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INQUIRY/ COMPLAINT FORM

I believe that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable reflection, the information given in this inquiry/complaint is true. I request the Denver Board of Ethics to evaluate the information given here and to take appropriate measures in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Denver Revised Municipal Code, Section 2-56.

(Type, or print please)

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My name – printed

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Mr. Ed Scholz
Name Director
Position or job title, if known

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Please describe the facts that you believe constitute a violation of the Denver Code of Ethics in sufficient detail so that the Board of Ethics and the person who is the subject of the inquiry can understand the nature of the alleged violation. Give as much detail as possible, including approximate dates, names, etc. Add extra sheets if needed and attach copies of any pertinent documents.

Summary

My complaint is in regard to specific actions of Mr. Ed Scholz in 2010 that I view as unethical, incompetent, and suspicious. One effect of these actions was to help cause irreparable damage to an honest and good faith effort by citizens of Denver to pass the initiated ordinance, known as Initiative 300 (Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission or ET Affairs Commission), in the November 2010 Denver election.

I realize that a determination of “competence” is not the focus of the Denver Board of Ethics. However, due to what I have observed as incompetence by Mr. Scholz, I believe that Denver citizens and city employees are being unnecessarily subjected to stress, anxiety, and fear. This is in reference to claims from Mr. Scholz of a \$100 million budget gap which might not even be accurate. Therefore, I view his claims of this budget gap to be unethical as well.

None of the Denver mayoral candidates are questioning the accuracy of the alleged \$100 million budget gap, except for me. Yet, they all promise to scrutinize and question every area of city expenses to find ways to cut expenses, eliminate waste, and improve efficiencies, even if it means cutting jobs, services, and program funding. Given the important role that the Mayor of Denver has in the city budget, it is vital that Mr. Scholz’s potentially unethical actions are also scrutinized by these candidates, with as much care and determination as they have expressed for eliminating the budget gap.

I realize that “suspicious” activity is also not the focus of the Denver Board of Ethics. However, in this case, Mr. Scholz’s actions seem to be part and parcel to the bigger picture of questionable ethics. The details about Mr. Scholz’s actions (part 1), including the suspicious individuals with whom Mr. Scholz communicated (part 2), and the suspicious individual that they communicated with (part 3), create a very bizarre story. I hope to have provided a useful and appropriate amount of details.

Main Points

1. April 2010 - Mr. Ed Scholz provided to Bryan Bonner, a line-item estimate of potential indirect or incidental costs to the City and County of Denver. Bonner is a man of questionable character and motivation.
2. The estimate of potential costs provided by Mr. Scholz was grossly inaccurate, and about ten times more than what it should have been.
3. The estimated costs provided by Mr. Scholz contradicted and misrepresented the facts of the legally binding language of the ET Affairs Commission ballot initiative.
4. May 2010 - I requested in person, from one of Mr. Scholz’s staff members, the collection of e-mails between Mr. Scholz and Bryan Bonner. These were not provided to me. In fact, the

staff member commented at the time, something to the effect, *"I don't know if those are subject to the Colorado Open Records Law"*. In other words, Mr. Scholz provided misinformation about the ET Affairs Commission, but his office would not allow me to see the e-mails exchanged between him and Bryan Bonner.

5. June 2010 - I submitted to Mr. Scholz, a corrected estimate of potentially reimbursable costs. I included a suggestion giving him *"the opportunity in advance to make adjustments"* prior to anticipated news media coverage. [See detailed e-mail below.]

6. Mr. Scholz and none of his staff responded to my e-mail, and there is no indication that Mr. Scholz made any attempt to correct the misinformation that was spread around through the news media.

7. May – Nov., 2010 - The misinformation provided by Mr. Scholz, circulated throughout the news media locally, nationally, and even internationally, causing irreparable damage to the campaign supporting passage of Initiative 300, and was a major cause of its defeat. It was also a cause of me being accused, in the public domain, of lying about the facts of the ballot initiative.

Questions raised by actions of Mr. Scholz [See details below of his actions]

1. Did Mr. Scholz have the authority and responsibility to provide a line-item estimate of potential reimbursable costs to the city from the ET Affairs Commission? [Note: He already knew and acknowledged in his e-mail to Bryan Bonner, that the commission must be funded entirely by *"grants, gifts, and donations, without requiring any fiscal outlay from the city budget."*]
2. Did Mr. Scholz act in an official capacity, when providing the line-item estimate to Bryan Bonner?
3. Did Mr. Scholz act on the basis of a personal agenda, or other incentive or motivation, when providing Bryan Bonner with the line-item estimate?
4. Does Mr. Scholz have the qualifications and competence to prepare a line-item estimate of potential costs to the city budget from passage of any ballot initiative?
5. Was Mr. Scholz's line-item estimate executed as a result of any request or directive from anyone else besides Bryan Bonner? If so, who?
6. Was it legal and ethical for Mr. Scholz to provide such a line-item estimate to the opponents of a ballot initiative?
7. Was it legal and ethical for Mr. Scholz to not provide such a line-item estimate to the proponents of a ballot initiative?

8. Was Mr. Scholz's act of creating and sharing the line-item estimate in compliance with standard operating procedures within the Denver Budget and Management Office?
9. Was it standard operating procedure within the Denver Budget and Management Office, for the chief executive of the office to execute such a minor task, instead of delegating it to a lower level analyst?
10. Was it ethical and responsible for Mr. Scholz to take his attention off the \$855(?) million Denver budget, and the alleged \$100 million budget gap, in order to calculate and compose a line-item estimate of totaling only \$23,800?
11. Why did Mr. Scholz make no apparent attempt to acknowledge his mistakes, after it was explained in very clear terms what his mistakes were?
12. Why did Mr. Scholz make no apparent attempt to correct his mistakes?
13. Why would Mr. Scholz's office not fulfill my request for copies of the e-mails between Mr. Scholz and Bryan Bonner?
14. What other e-mails, or other written or recorded communications, existed then, or still exists, between Mr. Scholz and other opponents of the ET Affairs Commission?
15. Why would Mr. Scholz choose to assist Bryan Bonner and his associate Matthew Baxter in the first place? They are known as very disreputable, incompetent, unethical, and hostile persons within the field of paranormal research. They have launched multiple smear campaigns using deception and innuendo in attempts to discredit honest and ethical people. That in itself raises questions about Mr. Scholz's judgment and ethics.
16. Did Mr. Scholz have any communications about the ET Affairs Commission ballot initiative with any person representing, or claiming to represent the U.S. Government in any capacity?
17. Mr. Scholz was approximately 1000% off in his simple line-item estimate of potential reimbursable costs to the Denver city budget. Why does he think that his estimate of a \$100 million budget gap is accurate, given the complexity of the city budget and revenue predictions?
18. Is there any evidence that Mr. Scholz was acting at the behest of a U.S. Government agency like the CIA? Answering this question might require an investigation by an appointed group or individual with the power to subpoena all communications of Mr. Scholz, but it is a valid question in light of the details provided below.

