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Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
By *Jean C. Hampton*
Assistant Authentication Officer,
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Patrick O. Hatchett



State of Tennessee



Department of State

I, Riley C. Darnell, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that WM. MIKE PADGETT whose signature appears on the attached certificate, is and was at the time of signing same, the legally elected, commissioned, qualified and acting County Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee, authorized to take acknowledgments, and his official act as such, is entitled to full faith and credit; and I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature to the attached certificate is the genuine signature of the said, WM. MIKE PADGETT County Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereto affixed my signature and the Great Seal of the State, at Nashville, this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seven

Riley C. Darnell
Secretary of State
by Marlene Lawrence

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Certified

5. at *Nashville, Tennessee*

6. the Friday, January 19, 2007

7. by RILEY C. DARNELL, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF TENNESSEE

8. No. 07-445



10. Signature
Riley C. Darnell
dl

Charles Wesley Faires THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY
Wesley 1724 Forest Ave. Knoxville, TN 37916
Faires NAME ADDRESS

Monday, September 29, 2003

Claim of Ownership

STEVE HALL
REGISTER OF DEEDS
KNOX COUNTY

This document is to certify that I, **Charles Wesley Faires**, have claimed ownership of the stars **Alnilam, Alnitak, and Mintaka**, the three stars that make up **Orion's Belt**, along with any planetary systems within the gravitational system of these stars.

Basis for Ownership

The **Moon Treaty of 1967** signed by the U.S. and Russian governments, along with some member nations of the U.N. states that the governments of the parties involved in the treaty may not claim ownership of celestial bodies.

"Outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means."

(Article 2)

This mentions nothing about **individuals**. The basis of my ownership, therefore, is that no country's government can **deny** my claim to ownership

The United Nations is not a government and thus cannot pass laws on private citizens of its member nations.

Note: Charles Wesley Faires switches usage of the 1st and 3rd person throughout this document. Just ignore that, please.

Ownership Entails:



1. As previously mentioned, the stars **Alnilam, Alnitak and Mintaka**, within the defined "**Orion Constellation**" in the Milky Way Galaxy. This means the entire solid mass of the star, and any light emanating from them, discussed under heading 4.

2. To avoid any discrepancy, in the event that there are constellations and stars that have been given the same name, the proper accepted astronomical denotation for these stars is as follows:

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(Begin boring part)

* All stars are approximately 20 times the mass of the sun.



	<u>Alnitak</u>	<u>Alnilam</u>	<u>Mintaka</u>
Distance (light years).....	800	1340	915
Scientific Name.....	Zeta Orionis	Epsilon Orionis	Delta Orionis



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SAO catalog number.....	132444	132346	132220
Henry Draper Catalog.....	37742	37128	36486
Harvard Revised (HR) number.....	HR 1948	HR 1903	HR 1852
Visual Brightness.....	2.05	1.77	2.23
Spectral Class.....	O9.71b	B0Ia	O9.5II
Right Ascension.....	5h40.758m	5h36.216m	5h32.007m
Declination.....	-1° 56.567'	-1° 12.117'	0° 17.950'

***Mintaka and Alnitak are both part of companion star systems. Meaning they are actually made up of more than one star. Meaning, yup, my claim of ownership covers more than just 3 stars. But let's not get all hung up on that. I'm gonna just refer to those stars, as the astronomers do, as one. So any mention of Mintaka and Alnitak means all associated companion stars too.*

(End Boring Part)

3. Any planetary systems of these stars. This includes all solid satellites of the stars **Alninam, Alnitak and Mintaka**. This also includes satellites of any planet deemed to be in permanent orbit around these planets. Should a binary planet system occur, in which a planet has a dual orbit around one of these stars and another star outside the ownership of **Charles Wesley Faires**, the planet shall be deemed under my ownership as long as it is perceived to be in the primary influence of the gravitational pull of **Alninam, Alnitak or Mintaka**.
4. Any light emanating from these stars. By this I am not claiming to own the light one might see on the night of **September 29, 2003**. Photons that one can see from earth now were cast out before this date and therefore before my owning them. However, since photons cast out after this date are now under control of me, **Mr. Faires**, it is therefore deduced that, since the furthest of these stars is about 1,350 light years away, and the term "light year" refers to how far light travels in a year, all light viewed from these stars on and after the date **September 29, 3,353** is legally owned by **Mr. Faires**. **People of Earth may view light from Orion's belt free of charge or any legal responsibility.**

Ownership does NOT include:

1. The void space between stars or planets located in this 3 star system.
2. Any "free floating" planet commonly found in the Orion Constellation.
3. Any planet in a dual orbit system, as mentioned previously, to which a star other than one I own is perceived as having gravitational pull dominated by another star.
4. **The Orion Nebula**. I want absolutely nothing to do with that stupid cloud of dust. People get Orion's belt and the Orion Nebula confused. They're not the same thing. The Orion Nebula is stupid.
5. The souls of ancient Egyptians. Lemme explain. Ancient Egyptians believed that heaven was in the part of the sky where Orion's belt is located. Since someone actually got mad at me over this, so lemme re-state:
No souls.



