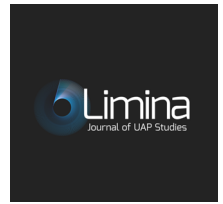




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## NHI in The Legal Context – The Earth as a Condominium – Grounds For Distant Contact Without Relevant Exchange of Information

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### ABSTRACT

UAPs are presumed to be associated with an intelligence that may be classified as non-human intelligence (NHI). The elusive and intangible nature of the UAP/UFO phenomenon raises the question of why the underlying intelligence remains beyond our reach, rendering it is so difficult for us to comprehend.

According to the hypothesis proposed here, the reason for this elusiveness and difficulty of comprehension is that, in relation to the NHI entity, Earth constitutes a condominium under international law.

A defining feature of a condominium is its status of lacking full legal capacity under international law. A condominium denotes the joint exercise of authority over the Earth by multiple subjects of international law, without the Earth itself being the bearer of sovereign rights with regard to that other world or those other worlds.<sup>1,2</sup> This status, which is under international law almost devoid of rights, is grounded in principles of natural law, according to which the NHI subject(s) of international law<sup>3</sup> would share responsibility for the consequences of any contact involving a substantive exchange of information, that is, for the chaos and damage triggered by such contact. This means that the NHI subjects of international law avoid open contact in order not to trigger a catastrophe, either for themselves or for the Earth, for which they would be liable. The consequence of this is that, until humanity legally, institutionally, and economically doesn't anticipate contact with NHI, the condominium will remain in place. Our objective observations of UAPs and our subjectively informed assumptions regarding the intelligence behind them amount to no more than a perception of a state of immaturity, namely the international legal status of a condominium.

1 cf. Klaus, Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen beim Kontakt mit Extraterrestischen. Völkerrecht, Wirtschaft und Politik – ein Gedankenmodell*, [Legal Issues in Contact with Extraterrestrials: International Law, Economics and Politics – A Conceptual Model], 2nd ed. p.49 f.; the author is currently preparing an extended précis of the book to be published.

2 von Arnould, Andreas, (2023), *Völkerrecht*, [Public International Law], 5th ed., §2 IV 2 c, para. 96.

3 cf. Bolander, Michael, "Joining the Galactic Club: What Price Admission?" in *Futures* 132 (2021) 102801, p.1.

# 1. NHI, Non Human Intelligence

We know that UFOs/UAPs exist and are part of our reality. By way of illustration, reference may be made to the so-called USS Nimitz UFO incident 2004, in which a Tic Tac-shaped UAP was observed simultaneously by four pilots in two aircraft, while also being detected by radar from two warships and visually observed by their crews.<sup>4</sup> However, from a scientific standpoint, it remains unknown what functional nature these objects possess, namely whether they constitute transport craft, plasma spheres or conscious plasma entities<sup>5</sup> or alternatively merely drones deployed to study terrestrial conditions or for the purpose of surveillance. What we do know, however, is that these are objects capable of moving through space, air and water with a speed and suddenness that no man-made device on Earth can match.<sup>6</sup> Although the UFO/UAP phenomenon has not yet been adequately explored scientifically, it nevertheless indicates, despite all uncertainty, an underlying intelligence that can be inferred from objective observations. Whether this really constitutes intelligence has not been proven in a scientific sense. The claim that this is a matter of intelligence is merely the conclusion drawn by those who have observed UAPs. Deducing the nature of the intelligence behind the UAPs is based on observations of the UAPs' flight behavior in relation to the observers' own flight behavior. Thus, if, for example, in response to an attempt by a fighter jet to shoot down another aircraft, the fighter jet's weapon system is disabled and its maneuverability is also impaired, without immediately causing it to crash, even though this would obviously be technically possible, this suggests that the subsequent behavior was proportionate, *i.e.*, the result of intelligent consideration.<sup>7</sup>

In evolutionary biological terms, intelligence may be said to exist where behavior exhibits differentiated evaluations of its consequences. Decision uncertainty is a negatively evaluated state that gives rise to a motivation to eliminate it.<sup>8</sup> The NHI's confidence in decision-making regarding

behavioral development depends on its capacity for insight, including an understanding of what is predictable and regular.<sup>9</sup> When NHI analyzes humanity, they will draw comparisons, whether with other species or, at the very least, with their own behavior. The result of such considerations is predictions about future developments in the form of if-then relationships.

However, we are also capable of analyzing their behavior by means of our own intelligence. Our ability to make comparisons is limited, however, because we are familiar only with earthly conditions. However, this does not constitute a problem so long as we remain aware of the limits of our capacity for knowledge.

The analysis of the observed patterns of behavior also permits cautious inferences as to the legal relationship between humanity/the Earth, on the one hand, and the NHI subject or subjects of international law, on the other. When we apply legal standards, we do so based on our understanding of the law. This approach may, in the event of contact with NHI involving a substantive exchange of information, prove inadequate, overly simplistic, or even erroneous. However, given that we have only an anthropocentric perspective at our disposal, it must be applied unless and until proven otherwise. It is no different from our recording the behavior of UAPs by means of our technology and attempting to classify and explain their "flight behavior" on the basis of our knowledge of physics. Such explanatory efforts likewise amount to no more than an approximation of the reality of the phenomena before us.

