



# **INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT**

**STARR HOMEPLACE  
OAK RIDGE, LA. 71264**

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**NOTE: THE CLIENT IN THIS INVESTIGATION HAS ALLOWED OPEN ACCESS TO  
DATA GATHERED ON THIS RESEARCH PROJECT.**

# HISTORY

Starr Homeplace consists of approximately 19 buildings, and is a memorial non-profit foundation in north eastern Louisiana. These 19 buildings are of various ages, many over 100 years old. The contents consists or artifacts obtained and donated depicting life over the last two hundred years, such as tools from three centuries. As many of these buildings have been moved onto the nine acres, and the artifacts so numerous, an exact history of each is both unknown and unknowable.

# EXPERIENCES

Both the current owner as well as visitors and volunteer workers report anomalous events. Figures have been seen in or near many of the buildings, including the main residence. Voices and unexplained noises that are such that no one is near to have caused it, are often noted. A sense of presence of another person nearby is often felt when no one is near to the observer.

Objects are moved around with regularity, and seldom found immediately. These are generally found days later in the same exact spot where they had disappeared, or in such a location as to be unlikely to have been placed in said location. Electrical devices are turned off and on without a malfunction being found.

# INVESTIGATION

DATE OF INVESTIGATION: JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> , 2012

PARTICIPANTS: JAMES PALMER, BESS MAXWELL, KEITH MYERS, TRACI MYERS, JOHN COMBS, KIRK CORMIER

EQUIPMENT: Digital Cameras, Infrared cameras and DVR system, Digital audio recorders, Ion Counters, P-SB7 Spirit Box, Infra-sound detection equipment, Digital thermometers, Various EMF meters including Tri-Fields, Motion detectors including geophone and laser grid systems, Ovilus interactive voice communications device, and PEAR REG-1 units for the detection of anomalous human consciousness with software on Hewlett-Packard computers.

INVESTIGATION: At the time and places tested, no anomalous photos were taken. No data was noted on video. Nothing unusual was detected by laser grid or geophone. No high EMF fields from AC current were found in any location likely to result in prolonged exposure, although there are some areas of high EMF fields from older wiring. No anomalous hot spots or cold spots were noted. No anomalous motions were noted. Two EVP voices were recorded, of words formed using the P-SB7. A limited amount of data was recorded form the Ovilus device. No excessive positive ion counts were noted. No infrasound, nor standing waves of such, were detected at times of testing, in the areas of

testing. No inordinate positive ion counts were noted.

### PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

At approximately 7:00, I was alone in building number 7, conducting consciousness testing. While setting up the test, with my back turned to the entry door, I heard two foot steps, as if someone had entered and stopped. When I turned around, immediately, to see who had entered, no one was there, or outside the building.

# PART TWO

## Consciousness Detection

This type of testing is passive in nature and designed to detect, through the quantum tunneling method, the probability that a human type consciousness may be present affecting the REG-1 units, when all incarnate consciousness has been removed from the areas of testing.. The minimum reporting standard for this type testing is  $p < .05$ , with  $p$  (probability) representing the chance that the event could be the result of chance alone in the probability distribution. Thus, the probability of an anomaly is 95% per test, or greater, to be considered statistically significant. We then compute the probability that all tests are false, that is, that none of the tests indicate an anomaly.

A total of 70 tests were run in 8 of the 19 areas. At the minimum reporting standard of .05, we would expect to receive a total of 3.5 tests (4.0) due to chance alone affecting the probability distribution, resulting in 3.5 (4.0) false positives for the human consciousness being the cause. ( $70 \times .05 = 3.5$ ) The actual mean score for the 42 positive tests was  $p < .023601$ . The correction for the number of expected false positives would be  $70 \times .023601 = 1.65$  false positives, which we would round up to 2. As noted, we received 42 positives, much greater than the mathematically expected 2 if only chance were involved.

After the room designation, the number or alpha character designates the test number or sequence in that room, on that particular testing computer.

EXAMPLE: BRThree1 Bedroom number three, test number one.

