





THE BIGELOW FOUNDATION:
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Introduction

Prior to the Bigelow Chair in Consciousness Studies at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), before the Consciousness Research Laboratory at UNLV, and before the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) in Las Vegas, there was the Bigelow Foundation².

During the summer of 1992, I had a telephone conversation with Nevada hotel developer Robert Bigelow and we discussed my going to work for him and his new Foundation. Bigelow proposed setting up a Chair of Anomalies Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His goal was to set up a laboratory at the university to coordinate with the Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research (PEAR) Laboratory at Princeton University, to replicate their human-computer interaction and remote perception work. Having worked at PEAR for five years^{3,4}, I was to be the liaison between the two labs and would travel between Nevada and New Jersey.

However, this plan was never put into action and my role at the Foundation took a different and interesting turn. Bigelow was interested in many other areas of anomalies research including UFOs, abductions, and crop circles and it was these areas that we investigated when I joined the Foundation as Research Coordinator in 1992.

In preparation for my position, I attended the annual Mutual UFO Network Symposium in Albuquerque, NM and interacted with the speakers included Linda Moulton-Howe, Dick Haines, Jacques Vallee, Stanton Friedman, Budd Hopkins and many others. Specific topics ranged from UFO sightings, foreign research, physiological effects, abductions, MJ-12, and crop circles. Bigelow was later to fund many of these organizations and projects.

During the time that I was preparing to relocate to Nevada my UFO abduction research was continuing⁵. There was the likelihood of human surveillance during this time. I returned from a trip to California to find a device on my bookshelf, obviously forgotten by someone. I took the device in to an electronics expert who identified it as the plastic cover for a microchip. The company, Tetrad, produced microchips for covert surveillance. It was an eye-opening experience!

The Bigelow Foundation

In August of 1992, I finally met with Robert Bigelow at the Annual Parapsychology Meeting in Las Vegas. We visited departments at UNLV, and networked with colleagues from the nursing and mathematics departments. October 1st, 1992 marked my first official day working for Robert Bigelow and the Bigelow Foundation. The Foundation was a foundation in name only and was never officially established as a non-profit. This puzzled me as part of the role of the Foundation was to provide funding for research groups and individuals. Robert Bigelow did fund a great many people but the funding decisions were his. Sometimes people called with unusual ideas that they wanted the Foundation to fund, such as UFO novelty ideas

and toys. One man wanted to open a UFO Pizza Parlor: someone else wanted to set up a UFO and futuristic theme park. In general, though, most of the proposals were well thought out and practical.

There were speculations aired on the Internet, during my stay at the Foundation and following, that Robert Bigelow had been funneling "Black Budget" money through the Foundation to UFO and other researchers. However, I never saw any evidence of this.

The Library

My first task at the Bigelow Foundation was to establish a library at the Bigelow HQ on South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas. The Foundation was located within a mock Tudor mansion that was originally designed as a home but eventually turned into the Bigelow Holding Company offices. The Holding Company was the management company for Robert Bigelow's hotel development and management group. The house was elegant and spacious and I was allocated an office on the ground floor. The library eventually held a large collection of books on topics related to alternative health, the UFO and abduction fields, and paranormal (psi) topics; it was catalogued and open to serious researchers. A collection of papers was also begun containing research reports, conference proceedings, letters and other interesting papers from the psi, UFO, and alternative health fields.

The Roper Report

Prior to my working at the Foundation, Robert Bigelow, along with another donor, worked with several researchers to conduct a Roper Poll into unusual personal experiences. The Poll surveyed nearly six thousand adults⁶ and dealt with the relationships between unusual personal experiences and "UFO abduction experiences." The report was mailed by the Bigelow Foundation to over one hundred thousand psychiatrists, psychologists and other mental health professionals. When I started at the Foundation, health professionals and experiencers were already contacting us for further information and referrals. The Foundation had established a list of professional referrals and received numerous calls for assistance from therapists and experiencers.