The question of whether the NHIs are extraterrestrial does not require determination for the purposes of defining the status of the Earth in relation to them. It is arguable that, rather than constituting ETI, they may instead be NHL (Non-Human Locals), that is, an extraterrestrial intelligence that has for some time been present on Earth, or more precisely beneath its surface, possibly also on the ocean floor, on the far side of the Moon, on Mars, or in outer space, in any event in the vicinity of the Earth, observing, monitoring, and analyzing human behavior.

However, there is also the view that it could be a non-human intelligence from a higher dimension or the manifestation of plasma intelligence.<sup>10</sup> Unless and until proven otherwise, it may also be argued that these are not non-humans at all, but rather humans like ourselves, originating from our future. Last but not least, it may also

4 This is what the pilot Fravor told the U.S. Congressional investigative committee on 07.26.2023 (2nd hour 1. min – 2. 4 min.). The hearing is available on numerous platforms. For more details, see also Fleischer, Robert, (2024), *Sie sind hier! Was jetzt?* [They are here! What now?], p. 87 – 94.

5 cf. Temple, Robert, (2023), *A New Science Of Heaven*.

6 Characteristics of UAPs, see Kayal, Hakan, (2022), "Scientific and Technological Exploration of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)" in Andresen & Chon-Torres (eds.) *Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Academic and Social Implications*, p. 87ff and p. 92.

7 The incident of 09.18.1976 over Tehran; cf. Lesley, Kean, (2010), *UFOs*, ch. 9, pp. 113 ff.

8 Klix, Friedhart, (1993), *Erwachendes Denken, Geistige Leistungen aus evolutionspsychologischer Sicht*, [Awakening Thinking: Cognitive Performance from an Evolutionary Psychological Perspective], p. 371.

9 Klix, (1993), *Erwachendes Denken*, [Awakening Thinking], p.371.

10 On the intelligence of ball lightning cf. Temple, 2023, *A new Science*, p. 48–49.

be the case that the phenomenon involves an artificial intelligence. Hybrid forms, combining biological and artificial elements, are likewise conceivable as entities that may be presumed to underlie the UAP phenomenon.

If the reality we perceive is merely a subsystem within an AI-based reality, such that our reality could be a virtual reality created by NHI, then all the principles postulated in the following, which are to apply to us and potentially also to NHI, must necessarily also form part of that reality. This also applies where our reality is merely the accumulation of information that, by means of our consciousness, appears to us as reality.<sup>11</sup>

The rights-devoid status of the Earth/humanity under international law remains unchanged in light of the conceivable variants of NHI, as is demonstrated by the characterization of the condominium set out below.

## 2. Why there is no relevant contact involving an exchange of information

What is perplexing about the UAP phenomenon is its elusiveness.<sup>12</sup> It cannot be reproduced arbitrarily and is therefore not amenable to straightforward scientific verification. This elusiveness leads directly to the question of why NHI do not reveal themselves - for example, by landing in front of the White House, the Capitol, the Reichstag or the Federal Chancellery and introducing themselves as visitors, from wherever they may originate.

The reason can be easily explained by reference to natural law principles, that is, based on fundamental legal principles. We already have a contact without any exchange of information: UAPs and UFOs form part of our reality. This means that a form of distant contact already exists. However, there is no exchange of information, at least not of a kind that would include the more advanced knowledge that humanity might expect, for instance in the fields of energy production, transport, medicine, or human history.

The hypothesis is therefore as follows: Contact involving a substantive exchange of information cannot occur unless and until the Earth/humanity has anticipated such contact in legal and institutional terms. The reason why anticipating such contact constitutes a legal precondition for its occurrence follows from an argument grounded in natural law.

## 3. Natural law

There are two types of law: On the one hand, these consist of norms adopted by the state itself, namely classical laws enacted by the legislature in a democratic system and binding upon all those subject to them. On the other hand, natural law consists of unwritten rules that claim universal validity, as they are derived from practical reason, ethical insights, or the nature of human beings.<sup>13</sup>

Under natural law, no person may cause harm to another, and every conscious agent is responsible for their conduct; thus, where harm is attributable to a person as its author, that person is liable to the injured party. This is a fundamental legal principle found in all legal systems on Earth. It is also in accordance with morality and custom. In essence, it follows the categorical imperative as formulated by the philosopher Immanuel Kant as follows: “Act so that the maxim of your will could at all times serve as a principle of universal legislation.” By entering into our legal sphere, NHI would incur liability both under our own legal standards, should anything go wrong, and under principles of natural law, which claim universal validity across the Earth.<sup>14,15</sup> Attributable harm may be caused intentionally, that is, deliberately and with intent, but also negligently, that is, through a lack of due care in conduct, or even by mere omission. Accordingly, if contact causes us harm and the NHI ought to have recognized and foreseen the resulting damage, they are liable and must compensate for the damages.