Building designations:

Building 1	Gallery House c. 1900
Building 2	Music Room c. 1870
Building 3	Log Cabin – Two rooms, noted as “dining” and room containing a loom. c. 1835
Building 4	Commissary c. 1915
Building 5	Outhouse c. 1940
Building 6	Milk House c. 1940
Building 7	Cabin Kitchen c. 1920
Building 8	Trap House c. 1940

The test scores are as follows:

### COMPUTER 1

Building 3 Dining Test 2	$z = 2.288$	$p < .011068$
Test 4	$z = 2.099$	$p < .017908$
Test 5	$z = 1.765$	$p < .038782$
Building 1 Right Rear Bedroom Test 2	$z = 2.247$	$p < .012320$
Test 3	$z = 1.669$	$p < .047559$
Test 5	$z = 1.665$	$p < .047956$

**COMPUTER 2**

Building 3 Loom Test 2	z= 2.160	p< .015386
Test 5	z= 2.966	p< .001519
Building 1 Entry Test 1	z= 1.759	p< .039289
Test 3	z= 2.673	p< .003759
Test 5	z= 2.966	p< .005109

**COMPUTER 4**

Building 1 Kitchen Test 1	z= 1.964	p< .024675
Test 3	z= 2.433	p< .007487
Test 4	z= 2.196	p< .014046

**COMPUTER 5**

Building 5 Test 3	z= 2.247	p< .012320
Test 4	z= 2.689	p< .003583
Building 1 Front Right Bedroom Test 1	z= 2.091	p< .018264
Test 3	z= 2.356	p< .009286
Test 4	z= 1.731	p< .041726
Test 5	z= 1.769	p< .038447

**COMPUTER 6**

Building 6 Test 1	z= 1.893	p< .029179
Test 3	z= 2.101	p< .017820
Test 4	z= 1.791	p< .036647
Test 5	z= 1.997	p< .022913
Building 4 Test 1	z= 3.108	p< .000942
Test 2	z= 2.043	p< .020526
Test 4	z= 1.980	p< .023852
Test 5	z= 2.046	p< .020378
Building 1 Left Rear Bedroom Test 1	z= 2.380	p< .008656
Test 4	z= 1.841	p< .032811
Test 5	z= 1.843	p< .032665

**COMPUTER 7**

Building 8 Test 2	z= 1.694	p< .045133
Test 4	z= 2.160	p< .015386
Test 5	z= 1.767	p< .038614
Building 2 Test 1	z= 1.746	p< .040405
Test 4	z= 2.259	p< .011942
Test 5	z= 2.040	p< .020675

**COMPUTER 8**

Building 7 Test 2	z= 2.408	p< .008020
Test 4	z= 1.696	p< .044943
Test 5	z= 2.310	p< .010414
Building 1 Upstairs Test 1	z= 1.810	p< .035148
Test 4	z= 1.797	p< .036168



## PART THREE

### The Ovilus

*Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and the father of analytical psychiatry, coined the word “synchronicity”. Synchronicity - The experience of two or more events, that are apparently causally unrelated or unlikely to occur together by chance, that are observed to occur together in a meaningful manner.*

*This concept does not question or compete with the notion of causality. Instead, it maintains that just as events may be grouped by cause, they may also be grouped together by meaning. Since meaning is a complex mental construction, subject to both conscious and unconscious influence, not every correlation in the grouping of events by meaning needs to have an explanation of cause and effect.*

**NOTE: In the paranormal, there are many experiences which are noted and observed for which the laws of science, as we know and understand them at this time, cannot explain. In EVP studies, blank and sealed cassette tapes have been found to have EVP voices on them, without having been previously inserted into a recorder. The actual method of the sending of EVP voices remains unknown. Television sets, while turned off, have had faces of the deceased plainly visible, as if the set were on. Telephone calls with the caller having the voice and knowledge of a deceased individual have been heavily documented. Phone calls and text messages have been sent to cell phones which have no SIM card to properly receive calls, but do receive the anomalous calls. We simply do not know, at this time, exactly how these events occur or are possible.**

**In paranormal research, it is the reporting of these cases that is important. These and similar phenomena are reported by individuals who have never met or known each other, and live thousands of miles apart, and often hundreds of years. Yet the reports remain consistent. Case studies, in volume and over time, allow for hypotheses and theories. It is in this simple interests of reporting that this section is included.**

