



**INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT  
JULY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**KARPELES MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY  
MUSEUM  
3201 CENTENERY BOULEVARD  
SHREVEPORT, LA. 71104**

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**NOTE: THE CLIENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION HAVE GRANTED AND ALLOWED ALL  
REASONABLE DATA NOTED IN THIS INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE PUBLIC.**

# HISTORY

Construction on the building was began in the 1920's. Due to the Great Depression, finances held up completion until 1938. This was the home of Shreveport's First Church of Science. The church moved into the building and held services in the basement while the building was undergoing construction..The building has been home to the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum for about 10 years.

## EXPERIENCES

### **Stairs up to the balcony**

A podium from downstairs was found moved onto the stairway leading up to the balcony, while no one was around to move it. Shadow figures have been seen near the stairway near the ladies room. This is one of the areas where an unseen presence is noted by both visitors and those working in the building.

### **Balcony**

Papers and documents pertaining to a wooden model ship are often found moved from the display table, and arranged on the floor beneath the table. Other items not belonging in the balcony area are often found underneath this and other display tables.

### **Basement – closet under kitchen**

This is another area where the sense of an unseen presence is noted. Smells not consistent with this room, its contents, or any adjacent area are often found there, but quickly dissipate as an investigation is made.

### **Auditorium**

Those walking into this area often feel they are being observed from the balcony area, and this from the area where the model ships are located on the balcony. After closing, pencils from the office, which is locked, appear during the night in pencil holders on the back of the pew. Eight were placed in the holders the night before our investigation. Staff members are careful to remove these, if any, before closing for the evening.

### **Front foyer**

The main front entry doors are often found unlocked, after being locked and no one around to unlock these doors. Business hours for the museum are shorter than 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, so these doors are often locked during these hours, but found to be open at a later time. The doors to the auditorium are also closed in the evening, but found open in the morning.

### **Kitchen**

Electrical appliances are often turned off and/or on, with no one in the area to do so. One evening, as the director attempted to turn off a lamp in the kitchen, she felt her hand pushed onto the hot light bulb, and still carries a scar from the encounter.

**Ladies room – front foyer**

The smell of baby powder is often noted in this room, when no visitors have been present.

**Basement – closet under kitchen area**

This room seem to have a very heavy, and imminent atmosphere.

**Basement – open area**

The feeling of being watched or observed closely is often felt by those sitting or walking through this area.

**Exterior grounds**

Benches on the north side of the building are often found turned upside down. It is noted that benches in other areas are not disturbed. These benches are always upside down, and not just toppled over, as if this were a form of displaying. I, John Combs, exited the front of the building, walked down the sidewalk and inspected this area which took about ten minutes. No visitors were at the center, nor were any observed while this inspection took place. The sidewalk area was in plain view. As I returned to the front of the building. A large, flat rock was in the center of the side walk, and was not there 10 minutes earlier. There is a gentle slope toward the building, but this rock, approximately 25 pounds, would not have rolled the five feet from its former resting point where it had depressed the ground on which it rested. It was also noted that the sidewalk area between the rock and the building showed no sign of dirt or other debris which would have been consistent with this rock rolling down the slope. This event also seemed consistent with object displaying.

**Nursery room**

The door to this room has been stuck in the closed position for years. At the time of my inspection of the room, the director reached around to open a door, opening this one by mistake. There are two doors very close together. The door opened easily, and has continued to do so to date. I could not find a reason for this door to stick, but the director frequents this room, and has never been able to personally open the door. For clarification, the door seemed physically stuck, as opposed to simply being locked.

# INVESTIGATION

DATE OF INVESTIGATION: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

PARTICIPANTS: JOHN COMBS, CONNIE WILLIAMSON, TRACI MYERS, KEITH MYERS, BESS MAXWELL, AND JAMES PALMER

EQUIPMENT: Digital Cameras, Infrared cameras and DVR system, Digital audio recorders, Ion Counters, P-SB7 Spirit Box, Infra-sound detection equipment, Digital thermometers, REM-Pod, 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 geophone. No high EMF fields were noted inside the building, except by appliances or electrical devices. The normal fields are not believed to be a problem, as the range is very limited

No anomalous hot spots or cold spots were noted. No anomalous motions were noted. Six standard digital EVP voices were recorded. No EVP clips were formed using the P-SB7, as an added energy source.

A limited amount of data was recorded from 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. Consciousness testing was strong and consistent.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

JOHN COMBS - In the early part of the investigation, while placing testing computers in room four of the basement area, the door to this room was found opened two times, after I had closed it after placing the test computer in room four. This incident was also recorded during our last research project.