The Report was initiated by Dr. John Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; Ron Westrum, Professor of Sociology at Eastern Michigan University; David Jacobs, Professor of History at Temple University in Pennsylvania; John Carpenter, psychotherapist; and Budd Hopkins, artist and abduction researcher. According to the Roper Report, the surveys concerned the relationship between unusual personal experiences and what the researchers called the "UFO abduction syndrome".

Interestingly, a proportion of executive/professional and white collar workers reported more mental events than other occupational levels. This group, identified by the Roper Organization as the Influential Americans, reported the greatest number of OBE events. This group also answered positively to four or more of five key indicator questions in the Poll suggesting that they may possibly have had other anomalous experiences.

The Roper Report generated a great deal of criticism from the scientific community. However, the figures stand by themselves to indicate that not only do a great number of people experience paranormal experiences, but that the number increases with education level and social activity. This contradicts the popular idea that people who have these unusual experiences are uneducated and socially gullible.

Mental Health Seminars

During November, 1992 I flew with Robert Bigelow to Los Angeles where we took part in a one-day conference for mental health professionals regarding unusual personal experiences. About 150 psychologists, psychiatrists, and others attended. Prof. David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, and John Carpenter gave presentations and Prof. Michael Swords officiated. This was the first conference of its type, specifically targeted at mental health professionals and there was great interest in the topic. Several more seminars of this type took place in the early years of the Foundation and included such speakers as David Jacobs and Dr. John Mack. Later the Foundation heard that Prof. John Mack had received a very large grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to hold a conference, and Prof. Mack was looking for matching grants. John Mack's group planned to look for alternative explanations to the abduction experience and to focus on the intercultural and spiritual dimensions of the experience. The group planned to invite many of the world's religious and spiritual leaders to a conference in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, Mack's untimely death put an end to his continued endeavors.

Field Research in Nevada

Some of the most fascinating aspects of the research side of the Bigelow Foundation were trips north of Las Vegas, in the fall of 1992 and spring of 1993, to small rural towns such as Caliente and Pioche. We interviewed people about their UFO experiences and made many interesting contacts. We decided to conduct a "snowball" sociological study, guaranteeing that no names would be used, and asking each person to recommend us to other witnesses. At first people were very reluctant to talk but we assured them that we were not reporters or from the government.

The interviews were very interesting. For example, there was a local cafe owner and her husband who reported that, several months previous; they saw a huge, black, triangular craft fly silently down the canyon and over the town. The craft was accompanied by two military helicopters. The sighting was repeated every night at the same time, with such regularity that the woman and her husband brought out lawn chairs, every evening, to watch the flights. Other townspeople had seen the same black, triangular craft flying low over the valleys between Caliente and Pioche. We also heard from another woman who reported seeing a similar black, triangular craft flying low over Caliente. She said that it was as big as the hotel that it was flying over. She was with a group of three other people when the sighting occurred. However, we were suspicious that what these people might be seeing was advanced terrestrial technology that was being tested at the nearby Nevada Test Site.

Another couple told us about craft landings near their coral that scared the horses. The number of experiences seemed out of proportion for such small rural towns.

Nevada Test Site Visit

During the early part of 1993, Robert Bigelow and I joined a group from UNLV to visit the Nevada Test Site. Many people do not know that Robert Bigelow has been a major financial donor at UNLV and has financed several programs in the university including the School of Nursing Studies and the Bigelow Physics Building. When I joined the Foundation, the School of Nursing was about to receive a gift of equipment from the Department of Energy's Nevada Test Site.

There has been much speculation that certain areas of the Test Site, such as Area 51 and S2, house alien craft that have been back-engineered to aid human technology. However, the parts of the Test Site that we visited were not anywhere near these controversial areas. Because we were a University-sponsored group we were given special privileges and shown many areas of the Test Site that are off-limits to the general public. We visited many of the labs, one of which contained a total body radiation counter, we lunched at the Mercury staff restaurant, and watched videos of the early, underground bomb tests. It was impressive to see the ground rippling and the eventual cave-in of the blast holes. During the afternoon we visited the P Tunnels, which were managed by military personnel, where devices had been blasted with radiation to test their effectiveness.

