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# AN INTERVIEW WITH APOLLO 19 COMMANDER

REVELATIONS BY ANOTHER INSIDER ON THE APOLLO 19/20 CASE:  
"MOONWALKER1966DELTA" - A YOUTUBE USER - CLAIMS TO BE A FORMER NASA  
ASTRONAUT

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Inside the Constellation  
(Apollo 20 spacecraft, August 1976).  
Frames from the  
<<APOLLO 20 ALIEN SPACESHIP ON  
THE MOON CSM FLYOVER>>:  
a presumed 16 mm footage taken by  
Leona M. Snyder;

## INTRODUCTION

Since May 2007 I have been investigating as freelancer an intriguing case on which so far there is an embarrassing silence in the mass media world: the **Apollo 19/20 case**, about **classified USAF missions** - officially never occurred - by **NASA assistance** and the **collaboration of the Soviets**.

It seems that up to now only Kevin Smith - see his interview with me in October 2007, during his radio talk **The Kevin Smith Show** (live from Phoenix, Arizona) has opened a honest discussion on the controversial topic.

Among not many reports on the issue, I want to point out the one written by Steve Johnson for a British bi-monthly publication: *The Apollo XX Controversy*, pages 31-35, **UFO Data Magazine**, November-December 2007; it is fair and keeps an open mind.

We know the Apollo 19/20 case is a jungle composed by truth and fake; there are contradictory aspects and some misleading data, but at the same time very interesting videos never seen before, official evidence of symmetrical (artificial?) objects resting on the lunar surface, some detailed information on Space exploration and Space flight, and an historical context where to read this astonishing story. My opinion is we are facing some kernels of truth, very important for the mankind's future.

The target of the above-mentioned and presumed military space missions would have been the far side of the Moon, where to explore and collect data about some mysterious and huge objects resting over there; among them, two triangle objects and a huge cigar-shaped object, apparently ancient extraterrestrial space ships.

The insider who - since April 2007 by YouTube - has been telling the story is "**retiredafb**" (that's his YouTube user name), who claims to be **William**

source: YouTube,  
added by "retiredafb"  
on June 24, 2007.

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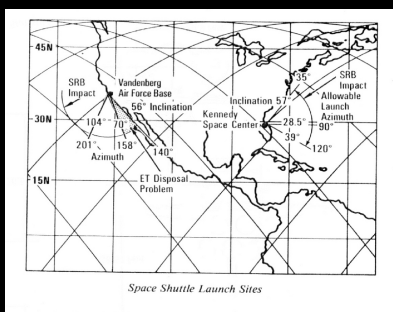


Alexei Leonov, former Soviet cosmonaut,  
with the American and Soviet flags of the  
Apollo Soyuz Test Project;  
see the following [link](#).



The commemorative American and  
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**Rutledge**, an American citizen and a former civilian test pilot that would have employed in the last century with Avro, Chance Vought and the USAF, before taking part in Apollo 20 as commander (CDR). The other two crew members of Apollo 20: **Leona Marietta Snyder** (as CSP) and the famous cosmonaut **Alexei Leonov** (as LMP).

According to Rutledge's testimony, Apollo 20 was a secret joint US and Soviet space mission that occurred in August 1976 (launch from **Vandenberg AFB**: August 16), about one year after the famous **Apollo-Soyuz Test Project**, which launched in July 1975 (Apollo 18 and Soyuz 19).

Kindly at the end of May 2007 "retiredafb" granted me an [interview](#) (not by e-mail) by the YouTube General messages service; an interview which I was able to arrange and spread on my website: [www.angelismarriti.it](http://www.angelismarriti.it); as journalist I thought the story told by "retiredafb" about Apollo 19 and 20 was worthy of attention.

Just to give you an example, an indirect and possible confirmation of the story could be the not well-known ASTP memorial flags signed by Alexei Leonov; P.R. - one Italian citizen who has been following my reports since August 2007 - has found the official link of [USSR-AIRSPACE.COM](http://USSR-AIRSPACE.COM): you can see that the flags look like the mission patch aboard the Constellation, presumed Apollo 20 CSM; even on [revver.com](http://revver.com) another user pointed out the same link.

