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Abbreviations:

RP = Roberto Pinotti  
PG = Paolo Guizzardi  
DG = David Grusch

[The greetings below are not included in the English version]

RP: Good morning, David. Thank you very much for accepting our invitation. We would have loved to have you with us in person at the 32nd World UFO Symposium in San Marino. Unfortunately, this is not the case and we are grateful to you for taking the time for this interview which will be shown at the symposium.

First of all, thank you for wanting to speak as an informed and responsible person in the interest of the public. This is something of enormous importance and if I can speak on behalf of the entire UFO community, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done, and also for the great courage you have shown. But now, let's start with the questions.

01:17 - PG: *So Dave, nowadays you are very famous in the UFO community, but let's go back a bit and please tell us the basic reasons that made you decide to come forward in the open with your explosive declarations.*

00:38 - DG: Yeah, well...the journey of going public was a very long one. It was a journey that I didn't think that was gonna end the way it did with me leaving my career. I mean, I reported that information to the Inspector General back in 2022 because I saw the UAP Task Force was not being afforded access to these programs that I uncovered through witness interview[s], document review, etc. And, based on reprisals I was facing, it was most prudent for me to, for my own protection, submit a whistleblower complaint with the Intelligence Community Inspector General. That ran its course... I provided the Intelligence Committees information in late 2022. But, I saw the writing on the wall where I wasn't going to be able to affect change and kind of pressure the investigation that would have been necessary to break open these programs for further study within the government. So, I took it upon myself, I looked around, and I was the only one out of my small contingent of colleagues that had kind of the right opportunity to go public. And I decided that that made the most sense, so I could use the levers of public pressure to hold the legislative branch and the executive branch accountable in the U.S. I saw, internally, there was no way that this issue was gonna be self-policed within the U.S. government, so I needed to go on the outside to hold them accountable.

02:23 - PG: *Good. And specifically, I would like to know, did you experience any kind of problems for what you have publicly declared?*

02:35 - DG: Uh, there were some high-level officials in some former agencies I worked for that were very unhappy to see my face on television. And some of the pushback I got after I went public is...I have told Congress that behind closed doors, and so, the Department of Defense

Inspector General are looking at some of the reprisal aspects after I went public as well. Because there's some things that Congress may disclose in the future about certain elements of the U.S. government that were unhappy with me going public.

03:09 - PG: *So, could you just tell us, Dave, as far as you were told, and as far as you can, of course, how many UFO or UAP craft are in possession of the U.S. government?*

03:24 - DG: I was presented those specific numbers in a classified environment and I did provide those metrics to authorities. Like I said, on NewsNation, it is quite a number. I'll just say it's double digits. The exact numbers, I did not clear through Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR). And furthermore, some of the more specifics, as I've said in a recent interview on a YouTube channel called YesTheory, it really should be that a U.S. President and other officials that provide the more detailed disclosure, because I don't have all the data, I don't know what some of the ramifications are with certain things. And you have to remember, giving out specific metrics or numbers, foreign intelligence services, Russia, China, etc., you know, they're watching this video right now and they wanna see, you know, did they get their numbers right. And I'm not here to provide, you know, foreign intelligence services [laughs] additional data. So I have to be very careful about specifics. It's not because I don't want to be transparent, but I do know foreign intelligence services are watching these kinds of videos.

04:31 - PG: *Could you tell us something about the involvement of private U.S. corporations into the reverse engineering program or programs?*

04:45 - DG: Yeah, there's certainly been private corporations involved, you know, both Federally Funded Research and Development Centers [FFRDCs] , and for profits, companies that have contracted with the U.S. government over the years. Like I've mentioned in other interviews, the U.S. government overlaid the Manhattan Project secrecy, personnel. Generally, what elements were involved corporately and governmentally in that, too. Atomic Energy Commission, which you know, morphed into Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission later. And that is why you see - in the...what we call the Schumer amendment in the United States that hopefully will be signed here very shortly, and maybe it'll be signed by the time the conference happens - where they cite the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and other provisions within the unclassified Schumer amendment. That's because they understand that the secrecy justification ran along the lines of U.S. nuclear secrets. And that's a whole other discussion for now. And I'll mention that you'll notice in the Schumer amendment, they talk about Transclassified Foreign Nuclear Information, TFNI, in the Schumer amendment. And that is not by accident, because you could imagine... What that means is, say the U.S., through intelligence operations, stole a foreign nuclear secret. Well, the U.S. liked that foreign nuclear secret and wanted to make it their own, so they transclassified it into a U.S.-protected, nuclear capability. And that's what the Schumer amendment was trying to espouse, if you read in between the lines. That's... They've justified it through, you know, these nuclear-secrecy provisions. But yes, certainly private companies were involved. The specific ones I did provide to the congressional committees and the Inspector General, down to specific facilities I am aware of, down to the address, right? Where they exist. And also, I had the individuals that, you know, firsthand, worked on the program, provide that disclosure and interview with the Inspector General as well. So it wasn't just coming from me.