In archaic societies characterized by less developed legal systems, a person who causes harm, for instance by killing another, is under an obligation to make compensation. Alternatively, the perpetrator may be killed in retaliation, for example by the relatives of the victim. In more developed legal systems, the person responsible for the harm is sentenced by state courts to pay compensation, to a term of imprisonment, or even to death. However, the concept is the same in terms of natural law. A person who causes harm to

13 Coing, Helmut, (1985), *Grundzüge der Rechtsphilosophie*, [Fundamentals of Legal Philosophy], 4th ed. p. 20.

14 N. Jansen, (2015), “Verwicklungen und Verflechtungen”, [“Entanglements and Interrelations”], *Journal of the Savigny Foundation for Legal History Germanic Section*, 132, cited from PDF, University of Münster, p. 24., [https://www.uni-muenster.de/imperia/md/content/religion\\_und\\_politik/download/publikationen/jansen\\_2015\\_final.pdf](https://www.uni-muenster.de/imperia/md/content/religion_und_politik/download/publikationen/jansen_2015_final.pdf).

15 cf. Stähle, Klaus, “ETI und das Recht – Metalaw und die Hinderungsgründe für einen offenen Kontakt mit relevantem Informationsaustausch – Normatives Recht Extraterrestrischer mit Geltung für die Menschheit” [“ETI and the Law – Metalaw and the Obstacles to Open Contact with Relevant Information Exchange – Normative Extraterrestrial Law Applicable to Humanity”], in *Journal of Anomalistics*, Vol. 23, Issue 2, 2023, Anton (Ed.), p. 407.

11 Pröschold, Bernd, (2025): *Die Substanz des Universums*, [The Substance of the Universe], p. 9-13 and p. 57-63.

12 Méheust, Bertrand, (2025) “The Mystery of Elusiveness”, in *Limina - The Journal of UAP Studies*, p. 23-44, Volume 2, No. 1 Spring Summer (2025).

another is liable for it.

Ernst Fasan, regarded as one of the founding fathers and originators of so-called metalaw, was by no means without justification in developing eleven legal principles conceived to regulate relations among all intelligent civilizations across the cosmos, set out Rules Nos. 1 and 2 as follows:<sup>16</sup>

- Any act that causes harm to the other race must be refrained from.
- In the event of harm, the person responsible must make good the damage or provide compensation.<sup>17</sup>

Even if metalaw follows the categories of reason and is supported by natural law, it nevertheless reflects an anthropocentric perspective. We cannot know what NHI think about this matter and concept, nor whether they follow similar or the same rules.<sup>18</sup>

It should be noted that the prohibition on causing harm to others constitutes the postulate in terms of international law. This means that the NHI entity must not cause us harm through open contact involving a substantive exchange of information. The prohibition under international law does not preclude small-scale, individual instances of harm. Neither the trauma caused by an abduction, nor the harm suffered by a curious individual who approaches a UFO too closely, constitutes the type of harm prohibited under international law referred to here.

In all conceivable scenarios of contact involving a substantive exchange of information, it ought to be apparent that the economic opportunities arising from technological development potential, whether in the fields of energy, mobility, medicine, and so forth, have a highly problematic downside: The wealthiest and most advanced states, those with the most developed research infrastructures and the most well-capitalized companies, themselves possessing extensive research departments at their disposal, would

derive highly advanced products from the information obtained through such contact and generate substantial profits from their commercialization. Less developed states, undercapitalized firms, and societies lacking the necessary resources would fall significantly behind. These self-evident economic dynamics are, unfortunately, rarely discussed.<sup>19,20</sup> They are scarcely addressed even in science fiction films and, somewhat surprisingly, appear only marginally in science fiction literature. This may be because the macroeconomic consequences of contact are less compelling than armed conflicts.

The upheavals that can be triggered by the transformation process, on the other hand, are extreme. Established macroeconomic models are insufficient to adequately capture the opportunities and risks of such a process of transformation. States with a lower level of technological development may face collapse where domestic demand for indigenous technological products diminishes and their elites prefer to procure more advanced technologies from abroad. As a result, tax revenues shrink, and there is insufficient capital available for investment in new production lines. Mass misery resulting from unemployment and impoverishment in underdeveloped states would be the consequence of this transformation, since no one would then buy or pay for outdated products and obsolete services still being produced and offered in such states. Companies producing such obsolete and no longer marketable products would collapse. States in which these companies are based would lose a considerable portion of their tax revenues. After the beginning of the transformation, the wealthier segment of the population, even in less developed states, would preferentially purchase the more advanced products and services from highly developed states. This leads to an outflow of capital, further exacerbating the crisis. In other words, access to NHI knowledge would concentrate the supply side in a small number of highly developed states, whereas demand for the innovative products would be global. States participating only peripherally in the transformation process would be heavily impacted by negative developments such as declining purchasing power, reduced tax revenues, and mass unemployment. The collapse of less developed states could easily trigger civil wars there or even lead to wars between states. Ruling elites in unstable or collapsing states frequently rely on the construction of external or internal enemies to maintain political control, making them more susceptible to

16 Fasan, Ernst, (1970), revised 2016, *Relations with Alien Intelligences - The Scientific Basis of Metalaw*, in P. M. Sterns and L.I. Tennen (Ed.), *Private Law, Public Law, Metalaw and Public Policy in Space*, p. 257, his predecessor was Andrew G. Haley who already published on the topic Metalaw in 1956.