Part 1 – Details of Mr. Scholz actions

1. On about May 1, 2010, I saw a Fox 31 news item on the Internet about the ET Affairs Commission ballot initiative. It contained a claim by two opponents of the initiative, that the proposed ET Affairs Commission would cost Denver \$23,000. I challenged this amount in comments posted after the article, and one of the opponents claimed that the amount had come from city staff. I questioned that it came from city staff, because I knew that such an estimate was completely false, and did not reflect the legally binding provisions of the proposed ordinance. It also did not appear to reflect the level of competence that should be expected of city staff.

In an attempt to identify the source of the information, I sent an e-mail to Ms. Nancy Reubert and Mr. Alton Dillard at the City Clerk and Recorder's Office with the following message. Emphasis was added to the relevant text:

From: Jeff Peckman [<mailto:jeff@extracampaign.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 2:42 PM
To: Reubert, Nancy - Clerk and Recorder; Dillard, Alton – Clerk and Recorder
Subject: Alleged ETA Commission fiscal impact statement by city staff.

Good Afternoon Ms. Ruebert and Mr. Dillard,

Would you kindly clarify, confirm or deny the existence of an alleged cost assessment done by city staff related to the ETA Commission? Claims have been made by initiative proponents that city staff have projected \$22,800 in annual costs that would be incurred by the city of Denver if the ordinance is passed.

Opponents to the ETA Commission ballot initiative have registered as a political committee under the name of Mission for Inhibiting Bureaucracy (M.I.B.)
Fox 31 and KDVR ran news stories April 29 on this. <http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-ufo-bill-042910,0,5480469.story>

The comments below, posted after the online article at KDVR, allege that such fiscal impact assessment has been prepared by Denver city staff and obtained by opponents of the ballot initiative.

Questions:

1. Has such an assessment of projected costs resulting from the ETA Commission been performed and an official document prepared?

If so, then:

1. Where may I obtain a copy of the document, or download the assessment information from the city web site?
2. Where, in the Denver Charter, or Revised Municipal code, is such an action by city staff described and mandated?
3. How has it occurred that opponents have obtained such information, which has now been broadcast on the mainstream media, even though I have not been informed that such information exists. Even Fox

31 News anchor Libby Weaver reinforced these allegations by implying that the initiative would raise taxes.

4. How may I view or obtain the minutes of the meeting where these alleged comments were made?

5. What is the procedure to contest such fiscal impact statement if in fact it does exist?

I regret any burden that these questions put on you and know that you are busy with the results of today's city council seat election. It is easy enough to dispute the figures and comments used in the alleged assessment, but something is highly irregular and I would like to avoid any mess created for all parties concerned. The relevant comments posted on KDVR's web site after the article are below. I have highlighted in **bold and underlined** the relevant allegations. The comments are long but the relevant portions are very brief.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance,

Respectfully,

Jeff Peckman
303-949-9654

Allegations regarding costs to Denver:

<http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-ufo-bill-042910,0,5480469.story>

Comment 50

>From **Nitor**, Denver

"Ask why - if Jeff Peckman and his supportive others have "proof" of alien technology, "know" that aliens have visited, and will "raise" the money to support an extraterrestrial affairs commission, do they in any way "need" the City and County of Denver?

If Jeff was so sure this wasn't going to cost the City and County any money, why didn't he attend the Denver Election Commission's public meeting to discuss this, because that is where the commission representative stated, specifically that the ET Commission ballot issue added \$100,000 to the expense. How can you not understand that is because it is a non-partisan issue and so additional ballots (and costs) are incurred by the City and County of Denver since the ballots have to be sent to ALL eligible voters? Yes, I was there, and yes that is what was said. Call the Election Commission's office and speak to Michael Scharpello, Director of Elections, he said it, and I'm sure you will want to verify this fact.(Oh, but be sure not to call on a mandatory furlough day -- cause they won't be in the office, since the office will be closed due to the City and County's budget shortfall.) **STOP LYING TO PEOPLE THAT THIS IS A NO-COST ISSUE.** What part of government do you think runs at no-cost? Fire Department, Police? Do you know that they have given up pay raises, vacation and holiday pay to help keep their necessary services at current levels?

ADDITIONAL COSTS (\$22,000+, information from City and County of Denver's fiscal staff)

The nominations of members to this commission as Jeff Peckman and his supportive others have written

it, requires the involvement of the Mayor -- how is that not a cost? What the Mayor's time is free? Commission activities will require the support and access to the City and County of Denver's website, and City and County staff to perform liaison duties between it and other Denver City and County departments -- how is that not a cost? What the people who work for the City and County are all volunteers?

I ask, why does Jeff and his supportive others "need" the City and County of Denver for anything related to their alien affairs? How ignorant of basic governmental economics and accounting is someone who thinks government activity is free? Oh, and check out the mandatory furlough days that the City and County of Denver has to have to try and keep the budget crisis manageable.

I ask why, if Jeff and his supportive others have the money (through donations -- but why don't they post how much money they have, they post the number of signatures), and feel that this is so important -- why didn't they just do it themselves? After all, Jeff doesn't NEED the publicity -- he's so famous and public already according to some that have posted, that wannabe's are riding his coattails.

Always Ask Why

Nitor - RMPRS
(City and County of Denver resident since 1974)"

Comment 54
Jeff Peckman, Denver (In response to Nitor)

"To: Always Ask Why – Since you asked:

Re: our use of a ballot initiative - We support government "by the People" and are exercising our right, "to petition the Government for a redress of grievances", as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Re: Denver Election Division meeting - **Are you referring to the April 7 meeting?** If so, that was announced as a public hearing to take input on whether Denver should have an "all mail-in ballot" for the August 2010 election. It was not announced as a meeting to discuss the ETA commission ballot initiative so I had no reason to attend.

Re: Extra election costs - Of course I understand that in an election where only affiliated voters are allowed to vote, then there will be additional costs of having any referendum or initiative on the ballot to allow unaffiliated voters to vote. But that is a consequence of election laws derived from the city charter and state constitution.