07:12 - PG: *Are you aware, or can you confirm the fact that murders have been committed for the purpose of maintaining secrecy on everything concerning the UFO/UAP subject?*

07:28 - DG: I don't have any personal knowledge, but of the 40 people we did interview, I'd say about 10 to 12 of them had concerns about, you know, wet work, murders in the past. You know, people going missing in their workplace. I certainly had, you know, some disturbing things happen to me in my personal life, from a physical intimidation perspective, which I reported to my agency's counterintelligence element, when I was still in governments. Obviously, I was never physically harmed, but I certainly saw signatures of what I thought was illicit extra-governmental activity, as it related to intimidating me and some of my other colleagues. Just was very, very disturbing and upsetting information. So I don't have any personal knowledge of that kind of stuff, but I did talk to firsthand witnesses, who had very high credentials, that were government officials, that did espouse that concern of illicit wet work and other physical intimidation-type activities, so. I don't believe that they were lying, so I feel like that is a genuine concern and I would, you know, champion an investigation just to see if that is true.

08:52 - RP: *As you know, in 1971, when I was a lieutenant of the Italian Army, serving in an elite NATO unit with atomic-missile sites in northern Italy, I was asked by two United States Army officers if I was aware that the United States had recovered crashed UFOs and the bodies of their pilots as well. So, in any case, you can confirm that the same kind of declarations that you publicly provided have been provided in a classified environment by other military or intelligence officers?*

09:32 - DG: Yes, those same facts were confirmed to me by people with firsthand knowledge that worked on those programs. That there have been crashes, and we've retrieved craft, and biological material, you know, bodies, if you will, like I've stated previously, publicly, yeah.

09:48 - RP: *And can you provide at least an estimate of how many whistleblowers have come forward?*

09:58 - DG: Yeah, so for...I believe there was a news article lately that discussed, I think it was like 28 or 30 came forward to the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, AARO. And I, of course, am not involved in that part, but that's the numbers that I saw in a news article lately. But in terms of how many have come to the Intelligence Community Inspector General, I'd say about a dozen or so. Some of the whistleblowers I don't personally know, so I don't know who, in addition, they may have brought forward as well, either to back up their claims or to file independent complaints. But it's certainly not just me. I just was the one that took it for the team and went public. But there's certainly, you know, at least a dozen or so people behind the scenes, like me, but also those that actually worked on the program firsthand that, you know, touched the craft, if you will.

10:58 - RP: *So, you can indirectly confirm at least part on what the late Colonel Philip Corso wrote in his, "The Day After Roswell" book concerning the reverse engineering operations being operated by private corporations with materials provided by the military?*

11:18 - DG: Yes. At least at the very least. I mean, I can't verify his whole story, of course, I think he died in 1998. I think I was 11 or 12 years old then [laughs]. But, certainly the U.S. government, if they had custodianship, they would give some, you know, pieces and parts, you

know, to different private contractors for reverse engineering. At least that general story is true. The other aspects of the story, that he was specifically involved, I'm not certain. I was obviously never able to interview him or investigate the stuff in the scope of my duties. But generally, that statement is true.

12:03 - RP: *What about the biological aspect? How many bodies were recovered, as far as you were told? Only dead bodies were recovered, or also living biological entities?*

12:16 - DG: Certainly, the numbers are up there just the same as crash retrievals. We'll leave it as double digit. And the biologics came in a variety of states, and morphologies, and all that stuff. But yeah, that's the stuff I can't quite get into publicly. But I encourage the President and others to kind of explain the types of biological recoveries we've had. You know, I encourage, you know, the executive branch in our country to inform the world on that.

12:49 - RP: *For decades, we keep on hearing stories of secret, United States government ET contracts and pacts, and even treaties, struck with the ETs. In 2020, the prominent Israeli scientist, Haim Eshed, also openly confirmed this scenario. Are you, by any chance, aware of this? And, if possible, of course, can you tell us something on this subject?*

13:20 - DG: Yeah, I didn't interview anybody that espoused firsthand knowledge about any kind of act of communication, or interaction with a non-human intelligence. Many believe that there was certainly, probably an aspect of the program that dealt with that. However, I was not able to interview anybody that had firsthand knowledge, so anything I would say would be rumor and speculation. But I think that is an extremely fair question to ask, and that's a question I would like an answer to as well, because I was never able to interview anybody that had that firsthand knowledge, definitely, to make me confident to say anything with any authority.