17 The remaining nine principles formulated by Ernst Fasan are as follows: 3. Every race has the right to self-defense. 4. All intelligent races of the universe are equal. 5. Every meta-legal subject is entitled to the right of self-determination. 6. Every race has a right to its own habitat. 7. The principle of preserving one's own race takes precedence over the development of others. 8. No partner in meta-law may demand the impossible. 9. Meta-legal agreements must be honored. 10. No meta-legal rule must be complied with if its observance would in practice entail the self-destruction of the obligated race. 11. Assisting another race is not a legal obligation but an ethical concept (cf. Fasan, 1970/2016, p. 257).

18 Bohlander, Michael, (2023), *Contact with Extraterrestrial Intelligence and Human Law*, p. 52-66.

19 cf. Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen*, [Legal Issues], p. 32 ff.

20 cf. Stähle, (2023), *ETI und das Recht* [ETI and the Law], p. 399 ff.



engaging in aggression and warfare against others.

The transformation and the remarkable developments that would follow could therefore also entail devastating consequences. The development of weaponry arising from such an exchange of information could provide both military stakeholders and terrorists with new means of throwing the world into chaos and suffering. Accordingly, such dangers would pose a threat not only to humanity, but also to the NHIs themselves. From a natural law perspective, it is therefore entirely evident that the NHIs would bear co-responsibility if their analysis of prevailing conditions on Earth led them to the conclusion that such a potentially destructive scenario was not only possible, but probable. An attribution of responsibility in the legal sense is both possible and plausible, since the causal chain was set in motion by the exchange of information. Accordingly, under natural law, NHIs would bear responsibility both for the damage they cause on Earth and for the harm that humanity might inflict upon them through the use of new technologies.

Even if all ultimately proceeds without catastrophe, and the worst-case scenario does not occur, the magnitude of the potential harm, despite its relatively low probability, is presumably so great that rational beings would have to refrain from contact involving significant information exchange. This is because contact involving a significant exchange of information would, with a high degree of probability, constitute a violation of the first fundamental principle of Metalaw: For any action through which harm is inflicted upon another race, in principle, must be avoided.

The condominium is therefore the logical consequence of this legal relationship. What we observe, then, is a form of elusive contact consisting of distant observation, the absence of any significant exchange of information, and at most a remote appearance or perhaps a kind of “nudging” adapted to our level of development. Accordingly, nothing more is currently possible.

The limitation on contact outlined here does not in any way preclude individual human beings from being contacted. It does not even exclude the possibility that those contacted may be given information about our world and the dangers that exist for them. These may take the form of impulses that individually sharpen our awareness; even a researcher or inventor might, through “nudging”, be subtly provided with relevant insights, which they then implement in the course of their research and development. This, however, must be distinguished from the existence of open archives and free access to the information contained within them.

The latter would trigger the transformation process outlined here, whereas the former would constitute smaller, and possibly even beneficial, changes to our development and technological capabilities.

## 4. Anticipated contact

If the initial hypothesis founded on natural law is correct, humanity itself has the capacity to bring about contact involving a significant exchange of information; it merely needs to anticipate such contact and accept the consequences arising from it in order for that contact to take place. This presupposes that not only the philosophical, religious, and psychological aspects of contact are anticipated, but also that the economic changes and, in particular, the technological possibilities resulting from such contact are considered thoroughly enough to prevent risks from materializing, or at least to minimize them as far as possible. This presupposes, for example, the implementation of a global distribution mechanism aimed at redistributing the profits generated by the flow of information and the resulting transformation<sup>21</sup>. Humanity must regulate access to NHI knowledge and develop, at an early stage, methods and institutions designed to minimize or exclude the risks posed both to humanity and to the NHIs themselves, for example through weapons development based on NHI know-how. At the planetary level, instruments must be discussed and implemented through the United Nations in order to make it evident to outside observers that contact involving an exchange of information will not end in disaster.<sup>22</sup>

## 5. Condominium

From the perspective of international law, the Earth is therefore very likely merely a condominium. This status is rooted in liability under natural law, namely the legal responsibility borne by the NHIs for any harm that could arise from open contact with humanity combined with a significant exchange of information. The elusiveness of UAPs and the intangibility of the NHI's are consistent with the status of a condominium. Given the diversity of the observed phenomena (UAPs, UFOs, drones), Earth is presumably subject to the internationally grounded authority of one or

21 Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen*, [Legal Issues], p. 177 f.

