grusch's unsubstantiated claims.²⁹ Indeed, 24 hours later, AARO’s chief released a compelling letter defending his team’s transparency and setting the record straight. As couldn’t be otherwise, this was

²⁶ V.J. Ballester Olmos, “The Pentagon UAP Study 2023,”

https://www.academia.edu/99475636/THE_PENTAGON_UAP_STUDY_2023

²⁷ Nomaan Merchant and Tara Copp, *Time*, July 29, 2023, <https://time.com/6299432/the-ufo-congressional-hearing/>

²⁸ NewsNation, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSj7QsHRxHQ>, June 6, 2023.

²⁹ Tim McMillan and Micah Hanks, *The Debrief*, July 28, 2023, <https://thedebrief.org/director-of-pentagons-uap-investigations-challenges-claims-made-in-recent-uap-hearing/>

defined both by Dr. Kirkpatrick and by the Pentagon as “personal opinions” expressed in his capacity as a private citizen.³⁰ (See “Hearings and Transparency” document).

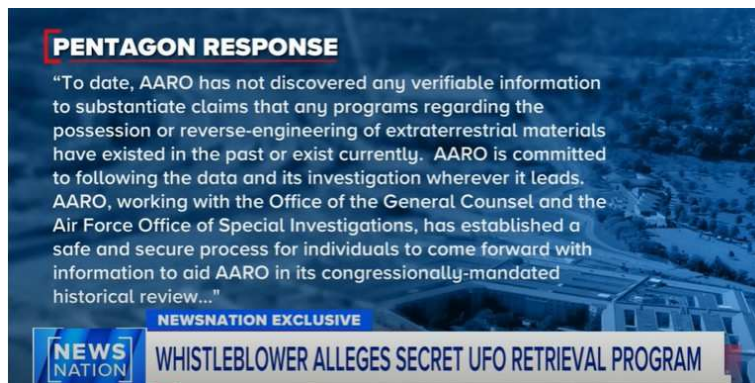
The most remarkable words by Kirkpatrick are that the “central source ... [certainly Grusch] has refused to speak with AARO” and that “the information reportedly provided to the Congress has not been provided to AARO”. Kirkpatrick is crystal clear saying that they have not yet found any evidence of secret programs or evidence about the recovered crafts and biological remains claimed during the hearings.

An accurate recap for the depositions of the three declarants appears in a chat between Mick West and Steven Greenstreet:³¹

David Fravor: he claimed to have had a 5-minute encounter with the “Tic Tac” UFO while flying off San Diego, but his wing pilot, Alex Anne Dietrich, twittered it was just an “8-10 seconds visual.”

Ryan Graves: he did not see a UFO himself. Updated radar systems implemented in their aircraft during 2014-2015 detected anomalies “every day” when in the W-72 military training area off the coast of Virginia. Sightings of a “cube inside a clear sphere” could be smaller Chinese spy balloons from nearby Cuba.

David Grusch: “very disappointing ... he did not say anything new.. A second-hand or n-hand testimony. As for most congresspeople: “they did not understand the situation.”



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³⁰ Howard Altman, The War Zone, “Pentagon UFO Boss Fires Back At Whistleblower Allegations,” July 28, 2023, <https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/pentagon-ufo-boss-fires-back-at-whistleblower-allegations>

³¹ <https://youtu.be/EDyZv3D3ws>

Hearings and Transparency

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Let me begin by saying that the following are my own personal observations and opinions, which do not necessarily represent official DoD or IC positions.

Yesterday, the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held an open hearing on UAP during which a government cover-up of extraterrestrials was alleged. I wholeheartedly applaud Congressional efforts to get to the truth about what UAP are and the risks to both pilot safety and national security. I am also absolutely committed to transparency on both the historical mission and the operational mission.

As the Director of AARO's amazingly talented, devoted, and highly motivated team, however, I cannot let yesterday's hearing pass without sharing how insulting it was to the officers of the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community who chose to join AARO, many with not unreasonable anxieties about the career risks this would entail, that have been working diligently, tirelessly, and often in the face of harassment and animosity, to satisfy their Congressionally-mandated mission. They are truth-seekers, as am I. But you certainly would not get that impression from yesterday's hearing.

AARO was established, by law, to investigate the allegations and assertions presented in yesterday's hearing. Allegations by its witnesses of retaliation, to include physical assault and hints of murder, are extraordinarily serious, which is why law enforcement is a critical member of the AARO team, specifically to address and take swift action should anyone come forward with such claims. Yet, contrary to assertions made in the hearing, the central source of those allegations has refused to speak with AARO. Furthermore, some information reportedly provided to Congress has not been provided to AARO, raising additional questions about the true commitment to transparency by some Congressional elements.

The Subcommittee, whose questions and oversight duties are irreproachable and in genuine need of answers, has never asked AARO for an update on the reporting system, the historical review, the operations, and the S&T strategy that AARO leads and is undertaking. A rational person watching the hearing might reasonably assume that both the witnesses and the members had an understanding of the Department's and the IC's progress since the establishment of AARO around this time last year, only naturally leading them to conclude that AARO has been ineffective, non-transparent, and delinquent in its legislated mission. AARO briefs the Defense and Intel committees regularly, and since the last NDAA, the Homeland Defense, S&T and several other committees as well.

I am deeply disappointed at the denigration of AARO's dedicated men and women hailing from the Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, and Civil partners who are pouring their hearts out working this issue on the behalf of Congress. AARO has the authorities and resources necessary to execute this mission to meet Congressional intent, and as we've stated before, AARO welcomes anyone with knowledge of any of these allegations or programs to talk to us in a safe, secure, and appropriately cleared environment. Rest assured, AARO will follow the data wherever it leads.

Finally, to be clear, AARO has yet to find any credible evidence to support the allegations of any reverse engineering program for non-human technology. Also, to be clear, none of the whistleblowers from yesterday's hearing ever worked for AARO or was ever a representative to AARO, contrary to statements made in testimony and in the media.

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<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/pentagon-ufo-boss-fires-back-at-whistleblower-allegations>)