Later we went to Sedan Crater which was mind-boggling in its depth. The crater was blasted out to test the nuclear potential for peaceful engineering projects. Lastly, as the light was waning, we visited Frenchman's Flats where the first above-ground nuclear tests were conducted. It was all intriguing and fascinating yet unsettling. In later years I was again offered the opportunity to visit the test Site, with planned Family Day visits, but never saw as much as we did that day with UNLV.

UFO Field Detectors

Since starting work with the Bigelow Foundation, I was invited to many sky watches, especially around Blue Diamond, just outside Las Vegas. David Smith, whom I had met right after I joined the Foundation⁷ accompanied me on the trips. David was asked by Robert Bigelow to construct several UFO detectors. Because Dave worked for an engineering company with government contracts, he had to do this in his own time. Subsequently David constructed two small devices that could detect certain frequencies. The rationale for these frequencies came from an article in the Astronautics and Aeronautics Journal.⁸ There was a reference to certain frequencies that had been associated with UFO sightings:

"EMC reconnaissance operator #2 of Lacey 17, RB-47H aircraft, intercepted at approximately Meridian, Mississippi, a signal with the following characteristics: frequency 2995 mc to 3000 mc; pulse width of 2.0 microseconds; pulse repetition frequency of 600 cps; sweep rate of r rpm; vertical polarity. Signal moved rapidly up the D/F scope indicating a rapidly moving signal source."

The skeptics claim that there are no physical traces of UFOs, especially radar or electromagnetic readings, but this article claimed otherwise. However, to my knowledge,

David's devices were never used as Robert Bigelow then believed that UFOs communicated using a form of semaphore or Morse code.

The Skinwalker Ranch and Others

In 2005 a book by Kelleher and Knapp, The Hunt for the Skinwalker⁸ was published. It reported on a scientific study of a ranch that Bigelow had been interested in for some time. Back in March of 1993, the Foundation received some information about another ranch, about fifty miles north of Pioche, where there had been reports of UFO sightings. The ranch was, historically, the site of many gunfights and early deaths. One of the ranch occupants told interesting stories of UFO sighting. He and his partner were in their pick-up truck one night and saw unusual lights that drew their attention. They saw seven lights in a boomerang configuration. The two men thought that each light was an individual object and that all the lights moved in unison. The colors were off-white and yellow-white. The men estimated that the lights were about a football field distance; there was no noise and no static on their radio. Later, they had another sighting of several lights over a dry lake bed. The lights were moving erratically and kicking up a lot of dust from the lake bed. A third sighting was of a single light that seemed to dart up and down above a mountain.

Robert Bigelow and NIDS were later to buy a similar ranch in Utah that was showing very similar events and sent the NIDS team in to investigate. My group, the Nevada Remote Viewing Group provided three remote viewing projects towards the investigation. The investigation of the ranch by the NIDS team provided the material for Kelleher and Knapp's book.

Animal Mutilation Studies

In the fall of 1992, when we visited the Nevada Test Site, someone in the group asked a question about whether cattle had been ranched at the Test Site during the nuclear tests. We were told that there had been cattle at the Test Site and various parts of the animals were removed when they died. The rest was barbequed! We were told that there were no longer test cattle at the Test Site. However, multiple, unusual cattle deaths, called cattle mutilations, had been occurring all over the country, including the counties surrounding the Test Site. It seemed that many of these unusual cattle deaths have occurred near military and government installations.