You are talking about election costs, not costs of the commission's activities. And since the commission will not exist until sometime after the election, it will create no costs for the election. I've NEVER at any time commented on costs related to the election or the ballot initiative process. So your accusation that I'm lying about the "no-cost" issue is unjustified and reflects your own confusion and lack of knowledge

of what the proposed ordinance actually states and what I've said as a representative of the campaign.

Re: annual costs - Again, you are confused. I have never stated that the ETA Commission would not incur costs. I have only stated the facts in the language of the petition - that **all such costs must be funded "entirely by grants, gifts, and donations without requiring any fiscal outlay from the city budget". The Mayor's Office is required by law to enforce that provision just as it is for all other ordinances. Hence, by law, there will be no costs to the city budget.**

You are ignorant of the details of the proposed ordinance. That's why you are confused and wrong about my understanding of the costs of government. And by the way, when Baxter and Bonner (M.I.B), who I understand are not even Denver voters, use the Denver city clerk to get publicity for themselves, that is also a cost to the resources of the city budget. Why do they "need" the City and County of Denver to register their opposition and conduct their propaganda campaign? They are hypocrites.

Re: financial disclosure - The EXTRA Campaign, which is promoting the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission ballot initiative, will file all required campaign finance forms in a timely manner and in accordance with the law. You can then view them online."

Comment 55

>From Bryan Bonner, Arvada

"Jeff....

For your information I am a registered voter, so once again you need to check you facts.

As far as the costs:

Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission Cost

Items

Estimated Costs

Website set-up and maintenance

\$10,000

The annual maintenance costs will be \$1,500 and were calculated using maintenance costs for similar websites.

Television Coverage

\$8,600

The budget for four committee meetings in room 391 at the City and County Building. This is only an estimate and is subject to vary if location, number of meetings and time allotment change. Television coverage was not requested in the ordinance, but if the language in the ordinance is modified these costs need to be identified.

Two Public Forums (set-up and breakdown)

\$600

The costing range is dependent upon whether or not the meeting is during working hours or after hours. Overtime is factored in if the hearing takes place after hours.

Trained City personnel to address valid extraterrestrial public concerns

\$0

Section 2-255.62, provision 6 states the City must refer residents and visitors to properly trained personnel or private professionals as necessary, to address valid concerns resulting from sightings, contact with, extraterrestrials or their vehicles. At this time the City does not have individuals trained properly address these concerns and therefore unable to accurately project the costs for these services.

Mayor & Council (indirect costs)

\$2,900

This is an annualized cost. Total number of hours the Mayor and Council will spend meeting with the DEAC is 56, which is equivalent to seven working days

Mayoral Staff (indirect costs)

\$700

Director of Boards and Commissions time for administration (1 hour/month) and communication with media (1 hour/month)

Total

\$22,800

These numbers are from the City of Denver and you have not bothered to mention how this money will be given back to the City so check those facts as well.

Thanks,
Bryan"

Comment 56 (responding to Bryan's comment 55)

Jeff Peckman, Denver

"Bryan - I stand corrected on your voter registration.

Re: costs - When you say "These numbers are from the City of Denver" are you saying that the list of items above and their associated projected costs, along with added commentary, was created by the city staff to assess the fiscal impact on city government?

Or did you, or someone in your camp request from city staff the typical costs for the type of items you listed above?

And then did you, or someone in your camp assemble these various figures and then put the summary and additional comments together?

This does not look like the work of city staff."

Comment 57
>From Nitor, Denver

Jeff, are you actually calling me a liar? You know me and you know full well I have never lied to you, nor have I lied about you. You need to clarify who you are calling a liar -- don't let hubris cloud your judgment.

If you had bothered to attend, you would have heard the fact as I reported, that by having your ET Commission initiative on the ballot, the costs of printing additional (happens before the vote is processed), mailing additional (so that people receive the ballot in time to vote), and processing additional ballots (open to the public), since it is a non-partisan initiative were quoted to the public in the meeting and are on record as being \$100,000.

If you had bothered to attend the meeting you would Jeff, have known that the there were two Governor's Commission on Community Service representatives there and you would know why that is significant. But since you didn't bother to attend, let explain it to you. It is significant because (1) they are witnesses, along with the members of the public of what I have said and (2) that **I asked and am cleared to speak about this matter while in Federal service on a GCCS project** just because it is a non-partisan issue.

So, Jeff, you have this one opportunity to clarify who you are calling a liar, because, as you know, I have never lied to you, nor have I lied about you. Jeff, if you do not clarify in this forum, and any other forums in which you seem to be accusing me of being a liar, then you need to prepare yourself for the consequences.

Since I was an attendee, I was recorded during the meeting, and I have personally spoken to the members of the Election Division, the GCCS representatives and staff at the Clerk and Recorder's office about this matter, including the the assessment that generates a Tabor booklet. Which as you know, Jeff, happens when it is a ballot initiative that adds expense to the City and County of Denver.

PS - I will be sure to let you know when I post the picture that shows I have a ballot, since you have doubts about that as well.

Thanking you, in advance for your response.

Nitor

Comment 59
>From Jeff Peckman, Denver (responding to Nitor comment 56)

"Nitor - I did not previously remember who you were since because you signed off as being part of the RMPRS. If I recall correctly, we met at the MUFON meeting where I spoke last year.

It's unfortunate that you have gotten yourself all worked up over the belief that I have called you a liar.

If you review my response to your comments, **you'll see that I NEVER made such an accusation or used the word liar or any other variation of it, in reference to you.**

But if you review your comment that I was responding to, you'll see that **YOU accused me of "lying to the people".** I did not say anything like that about you.

I simply stated that you were wrong, confused, lacking knowledge, and ignorant of the facts stated in the legally binding language of the proposed ordinance and its implications for the city budget.

Re: "Tabor booklet" - are you suggesting that the figures (totalling \$22,800) and comments posted by Bryan were created by Denver City Government staff to be included in the Tabor booklet?"

Comment 61

>From Bryan, Arvada (regarding cost info allegedly from Denver city government staff)

"Jeff....

This information is directly from the city (we did not alter or add anything)" - Bryan

Comment 63

>From Rick in Aurora:

Since it appears that the **above posts have now provided good evidence that the city is indeed estimating these costs at \$23,000/year.** does Mr Peckman have any kind of budget plan to pay this to the city (other than a hope for donations)? Isn't it required by law that he reimburses these costs? Why not just make a real budget, and let the citizens know what it is? Surely, if the voters feel this is that important an issue, we the people would vote for it anyways, right?

