



## **INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT**



### **OAKLAND PLANTATION HAUGHTON, LA.**

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**NOTE: THE CLIENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION HAVE ALLOWED OPEN AND REASONABLE DISCLOSURE OF DATA GATHERED BY LA. SPIRITS ON THE INVESTIGATION IN THEIR HOME. SOME DATA MAY HAVE BEEN OBSCURED IF DEEMED A POTENTIAL INVASION OF REASONABLE PRIVACY. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE DATA PRESENTED, OR THE CONCLUSIONS HEREIN.**

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# HISTORY

Construction of the plantation home began in the 1830's by Dr. Abel Skannel. The home sat on about 8,000 acres in Bossier parish, owned also by Dr. Skannal. The home was remodeled in the 1960's by remains true to its original architectural heritage. The current owners have lived in this home for about 14 years.

# EXPERIENCES

Over the years, people have reported seeing figures on horseback, riding the hills, which seem to disappear when approached. The sounds of gunfire have been heard from the same direction as the sightings. Footsteps are heard, with no one in the area of the sounds, in the home. The figure of Dr. Skannal has been reported seen, years after his death. Rocking chairs on the porch seem to rock in a regular motion, with no figures seen in the chairs. Thermostats have been turned down to 0 degrees. Blankets have been pulled from the beds. The current owners have seen the figure of a small girl near the back door. Other electrical devices have been turned on and off, such as televisions. Kitchen cabinet doors open and close by themselves. Objects throughout the house are moved into unlikely locations, no one in the area to have done so. A child has often been heard sneezing in otherwise empty locations of the home. Voices, as if in conversation, are heard in otherwise empty areas. It's not unusual to receive a tap on the shoulder from an unseen hand. Over its lifetime, Oakland Plantation has earned the reputation as being one of the most haunted homes in the state of Louisiana.

# INVESTIGATION

DATE OF INVESTIGATION: April 11, 2015

PARTICIPANTS: BESS MAXWELL, JOHN COMBS, CONNIE WILLIAMSON, KIRK CORMIER, KEITH MYERS, AND TRACI MYERS.

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 laser grid or geophone. No high EMF fields from AC current were found in any location likely to result in prolonged exposure, although there are some areas of high EMF fields from appliances. Several anomalous EMF spikes were noted in areas not near electrical devices. One audio clip was noted on the P-SB7, and none digital recording.

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. No EMF fields from natural sources were found in areas where exposure could cause false positive impressions. Consciousness testing was strong and consistent.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

GROUP – During the evening, in almost all locations, anomalous EMF spikes, short in duration, were noted by investigators. It is possible these could have been from wifi, but this is not known as proven or disproven.

GROUP – in the living room, not recorded as audio. Bess asked how many people were in the house, and received the immediate answer from the P-SB7, “Eight”. She then asked how many were present, not counting the spirit, and received the answer “Seven”.

# 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 24 tests were run in all areas. At the minimum reporting standard of .05, we would expect to receive a total of 1.2 tests due to chance alone affecting the probability distribution, resulting in 1.2 false positives for the human consciousness being the cause. ( $24 \times .05 = 1.2$ ) The actual mean score for the 15 positive tests was  $p < .0177745$ . The correction for the number of expected false positives would be  $24 \times .0177745 = .4$  false positives, rounded up to 1.0. As noted, we received 15 positives, much greater than the mathematically expected 1 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

Son's Bedroom 3	$z = 1.905$	$p < .028455$
Son's Bedroom 4	$z = 1.743$	$p < .040667$
Guest Bedroom 1	$z = 2.095$	$p < .018055$
Guest Bedroom 4	$z = 2.428$	$p < .007591$

### COMPUTER 4

Daughter's Bedroom 2	$z = 2.270$	$p < .011604$
Daughter's Bedroom 3	$z = 3.415$	$p < .000319$
Daughter's Bedroom 4	$z = 2.200$	$p < .013903$
Master Bedroom 3	$z = 2.616$	$p < .004448$
Master Bedroom 4	$z = 3.085$	$p < .001017$

### COMPUTER 7

Library 2	$z = 1.745$	$p < .040492$
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### COMPUTER 8

Living Room 1	$z = 1.944$	$p < .025948$
Living Room 3	$z = 2.297$	$p < .010809$
Living Room 4	$z = 1.954$	$p < .025351$
Library 3	$z = 1.838$	$p < .033031$
Library 4	$z = 2.328$	$p < .009956$

The probability that these 15 tests are all false positives, due to chance alone in the probability distributions, and not indicative of human consciousness interaction when none incarnate was present to do so, through quantum tunneling is:

**PROBABILITY**

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**ANOTHER WAY OF EXPRESSING THIS IS**

**3.5 X 10 TO THE MINUS 30<sup>th</sup> POWER**

**END  
PART TWO**

## 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 x 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**

### **LIVING ROOM:**

**DONE  
DOOR  
CHILD  
GIRL  
HAPPY  
NICE  
HORSE  
SETTLED  
EIGHT  
QUIET**

**END OF OVILUS WORD LISTS**

### **CLOSING NOTES – PART THREE**

**There may have been additional incidents, or not. 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**

## **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 DATA WAS RECORDED FROM THE P-SB7, ALTHOUGH ONE AUDIBLE EVENT WAS NOTED, THOUGH NOT RECORDED.**

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

**NO USABLE DATA RECORDED ON DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS.**

**END PART FOUR  
AUDIO**

# CONCLUSION

At the time and places tested, no anomalous photos were taken. No data was noted on video. Nothing unusual was detected by laser grid. 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. No anomalous motions were noted. One EVP clip made of words formed by the P-SB7 were noted, and no clips by standard 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. 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. The consciousness testing seemed to show a presence or presences with a high degree of probability.

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

**John Combs  
La. Spirits**