Robert Bigelow was adamant that the cattle mutilations were solely the result of extraterrestrial interference with the cattle. He would not envisage any other explanation. I preferred to keep an open mind. His argument was that we had no technology that could account for the cauterized cuts and open wounds on these animals, or if we did, it would be too heavy to carry out into the field. Since then I have seen devices in engineering magazines regarding portable medical technologies. For example, Phillips Laboratories, located at Kirtland AFB, in New Mexico have developed a device called the Medpen. It is described as follows on an agricultural website:¹⁰

"Doctors and paramedics on the battlefield or at the scene of an emergency such as a highway accident will one day be able to cut and cauterize wounded patients with the laser Medical Pen, developed by the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory. The Medpen, as it's also known,

is about 12 inches long and less than an inch in diameter, and weighs one pound. The 5-watt device is powered by 3-volt lithium batteries.”

Fyffe Alabama Mutilations

In April, 1993, Mr. Bigelow asked me to travel to Huntsville, Alabama to follow up on some UFO sightings and cattle mutilations that have been happening in the area. It seemed that over thirty animals had been found dead, at various times, in pastures around Fyffe, AL, with various internal and external organs missing. The incisions on these animals exhibited patterns like precise surgical cutting. In many of the cases there has been evidence of extremely high heat at the tissue incisions.

While in Alabama, I met a couple of local newspaper owners, the Bakers, who had reported extensively on the UFO flap over Fyffe, Alabama, and a local policeman who was investigating the sightings. I spent most of the first evening at the home of the newspaper reporters and saw some of their video footage of local cattle mutilations. The footage was quite graphic, the cattle missing udders and genitalia and other parts of their bodies.

After the visit with the Bakers, when we reached Fyffe, we stopped at the local police station where the police officer in question was on duty. He opened up the nearby Community Center so that we would have a place to meet and talk. He was initially suspicious of my interest but said he had already checked me out through the police station and by talking with mutual colleagues. After we had talked for a while he opened up and talked very frankly about the UFO sightings, cattle mutilations, and abductions that were happening in Alabama.

During my initial interactions with the local folk, I was able to confirm my initial impressions that the locality and characteristics at Fyffe closely matched those of Caliente, Nevada, where Mr. Bigelow and I had heard similar tales of mutilations.

On my last day of my residence at the Lake Gunterville Lodge I had a rare UFO sighting. From the balcony of my room I saw a large, round, red and white light rise up vertically. It appeared to rise vertically out of the lake. It did not wink with strobe lights and soon disappeared into the clouds.

Remote Viewing

It is interesting that Robert Bigelow did not seem very involved in the remote viewing field although he did ask me once to remote view Area 51. What I perceived then drew and modeled were craft with curved backs and half circle bodies. Bigelow also turned down funding requests during this time from some very prominent remote viewing leaders.

Consequences of Contact with a UFO

During this time, Bigelow, Dave and I were concerned about how things would be handled if we actually were to have contact with a UFO. Would there be any consequences, either from the occupants or from the government? I was browsing the MUFON Bulletin Board

System on the Internet and came across a Law that was passed back in 1982, called the Extraterrestrial Exposure Law ¹¹. It seems that on October 5, 1982, Dr. Brian T. Clifford of the Pentagon announced at a press conference that contact between U.S. citizens and extraterrestrials or their vehicles is "strictly illegal." It seems that this law was originally intended to apply to astronauts returning from space flights. Anybody found guilty of such contact automatically became a wanted criminal to be jailed for one year and fined \$5,000.00:

"The NASA administrator is empowered to determine *with or without a hearing* that a person or object has been 'extraterrestrially exposed' and impose an indeterminate quarantine under armed guard, which could not be broken even by court order. There is no limit placed on the number of individuals who could thus be arbitrarily quarantined. The definition of 'extraterrestrial exposure' is left entirely up to the NASA administrator."

This legislation was buried in the 1,211th subsection of the 14th section of a batch of regulations and very few members of government probably bothered to read in its entirety. It was the proverbial "needle in a haystack" and was slipped onto the books without public debate.

Research Assistance

Also, in the spring of 1993, Robert Bigelow asked me to go to Manhattan, NY, to visit with Budd Hopkins, to help him with his Intruders Foundation ¹². Since Budd's recent illness and travels he had got behind with much of the Foundation work. Budd is an artist and writer who was the first researcher to work with UFO abductees and use hypnosis to uncover their experiences. He has written several books on the topic and conducted public surveys. Consequently, he had been inundated with mail. I considered it a privilege to work with Budd and viewed him as a mentor.