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In response to my e-mail, Ms. Reubert sent the following message to me which I believe was on May 5. I cannot find the attachments at present to show the full text. However, the line-item estimate by Mr. Scholz is included in my June 10, 2010 e-mail message to Mr. Scholz correcting his estimate.

Reubert, Nancy - Clerk and Recorder wrote:

"Jeff.....

My apologies for not having gotten back to you yesterday. As you know we were pretty preoccupied yesterday with the special election.

I am attaching two files to this email. The files are emails on the subject you are asking about. One of them is an email Elections Director Michael Scarpello sent to Council Member Charlie Brown in response to Council Member Brown's inquiry about costs related to having the ETA on the Primary ballot. The other is an email that we were copied on from Bryan Bonner. The Clerk and Recorder's Office knows no more about this email than what is contained in the

email. Now in addition to this information, Alton and I went back and looked at the video Alton made of the April 7 Clerk and Recorder hearing regarding whether to hold a mail ballot Primary. There is a question from an audience member on what extra cost is associated with having the ETA on the mail ballot for the Primary election. In response to the question, Mr. Scarpello cited the cost figure he had provided to Council Member Brown. I'll be happy to give you a copy of the video if you like. I can put in on a disk for you, but I'll need to charge you \$5 for the disk. If you have a flash drive with at least 1Gb of space on it, I will copy the file to the flash drive for free.

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The content of the e-mail copies provided by Ms. Reubert, showed that Bryan Bonner had requested from Mr. Scholz, an estimate of potential costs to the City and County of Denver that might result if the ET Affairs Commission passed. Part of the inquiry was to City Councilman Charlie Brown.

The e-mail from Ms. Reubert confirmed that the estimated amount of \$22,800 was indeed from Mr. Scholz. Unfortunately, damage from releasing that incorrect amount had already begun. The article was posted on the following news websites, and on countless other blogs, and other websites:

[US accused of alien cover-up](#)

Press TV - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a member of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims Washington has calculatedly covered up the existence of aliens, ...

[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien Investigation](#)

MyFox Memphis - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

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MyFox Phoenix - May 1, 2010

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MyFox Tampa Bay - May 1, 2010

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MyFox Los Angeles - May 1, 2010

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MyFox Washington DC - May 1, 2010

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MyFox Philadelphia - May 1, 2010

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MyFox Chicago - May 1, 2010

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[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien Investigation](#)

FOX 9 News - May 1, 2010

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[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien Investigation](#)

My Fox Boston - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien...](#)

FOX 4 News - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien...](#)

MyFox Atlanta - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

[Colo. Groups Battle Over Vote On Alien Investigation](#)

MyFox Houston - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

[**Alien cover-up investigation**](#)

Before It's News - May 1, 2010

Jeff Peckman, a supporter of the Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, claims the government has covered up the existence of aliens, alien abductions ...

[**Do Aliens Exist? Denver Puts It to the Vote**](#)

FOXNews - Apr 30, 2010

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[**Alien cover-up investigation**](#)

Adelaidenow - Apr 30, 2010

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Daily Telegraph - Apr 30, 2010

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The Australian - Apr 30, 2010

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Herald Sun - Apr 30, 2010

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[**Take us to your leader: Group wants Colorado UFO commission vote**](#)

Fox 31 KDVR.com - [Tammy Vigil](#) - Apr 29, 2010

Supporters for the commission, including **Jeff Peckman**, say for

Bonner was part of a small group of several people who were members of the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society. Bonner and his colleague, Matthew Baxter, were the two most visible and vocal opponents of Initiative 300. Bonner registered to vote in Denver, only late in Dec. 2009, about three weeks after petitions for Initiative 300 had been determined sufficient by the Denver Elections Division. Prior to that, Bonner and Baxter had spent over one and a half years trying to discredit all efforts, and various people involved, to place the issue on the ballot.

It was obvious from Bonner's e-mail to Mr. Scholz that he wanted inside information that could be used against Initiative 300. There were many categories of possible expenses suggested by Bryan Bonner, including time spent by City Council members in talking to the news media about the ET Affairs Commission.

The areas of potential costs identified by Mr. Scholz in his line-item estimate did not include all the items suggested by Mr. Bonner. As I recall, the e-mail from Mr. Scholz to Bonner was dated April 19, 2010. But I do not recall that the e-mail from Ms. Reubert or Mr. Scholz indicated the date on which Mr. Bonner first e-mailed Mr. Scholz.

Upon reviewing the comments by Mr. Scholz, it became immediately clear that they were the same as what was posted in the comments after the Fox 31 article, which I knew were grossly in error. That is why I said in my comment #56 after the article, "**This does not look like the work of city staff**". When I reviewed and corrected the mistakes of Mr. Scholz, I determined that his estimate was about ten times more than what it should have been.

I cannot presently find the attachments to which Ms. Reubert referred. But I used the content of Mr. Scholz's line-item estimate as the basis for the following e-mail sent to Mr. Scholz on June 10, 2010:

Dear Mr. Scholz

Re: Corrections to your estimate of incidental costs to the the City of Denver potentially resulting from the activities of the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission, should it be passed into law.

There will probably be more media coverage soon on the ballot initiative to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission and estimated costs to the city might come up again.

You are correct in replying to Bryan Bonner (opposing ETA Commission) in April that the ETA Commission would not result in costs to the City of Denver. It is specifically mandated that the commission must be funded entirely by "*grants, gifts, and donations, without requiring any fiscal outlay from the city budget.*" And any incidental costs merely need to be reimbursed. This is what I've stated repeatedly over the last two years since beginning the process to place the initiative on the ballot.

However, Bryan Bonner and his friend Matthew Baxter have continued to make reference to the estimate of \$22,800 without mentioning your comment "*No, if operating costs impact the General Fund, it will be the responsibility of the Commission to reimburse the General Fund for those expenses in a timely manner.*" Countering this ongoing deceptive claim of theirs is my task. But that information has

gotten around the news media. If the news media question me about it, I will dispute it by referencing the precise language of the initiative.

Therefore I am giving you the opportunity in advance to make adjustments based on a more careful reading of the specific language of the proposed ordinance. This will help avoid potential embarrassment of the Denver Budget and Management Office and help ensure that accurate information is reported to the voters by the news media.