22 A global kerosene tax imposed at all airports on Earth for the benefit of the United Nations could constitute proof of a planetary mechanism intended to compensate for unequal patterns of development; see Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen*, [Legal Issues], p. 224.”

several NHIs. The observed phenomena are so varied (orbs, classic UFOs in a wide range of forms, UAPs, USOs, plasma spheres, etc.) that they suggest the existence of multiple NHIs rather than a single entity. Since all NHIs appear similarly elusive and difficult to approach, there seems to be a common set of rules governing them all. The regulatory framework governing the NHIs apparently requires the distance that we observe. For none of the phenomena departs from this pattern of elusiveness and inaccessibility. Even when an apparent breach of the rule seems discernible in an individual case, closer examination reveals it once again to conform to the pattern of elusiveness. Even the reported intimidation of witnesses or whistleblowers appears to fit within this peculiar overall pattern. Rumors concerning crashed UFOs likewise do not contradict the detached status associated with a condominium. Given the variability of the manifestations combined with conformity to the rule of distance, the evidence therefore speaks more in favor of a rule exercised by multiple subjects of international law over the Earth than by a single one. Accordingly, not all phenomena need necessarily be attributed to the same entity governing the Earth; nevertheless, for all who approach the Earth, the rule of distance appears to apply: “No open contact involving a meaningful exchange of information”. This rule appears to apply in an almost normative manner to all forms of manifestation. The regularity with which nuclear facilities are observed and monitored, as well as the observational presence during tests of novel rockets and aircraft, points to a clear normative concept of governance with a dimension of surveillance, observation, and/or research that, in terms of international law, can scarcely be conceptualized other than through the notion of a condominium.

If the legal relationship governing the NHIs in relation to Earth and humanity is one of condominium, then humanity, as an entity and subject of international law, would possess no autonomous rights within this system of authority that it could assert against the NHIs. This is not contradicted by the possibility that, on behalf of the many entities (the ‘Galactic Club’), only one or a few species assumingly have reporting and observational duties. The NHIs, possibly organized as a “Galactic Club” or alternatively embodied in a single singular entity constituting the international-law subject of the Others, exercise juridical control over Earth while humanity remains excluded from active participation in that legal order. Ultimately, humanity is merely an object of their normative directives. The legal control associated with the status of a condominium is most likely founded upon norms endowed

with considerable authority, given that virtually all species approaching or visiting Earth appear, on the whole, to comply with them. Compliance with the norm does not require being a member of the club that established these norms, regardless of whether those involved have assumed specific monitoring functions or are merely stopping by briefly out of curiosity. In other words, all NHIs are bound to preserve this distance in accordance with, and in protection of, the condominium status. The normative rule of obligation may further be specified to the effect that, in the event contact nevertheless occurs, it is at least ensured that no meaningful exchange of information takes place. The unauthorized triggering of a transformational process by means of transmitting relevant information appears, evidently, to be prohibited in the strongest possible terms.

The status of a condominium means that the Earth, humanity, the United Nations, and individual nations likewise possess no independent rights under international law in relation to this so-called galactic club, however it may be designated.<sup>23</sup> Humanity does not constitute a colony, since there is no systematic exploitation of it, even if occasional reports allege that UAPs draw up water or that abductees recount embryos purportedly connected to breeding experiments. This is because we do not enjoy the limited sovereign rights characteristic of a colony in relation to them; instead, lacking independent status as subjects of international law, we exist at most under their protection and authority. The fact that this “protection” appears superficial in view of the abduction phenomenon<sup>24</sup> and that the individual human being is evidently accorded little respect, ultimately constitutes a troubling element of NHI phenomenology. For regardless of whether the pattern of abductions is something real within our three-dimensional space or merely manifests itself in the imagination of the victims, it is genuinely traumatizing for those affected.

If we were not a condominium, a state institution could investigate the abduction phenomenon and arrive at definitive findings. If such investigations were conducted and the abduction phenomenon could be legally attributed to NHIs, the affected states, together with the United Nations, would be obliged to demand the immediate cessation of such conduct from those NHI subjects of international law that did not prevent it. They would need to be notified that such conduct constitutes a criminal offense, and countermeasures would

<sup>23</sup> von Arnould, Andreas, (2023), *Völkerrecht*, [Public International Law], 5th ed., 2 IV 2c. Rz. 96.

<sup>24</sup> For the legal classification of the abduction cases, cf. Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen* [Legal issues], pp. 150–156.

have to be adopted, potentially including the interception or destruction of UAPs, given that abductions are typically associated with UFO sightings.<sup>25</sup>

However, the Earth is also not a protectorate. A protectorate would exist only if there were treaty-based relations between the protected entity and the protecting subject of international law.<sup>26</sup> For Earth to qualify as a protectorate, it would have to make its policies in certain areas dependent upon the consent of the protector.<sup>27,28</sup> Since we have no legal relationship with them, this does not constitute a protectorate, but merely a condominium, that is, the simple rule of multiple entities over the Earth.

Accordingly, if UFOs/UAPs are real and the phenomenon is attributable to NHI, Earth and humanity presumably exist under the control and authority of multiple entities within a common framework of governance, thereby constituting a condominium in which no international-law relationship exists between the condominium itself, that is, Earth/humanity, and the subjects of international law governing it. In a condominium, multiple subjects of international law share sovereignty over a territory belonging to them.<sup>29</sup>

The legal concept of a condominium is established in international law, though it is not widely known. The term is derived from terrestrial international law and, naturally, need not have any equivalent from the perspective of the NHI. Nevertheless, the term as such remains useful in helping us understand our status, even if the NHI may possess a far more complex framework governing relations of authority. The term remains useful even if the NHI observe no formally established rules in their relations with us. In practice, their behavior appears standardized and governed by a certain conformity, allowing the attribution of the concept of a condominium to provide us with an operational framework for understanding it. The attribution makes it possible to predict the future behavior of the NHI in relation to our own behavior. It is the if-then relationships that may prove either correct or incorrect and thereby lead to a closer understanding and comprehension of the NHI.