Rutledge's last job before retiring was working on the KH-11 project (USAF). He explained me also that the ASTP (Apollo-Soyuz Test Project) was the preparatory mission to **Apollo 19**; and later Apollo 20, after the presumed **failure of Apollo 19** and the presumed loss of its crew. Therefore Apollo 20, a classified mission to the Moon alleged by William Rutledge to have taken place aboard a Saturn V moon rocket, would have been preceded by Apollo 19. In recollecting the dramatic loss of the Apollo 19 spacecraft and of its crew, it was an amazing thing to me how William Rutledge was more precise about it before what he told me in the interview (see answer nr.13); on May 23 2007, he told me in our contacts (see Fig.3) that:

<<Apollo 19 had a loss of telemetry while being at the end of the TLI, it was not clearly explained at this time, but it is believed, it was a natural phenomenon, a collision of the aircraft and one of Cruithne brother, who was not identified in 1976. >>

May 23, 2007, 06:12 PM, from my YouTube Account

At the moment William Rutledge (born in Belgium in 1930, in Grembergen, he specified in his user-card on-line on YouTube) moved to another website of files sharing: [revver.com](http://revver.com), where he has registered himself with the same nickname used on YouTube : "retiredafb". You can see some of his videos at the following address:

<http://revver.com/u/retiredafb/>

## "MOONWALKER1966DELTA" SPEAKS OUT

Later on another YouTube user - by the name of "**moonwalker1966delta**" - has been beginning to spread alleged classified short videos about Apollo 20 mission. The discussion I present to you in this report is an interview I arranged from questions and answers accomplished by YouTube Account/General Messages. I sent my questions to his account on August 14, 2008, after some contacts by YouTube taken place since May 2008, in which he had already revealed:

- 1) to be a **former NASA astronaut**;
- 2) to be **the (survived) Apollo 19 Commander (CMDR)**, and that <<since William decided to tell the truth>>, he thinks <<it's the right moment to do the same>>.

Moreover - on July 24, 2008 - in another message he disclosed his alleged identity, with name, surname and his former space missions as astronaut for NASA. I prefer not revealing it - as he has suggested - until more and new

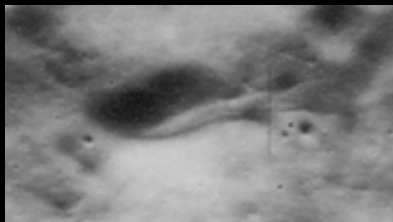


The Space Shuttle Launch Sites  
and a Titan launch from the  
Vandenberg Air Force Base,  
in California.

Courtesy NASA



Frame from the footage  
<<APOLLO 20 Legacy liftoff  
of Apollo 20 saturne 5>>,  
added on YouTube  
by "retiredafb" on April 9, 2007.



Detail of the AS15-M-1579  
High Resolution Image,  
taken on Apollo 15;  
camera altitude: 116 km;  
revolution: 38; Sun Elevation: 24°;  
Lens Focal Length: 3 inch

Courtesy NASA/LPI



elements will be disclosed at last.

If "moonwalker1966delta" has told me the truth about his identity and this will be confirmed, his courageous gesture could change forever the human history and our perspective of humanity's role in the Universe. The Pentagon, NASA and the Russian Government - in my humble opinion - could take advantage of the revelation: helping to widen mankind horizons in every dimension, both physical and spiritual, and helping to stop the energy crisis, could improve the US and Russia reputations, and to level the current divergences among Mosca and Washington.

As I have already written in a former report, It would be a good thing to disclose and spread the truth about the reality of the extraterrestrial intelligence in the Universe, through an unknown historical fact in which the two great powers of the World of the past (the USA and the USSR) joined together for scientific and peaceful activities, in spite of all their differences and political hostilities.

As pointed out by William Rutledge in one of his comments on YouTube:  
<<[...] the apollo 20 belongs to all mankind It is a part of all human's heritage>>.

