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Good evening. I am Stephen Bassett, the executive director of Paradigm Research Group, a political advocacy organization founded to pursue the political resolution of the UFO issue by all means possible.

These have included lobbying the United States Congress and political media, forming a political action committee, running for elective office, raising public awareness through conferences and media appearances, and working with other organizations and initiatives to help build a disclosure movement.

Sixty-two years ago the United States government initiated a truth embargo regarding the UFO/ET phenomenon.

The explosion into the world in 1947 of UFO's in Earth's airspace posed a huge dilemma.

Without knowing the origin, capabilities and intentions of the beings behind this phenomenon and with the threat of nuclear war imminent, maintaining secrecy until more was known and the world was more stable was a reasonable course of action.

But the Cold War has now been over for eighteen years, and it is time for the human race to know the facts and move forward.

Will the new administration in America bring out the truth?

On January 21, 2009 Barack Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum which stated, *"The way to make government responsible is to hold it accountable. And the way to make government accountable is to make it transparent so that the American people can know exactly what decisions are being made, how they're being made, and whether their interests are being well served."*

In 2002 John Podesta, co-chair of Obama's transition team and former advisor to President Clinton, called for the release of all UFO files.

He said, quote: *"It's time to find out what the truth really is that's out there. We ought to do it because it's right, we ought to do it because the American people, quite frankly, can handle the truth and we ought to do it because it's the law."*

In April of 2004 I produced the first conference to focus on the UFO/ET issue from an exopolitical perspective – the X-Conference.

Its motto is “It’s not about lights in the sky, it’s about lies on the ground.”

Following X-Conference 2009 on April 20 of this year at the National Press Club in Washington, DC Apollo 14 Astronaut and 6th man to walk on the moon, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, called for the Obama administration to release all government held UFO files.

He said, and I quote: *“It’s now time to put away this embargo of truth about the alien presence, and I call upon our government to open up like other governments have (...) It’s about time now that we do the same thing and become a part of this planetary community that is now trying to take its proper role as a space-ferrying civilization.”*

Previously at X-Conference 2008, former Canadian Minister of Defence Paul Hellyer made a similar plea.

On November 5, 2008 Paradigm Research Group launched the “Million Fax on Washington” campaign.

Since then thousands of letters, faxes and emails from all around the world have been sent to President Barack Obama calling for Disclosure – the formal acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial, non-human intelligence engaging the planet Earth.

Since June 1, 2009 this correspondence has been redirected to the White House press corps calling for the political press to begin asking the appropriate questions of the administration and demanding appropriate answers regarding the UFO/ET issue.

The world’s problems are great and the time grows short to address these problems.

The Obama administration has promised open, transparent government. Will this include ending the UFO/ET truth embargo? And will another nation, perhaps in Europe, choose to act first?

These and many other questions will be addressed this weekend.

Thank you.