Statement of Intentions

I do not plan to exploit citizens of this world or any other in the universe. I do not plan to ever charge for light or photons coming from aforementioned stars, but I might be willing to sell plots of land there. Or possibly will it to my kids. I don't know yet. Nevertheless, no provisions in any constitution of any nation's government on Earth thus far has made provisions for these three celestial bodies I have claimed, which means **nobody can deny my claim**. Should an entity on "other worlds" see a problem with this, I would like to meet them face to whatever they have, Because that would be so awesome! Hell, since that probably won't happen, I might even start my own government 'round these 3 stars. If I choose to do so, my title will be **The InterGalactic MixMaztzer**. This is to be discussed in a later document should I decide to do so. And hell, I just might.

Provisions

Though no government currently controls the property claimed here, a copy of this document has been sent to the following:

- 1 The United Nations
- 2 The President of the United States
- 3 The Russian government, with intent to forward to their president.
- 4 The International Astronomical Union
- 5 The Archimedes Space Claims Insitute
- 6 The United States Copyright office

My Commission Expires March 5, 2008



Nahil Mishu
Nahil Mishu

The Legal Crap

- 1. This document was notarized on 28th of sept by 2004
Nahil Mishu with title Notary Public
- 2. This document was registered online at the **Archimedes Space Claims Institute** on May 13, 2004. Registry number d20040513111325.
- 3. This document has been filed with the **U.S. Copyright Office**. That's right, I have a copyright. So don't YOU try to claim ownership of Orion's Belt. It's mine. I have the certificate of copyright registration, but look it up in the Library of Congress if you don't believe me.
- 4. This document was filed at the Knox. County properties and deeds office. Evidence of this can be seen on the front page, and at the barcode at the bottom of every other page.



STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF KNOX

I, WILLIAM MIKE PADGETT, Clerk of the County, within and for the County of State aforesaid, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that

Nahil Mishu

_____ whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof and acknowledgment, a Notary Public, in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, and authorized by the laws of said State, to take the acknowledgment and proofs of deeds and conveyances, for lands, tenements or hereditaments in said State, to be recorded therein. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said Notary Public, and verily believe, that the signature to said certificate of Proof or acknowledgment is genuine.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County, this 14th day of September 2007
By William Mike Padgett Clerk
Bobby Bessinger Deputy Clerk

5. **This one is important.** I'll put it like this: Come will-writing time, I'll pass this on to whoever I please. If I die **before** I have any descendants to pass this on to, my sister, **Janell Niccolle Faires** gets sole ownership of everything under my claim.

Janell Niccolle Faires
Janell Niccolle Faires

John A. ...
Notary Public, Fulton County Georgia
My Commission Expires Aug. 8, 2006.

6. **By the way:** In October of 2003, I was on the news for this. WBIR (Ch.10) in Knoxville, Tennessee did a piece on me for their show "Live at Five". G'head, ask 'em. This thing has now hit the airwaves. **Guess what?** Those who think one can't own what one can't touch/visit, do this one in your head:

ME—>>>Camera—>>>Tape—>Broadcast—>Airwaves—>Space

*Not doing the math on this one, but I think you're getting where I'm going here. The claim laid **Charles Wesley Faires**, in the form of electric rays, will reach **Orion's Belt** before the claim of anyone else. And before any robot. Just because I was the first person with enough "chutzpah(sp?)" to **try**.