During the two weeks that I spent with Budd I helped him respond to over one hundred pieces of mail from his backlog. Responses usually included a reprint of information and, if possible, a referral. We made a big dent in his backlog. During the week Budd and I worked on his extensive card file and I helped him type papers and book chapters.

During my stay Budd traveled to Chicago to meet with the "Third Man", a dignitary who, with two government agents, had witnessed a NY woman being abducted from her 12th floor, Manhattan apartment building. Budd shared the name of the individual with me and showed me pictures of him in recent magazines. However, I promised Budd that I would not share the Third Man's identity with anybody until that individual had agreed. Budd met with the Third Man in Chicago's O'Hare airport and conveyed letters from him and the NY woman, plus a videotape. These were accepted by the Third Man, without question, thus establishing his identity.

Area 2000 Radio Show

In the summer of 1993, Robert Bigelow and I met with Art Bell who had a weekly radio show located down on Main Street, Las Vegas. Also present at the meeting was George Knapp and, later, Linda Howe joined the project. The idea was that Robert Bigelow would fund a radio program, running for two hours on Sunday evenings, called Area 2000. This program became the

forerunner of Bell's Coast-to-Coast. The first broadcast took place on July 4th, 1993, with Dr. John Alexander as the first invited guest. I know it was July 4th because I took a portable radio and earphones to the fireworks demonstration at the Las Vegas Silver Bowl to listen to the show!

During the week, I would scour the Internet and news-cutting services for interesting guests and stories for George Knapp to read on the show. Linda Moulton Howe also appeared weekly with current animal mutilation news. At the time the Fyffe, Alabama mutilations were very prominent. My job was also to contact interesting guests for Art to interview on the show. The weekly guest was interviewed on Sunday night, over the telephone, by Art Bell with George and Linda providing newsbreaks. A local company, Quantum Software, (which is no longer in business) developed audiotape copies of the shows for sale to the public.

The list of guests ran the gamut: John Alexander, Linda Moulton Howe, Brian O'Leary, Ian Stevenson, Budd Hopkins, Walter Uphoff, Bruce Macabee, Raymond Moody, David Jacobs, John Carpenter, Michael D. Swords, Stanton D. Friedman, Brian L. Weiss, Richard F. Haines, George Knapp, Don Berliner, Walt Andrus, Yvonne Smith, Richard C. Hoagland, Raymond Fowler, Ray Boeche, Stanley McDaniel, Chad Deekin, Bruce Goldberg, Andrija Puharich and Jim Marrs. From time to time, speakers would provide copies of their books and an announcement would be made "on air" that the first five callers the next morning would receive a free copy. The phones rang off the hook on Monday mornings!

In February Robert Bigelow announced that he would be discontinuing his funding of the show. He had decided that it would be too difficult to get another six months of speakers, even though I had a whole roster of potential and available speakers available. We had several weeks of angry listeners phoning the Foundation when this announcement was made. There were many speculations about why the show had closed down, for example that some branch of the government had shut down the show. Perhaps it was becoming too popular! Art Bell, who had been hosting the show decided to carry on under another name, Coast-to-Coast, from his Pahrump, Nevada studio. There was a great audience following the show and he wanted to syndicate across the country. Robert Bigelow was not too happy with this idea. His objections were that people would still associate the show with the Foundation, that Art would not get quality guests for the show, and that the quality of the show would suffer. Art did well and all that was needed was a change of name and an initial disclaimer. Despite its short run Area 2000 was a great adventure.

Strange Happenings

One of the goals of the radio show, Area 2000, was to invite the public to call the Foundation with accounts of their personal experiences. This was moderately successful and it brought us into contact with some fascinating people. We had a fair share of fanatics, psychotics and people on the "fringe of the fringe" but overall the calls were from average people. These individuals had some weird and wonderful experiences and usually wanted to share them with someone who will listen with an open, non-judgmental ear. We followed up quite a few UFO sightings around the country. Many of the people having sightings were often seeing satellites going over or very bright planets but others had seen the huge, black, triangular craft that have also been observed in Europe.