**The Ovilus is a device that intercepts EMF signals, and converts them to audio, from an internal dictionary of over 2,000 words. It is theorized that discarnate entities may be able to INFLUENCE, under some circumstances, this word selection process. It is not thought, in the majority, that these entities may exert 100% CONTROL over the word selection, and simple research and listening to the output of the device verifies this, to the normal and reasonable individual. It is also noted that coincidence may play a part in the process, with the probability of about 1 in 2,047, in getting a correct response to a direct question. It is only in the long term studies, with consistent reporting, that more exacting theories regarding coincidence versus influence may be formulated. Probability, from a math standpoint, rises sharply as valid answers are observed in larger quantity, over a brief period of time and small number of total responses. For example, the probability of getting two correct responses in a row is 1 in 4,190,209. ( $1/2047 \times 1/2047$ ) This assumes there is only one correct response per each individual question.**

**The manufacturer of the Ovilus device indicates at the present time, there is insufficient data, science, and case study to indicate the Ovilus data should be evidential. This author agrees. This case study is not presented as hard evidence. It is presented so that others may have and consider its merits, or lack thereof. If no reporting is made, no theories may be formulated, or comparisons made with other reports to study correlations, if any. Each person who reads Part Three must consider this data in light of his own beliefs, or knowledge of events that are known**

to have occurred to them personally. Beauty here is truly in the eye of the beholder, or its lack thereof.

**SUMMARY OF INTRODUCTION - PART THREE - The data presented here on Part Three IS NOT CONSIDERED EVIDENTIAL by the manufacturer of the Ovilus device or the La. Spirits North Team. It is simply included in the interests of completeness of events, and for study/research purposes only.**

### **OVILUS DATA BY ROOM AND CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

#### **BUILDING 8 TRAP HOUSE**

**POLICE  
SCRAPE  
CARBON  
ATTACK  
DOMINATE  
SYNBOLS  
LESS  
STRUCK  
BLOOD  
BANG**

#### **BUIDLING 7 CABIN KITCHEN**

**ENJOY  
DWINDLE  
SIDE  
SCRAPE  
REBECCA  
FRIENDLY  
ENJOY  
CELEBRATE  
CLEAN  
TABLE**

#### **BUILDING 6 MILK HOUSE**

**HELD  
RANDY  
BARN  
FEW  
ICE  
GRASP  
NONA  
REAP  
RUB  
RANDY**

#### **BUILDING 5 OUTHOUSE**

**TROUBLE  
ABLE**

BEGAN  
TEST  
BATTERIES  
PORTAL  
LED  
NOSE  
TWO  
PULSE

BUILDING 4 COMMISSARY

CENTS  
DEMAND  
PER  
NICKEL  
POND  
GIVE  
RATES  
DROWN  
NUMBER  
PLURAL

BUILDING 3 LOB CABIN

EVEN  
OPPOSITE  
COULD  
SEW  
REPRESENT  
TRACE  
INDICATE  
BRIDLE  
QUILT  
DIVIDE

BUILDING 2 MUSIC ROOM

FIRST  
SOUND  
HIT  
PRACTICE  
MINISTER  
MEMBERS  
PIECE  
MAJOR  
HEAR  
STRING

BUILDING 1 GALLERY HOUSE

IDEA  
SNOW  
PINKIE

**MAMMOTH  
MODERN  
PRESERVATION  
BROAD  
GIRL**

**UPSTAIRS – Spoken as I debated on testing the upstairs area of this building the night of this investigation, or at a later date.**

**MARK**

**BUILDING 1 GALLERY HOUSE UPSTAIRS AREA**

**ELIAS  
MAGNET  
MAP  
BOOK  
AMONG  
MAN  
CAVE  
MINE  
ZINC  
DIRECTION**

**ZINC - I had spoken the intention to record 10 and only 10 words per area tested. After having received the 10<sup>th</sup> word “direction”, I immediately attempted to turn off the Ovilus unit, but the word “zinc” was spoken again before I could turn the unit off. I have no concept, then or now, whether this has any significant meaning, or is total coincidence.**

