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## Astounding Sounds From Outer Space Lock Scientists In Fierce Debate: Is There Life Out There?

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Yvgeney Yasaprovitch could not, at first, believe his ears. Day after day — for five years — he has been monitoring the skies for some audible signal to indicate that Earth is not the only planet with intelligent life. Two days ago, he — gulp! — heard what he had been waiting for. Or did he?

Dr. Yasaprovitch is a senior scientist ensconced in the intense Russian space exploration program which started with fresh initiatives in 2027, such as the Space Sound Laboratories located on the Moscow/2 Space Station in orbit around Earth's moon.

"I am a patient man. In my business, you have to be," Dr. Yasaprovitch told reporters via a televised press conference beamed from the moon.

"My job (and there's a team of us doing this special work!) is to listen to what I call 'blank noise.' That's what space sound is — nothing at all."

"Then, two nights ago, I detected some faint sound waves as far out in space as our radio telescopes will allow. There was a pattern. There was a pattern!"

The pattern Dr. Yasaprovitch alluded to was a distinct array of "beeping" sounds amidst the "blank noise." The beeps sound like Morse Code, which hasn't been widely used for at least 40 years; however, these beeps conform to no known sound symbols.

Dr. Yasaprovitch said that he believes that this is at least preliminary evidence that the source of the beeping sounds is trying to contact other intelligent life in the solar system. Moreover, he boldly asserts that the source is not from Earth. "Those beeps come from millions of miles away. They were obviously sent years ago and we're just tracking them now. But they did not come from any man-made transmitter."

The Russian government atypically released "sonic proof" of this discovery in the form of a 37-second sound clip which is now being played thousands of times on all media which carry sound.

No scientist involved in auditory exploration of outer space was officially willing to refute Dr. Yasaprovitch's claim that the "sound proof" he offers is both authentic and revealing of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. Scientists have been reportedly "burning out their cell phones" debating the authenticity of Dr. Yasaprovitch's claim.

However, anonymous sources said that the sound is more likely a hoax or simply a "time echo" of something which originated on Earth and was somehow beamed away from our planet and now is "looping back."

But Dr. Yasaprovitch is standing firm, and his government seems to be backing him, that an Earth scientist has for the first time successfully detected a sound indicating intelligence outside of Earth's atmosphere.

Says Dr. Yasaprovitch: "I listen to space professionally. I have done so for a long time. I know when something is not there. I know blank noise. When I heard this sound, I knew immediately that something was there. There's a pattern. There is definitely a pattern." |<

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