BESS MAXWELL AND CONNIE WILLIAMSON, in the attic. It is noted that the attic does not open to the outside. The building has thick, massive exterior walls, such that outside noise would have to be very loud to penetrate into the attic area. Connie Williamson heard the voice of a woman speaking, in the attic, in an area that was otherwise unoccupied. Bess Maxwell heard the shuffling sound consistent with footsteps, no one in this area. Bess Maxwell then smelled the fragrance of old-style, floral perfume.

### LA. SPIRITS TEAM – BASEMENT AREA:

The Louisiana Spirits North team, five Bossier Parish Community College students, and several members of the Karpeles Museum staff were all in the open area of the basement, seated in the fold-down style seats, to ask questions, and attempt audio research. A flashlight had been placed on the floor, across the room about 20 feet in front of the group.

For a period of about 45 minutes, and on a continuous basis of about 2 to 3 responses per minute, the flashlight turned on and off, immediately, upon request, and in response to questions, as it was instructed to do. It is also noted that there were numerous coded requests that were followed exactly as requested. An example might be, “Turn the flashlight on with two short bursts, and one long one. Then, turn it back on with one long burst, one short burst, and one long burst before turning the light off.”

The same group, after the first research session and saying “Good-bye” to whatever had seemed to communicate using the light, returned for a second session near the end of the night. This session lasted about 25 minutes, and included not only the original flashlight, but also a second one. During this second session, neither light was not turned a single instance.

We readily acknowledge that the terms “long” and “short” are terms subject to personal interpretation. In the cases of requested response, the times of “long” and “short” probably did vary, such that each

long flashlight duration time of the light being on did vary from instance to instance, as did the flashlight duration time of “short” varied from response to response. However, by the individual response, the duration of “long” and “short” was readily identifiable as different by the normal individual. The responses were checked by additional follow up, and the answers were consistent.

While we have no actual method, at the present time to evaluate the given responses, the responses indicated, that if there was intelligent force directing the response, the following information was obtained. The answers indicated that, if there was an intelligent force responding:

1. He was male.
2. He was on the location prior to the current building.
3. He was once a sharecropper on a local plantation.
4. He claimed the name “Beauregard”.
5. He was born local, though his parents were English.
6. He claimed to remember the log jam on the Red River.

It is noted that the log jam, known as the Great Raft, had existed for many years, with some reports recorded in 1722., and was considered a curse by local Indian tribes. Work to clear the jam began in 1833, and was completed in 1838. Almost immediately, a second jam began, and grew. It was not until 1873 that the jam was removed totally and completely.

# 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 40 tests were run in all areas. At the minimum reporting standard of .05, we would expect to receive a total of 2.0 positives due to chance alone affecting the probability distribution, resulting in 4.2 false positives for the human consciousness being the cause. ( $40 \times .05 = 2.0$ ) The actual mean score for the 25 positive tests was  $p < .019392$ . The correction for the number of expected false positives would be  $40 \times .019392 = .78$  false positives, rounded up to 1. As noted, we received 25 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.

The test scores are as follows:

### COMPUTER 1

Room Four 1	$z = 2.399$	$p < .008220$
Room Four 3	$z = 1.925$	$p < .027746$
Room Four 4	$z = 1.722$	$p < .042535$
Room Four 5	$z = 2.284$	$p < .011186$
Storage 1	$z = 2.588$	$p < .004827$
Storage 3	$z = 2.038$	$p < .020775$
Storage 5	$z = 1.648$	$p < .049676$

### COMPUTER 3

Auditorium 3	$z = 1.747$	$p < .040319$
Auditorium 4	$z = 2.352$	$p < .009336$

### COMPUTER 4

Basement Open 3	$z = 2.302$	$p < .010667$
Basement Open 5	$z = 2.171$	$p < .014965$
Nursery 1	$z = 1.659$	$p < .048558$
Nursery 3	$z = 1.942$	$p < .026069$
Nursery 4	$z = 2.202$	$p < .013833$
Nursery 5	$z = 2.235$	$p < .012709$
Kitchen 2	$z = 2.935$	$p < .001668$



## 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**

### **RESEARCHER: JOHN COMBS**

**SESSION NOTES: GENERAL QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ALOUD, AND AN ANSWER FROM THE OVILUS WAS AWAITED UNTIL ANOTHER QUESTION WAS ASKED OR ANOTHER COMMENT POSED BY THIS RESERACHER.**