# **PART FOUR**

## **THE MODEL P-SB7 SPIRIT BOX**

**This device utilizes a milli-second adjustable forward or reverse sweep technique coupled with a white noise distribution between frequency steps. This is designed to add ambient sound energy for the production of real time EVP, allowing for instant feedback in communications attempts. See item 16 in “General Parameters of the EVP Phenomenon”.**

**CLIP ONE: Bess Maxwell, James Palmer, and Kirk Cormier were in the barn. Kirk and James were examining tools, inspecting them while handling. Bess Maxwell turned on the P-SB7 audio unit, and the unit immediately spoke, “Careful”.**

**CLIP TWO: Bess Maxwell, James Palmer, and Kirk Cormier were in the Music Room. At the time, no questions were being asked, or comments made to elicit a verbal response. The P-SB7 simply and softly spoke the word “Kirk”.**

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **THEORETICAL EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY ON PARANORMAL PHENOMENA**

Over many years, there seem to be consistent reports from individuals who live many miles, and often, many years apart concerning a correlation between extra energy in the environment and a perceived increase in paranormal activity. It is readily acknowledged that the sun is the greatest source of energy in our solar system, and this energy is in a constant state of flux. When solar energy is increased through solar flares, and other types of solar activity, the number of reports of paranormal activity increases. These flares and eruptions cause x-ray events, radio events, proton flux, electron flux, and geomagnetic impulses. It is readily acknowledged that these effect everything on our planet from weather, to satellite communications, disruptions in electrical grids, and even the flow in pipelines. These events also result in what is known as geomagnetic induced currents (gic) or telluric currents in the earth's crust, and waterways. These electrical flows tend to go toward the sun in general, as well as toward the equator in the daytime, and the poles at night.

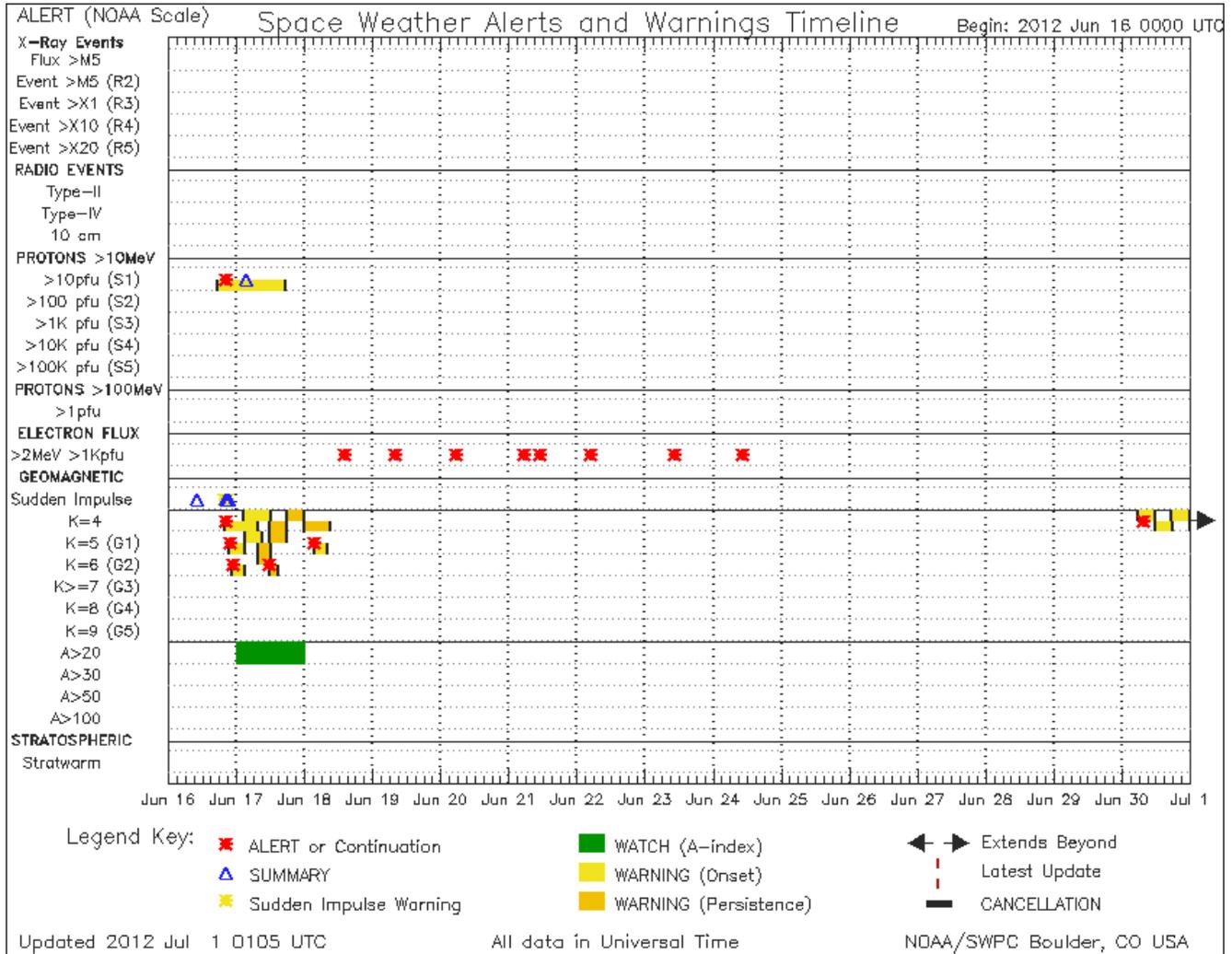
We do not, at this time, totally understand how environmental energy sources can effect paranormal phenomena in a direct manner, or even if they do. Also, this author readily concedes that if paranormal activity is increased by local energy, that solar energy is not the only available source of local energy; it is just the most prevalent. If this relationship does exist, it would support the general observations of myself and others of a propensity of paranormal activity to be detectable in areas where water and large quartz deposits are found, as these would be conductors for the telluric currents, thus making energy readily available.