Below are my suggestions for revised amounts and relevant comments in brackets:

From your e-mail to Bryan Bonner: - *"The spreadsheet below itemizes the DEAC requests listed in the ordinance. It also takes into consideration the indirect costs for elected officials and their staff. As mentioned above, if the DEAC is unable to provide these requests through grants, gifts, or donations prior to procurement, it will be the responsibility of the Commission to reimburse the General Fund for those expenses."*

Denver Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission Costs

Items	Estimated Costs	Comments
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Website set-up and maintenance		
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	\$10,000 \$1,500*	
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The annual maintenance costs will be \$1,500 and were calculated using maintenance costs for similar websites.

[*Sec. 2-255.62. Powers and Duties #2 an 3 only requires that the ETA Commission makes available and displays certain information on the City of Denver web site. It does not require creating a new web site. Of the eighty-five Denver Boards and Commissions listed at denvergov.org, many have links to other pages on the same Denver government site. For example, the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission section could resemble the Commission on Cultural Affairs. And maintenance to the city government web site will occur anyway. But obviously some time of the city government webmaster is necessary. So I propose that this amount for use of the city government web site to post information for the ETA Commission would be closer to \$1,500 total annually.]

~~Television Coverage~~ [Not applicable]

	\$8,600 Zero** cost	
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The budget for four committee meetings* in room 391 at the City and County Building. This is only an estimate and is subject to vary if location, number of meetings and time allotment change. Television coverage was not requested in the ordinance, but if the language in the ordinance is modified** these costs need to be identified.

[*Sec. 2-255.62. Powers and Duties #8 does not require any meetings between the ETA Commission and the City Council, any of its committees, or the Mayor. And the only mandate with respect to meetings is that the ETA commission must seek public input "...including at least two open public hearings per year." With reference to the City Council and Mayor, it is only necessary for the ETA Commission "to report quarterly...to the mayor and city council on progress in achieving the state

purposes of the commission". The word "report", as defined by Random House Webster's Dictionary, can mean " *to give and account or statement of* ". Such account or statement can be a simple and short e-mail or letter. And there is no requirement in the language of the ordinance that even requires the Mayor or City Council to read it, discuss it, or respond to it.

****Re:** your comment "*Television coverage was not requested in the ordinance, but if the language in the ordinance is modified these costs need to be identified.*" The language of a proposed ballot initiative cannot be changed by anyone after it is voted into law. That includes the Mayor, City Council, and even the ballot initiative proponents. The Mayor cannot even repeal it without a vote of the people. However, the City Council, as I understand, can repeal a new law passed by ballot initiative after six months. And the new ordinance can also be repealed by a vote of the people through another ballot initiative. Any request for television coverage would not constitute a change in the language and would therefore not become a cost imposed on the city budget by the mandated activities of the ETA commission. If such coverage is requested by the City Council, Mayor, or some other part of the City of Denver government, and provided, then any costs to the city would be the result of that decision, and not the ETA Commission]

Two Public Forums (set-up and breakdown)

\$600

The costing range is dependent upon whether or not the meeting is during working hours or after hours. Overtime is factored in if the hearing takes place after hours.

Trained City personnel to address valid extraterrestrial public concerns

\$0 [Correct. And this will continue to be zero cost*]

Section 2-255.62, provision 6 states the City* must refer residents and visitors to properly trained personnel or private professionals as necessary, to address valid concerns resulting from sightings, contact with, extraterrestrials or their vehicles. At this time the City does not have individuals trained properly address these concerns and therefore unable to accurately project the costs for these services.

[*Sec. 2-255.62. Powers and Duties #6 mandates that the "Commission ", not the "City", "*refer residents and visitors to properly trained personnel or private professionals as necessary...*". Therefore, if the City has no such properly trained personnel, all such referrals would be to private professionals and therefore this need not ever create costs incurred by the City.]

Mayor & Council (indirect costs) **[Not applicable]**

\$2,900 Zero cost*

This is an annualized cost. Total number of hours the Mayor and Council will spend meeting with the DEAC is 56, which is equivalent to seven working days

[*Sec. 2-255.62. Powers and Duties #8 does not require any "meetings" between the ETA Commission and the City Council, any of its committees, or the Mayor. If the Mayor or City Council seek such meetings with the ETA Commission, then any cost incurred by the city would be a consequence of the decision by the Mayor or City Council, and not by any mandate of the ordinance that established the ETA Commission.

Again, the only mandate with respect to "meetings" is that the ETA commission must seek public input " *...including at least two open public hearings per year.* " With reference to the City Council and Mayor, it is only necessary for the ETA Commission " *to report quarterly...to the mayor and city*

council on progress in achieving the state purposes of the commission". The word " report", as defined by Random House Webster's Dictionary, can mean " to give and account or statement of " . Such account or statement can be a simple and short e-mail or letter. And there is no requirement in the language of the ordinance that even requires the Mayor or City Council to read it, discuss it, or respond to it. Any time they spend in doing so is at their own discretion and is therefore not a cost incurred to the city by the ETA Commission.]

Mayoral Staff (indirect costs)
~~\$700~~ [\$350*]

Director of Boards and Commissions time for administration (1 hour/month) and communication with media* (1 hour/month)

[*Is it customary and to calculate costs for the time the Director of Boards and Commissions communicates with the media for issues related to different boards and commissions, and then requesting reimbursement from the relevant commission for that cost? When the Mayor or a City Council member invites the media to cover a new program announcement or piece of legislation they are promoting, or an event in the community, are they asked to reimburse the city for the time they use in interacting with the news media?, If the answer to the previous two questions is "no", then the 1 hour/month* estimate for " *communication with media* " would not be applicable as an expense of the ETA Commission. Therefore it would not need to be reimbursed to the City because it is not mandated by the language of the ballot initiative and is therefore .]

Total

~~\$22,800~~ \$2,450 [This is the approximate figure I'll be quoting to the news media based on more precise reading and application of mandates of the proposed ETA Commission ballot initiative.

You may not agree with every revised amount but I believe that if you check with the city attorney you will find that most if not all of my revisions are justified. Reimbursement will be required regardless of the amount so this is just for the sake of better accuracy. I do appreciate the time you have already taken to offer an assessment of potential incurred costs to the city as a starting point of reference.

Respectfully,

Jeff Peckman
Director
EXTRA Campaign
www.extracampaign.org
303-949-9654

It should be clear from my letter to Mr. Scholz, that his estimate was grossly inaccurate. That he created it himself, and personally communicated it to someone like Bryan Bonner, raises other questions about Mr. Scholz's ethics. This needs to be considered in the context of more background. For this purpose, I will include text and other content from the work of Bonner and Baxter.