Virgilio wrote: <<Carpent tua poma nepotes>>. The Apollo 20 patch quotes it. Maybe we are those grandchildren...

## THE INTERVIEW WITH "MOONWALKER1966DELTA"

### - FIRST PART -

In the following interview I have just put the right spaces, and corrected a few orthographical mistakes that there were in our messages (e.g. I have put the right capital letters, like "I" instead of "i", "Earth" instead of "earth", likely written in a hurry, ect.), but I did not change the syntactical construction of the sentences made by "moonwalker1966delta", who - in my opinion - from his English seems an American-English native land, or someone who knows English very well.

**1) L. Scantamburlo: First of all, I want to thank you for your precious time and your kindness. Your YouTube user name is "moonwalker1966delta". In our contacts you did not provide documents which can prove who you are, but you revealed to me your name and surname; you have also declared that you are a former NASA astronaut and you have been "Apollo 19 CMDR", where I know that CMDR, like CDR, means Commander. Of course I have been protecting your identity as I have promised, and I will omitt the names of NASA astronauts involved and that you have mentioned, at least for the moment. I wish they will speak out, sooner or later. Can you explain why you have chosen that user name? I think just some clues - if you prefer - could be enough. By the way, last year I recevied an e-mail about the Apollo 20 case from a former American pilot who wrote:**

**<<There is no doubt that the U.S. has been on the moon since 1962 but it did not use rocket propulsion to do this. However rocket launches of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo were used as a cover for the secret program. It is very possible that there were several Apollo launches both before and after the official Apollo program but they would have been launched from Diego Garcia, Kwajalein or Australia (possibly Melville Island) or another secret launch area. A Saturn V launched from Vandenberg although possible seems unlikely because of the size of the rocket and the fact that it was going to the moon. The rotational speed of the earth is significant in all Saturn launches and therefore the launch has to be generally eastbound. Since an eastbound launch out of Vandenberg would be very unlikely [...]>>**

**Unfortunately I have never received answer from him, notwithstanding my several e-mails. That's why I have decided to spread part of his e-mail text. Can you comment on his opinion?**

**moonwalker1966delta:** Dear Luca thank you so much for the opportunity to talk about this matter and all that is related. Honestly I don't know if we have been on the moon since 1962 but I don't agree with it for the simple reason we didn't have the technology to do that and because I followed step by step the lunar missions and the moon era starting from Mercury and Gemini missions to Apollo program and I have never heard about any previous possible mission to the moon.

We launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base and the launch tower and



Frame from the  
<<APOLLO 20 TEST Snyder Ingress>>  
Video added by "retiredafb"  
(William Rutledge)  
on YouTube on June 18, 2007;  
you can see the North American Rockwell  
Corp. logo on the technicians' overalls.  
The video was removed by "retiredafb"  
himself, and later on added again on  
YouTube by "moonwalker1966delta".



Frame from a video added by  
"retiredafb"  
on revver.com:  
likely the man is  
William Rutledge, Apollo 20 CDR,  
here aboard the  
Lunar Module Phoenix (LM-15)  
on the far side of the Moon  
(August 1976);

Apollo 20 MET 174,  
unscheduled TV transmission



John L. Swigert, Jr.  
(August 30, 1931 - December 27,  
1982) NASA Astronaut; he was test  
pilot for North American Aviation,  
Inc., before joining NASA in April  
1966. He was also an engineering  
test pilot for Pratt and Whitney from  
1957 to 1964.

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Biographical Data, NASA,  
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

complex has been carried there by sea. One simple assembly building, now  
shorter for the space shuttle military missions. The LUT tower was same  
model, the crawler too.