This author feels that in order to perform research on the correlations of solar weather and paranormal activity, long term case studies offer the best method, as of this time, to find support, or to deny, this hypothesis. Therefor, data concerning solar weather for the date of our paranormal investigations will be supplied, with no efforts made to draw conclusions thereof, either positive or negative. This data is provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The NOAA also readily states that the total effects of space weather on live biological entities on planet earth is not known or understood at this time, either.

If an attached graph does not show activity on the date and/or time of our investigation, it does not mean that there was no solar activity, but the the solar activity at this time was considered normal.

**CONCLUSION:** This data is not meant to conclusively show that any paranormal activity, or lack thereof, found on our investigation was caused by the solar activity at that time, but that there could possibly have been an influence by the solar weather at this time, positively or negatively correlated to the strength of such solar weather. Other such energy systems as lunar cycles, thunderstorms, and utility networks may provide an alternative energy supply for paranormal phenomena.

# Space Weather Alerts and Warnings Timeline



**NOTE: DATE OF INVESTIGATION 06/30/2012  
 AT TIMES OF TESTING, CONDITIONS WERE NORMAL, THOUGH  
 MODERATE CONDITIONS WERE NOTED JUST PRIOR TO, AND  
 AFTER THE TIME OF INVESTIGATION.**

**END OF PART FIVE**

# CONCLUSION

At the time and places tested, no anomalous photos were taken. No data was noted on video. Nothing unusual was detected by laser grid or geophone. No high EMF fields from AC current were found in any location likely to result in prolonged exposure, although there are some areas of high EMF fields from older wiring. No anomalous hot spots or cold spots were noted. No anomalous motions were noted. Two EVP recordings were made of words formed utilizing the P-SB7. No excessive positive ion counts were noted. No infrasound, nor standing waves of such, were detected at times of testing, in the areas of testing. The consciousness testing was strong, and consistent in many areas. We feel that the personal experiences, and the positive tests received in the PEAR testing are probably indicative of an anomalous presence or presences. We also note that the consciousness testing was noted at a very high level in both quantity and quality.

We would like to thank the clients for inviting us into their home and this museum, and for the opportunity to study the phenomena there. We would also like to thank them for their most gracious hospitality, and hope that me may be able to return there again soon.

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