**THE NOTATION "O:" WILL BE USED TO NOTATE AN OVILUS RESPONSE.**

#### **ROOM FOUR IN BASEMENT**

**JOHN: Who opens this door all the time?**

**O: Phantom**

**JOHN: Have you opened it since our last research project?**

**O: Since**

**JOHN: The door doesn't latch easily?**

**O: Does**

**JOHN: Why do you open it?**

**O: It**

**JOHN: Do you like it open?**

**O: Natural**

**JOHN: I just CLOSED it!**

**O: Mission**

**JOHN: Do you want me to open it back?**

**O: Turning**

**JOHN: I don't see it opening!**

**O: Bend**

**JOHN: Bend? Will I see it better?**

**O: Natural**

**JOHN: Is opening it a habit?**

**O: Stigmata**

**JOHN: I have to go and check my computers now**

**O: Embark**

#### **BALCONY**

**JOHN: Who likes the ships that were up here?**

**O: Anna**

JOHN: Someone moved them, and they're gone.  
O: Trace  
JOHN: Can you see who moves the pencils from up here?  
O: Less  
JOHN: What can you see downstairs?  
O: Ticket  
JOHN: Should I sign up for the drawing?  
O: Just  
JOHN: Who moves the pencils?  
O: Dust  
JOHN: Can you move the pencils?  
O: Ticket  
JOHN: Ah, you just move the tickets!  
O: Thus  
JOHN: Did you move Bess' ticket?  
O: HELLO!  
JOHN: I should have known that...  
O: When  
JOHN: Did you move the ticket?  
O: Dust  
JOHN: Was it just a practical joke?  
O: Opposite  
JOHN: I need to check my computer testing now.  
O: Yellow

**END OF OVILUS DATA  
CLOSING NOTES – PART THREE**

We have presented these incidents in Part Three in the interests of research and completeness of studies performed. It is acknowledged that answers may, in many cases, rely on judgment as to the accuracy of the answer. If the question, “Is the car red?” is posed, assuming the car’s color is not a transition color, the answer of either “yes” or “no” may be easily evaluated. Or, assuming no transition color, the answer to “What color is the car?”, the answer “red” may be easily evaluated. Others are not so simple, “Happy”, for example. And it is readily acknowledged that those hearing a response from an Ovilus device may NOT have sufficient knowledge to correlate a given answer as relevant or “correct”. The volume of comments received from the Ovilus device was very large, and there may be meanings that those of us not experiencing daily life at this home, or intimately familiar with its history, do not have a connotation for. The list is presented as received, in proper order, in the interest of completeness of research conducted. It is also noted that, although the words are spoken individually, there may be meanings or connotations in word groupings within word lists.

These meanings or connotations may only be meaningful to certain individuals with the experiences to which these word phrases pertain, and not to all individuals. Words within the list that have an inordinate statistical frequency of appearance may also fall within the meaningful category, and need to be analyzed by those with a more intimate knowledge of the history of the location.

**END  
PART THREE**

# **PART FOUR - AUDIO**

## **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”.**

**NO AUDIO DATA WAS NOTED FROM THE P-SB7.**

**STANDARD EVP DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDING  
NO INTENTIONAL ENERGY ADDED**

**AUDIO – CONNIE WILLIAMSON - ALL RECORDINGS FROM THE ATTIC AREA**

**CLIP ONE - RECEIVED AS A COMMENT.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “GET OUT.....GET OUT OF HERE”.**

**CLIP TWO - BESS MAXWELL SAYS, “HELP”.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “WE'RE TRYING TO HELP WITH ALL THIS KIND OF STUFF”.**

**CLIP THREE – RECEIVED AS A COMMENT.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “THE RAILROAD ROLLS THROUGH ALABAMA”.**

**CLIP FOUR – RECEIVED AS A COMMENT.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “WE CARE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON OVER AT MOE'S”.**

**CLIP FIVE – BESS AND CONNIE HAD JUST COMMENTED ABOUT THE PERFUME SMELL.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “YOU AND I KIND OF GO WELL TOGETHER”.**

