



PUBLIC LETTER TO THE TRC RESEARCH CENTER

From Amy Wright, CTA

To Dylan Carrillo and the TRC Research Center:

One of the theories I have held for a very long time is that if Earth has been visited by civilizations from other worlds, those visits could have occurred across an almost incomprehensible span of time.

To me, that's simply common sense.

The Earth is more than **four billion years old**.

Four BILLION.

Stop and think about that number.

If someone—or something—from another world was going to visit this planet, why should we assume that visit conveniently occurred during the tiny fraction of Earth's history that human beings happen to know something about?

Why should their timeline have anything to do with ours?

It seems far more reasonable to consider the possibility that such visits could have occurred during the enormous stretches of Earth's history about which we know comparatively little.

Some of my colleagues poorly disguise their own bias by suggesting that a civilization capable of traveling between worlds might wait until humanity became sufficiently advanced to be "worth visiting."

I've always found that argument remarkably egotistical.

Even if we assume an outside civilization could somehow make that determination, I have another question:

Why would they think we've reached that point now?

That brings me to the latest Analysis Report from the **TRC Research Center**.

I want to publicly applaud TRC, Dylan Carrillo, and everyone involved in producing it.

The report is brilliant precisely because it doesn't pretend to know more than it does.

Here is a group of very smart people examining an extraordinary subject and essentially saying:

We don't really know what happened.

Bravo!

That kind of honesty is surprisingly difficult to find when dealing with subjects this controversial.

TRC just did it.

The report examines the **El Paso–Mesilla region approximately 50,000 years ago**.

Fifty thousand years sounds ancient to us.

In terms of Earth's history, it is almost nothing.

It represents only a tiny fraction of those billions of years, and yet even when looking back just that far, our detailed knowledge of what was happening is limited.

TRC doesn't claim to have discovered proof of an advanced civilization.

It doesn't announce that extraterrestrial visitors settled near Mesilla.

It doesn't pretend speculation is fact.

Instead, it does something much more useful.

It changes the perspective.

We look at the Mesilla and El Paso region today and see desert.

Then we naturally make assumptions based upon that environment.

Why would anyone searching for a new home choose such a harsh place?

But 50,000 years ago, that same region was dramatically different.

Cooler.

Wetter.

More vegetation.

More water.

Rich grasslands.

Forested mountains.

An ancestral Rio Grande carrying considerably more water.

An ecosystem capable of supporting enormous populations of Ice Age animals.

Change the environment and suddenly you change the question.

Instead of asking why an advanced civilization would choose a bleak desert, perhaps we should ask why it **wouldn't** be interested in a lush, resource-rich river valley.

That's the value of this report.

It isn't telling us what to believe.

It's reminding us that the assumptions we make today may have absolutely nothing to do with the conditions that existed when an event actually occurred.

And remember—

TRC went back only 50,000 years.

Earth has been here for more than four billion.

At **CTA**, we have long believed there is a very real possibility that sometime during those billions of years, Earth was visited by intelligent life originating somewhere else.

Maybe once.

Maybe many times.

Maybe long before anything resembling modern humanity existed.

The idea that the most important visit just happened to occur during this microscopic sliver of history when you and I are alive strikes me as far more bizarre than considering that it happened long before us.

CTA and TRC do not agree about everything.

That's healthy.

In fact, I hope we continue to disagree, challenge one another and approach these questions from different directions.

But there are also subjects on which we find considerable common ground.

On this one, there is no ambiguity.

CTA is 100 percent in agreement with the approach taken in TRC's latest Analysis Report.

I strongly encourage everyone interested in these questions to read it carefully.

Don't read it looking for proof of aliens.

That's not what it says.

Read it for the question behind the report:

What happens when we stop assuming the world has always looked the way it looks today?

That's a question worth asking.

Once again—

Bravo, TRC.

Keep asking the uncomfortable questions.

Keep challenging assumptions.

And most importantly, keep being willing to say "**we don't know**" when that's the most truthful answer available.

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