Mission control was located in Yevpatoria for Russia and Vandenberg for USA.  
To say that launching from Vandenberg for a moon mission would be  
impossible or quite difficult it's completely wrong and to say that rotational  
speed of the Earth is significant in space launches is also wrong. A classic  
example could be the launch of Clementine 1 unmanned spacecraft to the  
moon from Vandenberg Air Force Base on January 25 1994. In reality it is  
possible to launch a spacecraft to the moon from everywhere on the earth, the  
only difference would be the longest time and biggest fuel consumption during  
TLI to insert in the correct trans lunar trajectory. I know that someone used a  
software to simulate an apollo launch from Vandenberg and the result has  
been that the first stage and the second stage would have crashed in Arizona  
and South Georgia. That is true! But if you take a look at the first stage  
separation footage of Apollo 11 for example and the Apollo 20 Rutledge's  
footage you will notice for sure that the altitude it separated at is much much  
higher than apollo 11 altitude and the separation speed is much slower and the  
only reason for it is to make the first and second stage to be yet attracted by  
earth gravity but enough high to ensure they completely destroy during reentry  
into the atmosphere.

About my nickname I can say that it represents in only 3 words my inner  
personal universe and all I have been attracted to. Moonwalker because I  
walked on the moon. 1966 because during Gemini 10 from 18 to 21 of July  
1966 I operated the first computer and delta because it usually indicates a  
technology resulting from alien technology or generally indicating an alien  
interference.

**2) L.S.: William Rutledge (Apollo 20 CDR) told me that you - crew  
members of Apollo 19 - were lost in space at the end of TLI maneuver.  
Since your first answer to my YouTube Account/General Messages - on  
May 12, 2008 - it touched me on the raw the fact you told me that - in  
spite of the difficulties - you survived. You said to me:**

*<<I really don't know nor understand why William said we had been lost in  
space. That's not true. It's true we have been hit by something>>.*

**And this last thing is what William Rutledge told us. Moreover you affirmed  
in your first message to me, dated May 12 2008:**

*<<we still don't know what caused a light loss of gyroscopic inertial vector a  
sudden breakdown of electrical power bus unit and a completely loss of  
telemetry. We had smoke and light fire on the frontal panel but we have been  
able to extinguish it at once. As soon as we had electrical power again we  
stopped manually gyroscopic movement. Fortunately we still have radio contact  
with Houston and as soon as [name omitted] and [name omitted] entered the  
simulator we have been able to receive remote telemetry data in voice with  
[name omitted] and Houston.>>*

**So - please, correct me if I am wrong - it means that Apollo 19 launching  
pad was in California and then - after the launch - you were assisted by  
Houston Mission Control (in Texas), and not by Vandenberg Air Force  
Base, which is in California?**

**By the way: on June 24, 2007, I received a message by William Rutledge  
in which he said to me:**

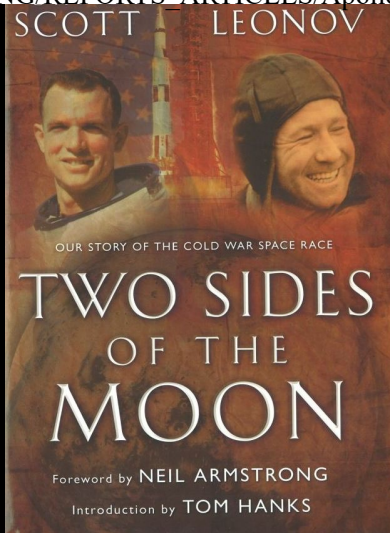
*<< Hi Luca, yes i confirm, mission control was in Vandenberg NOT Nasa, it  
was a political mess, nasa provided the vehicle, it was a russian condition, the  
vehicle to be a civilian one. Sub contractors helped, except ILC dover , who  
was not a pure military contractor. Mission control in Vandenberg was slightly  
different, 5 rooms instead of a big one, little but efficient.>>*

**Can you comment on it?**

**moonwalker1966delta:** yes that's correct. Mission control for USA was in  
Vandenberg AFB but we have been forced to use Houston mission control for  
contingency situation due to incident occurred because the simulator Armstrong  
and Aldrin used was located at KSC and telemetry link data of the simulator  
was directly connected to Houston mission control as in usual Apollo Missions.  
That's why from that moment we used radio and data link with Houston  
mission control only.