Part 2 – Background and actions of Bryan Bonner and Matthew Baxter

In May 2008, Baxter and Bonner created a hoax video, and dishonestly posted it on YouTube with the title, as I recall, “Real Jeff Peckman Alien Video Leaked”. This was apparently done by them to exploit the massive amount of unsolicited publicity I had received for the ET Affairs Commission ballot initiative. This publicity was further increased by my announcement that an “alien-in-the-window” video taken by Stan Romanek would be shown at a press conference, because some news reporters wanted to see it. I remember the title being deceptive, because the Baxter/Bonner video was a very poor imitation and hoax, had nothing to do with me, and had not been “leaked”.

Below is a still from the actual video footage shot by Stan Romanek:



See comparison with hoax video on the next page.

Below is a still from the hoax video created by Bryan Bonner and Matthew Baxter, but which they claimed to be the real video, and posted it on YouTube 5/30/08:



In July 2008, someone burglarized ET contactee Stan Romanek's home. The thief took a DVD with a special version of the real "alien in the window" video. Two days later, it showed up either on YouTube, with the posting traced back to Baxter and Bonner at their Warning Radio program, or was posted directly on their Warning Radio website, or both. Baxter and Bonner said they did not steal it, and that it was just "given" to them.

On their website, they tried to portray Stan as dishonest, and tried to discredit him over this story. These ghost-chasers said, *"Later, Stan's Lawyer claimed that Stan's home had been broken into, and that Law enforcement was working on the case. Once again, we contacted the Lakewood Police, and they did not have any records of his claims. Several months later, Stan claimed that someone 'shot at him', and because of the attempts on his life and the previous issues, he had become on a first-name basis with the Police. We contacted the Police (Denver & Lakewood) to discuss the 'shooting', and neither one had any reports".*

Their deceptive attempt to make Stan Romanek look dishonest became a standard tactic for them on many occasions. Stan did not even live in Denver or Lakewood at the time of these crimes. Therefore, the law enforcement offices in these cities or counties would not have

records of the crimes committed against Stan. Evidently, they were pretending to be ignorant of where the crime took place.

At first, it seemed that Baxter and Bonner were just sloppy, unprofessional, incompetent, publicity seeking ghost-chasers, despite the fact that they claimed to be first rate paranormal investigators. In retrospect, it seems they might have had a more sinister agenda and suspicious alliances.

E-mail from former RMPRS member

In July 2008, I received an e-mail with information from a man who claimed to be a former member of the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society. It said:

"Jeff,

I have to be honest that I don't know a whole lot about your campaign. However, I can tell you that I was a member (briefly) of RMPRS and saw some things that just didn't jive...

...They certainly have an agenda and it seems to be coming from somewhere else.

Now Baxter actually seems like a nobody. He answers to Bryan. Bryan, however, is very suspicious.

He carries a Federal Government I.D. with him and a badge that appears to be government issue although it rarely is seen. He pays for things with a black credit card (that is not American Express) that seems to be bottomless. He gets many phone calls to his cell phone that he never ignores (although he often would ignore my calls). He always heads for a corner and speaks quietly and reverently during these calls.

He would often tell Baxter what move he (Baxter) was going make next after these phone calls. Baxter actually said "yes sir" on more than one occasion.

All of this could mean absolutely nothing.... I do know that they make me very uneasy and should be exposed. You have my permission to forward this email to whomever you think would benefit from it.

[Name withheld to protect the sender although he has not expressed any objection to being known]

Over the next fifteen months, from July 2008 to September 2010, Bonner and Baxter posted deceptive information about the ET Affairs Commission ballot initiative at every opportunity. This was typically in the form of comments after online news articles. That is not unusual for opponents of a candidate or ballot initiative.

Based on the comments by Baxter and Bonner in articles, they seemed to live in Arvada and Broomfield. But in December 2009, Bonner registered to vote in Denver. That was three weeks after the Denver Elections Division determined that a sufficient number of valid signatures had been collected to put the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission on the ballot.

In mid-October 2010, I received a phone call from Mr. Dennis Gallagher, Denver City and County Auditor. He was very angry, and demanded that I immediately stop claiming that he had endorsed Initiative 300, and remove such claim from the campaign website. This took me by surprise.

No one representing Initiative 300, including me, had claimed that Mr. Gallagher had endorsed Initiative 300. A short time before, at a political event, Mr. Gallaher commented to me that he thought Initiative 300 might pass. I do not recall if he said "would, might, will, or could". But it was clearly just an opinion being expressed about the possibility of Initiative 300 passing. At the same event, two volunteers for the Denver League of Women Voters asked me to sign the Initiative 300 campaign 'newspaper', because they said it would be a "collector's item".

When asked during an Internet radio interview about positive responses to Initiative 300 from the community, I shared the comment by Mr. Gallagher and the two LWV volunteers. I was not sure how his comment got to be misconstrued as being my claim that Mr. Gallaher endorsed Initiative 300. Then I came across the following posting by Matthew Baxter on his Facebook:

Posted by Baxter Oct. 16, 2010

http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=466709014776

Before I even start, I want to repeat something Jeff Peckman has said about us.

"They don't even know how to do real research and every thing they do backfires..."

As many of you know, Jeff Peckman is the author and chief proponent of the Denver ET Affairs Commission initiative. Well, with only a few weeks left in the campaign, he is looking for ANY endorsement that he can find. He has gone as far as to bring up that pop star Katy Perry has mentioned a belief in aliens as some sort of endorsement for his badly written initiative.

Well, last week he started talking about the Denver City Auditor. Here is what he is posting:

"Dennis J. Gallagher, a former Denver city councilman, and now the elected City Auditor of Denver, Colo., has predicted that Initiative 300, the Nov. 2, 2010 ballot initiative for the creation of an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission for the City of Denver, Colorado, 'is going to pass' in the general election to be held on November 2, 2010."

When we hear about endorsements like this, we wonder about the veracity of such claims. He has also brought up dead celebrities such as Elvis and John Lennon as people who would readily support such an initiative if they were still alive.

So, Bryan and I are embroiled in doing "Haunted Wine Tours" of the city of Denver. We rely heavily on historical facts and historical accounts of ghost stories to make the tour fun and interesting. Daily, we extend our historical research of the locations we visit on the tour to make sure we are accurate in our retelling of these stories. One of our stories centers on Cheesman Park. Many may not know that Cheesman park has connections with Riverside Cemetery. Today, Riverside Cemetery had some

historical dedication ceremonies happening and Bryan and I thought we might be able to pick up a few more insights for our tour if we attended.