## 6. The End of the Condominium Status / Disclosure

If one follows the hypothesis according to which Earth is a condominium of multiple NHI entities, and accepts the legal justification for the currently non-existent contact (risk containment and liability under natural law should contact involving an exchange of information end in chaos), then the status of a condominium ceases once humanity has anticipated contact in legal, institutional, and economic terms.

Humanity itself presumably has the ability to cast off the status of a condominium. The reason lies in the fact that Earth's status as effectively devoid of rights requires ongoing legal legitimization in order to persist. Of course, the argument for maintaining the status of a condominium could simply consist in the fact that the NHI possess the power to do so. Such a primitive attitude, however, stands in contradiction to the differentiated behavior of the NHI. The behavior of the NHI is differentiated insofar as there are evidently norms that are being followed, such as the fact that no contact involving a meaningful exchange of information takes place, and that even in the event of attacks by fighter aircraft attempting to shoot down a UFO, the principle of proportionality is observed. If the NHIs are indeed capable of such juridical differentiation, as reported observations appear to suggest rather than refute, then the continued preservation of Earth's and humanity's legally dependent and devoid of rights status requires constant justification. If the status of a condominium requires continuous legal justification, it will presumably be lifted once the conditions underlying that status cease to exist. Earth and humanity could then move from a condominium status toward a condition resembling a protectorate.

If the risks associated with disclosure are anticipated by terrestrial politics, then the NHI would no longer face liability risks in establishing open contact and initiating the transformation process, such that nothing would stand in the way of ending the state of condominium.

However, we certainly cannot induce the NHIs to end the condominium status if earthly political actors are not even aware of that status. Even if a limited group of political actors were conscious of the status, this would by no means establish broader political awareness on Earth regarding the necessity of anticipating contact, proposing concrete measures, or implementing them in practice. At present, the

25 Stähle, (2025), *Rechtsfragen*, [Legal Issues], p. 155-156.

26 Doehring, Karl, (2003), *Völkerrecht*, [Public International Law], 2nd ed., § 2 I, Rz. 131 p. 61.

27 von Arnould, (2023), *Völkerrecht*, [Public International Law], Rz. 96.

28 Conspiracy theorists do, admittedly, describe cooperation between states and NHIs. However, there are no reports suggesting that this relationship is associated with independent rights held by those states with regard to the NHIs.

29 von Arnould, (2023), *Völkerrecht*, [Public International Law], Rz. 96.

willingness to initiate the necessary measures is likely being impeded not only by the stigma attached to the subject, but also by the fear of appearing ridiculous.

A disclosure deliberately initiated by the NHI could, however, accelerate the process of anticipation. The growing number of sightings could be interpreted as an indication of this. A genuine breach of the condominium status, however, is not discernible.

In the meantime, there continues to be only that elusive form of contact which simply serves to maintain the status of a condominium. It is therefore reasonable to assume that we are repeatedly being monitored and assessed as to whether, and to what extent, the continued maintenance of this status remains justified.

Accordingly, the role and function of the UAPs and the intelligence underlying them would become obsolete, as neither the UAPs nor other mechanisms, including the so-called guardians tasked with preserving the condominium status of Earth/humanity, would any longer be required. Our perception of UAPs and the thoughts thereby triggered concerning the intelligence behind them are presumably part of an ongoing assessment of our current status and, viewed positively, amount to nothing more than an invitation and encouragement to leave behind the status of a condominium and to anticipate contact.

## **7. Review of the contact/risk-containment hypothesis in relation to the different NHI variants**

The dynamic perspective outlined above, according to which contact can succeed if we anticipate the risks, fits in the case of ETI, that is, extraterrestrials; this dynamic perspective also applies if the phenomenon involves NHL (Non-Human Locals), and indeed even if the beings in question should originate from a higher dimension.

If the NHIs are humans from the future, a deeper form of contact would likely be difficult, given the paradoxes and alterations of the future that such contact in the present could produce. The author considers a merely artificial intelligence (AI) to be rather unlikely either the power establishing the condominium. Of course, an AI likewise cannot be ruled out unless and until the contrary is proven. Of course, not all UAPs, UFOs, and drones must necessarily be attributed to the powers that established the condominium. Whether an AI could genuinely be interested in contact with us involving a

transfer of knowledge is doubtful. For an AI, the predominant interest would presumably lie in monitoring whether humanity might represent any form of danger, including a potential threat to the AI itself. Should the phenomenon involve an AI, more extensive contact would presumably still not occur, even if humanity anticipated such contact and successfully excluded the risks described above.