7. This document was presented in Federal Court:

Date	Judge/Court	Verdict
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8. Other important people who have been presented with this:

9. The aforementioned Claim of Ownership for Alnilam, Alnitak and Mintaka, its satellites and light emanating from the stars has been expressed through this document's creation on **September 29, 2003** by **Charles Wesley Faires**. Guidelines for future practices have been laid out in this document. It was revised and edited by **Charles Wesley Faires** on September 21, 2004. No other party took place in the document's creation, and **Charles Wesley Faires** is to be the sole legal owner of the three stars aforementioned to be a part of **Orion's Belt. Booyeah!**

Charles Wesley Faires

Charles Wesley Faires



Nahil Mishu
Nahil Mishu

My Commission Expires March 5, 2007

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COUNTY OF KNOX

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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County, the 17th day of January 2007

By *William Mike Padgett* Clerk
Bartley D. Daise Deputy Clerk



REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

I, STEVE HALL, REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE CERTIFIED COPY OF

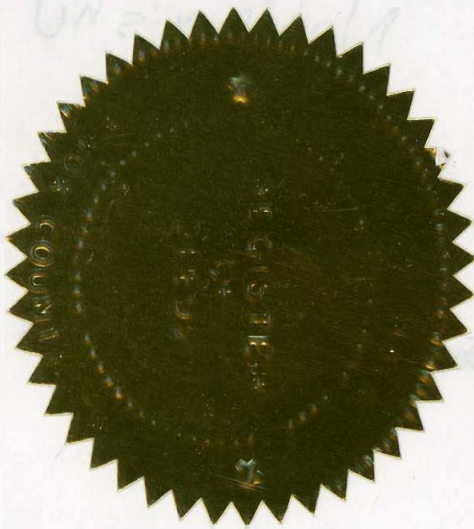
THE affidavit
FROM Charles Wesley Faires
TO _____

AS APPEARS ON RECORD IN BOOK _____ PAGE _____ OR INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2004092800216830 OF SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE.

WITNESS MY HAND AT OFFICE THIS THE 28 DAY OF Sept - 2004.

Steve Hall
REGISTER OF DEEDS

Sam Mayo
DEPUTY REGISTER



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2 a NAME OF AUTHOR ▼ *Charles Wesley Fairies* DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH Year Born ▼ *1982* Year Died ▼ *X*

Was this contribution to the work a "work made for hire"? Yes No

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Knoxville, TN 37916
 Area code and daytime telephone number ▶ (404) 409-4469 Fax number ▶
 Email ▶ FAIRES@JK.EDU
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CERTIFICATION I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the
 Check only one ▶ author
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 owner of exclusive right(s)
 authorized agent of _____
 of the work identified in this application and that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.
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 Date ▶
 Handwritten signature (X) ▶ X Charles Wesley Fairles

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Certificates will be mailed in window envelope to this address:
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 City/State/ZIP ▶ Knoxville, TN 37916

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546-0001



December 20, 2006

Reply to Attn of: International Law Practice Group

Mr. Charles Wesley Faires
390 Tournament Players Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Dear Mr. Faires:

We have received your letter of October 20, 2006 informing NASA of your purported ownership claim of the three stars in Orion's belt. We are returning the package in its entirety to you.

The division of the U.S. State Department with cognizance of U.S. international outer space matters is the:

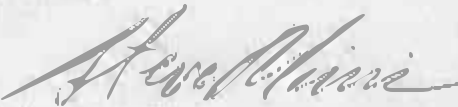
Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
Space & Advanced Technology
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

The cognizant organization within the United Nations system is the:

Office for Outer Space Affairs
United Nations Office at Vienna
Vienna International Centre,
P.O. Box 500,
A-1400 Vienna
AUSTRIA
<http://www.unoosa.org/>

Thank you for your interest in NASA.

Sincerely,


Steve Mirmina
Senior Attorney
Office of the General Counsel



United States Department of State

Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 30, 2007

Charles Faires
390 Tournament Players Drive
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

Dear Mr. Faires:

As you requested, I am confirming
receipt of documents from you.

Sincerely,
Ralph Brubaker
Director, Office of
Space and Advanced
Technology

Presented at the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties,

From Charles Wesley Faires (Private Sector Representative) to the following delegates:

Austria, Belgium, Chile, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, The Philippines, and Chairman Vassilios Cassapoglou (Greece)

07 April 2008

Distinguished representatives,

My name is Charles Wesley Faires. I am attending this session of the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee as an observer, not on behalf of any nation or non-governmental organization, but rather as a representative of the public. Issues are being hammered out at this conference, which affect mankind's future in outer space, and I feel it is only fair for one voice of mankind to be heard. The opinions expressed in this letter are my own, I make no claim to having the endorsement of any delegation attending this conference.

That being said, I am writing to express concerns I have regarding the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, which I shall refer to as the Moon Agreement from this point forward.