As we stood there listening to the dedication of a new headstone to Denver's first Marshall, Bryan nudged me and pointed out Dennis Gallagher. What a nice bit of luck! We waited for the speech to finish and I made my way to his side.

I stuck out my hand and introduced myself and Bryan. I then asked him if it was ethical for a city official to openly endorse an initiative before an election. He responded that they can but he wouldn't.

"Wait. Is this about that ET thing?" he asked. I nodded.

"That thing is a waste of money!" he muttered.

I let him know that Jeff Peckman was openly stating his opinion that "it will pass."

"Damn it. You just can't be nice to some people! I told him that it had a chance to pass because so many people seem to believe in aliens. I didn't endorse it!"

He asked if we had Jeff's number (which, of course, we did) and proceeded to use Bryan's cell phone to call Jeff!

Needless to say, since it would have been Bryan's name on the caller ID, Jeff didn't answer and no voicemail picked up. Mr. Gallagher took Jeff's number and said that he was now going to make sure that he came out against the initiative, especially after we gave him a few more facts on it. We posed for a few photos with him and all joined a historical tour of the cemetery, during which we could hear Mr. Gallagher making alien jokes throughout.

It turned out to be quite a fun day!

After reading Bonner's post about the incident in the cemetery, it became obvious that Baxter and Bonner deliberately baited an unsuspecting Mr. Gallagher by asking "if it was ethical for a city official to openly endorse an initiative before an election." There can be no doubt that the objective of deceiving Mr. Gallaher was to get him to think I had claimed he endorsed Initiative 300, and to get an angry response from him. If they attempted to call me, I wouldn't have known, since I don't have voice mail or caller ID. So Baxter's insinuation that I chose to not answer the phone because it was his number, was just another deceptive tactic in an attempt to discredit me.

I alerted Mr. Gallagher to the fact that he had been "set up" by unethical people. In an e-mail to Mr. Gallagher, I said, "I can assure you that at no time have I in any way communicated to anyone through any means that you have endorsed Initiative 300. I am not aware of anyone representing Initiative 300 as a volunteer making such claim either. My mention of your comment that "I think this is going to pass" was simply one of several parts of my answer. But

as you wish, I will refrain from mentioning even that much unless I am asked to confirm whether or not you endorsed Initiative 300. Then I will confirm what I quoted you as saying and confirm that you did not on that occasion endorse Initiative 300.” I also shared the content of Bonner’s boastful posting on FB.

Baxter’s and Bonner’s efforts to discredit Initiative 300 are in line with their efforts to discredit legitimate UFO research, Christianity, and reputable scientists examining evidence of extraterrestrial visits to Earth. They are free to believe or not believe in what they want. But they seemed determined to invent “facts” about Initiative 300, and then criticize them.

Matthew also got his fiancé Karen Stollzman to help. She writes for the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and had been a keynote speaker at an Atheists conference in Canada. Her rather long and silly rant against Initiative 300, Stan Romanek, and me, was just another bungled attempt to discredit people. Apparently, she was content to write whatever misinformation her fiancé told her to write without checking facts.

Here is another example of their hoaxed photo.



Baxter and Bonner have been quite obsessed and devious in trying to undermine Initiative 300. Their motivation, at first seemed mostly related to wanting to get into the publicity spotlight by opposing the ET Affairs Commission. At one point, Baxter suggested that I actually help them build up a battle in the media, but I said no thanks. I learned later they were trying to

be in a reality TV show called Colorado X Case Files. That was the same reason for “Balloon Boy” father Richard Heene’s hoax. The following is on a website:

<http://www.coloradoxcasefiles.com/media.html>

Television's newest upcoming Paranormal Show in which a team of Paranormal Investigators faces off against a team of Academics & Skeptics to investigate Colorado's most notorious cases of the Supernatural and Paranormal. www.coloradoxcasefiles.com

Website:

<http://www.coloradoxcasefiles.com>

Schedule:

"Testing the Terror...So You Don't Have To..."

Starring:

Jack Hanley, **Bryan Bonner**, **Baxter**, K. Thorpe, Stuart Hayes, Linda Crane, **Nitor**, Jessica McMaster, Logan Baxter, Sarah Bourassa, Carol Olivacz, Michele Hanley, Isla Schanuel, and Raya Sokolova

Written By:

K. Thorpe and Jack Hanley

Directed By:

Laura Peters. Asst. Dir. Josh Minor

Awards:

Production Crew

DP and Lead Camera- Josh Minor

Second Camera and Art Director- Chris Leising

Editor- Anne Banister

Sound Designer and Sound- Jessie Marek

Production Assistants- Jessica Saldago, Heather Milne, and Jenny Brown.

Plot Outline:

Colorado's newest upcoming Paranormal reality show- pitting the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society against a team of Academics and Skeptics to take on Colorado's most notorious cases of the paranormal. CHOOSE YOUR SIDE- 2010!

[Colorado X: Case Files of the Paranormal](#) 's Upcoming Television Series Pilot Episode "Colorado X: Case Files of the Paranormal" has been officially optioned by Visualeyces Productions for a July screening for possible national syndication- on the judgment panel, actor/producer Rick Gomez and Emmy-winning actor and fledgling producer Bryan Cranston!

Their close association with Karen Stollznaw of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI), and possibly a covert agency or private organization, raises even more suspicion. CSI is regarded by many as somewhat of a “debunkers” club. In her rant against Initiative 300 in October 2010, Karen Stollznaw made grossly misleading and false statements against the Initiative 300 campaign.

One example was her blatantly false accusation about petitioning for Initiative 300 that, *“an additional 6,000 signatures were invalidated due to claims that these signatures were falsified”*. For anyone curious about the extent of her deceptive rant, the full text of her article is contained in my rebuttal at: <http://www.examiner.com/ufo-in-denver/skeptics-bungle-attack-on-initiative-300-et-affairs-commission>

Part 3 – Speculation on who was directing Bryan Bonner and possibly Mr. Scholz

Anyone considering the above facts would be justified in wondering about the mysterious calls allegedly taken by Bryan Bonner, and who was giving him outside, or perhaps “inside”, help. It's very obvious that Matthew Baxter did not write all the comments for which he signed off as author. Whether the help was from the CIA, NSA, or other covert group, does not really matter. But it's possible that tax money was being used illegally to influence the outcome of the Denver election on Initiative 300.

