

General Clark Discusses Space Vision Again

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"We must once again commit ourselves to a great pioneering journey that will be worthy of remembrance 100 years from now.□ We must once again dare to go where we have never gone before." --Wesley K. Clark Statement on the 100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers Flight, December 17th, 2003

"I still believe in $e=mc^2$, but I can't believe that in all of human history, we'll never ever be able to go beyond the speed of light to reach where we want to go. I happen to believe that mankind can do it. " Wesley Clark in New Hampshire, September 27, 2003

Wesley Clark, who in September was quoted in reply to a question from STS-90 astronaut Dr. Jay Buckey Jr., as saying he believed it was possible to exceed the speed of light, has now made additional statements in favor of advanced space technologies.

Wesley Clark, who dreamed of being an astronaut before entering the military, now even has a space page on his website where people can weigh in on space policy.

<http://space.forclark.com/>

Clark's campaign opened the site encouraging the space community at large to post their opinions and thoughts about space policy "with the express understanding that such input will be taken very seriously as the Clark campaign prepares an official policy statement regarding the future of the space program."

Clark's first statement on space and advanced propulsion led to some speculation that the 4-Star General might be speaking based on knowledge of black budget programs. In reaction to the statement one intelligence source even claimed General Clark "knows something about the crash retrieval." The statement however did not generate any follow up questions from the media or the UFO community. It is doubtful these new statements will generate any further

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questions either.

The two new statements about Clark's hopes for future space exploration appeared on his space web page.

Clark on Human Mars Exploration

By LorettaHidalgo
Posted to Space on Fri Dec 19th, 2003 at 03:47:22 PM EST

The head of political action for the Mars Society got to meet General Clark on Dec 9th and ask him about his stance on a human Mars mission. Clark said he wants to be able to speed up the trip!

He said he wants new propulsion and enabling technologies because he doesn't like the idea of 6-9 month voyages to Mars. He also said that it is his goal to enable us to go beyond the Solar System. Now that is a 100 year vision!

Clark wanted to be an astronaut when he was a kid- like so many of us. I think he is the one leader who could put NASA's house of cards back together again.

Keep bringing people to our space.forclark blog! Lets show our numbers! It's up to us to create the space program of our dreams.

Clark speaks on space during houseparty telecon!

By GeorgeWhitesides
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Did anyone else hear Clark's comments on space during the 8pm pacific houseparty telecon?? They were great!!

I don't have the exact words (did anyone record the call?), but he said that he didn't just want to go places we'd already been -- a great critique of the new Bush administration space policy expected early in '04.

What was exciting was the fire in his voice when he talked about space, and his obvious knowledge of the subject. This issue is clearly something that he's thought about, cares about, and wants to do something about.

I was sitting in the telecon with another space enthusiast, and our jaws just dropped when he starting talking about space. We were blown away. What were other people's reactions?