Accordingly, there is no reason to exclude the possibility of a purely AI civilization forming part of the condominium. None of these possibilities can be definitively ruled out. The author prefers the interpretation of NHI as extraterrestrials, some of which may simultaneously qualify as NHL (Non-Human Locals): a species that originally came from beyond Earth, but which may have accompanied and observed humanity for a considerable period of time. The author, however, does not provide evidence supporting this preference. It therefore appears objectively more reasonable to take all variants into consideration simultaneously, so as not to exclude anything prematurely or lose sight of any possibility.

The transcendence of this status of legal dependency presupposes a strengthening of the United Nations and of a planetary legal order capable of securing peace and security for all while establishing effective global mechanisms for economic redistribution in the event of transformation. This would amount to a form of global financial governance that remains far beyond present realities, yet would need to become structurally discernible as a prerequisite for contact.

If the conclusions outlined here are correct, this means that the condominium status will presumably persist for a long time, yet may nevertheless change and dissolve rapidly if humanity confronts its earthly responsibilities, whether by bringing the issue into focus itself or by being prompted from the outside, for example by NHI, in such a way that we are left with no alternative but to engage with it.

## **8. The Matrix hypothesis**

If the hypothesis that Earth constitutes a condominium is correct, then the question naturally arises as to how the associated regime of prohibition, preventing the NHIs from entering into contact with humanity involving a meaningful exchange of information, could be implemented and enforced. If the prohibition is grounded, first and foremost, in the condominium status and in the interdiction against engaging humanity in contact involving significant



information exchange, then the associated rules may have been established normatively, much like legislation, by either a singular NHI authority or a collective convention, the so-called Galactic Club, with binding force extending both to the NHIs and to humanity. A mere law can, of course, also be violated, insofar as individual species, corporations, or entities among the NHIs may choose not to comply with it. One might argue that the very existence of the UAP phenomenon, and our perception of it, already amounts to a transgression of the condominium status and its underlying norms. On the other hand, the phenomenon is generally distant and difficult to grasp. The decisive point is that no significant exchange of information occurs beyond the factual existence of the UAP themselves and the conclusion that an underlying intelligence is responsible for them. The stronger argument therefore suggests that human observation of UAPs remains entirely consistent with the condominium concept. It is likewise not inconsistent with the condominium concept that NHIs may inflict harm upon individual persons or groups through contact. The abduction or even the killing of individuals does not constitute a breach of the condominium so long as no exchange of information of relevance takes place.

This also means, however, that the condominium status remains in place even if we intensify our research efforts. If the NHI possess technology of an extremely advanced nature, UAPs may repeatedly appear on radar systems without humanity ever being able to capture or fully comprehend them. If humanity is not intended to establish contact for the reasons discussed above, then neither the detection of UAPs on radar systems, nor the gathering of pilot testimonies, nor the evaluation of photographic and video evidence will bring us meaningfully closer to authentic contact. The enduring remoteness and elusiveness of the phenomenon speak in favor of the current condominium status. Even a crashed UFO, or one brought down and taken into humanity's possession, would not alter this situation if the technology were so advanced that we could neither understand it nor successfully reproduce it for practical use. Should replication succeed in an individual case, even if only partially, this could trigger consequences imposed normatively from the outside. It is possible that violations committed by individual NHI or ETI species that fail to comply with the prohibition are sanctioned in a manner that escapes our perception. In any case, the Matrix does not prevent unlawful interference, such as, for example, the traumatically experienced abduction by NHI. Since Earth holds the status of a condominium, humanity possesses no legal standing regarding the NHI. Therefore,

as subjects of international law, we cannot act under international law to induce the NHI subject of international law to influence its members and individuals so that violations of earthly rights cease in the future.

We may, however, also speculate whether such a status was established by a species only a few hundred years more advanced than ourselves, or by a galactic club whose development still lies within the bounds of human comprehension, or whether the status instead derives from a species or galactic club that exceeds us by millions or even billions of years in both technological and mental evolution. In the latter scenario, it cannot be excluded that Earth's status, the distant and ephemeral character of the phenomena, and the lack of open contact involving significant information exchange are attributable to the circumstance that individual species or beings are unable to penetrate the cordon sanitaire, even if they desired to. There may exist a protective shield that neither the NHI nor we are truly capable of penetrating. It may therefore be more appropriate, conceptually speaking, to think not in terms of a cordon or containment belt, but rather of a matrix extending across the entire Earth. This matrix may be technological in nature, or it may exist solely on a mental level.<sup>30</sup> In other words, even if species merely are hundreds or thousands of years ahead of our own development were to visit Earth, they might still come up against the imposed boundaries of the matrix, which not only forbids closer approach, but makes it all but impossible. The function of the matrix as a containment barrier brings about, and in this respect parallels to the film *The Matrix* are permissible, a distortion of our reality and the normatively imposed impossibility of breaking through it.