**3) L.S.: In your message I mentioned in question nr. 2 of the interview,  
you said:**

*<<We had to be back up crew of Apollo 19 but since the original crew has*



*Two Sides of the Moon.  
Our Story of the  
Cold War Space Race,  
by David Scott and Alexei Leonov.*



Frames from a presumed  
unscheduled TV transmission: the so-  
called EBE Mona Lisa aboard the  
Phoenix LM-15  
(Apollo 20, MET 174), found by the  
LEM crew aboard an ancient  
triangular craft  
resting on the far side of the Moon,  
not too far from the  
cigar-shaped object.

been cancelled about 3 weeks before launch we became the mission crew while [name omitted] and [name omitted] have been selected as back up crew. [...] we haven't got women on board but another official Apollo program astronaut as pilot and another russian cosmonaut with exceptional medical skills.>>

**What can you tell me about Stephanie Ellis (Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 1946 - ? 1976)? Was she a member of the Apollo 19 original crew, later on cancelled? And can you confirm the identity of the Soviet cosmonaut scheduled for Apollo 19? William Rutledge told me he was "Aleksei Sorokin" (YouTube message received by me on July 15, 2007). I spread this information to the public for the first time. What happened to them?**

**moonwalker1966delta:** Yes I confirm original Apollo 19 crew members were Stephanie Ellis Aleksei Sorokin and John Swigert. John died in 1982 for cancer but Stephanie and Aleksei disappeared in 1975 and 1976. I don't know the real reason they have been removed from Apollo 19 crew but someone said Stephanie was talking around too much about Apollo 19 mission and the moon spacecraft. I heard she died at the end of 1975 during a training flight.

#### **4) L.S.: Have you ever met Leona Marietta Snyder, Apollo 20 CSP?**

**moonwalker1966delta:** Yes I met Leona Snyder and William 2 months after Apollo 20 reentry during a secret conference at KSC and again in 1993 at a restaurant in San Antonio with Leonov and David Scott.

#### **5) L.S.: Can you tell me when and where - if it happened - did you meet William Rutledge for the first and the last time?**

**moonwalker1966delta:** The first time I met William was in 1974 at JSP where I have been selected as chief of astronauts. I was training for Apollo 19 and when I knew the names of Apollo 20 crew I ask to meet him and I have been very impressed about his knowledge of alien technology we are working about at that time. The last time has been in San Antonio in 1993.

[...]

The end of the first part of the interview

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### **APOLLO 20: FOR THE SOVIETS THE MISSION CONTROL WAS IN YEVPATORIYA**

**The revelations by "moonwalker1966delta" confirm Rutledge's testimony**

In one of his first messages sent to me, William Rutledge (aka "retiredafb") told me that for the Soviets the Apollo 20 mission control was in **Yevpatoriya**. "moonwalker1966delta" has confirmed this detail (above, see his answer to question nr. 1).

Here you are - spread to the general public - part of a Rutledge's message, never revealed before by me:

<<[...] Russians had another mission control in Yevpatoria, Lyosha could take his orders from there , anyway there was no interference between russians and US military. I saw your note about medals... We were fired out any space program. The american space program fell abruptly after Jimmy carter's election. Gerald Ford was a big fan of space program, cooperation between

source of the frames:  
video added by "retiredafb"  
on revver.com

*CCCP and USA was very active, he had clear views about the space shuttle program. In august 1976, he was busy about elections and didn't participated or watched any part of the adventure.>>*

"retiredafb" on YouTube - in a message to Luca Scantamburlo (YouTube Account/General Messages, June 24, 2007), the same message mentioned in my question nr. 2 of the interview to "moonwalker1966delta".

In May 2007 - at the beginning of our contacts - William Rutledge wrote to me about two other towns:

*<<[...] i'm forced to use a anonymizer program. I'm still very carefull , and i wish, if it is ok for you, to reply on this youtube adress.*

*You can ask me everythig , i'll just have to give the names of employees of the lower class, other names will not be a problem.>>*

*<<[...] the chief of the russian programm was in the Ural, in the towns of Nijni Tagil and Sverdlovsk (today Yekaterinburg).>>*

"retiredafb" on YouTube - in a message to Luca Scantamburlo (YouTube Account/General Messages, May 18, 2007).

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