The radio show brought in many local folks from Las Vegas and the surrounding areas that had interesting stories to relate. The scariest person I met was a listener to Area 2000 who brought his gun to the office! He sat opposite me and, when he opened up his briefcase, there was the biggest revolver I had ever seen. "Does it make you nervous?" he asked. I wondered how I should respond. So I replied "Well, I respect your right to have a weapon but I would prefer that you keep it behind your chair while we talk." So, he carefully placed it behind his seat while we continued our discussion. I realized that this is the south west but Las Vegas, in many respects, is still the Wild West!

Men in Black (MIBs)

Then there were the people who reported experiences with Men in Black (MIBs). One local resident, seven years previous to the show, had a MIB walk across her patio, return back across the patio, then disappear. Another lady in Reno saw a total of nine oriental-looking MIBs while waiting at an Australian airport. She says that she may have had missing time, too. She asked me "How could I have spent three hours just writing postcards?" Generally, I was able to reassure people that they were not alone in their experiences. I was also able to send them information, give them book lists, or refer them to support groups, if that is what they requested. Mostly, all they wanted was for someone to listen to their experience!

Spooks

At the time of the dissolution of Area 2000, before Bigelow or I could discuss it with anybody else, I got a call from an anonymous "listener" who asked about the show closing in mid-February! I asked him how he knew about the show closing and he said "You told me when we last talked." I denied this and said that he was mistaken as I had not discussed the closing with anybody. During the twenty minute phone call he basically interrogated me about the show and the Foundation. He said that he was head of another "Foundation that studied human potential" and he was very skilled at questioning. I decided to go along with his questioning, being honest, without being indiscreet. At one point he asked "....If you were to find out some information that would prove UFOs were real, would you put it on the air?" I told the caller that putting such information on the air wasn't my decision to make but I would discuss it with a few key people in the UFO field. He seemed satisfied at that.

The mysterious caller and I also talked about Hoagland's Area 2000 interview and said that he was dismayed that Hoagland was making predictions about the date the Mars Explorer would come back on line. This was a very strange call and one that made me suspect that the Foundation's activities and phone lines are not as private as we thought! Another remark, that this caller made, confirmed my suspicions. The caller referred to a publication on the Mathematics of the Face on Mars.¹³ The Foundation had been sent a copy by the author, McDaniels. The caller remarked that he had a fully bound version, not the ring bound version that we had in our files! How did he know what we had in our files?

In the fall of 1993, I had a phone call from a local psychotherapist who expressed an interest in working with abductees using hypnosis therapy. He came round to the Foundation office, several times, and we exchanged some audio and video segments on UFO shows. At the

third visit, he let slip that he had a brother in the military, "back east" who had some information that there were several members of the infamous MJ12 about to retire. He seemed to want to tickle my interest with the information but would give me no more information. He also mentioned that he also had some friends who were working for the CIA. However, it seems that everybody in the UFO field knows somebody who is connected to the CIA!

At the next visit he leaned forward in his chair and asked "If someone wanted to give some information to the public, about UFOs and the aliens, without panicking them, how best could this be done?" My reply was that the information should be given to several top UFO researchers, who were very professional in their dealings with the public, and let the information "trickle down", until it was accepted into general knowledge base of the population. The therapist leaned forward again and said ".....like through your radio show?" I said "Maybe." However, the next time he came by he didn't want to talk about his ideas but said he was off to Virginia to see his brother. I worried, at the time that the "information" might turn out to be disinformation but he never brought up the subject again! The therapist continued his contact for several years after I left the Foundation and still sends a Christmas card every year!

