

PRESS ADVISORY

SCI FI Channel And Coalition For Freedom of Information (CFi) Ready Lawsuit Against Government Stonewall

Groups Unite To Seek Records of Mysterious 1965 Pennsylvania Incident

WHAT: A year ago, with the support of John Podesta, former Clinton White House Chief of Staff and member of the Moynihan Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, the SCI FI Channel and the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFi) initiated an effort to obtain classified and other government documents on the 1965 UFO incident in Kecksburg, PA.

Now, as a result of continued delays and stonewalling by key federal agencies including the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, and NASA on CFI's Freedom of Information Act requests, SCI FI will announce its support for legal action to force various agencies to reveal what they know about the Kecksburg crash.

Legal, scientific, and archival experts will report on a year's worth of investigative work – federal archive searches, interviews with witnesses and military personnel, scientific analyses, and Freedom of Information Act requests.

On December 9, 1965, just outside the small Pennsylvania town of Kecksburg, witnesses described seeing a fireball in the evening sky, a controlled landing and the systematic military recovery of an object. As reported by local radio and newspapers, U.S. military personnel cordoned off the area, investigated the site, and left without ever providing a full report. Later, the Air Force stated it was a meteor and nothing was found.

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Leslie Kean, Investigative Journalist
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WHEN: Tuesday, October 21, 2003
10:00 AM
Coffee and pastry – 9:30

WHERE: First Amendment Room
National Press Club
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