

Dear Dr. X,

My name is Erich Habich-Traut and I'm 57 years old. I have no academic qualifications but I have coordinated a multinational science project 2001 - 2015 with my website "Our Planet Earth From Space", which tracked Earth Changes: <http://opefs.com>. I've been a volunteer for Bigelow Aerospace from 2006 ~ 2012, providing real-time tracking of their prototype space habitats Genesis I & II via NORAD (<https://web.archive.org/web/20120504010218/http://bigelowaerospace.com/genesis-1-tracking.php>).

I'm writing to you because I'm the initiator of the 'Contact Initiative' (CI). It's primary goal is to make radio contact with ETI.

The difference between the Contact Initiative and classical SETI is that UAPs are included in its search.

The Contact Initiative wants to gather high quality evidence about the phenomenon. It also wants to inform the public about the possibility of contact and lead the debate in a constructive manner.

The engine of this Contact Initiative is a dedicated smartphone app that acquires real-time GPS coordinates of UAPs after a user alert. Users can also take snapshots or video of the prospective sighting with their smartphone, but that is not the primary goal. When a user uses the smartphone camera to photograph the object the motion sensors record the azimuth, the compass records the direction.

The UFO alert is sent to an astronomical real-time database, NORAD database and air traffic databases to identify known flying objects. Secret military projects are excluded via NORAD TLEs.

The remaining objects are then qualified as prospective UAP, ready to be investigated further by forwarding their GPS coordinates to close-by search partners using the same Contact app. All this happens near real-time.

The search partners are selected by their proximity to the sighting and their capability/qualifications.

The search partners can be radio operators, videographers, gigapixel camera operators, Unistellar telescope operators and (passive) radar operators, which are a subset of radio HAM enthusiasts.

To motivate the public to take part in this search prizes can be given for successful detections of UAPs, staggered by evidence weight:

less important: 1. confirmed UAP pictures, 2. video, 3. radar images,

more important: 4. reception of radio emissions, 5. verifiable conversation with ETI (CETI), 6. physical alien artifact, 7. actual landing of UAP with ETI.

Alternative to cash prizes, credits may be given, they could be collectible non-fungible tokens (NFT's), whose value is based on their desirability.

The whole endeavor (and prize money) will be funded by private enterprise through the "Alien Marketplace" advertising space. This marketplace is accessed through the Contact app. To filter out fakes and false identifications AI algorithms and volunteers evaluate the results. The volunteers may be paid cash or NFT tokens that can be traded on the Alien Marketplace.

My own motivation to get this "Contact Initiative" off the ground are my own UAP sightings from Ireland in 1986 and 1995 in the UK. The 1995 UAP I managed to photograph twice on 35mm film, making it

possible for me to finally triangulate it's approximate size, distance and speed in May 2020, when I found the lost and forgotten negative film from 1995.

According to a Gallup poll over 40% of the American public believes in UFOs. Now, after the release of the Pentagon ODNI UAP report in July 2021 the climate seems right to get to the bottom of this and ask the question for real and to get a real answer: Are we Alone?

After this introduction, could I please interest you in reading the proposal outline and flowchart of the "Contact Initiative"?

Keywords: Contact Initiative, GPS tracking, smartphone app, crowd sourced, automated alert system, distributed, public and specialized observers, passive radar operators, proactive HAM radio operators, gigapixel camera operators, CETI, METI, SETI, commercial funding, NFT, alien marketplace

Thank you for your time,
yours sincerely,

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