**CLIP SIX – RECEIVED AS A COMMENT.**

**ANOMALOUS VOICE: “WHAT A TIME FOR A SCREW UP”.**

**END**  
**PART FOUR**

## **PART FIVE**

# **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.

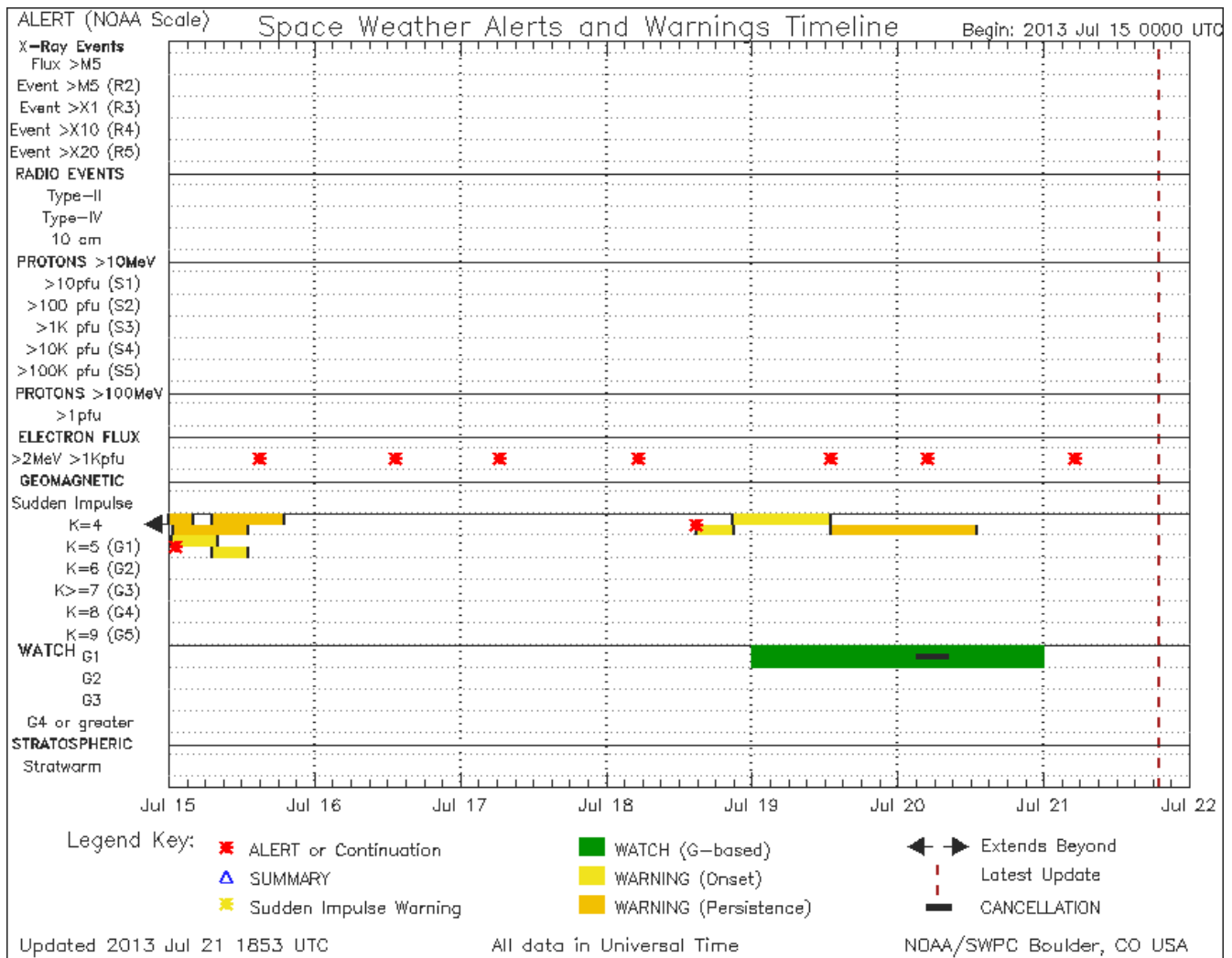
We do not, at this time, totally understand how environmental energy sources can effect paranormal phenomena in a direct manner, or even if they do. Also, this author readily concedes that if paranormal activity is increased by local energy, that solar energy is not the only available source of local 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 07/20/2013  
 AT TIMES OF TESTING, ALL CONDITIONS WERE REPORTED AS  
 ABOVE NORMAL.**

**END OF PART FIVE**

# CONCLUSION

At the time and places tested, no anomalous photos were taken. No data was noted on video. 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 appliances and electrical devices. There were anomalous EMF fields in the basement area. No anomalous hot spots or cold spots were noted. No anomalous motions were noted. No EVP voices were made of words formed from the P-SB7. Six standard EVP clips by normal digital recording were noted. 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. The Ovilus data was limited in quantity, though we are not sufficiently familiar with the residence and family dynamics to draw any conclusions from this data. It is noted the Ovilus data seemed conversational. Consciousness testing was strong and consistent. We feel that these experiences, and the positive tests received are probably indicative of an anomalous presence or presences, and that these do not seem malicious or harmful in any way. Experiences reported seemed to indicate friendly, helpful, and jovial presences.

**We would like to thank the clients for inviting us into the 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.**

**John Combs  
La. Spirits**