Property Rights

As a firm supporter of the potential for private property rights in outer space to one day become feasible, I ask you to recall Article 17 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

1. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.
2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 11, paragraph 3 of the Moon Agreement explicitly denies the right to property for the whole of humanity, for all of eternity, throughout the entire solar system outside of earth. This is a direct violation of human rights on a massive scale. Are we really ready for this in the infancy of space exploration? There are over 6.6 Million people outside this room who are affected directly through Article 11's inclusion of the term "natural persons. Can we be certain they are being fairly represented? As the subcommittee meets, there are groups of schoolchildren touring the Vienna International Centre. If you were to tell these kids that nothing in space could ever belong to them, tears would be shed.

Common Heritage of Mankind

This principle, as genuine as it may have once been, has been implemented in ways that adversely affect mankind as a whole. A crystal clear example can be found within the context of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, where resources in the deep seabed are defined as the common heritage of mankind. The International Seabed Authority has sovereignty over the entire deep seabed in every way other than outright stating a claim. In order to exploit its so-called "common heritage", mankind must gain the approval of the Authority, and is subject to a large cash fee. While claiming to act on behalf of mankind, this supranational authority is shielded from mankind's input, and comprised of elite, appointed officials.

Not knowing what the future may hold, I feel that now is not the best time to make provisions against ownership of resources in outer space for natural persons, and the "common heritage" of mankind principle leaves mankind in the dark. I do not consider the Moon Treaty, with such low participation, to be in the best interest of society as a whole. I feel its existence satisfies the needs of very few, and is a thorn in the side of outer space legislation. It should be abolished, so future generations can move forward when the appropriate time comes.

Finally, without the intention of undermining the points I have made, should a legal regime evolve to effectively deal with private property rights in space, it should be informed of my claim of ownership to the stars Zeta Orionis, Delta Orionis and Epsilon Orionis, known to many as the three stars of Orion's Belt.

Respectfully,



Charles Wesley Faires
Wes.faires@gmail.com



General Assembly

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**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space
Legal Subcommittee
Forty-seventh session
Vienna, 31 March-11 April 2008**

Draft report

Addendum

III. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space

1. The Legal Subcommittee recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 62/217, had endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Subcommittee should consider the agenda item on the status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space as a regular item and had noted that the Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session would reconvene its Working Group on the item and would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that session.

2. The Subcommittee noted with appreciation that the Secretariat had distributed a revised version of the *United Nations Treaties and Principles on Outer Space and Related General Assembly Resolutions* (ST/SPACE/11/Rev.2), including the text of Assembly resolution 1721 A (XVI) of 20 December 1961; paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 55/122 of 8 December 2000, in which the Assembly had noted with satisfaction the agreement reached by the Subcommittee, at its thirty-ninth session, on the question of the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit and a paper entitled "Some aspects concerning the use of the geostationary orbit" (A/AC.105/738, annex III); and the text of Assembly resolution 62/101.

3. The Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had distributed an updated document containing information, as at 1 January 2008, on States parties and additional signatories to the United Nations treaties and other international agreements relating to activities in outer space (ST/SPACE/11/Rev.2/Add.1).



delegations expressed the view that the lacunae resulting from the current legal framework could be addressed by the development of a universal, comprehensive convention on space law without disrupting the fundamental principles contained in the treaties currently in force.

10. Some delegations expressed the view that it was important to continue efforts towards universal acceptance of the international legal regime governing activities in outer space, taking into account the need to identify new areas that might require regulation and that could be addressed by developing complementary instruments.

11. The view was expressed that the development of a comprehensive convention on space law would be based on the principle of the sovereign equality of Member States set out in article 2, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations and reiterated in General Assembly resolution 1348 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, entitled “Question of the peaceful use of outer space”.

12. Some delegations expressed satisfaction with the fact that issues related to the low rate of participation of States in the Moon Agreement had started to be considered, as there was a need for adequate and timely regulation of activities relating to the Moon in view of the extensive exploration of the Moon planned by several space-faring countries. Those delegations were open to a revision of the Moon Agreement, if necessary, and drew the attention of the Subcommittee to the precedent-setting value of the law of the sea and other international legal regimes dealing with areas beyond national jurisdictions.

13. At its 765th meeting, on 31 March, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space under the chairmanship of Vassilios Cassapoglou (Greece). The Working Group held [...] meetings. At its [...] meeting, on [...] April, the Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group, contained in annex I to the present report.

14. The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendation that the mandate of the Working Group be extended for one additional year. It was agreed that the Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, in 2009, would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that period.

15. The full text of the statements made by delegations during the discussion on agenda item 6 is contained in unedited verbatim transcripts (COPUOS/Legal/T.[...]).

IV. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law

16. The Legal Subcommittee recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 62/217, had endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Subcommittee should consider, as a regular item of its agenda, an item entitled “Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law”. The Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that various international organizations had