14:09 - RP: *Coming now to the subject that has raised quite a bit of interest here in Italy. That is the so-called Mussolini UFO case, confirmed before you mentioned it also by Luis Elizondo. Could you please elaborate on the way you got to know the event, its characteristics, and so on?*

14:30 - DG: Yeah, some of my interview subjects that I ultimately directed to the Inspector General, they did give me a briefing on all the U.S.-involved recoveries that happened over the years. And the Mussolini case that, interestingly enough, is already out there in the public vernacular, thanks to your work. Uncovering that case, and the 1933 Magenta-area crash was one of the events that they talked about. And that was one that I submitted in my DoD and prepublication review to be able to talk about publicly because I thought that was a very remarkable international case that would hopefully spurn not just U.S. interest, but European interest. And so, what's interesting about that crash - and there's some stuff I haven't stated publicly, but I did submit it for security review - but when it came down, [and] when they went to recover it, it had a acorn or bell shape. But, what really happened there is they believe that the original craft was lenticular or saucer because when it crashed, when they came to recover it, all the edges were broken off around the craft, and so it looked like a bell or an acorn. But really, it had an additional characteristics that were destroyed when it landed. But Pope Pius the 12th was involved, and he sent a communique through the OSS, the American OSS (Office of Strategic Services. They were the intelligence agency of the U.S. during World War II). And it ended up going to FDR's desk. But as far as I know, unless the records were destroyed, the Vatican and the Pope-Pius-the-12th section of the Vatican Secret Archives, there

should be documented evidence. From what I was told, now these intel officers that briefed me on this, that had firsthand knowledge, they assumed that the Vatican still had those records and they weren't destroyed. And they postulated if they did, you know, what specific pope's records it would have been in because of the time and Pius the 12th's involvement back then. And, of course, that was, you know, ultimately recovered at the end of the war. And, you know, went under U.S. possession after the war.

17:04 - RP: *Just a curiosity. You have been in the United States Air Force, so it can be your opinion. Since the object that crashed in Italy was, after all, rather big, do you think that it could have been taken to the United States in an airplane or via a ship?*

17:26 - DG: I don't recall that they've ever mentioned to me how they brought it back, but if I were to speculate, you know, based on knowledge, I mean, a B-29, B-17, C-47 aircraft back then, based on the dimensions that they described to me. It was fairly large, you know, ten-plus meters. So, I think it would have had to been a ship, most likely. I just, it was...it sounded too big for any U.S. transport plane that I'm aware of from World War II. That'd be my pure speculation, but I don't actually know how they did it, so.

18:01 - PG: *Can you confirm whether or not bodies were recovered from the 1933 Magenta UFO crash?*

18:12 - DG: I did ask that question of my briefers, and the answer was "no." They don't recall any kind of biological material coming with it. It was just an artifact that they recovered. So, I'm not aware of any bodies, and they were not aware of any, either.

18:30 - RP: *David, finally, are you aware of the existence of other original documents, be they Italian, American or German origin, connected to the Italian 1933 UFO crash?*

18:44 - DG: I would surmise that there's probably records in the FDR classified presidential records in America, but that was research I was never able to conduct myself. So besides that, I'm not aware of any other documentation besides, you know, internal, U.S. legacy crash retrieval, you know, documents, and other stuff that some of my interview subjects had personal access to in their U.S. government duties. ... Now, there were other foreign events that they actually provided the intelligence reports to me, and I personally read the reports myself and laid eyes on those documents. But those are different events, not in Western Europe [laughs], so.

19:39 - PG: *So Dave, this is going to be the final question of this interview. Could you elaborate on the information and dimension of this UFO retrieval and reverse engineering programs, which happened in other countries? Of course, as far as you can tell.*

20:04 - DG: Yeah, this is an extension of when I mentioned my initial NewsNation interview about that cold war, that arms race that has been happening behind the scenes, below the noise floor where, certainly, our adversaries had their own programs and have, you know, we've been competing with them. You know, A: To gather all this stuff, and then B: Try to make those, you know, engineering breakthroughs that provide, you know, weapons development advancements for, you know, war purposes. You know, very little of this technology has matriculated into, you know, civil society in all that. So, our adversaries certainly have their own

programs, and even China, for example, you know, announced that they have their own UAP Task Force. And it was a June 2021, South China Morning Post article, where China discusses they're using artificial intelligence and machine learning to evaluate UAP cases. Now Russia hasn't made a public statement in that regard that I can think of. I mean, they certainly have made some statements in the 1990s that I'm sure you're very familiar with. But, as of late, I think China was the only one to make an official acknowledgement, at least that they have a task force, not necessarily anything else. But certainly with our adversaries, we've been engaged in these activities for a long time.

21:48 - PG: *Ok gentlemen, so we are finished with the interview.*

21:51 - RP: *Thank you very much.*

[Final greetings are not included in the English version of the interview]

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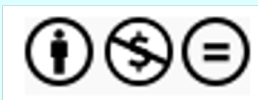


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