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### ***Submerged Aerospace Cold Case Surfacing Hot Cold War Mystery***

June 07, 2015 – Recent research into a 1960 boating incident off California’s coast reveals families still lamenting the loss of their loved ones; industry giant Raytheon continuing to withhold information concerning the nature of underwater research project; DOD and industry giant Lockheed were part of a covert recovery operation. The incident, submerged under layers of classified documentation are surfacing details surrounding the disappearance of the vessel *Marie* Tuesday, June 7, 1960 as connected to a still black project.

California, a significant hub for Cold War technology research and development, was rocked by the *Marie* tragedy where seven men serving a Raytheon-related project team were lost at sea.

Five of the men (Howell, Mackie, McCaffrey, Russell, Terres) were sons of California - raised in Los Angeles, Goleta and Santa Barbara. Among these men were advanced capabilities in engineering, scuba diving, and military service as well as families deeply interwoven into the Santa Barbara community.

One man, Dr. Niel Freeborn Beardsley, born and raised in Ohio, was a pioneer in the art and science of infrared detectors. Newton-Terres’ sources indicate, Dr. Beardsley served the DOD as a civilian physicist from just after Pearl Harbor on the Manhattan Project in Chicago until 1946 where he joined the likes of the free world’s first Man-in-Space Program operating from a field office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base laboratories until he moved to Santa Barbara in 1959. Newton-Terres’ research suggests Beardsley’s work can be traced through his work on detectors with links between the famous U2 reconnaissance spy-plane shoot down over Russia on May 1, 1960, the *Marie* shipwreck lost days later, and today’s advanced infrared system. Beardsley gained a bachelor’s in physics at Hiram College, Ohio in 1913, and his master’s at Northwestern in 1920, and his doctor’s degree at the University of Chicago in 1932. As is true of many Cold War era scientists, Dr. Beardsley would likely be well-known, if not for the secrecy his work demanded.

One man, Paul Timothy Lovette, remains somewhat of a mystery. He was raised in North Carolina and had moved from the Los Angeles area to Santa Barbara less than four months prior.

Teresa Newton-Terres, daughter of Diego “Jim” Terres, Jr. an engineer and scuba diver lost on the *Marie*, believed that a simple connection with Raytheon Company would answer her question, “What happened?” But, deflected, she then began an effort piecing together information. Today, after years devoted to the research she has surfaced many details while other details remain submerged in classified information that eludes her detection. Newton-Terres references her faith and America’s motto, ‘In God We Trust’ as her North Star guide and source of strength to her journey in perseverance. Newton-Terres, was two years old when her father was lost. At that time, she first heard the family myths explaining her father’s disappearance as either: the boat’s lack of fitness, the life-boat carried her father on ocean currents to Mexico where he had amnesia, or her father and the scientist were kidnapped by a Russian submarine. After a series of mid-life events, she determined to live differently and dispel myths, face facts, and deal with un-resolved issues from the shipwreck.

Newton-Terres understands that few classified details would have surfaced today had Newton-Terres lived in a closed society. As a result of living in America, its military and national archives as well as people’s memories have opened to her because a code of conduct that has allowed for an appropriate timing of information to be de-classified resulting in the story tapestry to begin weaving threads together... even in the case of this “black project” giving further credence, Newton-Terres believes, to America’s motto, “In God We Trust.”

Newton-Terres' research was possible because America's open society where she gained details of information because of former President Clinton's 1994 bulk de-classified of Top-Secret Systems like the ocean's submarine's detection SOSUS system (Sound Surveillance), the Corona spy-satellite sensing system, and the Human Radiation Experiments with its Radiological system (ACHRE). Clinton determined these programs worthy of de-classification because he anticipated service to the general public's use in navigation (GPS), communication (Wireless), weather (Doppler), medical (Radiology), and the ancient art of track and trail (Reconnaissance / Surveillance). Newton-Terres sources suggest that the *Marie*'s Dr. Beardsley's efforts in infrared detectors (1948-1960) influenced today's advanced technological systems.

Sunday, June 7, 2015 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Marie* tragedy. The public is invited to join in a minute-of-honor sometime during the day, sunrise to sunset, and remember these men, their service and the sacrifice.

"This is a story begging for honor and a telling of events," Newton-Terres said. November 2010, the *Marie* Tragedy was recognized as a Cold War timeline event by the Cold War Museum. May 2010 a documentary debuted on-line marking the voyage where the Raytheon-related project-team went to sea and returned safely entitled, MARIE REMEMBERED: Seven Men Lost At Sea Expanding The Frontiers of Infrared. June 2010, at the 50<sup>th</sup> milestone, a first-ever gathering commemorated the *Marie* tragedy with activities co-hosted by California's Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. A network of family, friends, sponsors, and volunteers gathered from around the world. The culminating activity was a sunrise wreath laying boat ride that became a spiritual encounter as hundreds of dolphins and three whales circled the boat at the ceremonial destination off Santa Cruz Island. June 2005 a memorial was dedicated at the end of the Santa Barbara Harbor breakwater, an effort spearheaded by Mjuiba Cabugos and Bud Bottom's to honor all loved ones lost at sea to include the *Marie*. In 1984, authors Eugene D. Wheeler and Robert E. Kallman, wrote, "One of the strangest boating accidents of the 1960s was the disappearance of the *Marie*,..." in Shipwrecks, Smugglers and Maritime Mysteries. And in 1982 the *Marie* tragedy was recognized as one of the one hundred most newsworthy stories of the 20th century in *Santa Barbara News-Press' HEADLINERS: A History of SB From the Pages of its newspapers 1855-1982*. Then, in July 1963, a U.S. District Court judge in Los Angeles, was forced to make a ruling as to who would shoulder liability, which was based on limited information. Given Newton-Terres' findings, she can only speculate as to the scales of justice.

Originally, Newton-Terres had hoped to begin a launch sequence to publish her first memoir to uncloak this Cold War mystery. But, personal tragedy struck her life again this past November when she lost her husband of 24 years, Colonel Kenneth H. Newton (USA retired), and it resulted in publication delays.

The *Marie* Project effort grew from the Old Town Goleta Culture Project founded by Fermina Murray and Laura Funkhouser (1998) and launched in Funkhouser's apartment where Newton-Terres' father grew up. Newton-Terres' extensive research was conducted at the Military, Coast Guard, and National Archives in Alabama, California, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, and Washington D.C. to include the Navy Yard, Naval Research Laboratory, and Syracuse University. In the process, unresolved issues are being resolved and the submerged story is surfacing.

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