In other words, it is entirely conceivable that the manifestations of UAPs are ultimately nothing more than distortions generated by the matrix itself, distortions that allow us to perceive UAPs, yet do not prevent us from raising the questions under discussion here. Naturally, however, this does not constitute genuine contact involving any meaningful exchange of information, since a breach of the barrier is excluded. As a consequence of the matrix, humanity has historically tended either to relegate these phenomena to

30 Associations with the *Unus Mundus* theory ("One-World Theory"), developed by the psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung and the physicist Wolfgang Pauli, are not far-fetched. According to this view, mind and matter constitute a unified whole on a pre-conscious, quantum-based level, encompassing synchronicity, namely the simultaneous occurrence of psychic and physical phenomena, cf. K. Bräuer, (2015), *Philosophical Aspects of Modern Physics*, [https://uni-tuebingen.de/fileadmin/Uni\\_Tuebingen/Fakultaeten/MathePhysik/Institute/ITP/Braeuer/Vorles/2013\\_SS\\_PAMP/03\\_Unus\\_Mundus\\_S.pdf](https://uni-tuebingen.de/fileadmin/Uni_Tuebingen/Fakultaeten/MathePhysik/Institute/ITP/Braeuer/Vorles/2013_SS_PAMP/03_Unus_Mundus_S.pdf).

the domains of mysticism and religion, or, when no further explanatory progress is possible, to dismiss the matter as mere fantasy or eccentricity. Whether enormous UFOs that occasionally appear are in fact capable of breaching the matrix, and can therefore be observed by the crew of an aircraft when circling it, or more precisely when appearing abruptly first on the left side and then again on the right, thus accompanying it for an extended period, may point to the technical limits of the matrix. It is likewise conceivable that certain species may be capable of penetrating the matrix, because their technology is not anticipated by it. In such cases, the “Men in Black” immanent to the matrix must subsequently clean things up, leaving us with yet another remarkable sighting, another UFO story, or another close encounter of the nth kind. Consequently, we must also ask ourselves whether abductions are still part of the matrix, or already constitute a breach of it. Animal mutilations and crop circles may likewise reveal the matrix’s inherent imperfections, or perhaps the boundaries beyond which it ceases to function fully.

The matrix could also serve the function whereby abductions are indeed associated with the UFO phenomenon, yet relatively superficial memories, such as warnings concerning endangered biodiversity, the dangers of nuclear energy or nuclear warfare technology, or the breeding of a hybrid species, are superimposed in memory over the true content of the contact. The sexually charged memories reported by some alleged abduction victims could likewise be an expression of this matrix.

Any unintended breaches of the Matrix caused by NHI or by humans can presumably be largely repaired by those who implemented the Matrix, whether through NHI or through humans, and can, of course, be largely repaired by those who implemented the Matrix if they are anchored in a higher dimension or, at any rate, have access to higher dimensions. For in that case, breaches of the matrix could also be repaired along the timeline itself.

Evidently, however, the matrix does possess certain limits, as the research conducted by Beatriz Villarroel may suggest. Villarroel suggests that even before the first Sputnik orbited the Earth, a large number of artificial celestial objects were already swarming around it. By analyzing photographic plates dating from the period before the launch of Sputnik,

corresponding evidence was able to be obtained.<sup>31,32,33,34</sup>

The matrix is therefore not absolute, but merely relatively strong. Whether the matrix exists at all, whether its purpose is to protect the status of the condominium, and whether it failed in relation to Villarroel’s research and findings, therefore remains an open question. Ultimately, neither the evidence relating to UAPs nor Villarroel’s research findings lead to contact involving any exchange of information. If, therefore, the hypothesis of such a matrix were to provide a new explanation for the status of the condominium and for the detached and fleeting nature of the phenomena, then, under the same premise governing the continued existence and justification of the condominium, the maintenance of the matrix would likewise depend upon the development of humanity. Accordingly, the removal of the matrix may be subject to the same prerequisites that originally gave rise to the condominium status. This certainly applies if the matrix was implemented by those NHI entities that themselves simultaneously form part of the condominium governing Earth. However, there is more evidence pointing to a far superior matrix, one that was not established by the entities of the condominium, but rather originates from much more advanced NHI entities than those that exercise dominion over Earth and humanity and are behind the UAP phenomenon.

If the hypothesis concerning the condominium and the speculation regarding the matrix should prove to be an accurate approximation of reality, this could also provide a conceivable explanation as to why contact between NHI and a terrestrial nation would necessarily have to occur under conditions of extreme secrecy. For even the species that violates the prohibition against closer contact would itself have an interest in maintaining secrecy, so as not to contravene the higher-order rationale underlying the matrix, and thereby avoid sanctions, punishments, or other disadvantages.

31 Bruehl, Stephen and Villarroel, Beatriz. 2025. “Transientes in the Palomar Observatory Sky Survey (POSS-I), maybe associated with nuclear testing and reports of unidentified anomalous phenomenon”, in *Nature Scientific Reports* 15, Article number: 34125 (2025), October 20, 2025, (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-21620-3>).

32 Villarroel, Beatriz *et al.* 2025. “Aligned Multiple-transient Events in the First Palomar Sky Survey” *Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, Volume 137 No. 10.

33 Daily Mail, 28.3.2026, Science, NASA scientist backs evidence of non-human-intelligence in Earths skies.

34 Astronomer Avi Loeb is sceptical: “We should not mistake Cosmic-Rays for UFOs!”, 17.05.2026, <https://avi-loeb.medium.com/we-should-not-mistake-cosmic-rays-for-ufos-8d10b0085b9c>.

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