Physical Evidence

Occasionally, interesting experiencers visited the Foundation office, such as a man who had a possible implant behind his ear. He told me that, about ten years before, he had an emergency surgery on his nose at a VA hospital in Loma Linda, California. The doctor operated and placed a piece of "something" behind his ear. He told the patient that it was a piece of cartilage. The patient showed me the area behind his ear and there was a very distinct, triangular, hard shape of "something" underneath the skin. He said that he had tried to locate his medical records from that surgery but they had gone missing. Since the surgery he has had many abduction-type experiences and often wondered if he had received an implant. He had worked all over the world, studied shamanism, and worked with conservation groups in Central America. It is interesting that his surgery took place at the Loma Linda VA hospital in California, where others have claimed to have had anomalous experiences and received possible implants. Loma Linda is also the location of a group which has conducted research on microwave effects on human physiology and behavior.¹⁴

There is a bar in Caliente, NV that has a chunk of aluminum alloy that is incredibly light. It is about two and a half inches thick and four inches square. It has been analyzed but the results were inconclusive. It is discolored on one side and has a bubble effect. Dave and I had visited this bar and handled the material. The finder was hunting deer, about twelve years ago, near Bend, Oregon. He was hunting in an area of lodge pole pines, which were growing closely packed together. He came to a clearing where he noticed that the tops of the trees had been broken off at a 45 degree angle. He looked around the area but could not find anything to account for the damage. Then he sat down on a bed of pine needles and sat on the chunk of alloy! He made a guess that the area had been searched but the chunk was missed as it was hidden by the pine needles.

Alternative Health Research

Robert Bigelow has always been interested in the alternative health field as well as UFOs. In 2003 he funded research at UNLV to study adjunct modalities for cancer treatments. One of these studies had patients listening to taped reassurance messages from their physician while they underwent chemotherapy. Bigelow was also interested in healing and brought in speakers to special UNLV presentations including: Larry Dossey, Barbara Dossey and Janet Quinn. These were videotaped under the UNLV Alternative Health Lecture Series. During that same year, Robert Bigelow financed several UNLV nurses, lecturers and me to attend a conference on alternative health at Hilton Head Island, NC. This conference tied in nicely with the UNLV lecture series and provided several speakers for Area 2000.

Mediumship Research

Robert Bigelow was also interested in life after death, having suffered a major family tragedy prior to working with him. He hired Dr. Barbie Taylor, a clinical psychologist, to conduct research. Her role was to locate quality mediums that Robert Bigelow could contact. I was also asked to conduct a study of mediums which asked how they became mediums, how they described their experiences, and how they practiced their abilities. This was fascinating as we had a couple of hundred responses, many from Lillydale, NY, a well-known town which hosts many mediums. What struck me was the ordinariness of these people with extraordinary abilities! The mediums were of all ages and backgrounds. Interestingly, many of them had suffered a life-threatening illness, accident or event that precipitated their mediumship abilities.

Moving On

In the spring of 1994, Robert Bigelow's interests moved on to other areas and I decided to leave the Foundation to continue working on my Ph.D. and my writing. The Foundation was able to provide a base for future groups that were initiated by Robert Bigelow: the Bigelow Chair in Consciousness Studies at UNLV, the Consciousness Research Laboratory also at UNLV, and the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS). It was an exciting and stimulating time. Today, Robert Bigelow has initiated civilian forays into space with the Bigelow Aerospace Company in North Las Vegas and moves forward with his creative ideas. One of the recurring questions that I was asked is "Was Robert Bigelow working for the government?" During my stay at the Foundation there was never any overt evidence for this but it was obvious that the Foundation was under surveillance and perhaps some level of government involvement.

Notes

1. Angela Thompson Smith is a writer, researcher, consultant and remote viewing instructor who lives and works in Boulder City, NV. She can be reached at mindwiseconsulting@gmail.com Web: www.remoteviewingnv.com.
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13. Mathematics of the Face on Mars is now out of print although many of Stanley McDaniel's books can be obtained on Amazon.com.
14. <http://whale.to/b/adey.html> Microwave research of Dr. Ross Adey at Loma Linda, CA