

Re: NASA TRIES, FAILS TO WITHHOLD PLANETARY DEFENSE REPORT

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I have got the typical disinformation, rubbish reaction from the military and their apologists. The reaction, as I think I have said merely confirms what I originally said. There is only one thing that I would like to change significantly, and that is my assessment of the feasibility of colonies on Mars for survival. Thinking more deeply about it I now feel that survivalist Martian colonies, that would be siege colonies, that is to say colonies that were completely self sufficient in everything, are even more pipedream than I first supposed. Let us look at it this way. A siege colony has not only to be able to produce its own oxygen, food, water and structural materials but be able to make the complete range of products needed for replication. That will include such things as 0.15¼ chips. If all you had to transport to Mars were 0.15¼ surface mounts, you would conclude that the colony was pretty self sufficient, however it would still not be a "siege colony" – one that was capable of existing in the absence of Earth. It would be a complete Von Neumann machine. Unless you believe that human manual dexterity cannot be replicated, something which I quite frankly find incredible, a siege colony would be a Von Neumann machine.

Military moron! If you pooh, pooh Von Neumann machines you are pooh, poohing any siege concept. In fact once you get to the "siege" stage and have a true VN machine capable of complete replication, you can think about such things as a sunshield round Venus, colonizing Venus. In fact a "siege" colony implies a Type 1 commitment.

This being so, is what I have said worth saying? Emphatically yes. Although siege colonies are in point of fact impossible (if you go on to colonize Venus etc., on a large scale you are no longer in the "siege" domain), the fact that Stephen Hawking mentioned them takes our eyes of the ball. Our aim must be to reduce risk here on Earth. It is our only option whether we like it or not. People here do not seem to like it.

I hope, in view of the yellowcake from Niger, Saddam Hussein's WMD program and the way in which the dossier was put together (that is a conspiracy if ever there was one), the fact that security man keeps wittering on about a WMD attack being inevitable despite the fact that

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AQ does not and never has have any. Perhaps I might be forgiven for my scepticism. The Anthrax attacks, looking at all the evidence, were probably the work of someone in the religious right Five people not being many! Try telling that to their families! I have said how the FBI should go about it, they won't of course. The framing of a completely innocent individual shows the lengths to which these people will go.

Smallpox – There is no evidence, not even Niger yellowcake, that anyone other than the authorized holders have Smallpox. Indeed if they did it would only serve to amplify what I said.

Warp drives and Antigravity – These are important in so far that they demonstrate the way this disinformation machine works. The references are there, you can't deny this. You can't deny either that there are perfectly good mainstream aerodynamic explanations of everything that is going on.

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