What motive could there be for one or more Federal agencies to influence a citywide ballot initiative? The CIA has controlled the secrecy of UFOs and ETs for over 50 years. The lack of transparency and competence in the U.S. Government allows billions of dollars to be “lost” without taxpayer knowledge. Secret “black budget” or “unacknowledged” Special Access Projects are bankrupting us. The 1949 CIA Act allows the CIA, by law, to operate *“without regard to any provisions of law”*, when it comes to transferring or receiving funds from other government agencies, and in total disregard of Congressional intent over how federal funds are spent. The CIA Director can even prohibit any *“audit, inspection, or investigation”* of its activities.

When the public realizes how much government secrecy has hurt local economies and government programs, an investigation might result that could be far more than just embarrassing for the Federal government. That is most likely the bigger reason that Baxter and Bonner and their cohorts were so relentless in misrepresenting the facts about Initiative 300. They might have been trying to draw attention away from the real issues and truth of the government cover-up and CIA money-siphoning.

Their real interest might be in keeping UFO/ET files in the hands of covert agencies that have no accountability or transparency, and bloated multi-billion dollar budgets at stake. This must be taken seriously. Following are just a few very short excerpts related to this topic that is elaborated in a forty-five page article from 2003/04 at: <http://exopolitics.org/Report-Black-Budget.htm>

Here are a few examples that should concern all Americans:

- Every year, according to Catherine Austin Fitts, a former Assistant Secretary of HUD, billions of dollars of Congressional appropriations are diverted from their Congressionally sanctioned purposes to CIA and DoD based intelligence agencies without knowledge of the public and with the collusion of Congressional leaders.
- Acres Magazine reported in about 2002 that the Auditor General of the USDA asked Congress for another \$100 million to help find \$5 billion that was missing from the USDA's \$95 billion budget.
- *"A GAO report found Defense inventory systems so lax that the U.S. Army lost track of 56 airplanes, 32 tanks, and 36 Javelin missile command launch-units..."* --- San Francisco Chronicle, 5/18/03
- *"The Defense Department spent an estimated \$100 million for airline tickets that were not used over a six-year period and failed to seek refunds even though the tickets were reimbursable."* -- New York Times, 6/9/04
- *"According to some estimates we cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions,"* Rumsfeld admitted. \$2.3 trillion — that's \$8,000 for every man, woman and child in America.-- CBS News, 1/29/02, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld raises evidence of government and military corruption [The amount quoted equaled about \$4.5 billion for Denver taxpayers and over \$36 billion for Colorado taxpayers.]
- *"The Defense Department is unable to properly account for \$8.7 billion out of \$9.1 billion in Iraqi oil revenue entrusted to it between 2004 and 2007..."* - Los Angeles Times 7/27/10
- *"Sophia Hoffer asked me to come work at SAIC. I came in and there wasn't any paperwork to fill out. She just said, "You have the job." I didn't even know what department it was at the time....These supervisors were playing games on their computer. There was nothing on their desks.*

A supervisor gave me letters to respond to. He said, "Oh, you know, just put a letter together and send it off." I opened up the files and even the letters that were in there were backdated several years saying the same exact form letter. It was talking about sometimes millions of dollars in contracts. It looked like there had never been any activity on it. That struck me as very odd.

Sophia was in the position of one of the head scientists...They were getting a lot of money for doing nothing, and I didn't know where the money was going. Later, I put her last name in a computer to do a search. It took me to this DEA site. There was a picture of her with a different first name, same last name. But this was the deceased site for DEA or CIA agents. I was shocked.

This person is supposed to have been dead for years.” -- Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Secretary, Denise McKenzie

Given all the above facts, I believe that, at a minimum, Mr. Scholz acted unethically. At the same time, he demonstrated incompetence in executing a simple task that should have been delegated to someone else, if done at all. His communication with one suspicious and unethical person, known as Bryan Bonner, raises questions about his judgment. Finally, the alleged mysterious person reported by a witness to be directing the activity of Bryan Bonner raises the possibility of a bigger issue.

There is only one reference to Bryan Bonner obediently taking mysterious calls from someone seeming to be giving him directions. The man claiming to have witnessed this said that it was taking place in the Spring of 2008, when he was a member of RMPRS. That was immediately following the start of the massive publicity for the ET Affairs Commission.

Questions:

1. Did these alleged directions to Bryan Bonner continue after the witness was no longer a member of the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society?
2. Did the alleged directions include getting Mr. Scholz to issue a grossly inaccurate estimate regarding potential expenses to the City of Denver from the ET Affairs Commission?
3. Was Mr. Scholz aware of these directions being given to Bryan Bonner.
4. Did Mr. Scholz have any communication with the person who allegedly gave directions to Bryan Bonner?
5. Are the actions of Mr. Scholz merely an innocent blunder by the top official in the Budget and Management Office? Or are they the kind of mistakes made by the burglars in Daniel Ellsberg’s office who were found to be more than just petty criminals?

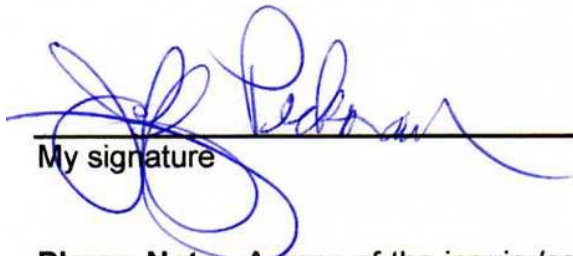
If evidence of more serious wrongdoing emerges in the examination of this ethics complaint, then it would take a person or entity with subpoena power to dig deeper into this story. Hopefully, the examination of this ethics complaint will also have the side benefit of shedding more light on the alleged budget deficit and answering such questions as:

- Why is the \$100 million budget gap for Denver so nicely rounded off?
- How do we know that the amount is not \$86 million?
- How do we know that \$14 million in jobs, services, and program funding are not going to be eliminated for the convenience of having a nice rounded off number?
- Why doesn’t any other mayoral candidate question this amount?
- Just how far does the money-siphoning by a Federal agencies reach?

Mr. Scholz was off by 1000% in his estimate of potential costs to the City of Denver from the ET Affairs Commission. If he is off by only 15% in his estimate of the city budget, then Denver might not have any budget gap at all, or it could be a gap of \$200 million.

The actions of Mr. Scholz do not seem to comply with the ethical standard demanded by his office and the expectations of Denver citizens.

I look forward to hearing of your conclusions in this matter and I am grateful for your diligence.



My signature

3/29/2011

Date

Please Note: A copy of the inquiry/complaint will be sent to the person who is the subject of the inquiry/complaint and may be made available to the public.