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Disclosure Odds Double After Trump Calls to Release Alien and UAP Files

Prediction markets more than doubled the odds of confirming alien life as real after Trump directed his administration to identify and release files related to the alien and UAP phenomena. The move comes after former President Obama stated that aliens were real.

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POLYMARKET TRADERS REACT TO TRUMP'S CALL FOR ALIEN AND UAP DISCLOSURE

Aliens might be confirmed as real soon, and traders are doubling down on their bets to capitalize on it.

On Thursday, U.S. President Donald Trump directed members of his administration to take the first steps toward releasing files that could confirm the existence of aliens and the nature of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP), a subject long shrouded in secrecy and denial.

TRUMP ORDERS ALIEN DECLASSIFICATION

THE DIRECTIVE
 President Donald Trump directed the Secretary of War and other agencies to begin releasing government files related to aliens, UAPs, and UFOs.

PREDICTION MARKETS SURGE
 Bets on platforms like Polymarket and Kalshi are doubling down. The odds of official alien disclosure this year shot up to OVER 26% after the announcement.

THE OBAMA CATALYST
 This move follows former President Obama's recent statements confirming that "aliens are real," the issue in the national spotlight.

WHISTLEBLOWER CLAIMS
 In recent Congressional hearings, former Air Force officer David Grusch testified that the U.S. government has recovered "NON-HUMAN BIOLOGICALS" from crash sites.

On Truth Social, Trump stated:

Based on the tremendous interest shown, I will be directing the Secretary of War, and other relevant Departments and Agencies, to begin the process of identifying and releasing Government files related to alien and extraterrestrial life, unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), and unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Furthermore, Trump referred to the issue as "highly complex, but extremely interesting and important."

Polymarket and Kalshi, two of the largest prediction markets, registered a rise in users betting that this disclosure will finally confirm the existence of aliens. Both bets shot up to over 26% after Trump's statements, with the conditions for solving the bet positively involving members of the government and federal agencies acknowledging that aliens do exist this year.



Trump's move comes after former President Obama put the issue in the spotlight after confirming that aliens were real, but that he had not seen them, and denied the existence of underground bases at Area 51, a military base linked to the UAP phenomenon.

Talking to journalists before his post, Trump called out Obama for disclosing classified information, and stated that he did not know if aliens were real or not, but that he might get Obama out of trouble by declassifying the files linked to his statements.

The U.S. Congress had hosted several hearings with whistleblowers and military personnel talking about their experiences involving UAP sightings and alien-related phenomena. In one of these hearings, David Grusch, a former U.S. Air Force officer, reported that the U.S. government recovered "non-human biologics" from crash sites.

Prediction Markets Remain Skeptical On Disclosure After Obama Confirm Aliens 'Are Real'
 Even after former U.S. President Barack Obama recently confirmed that aliens were real, prediction markets remain skeptical about an official...

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- What recent action has President Trump taken regarding the existence of aliens?**
 President Trump has directed his administration to begin the process of releasing government files related to aliens and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP).
- How did Trump's announcement impact prediction markets?**
 Following Trump's statements, prediction markets like Polymarket and Kalshi saw a surge in bets, with users increasingly confident that disclosure will confirm the existence of aliens.
- What conditions must be met for these bets to resolve positively?**
 Bets will be settled positively if members of the government and federal agencies officially acknowledge the existence of aliens this year.
- What context surrounds Trump's statements on alien disclosure?**
 His announcement follows former President Obama's remarks about aliens, and it occurs amid multiple congressional hearings addressing UAP sightings and related phenomena.

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Strategy CEO Calls for Rethink of Basel's 1,250% Bitcoin Risk Capital Treatment

U.S. banking rules on bitcoin face mounting scrutiny as Strategy CEO Phong Le urges regulators to revisit Basel capital standards, warning current risk weights could hinder America's ambitions to lead the global digital asset market.

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STRATEGY CEO WARNS 1,250% BITCOIN TREATMENT BY BASEL COULD UNDERMINE AMERICA'S CRYPTO AMBITIONS

Strategy (Nasdaq: MSTR) CEO Phong Le shared on social media 15 Feb. 19 a call for U.S. regulators to review Basel capital rules. He pointed to bitcoin's 1,250% risk weight under Basel III standards. Le argued that this capital treatment materially affects how banks handle the asset.

He wrote:

"The Basel Accords set global bank capital standards and risk-weighting rules for assets. These frameworks materially shape how banks engage with digital assets, including bitcoin."

Le added: "They are developed by the Basel Committee of central banks and regulators across 28 jurisdictions — the US is just one." He further stated: "If the US wants to be the Crypto Capital of the World, our implementation of Basel capital treatment deserves careful review."

His comments responded to Chief Risk Officer Jeff Walton of Strive, who also shared on X: "If the US wants to be the 'crypto capital' of the world, the banking regulations need to change. Risk is mispriced."

A chart shared by Walton illustrates Basel III-style risk weights under a standardized U.S. approach. It listed cash, physical gold, and sovereign debt at 0%. Investment-grade corporate debt ranged from 20% to 75%, while unrated corporate loans were shown at 100%. High-yield corporate debt carried a 150% weight. Public equity ranged from 250% to 300%, and private equity was listed at 400% or more. Bitcoin, categorized as unsecured crypto exposure, was shown at 1,250%, the highest level on the chart.

Illustrative Basel-III-style risk weights showing bitcoin, shared by Walton.

Under current Basel guidance, higher risk weights require banks to hold proportionally more regulatory capital against specific assets. This affects balance sheet allocation and return on equity. A 1,250% risk weight significantly increases capital charges relative to traditional asset classes. That treatment can limit banks' willingness to hold bitcoin directly or expand custody, trading, and lending services tied to digital assets.

Supporters of reassessment argue that market infrastructure, custody solutions, and institutional participation have matured. Others emphasize price volatility, liquidity dynamics, and operational considerations as reasons for conservative standards. The debate reflects broader policy questions about financial stability and the United States' ambitions in the global digital asset market.

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 Strategy Executive Chairman Michael Saylor told billionaire Ray Dalio to own bitcoin after the billionaire warned the post-World War II...

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FAQ

- Why is Phong Le calling for a review of Basel capital rules?**
 He argues that current Basel risk-weighting standards materially affect how U.S. banks handle bitcoin and digital assets.
- How do Basel risk weights impact banks' bitcoin exposure?**
 Higher risk weights increase the capital banks must set aside, discouraging bitcoin holdings and related services.
- What comparison did Jeff Walton highlight about bitcoin's risk weight?**
 He cited gold at 0%, public equity at 300%, and bitcoin at 1,250% under current regulatory treatment.
- Why does the Basel debate matter for the U.S. crypto market?**
 It shapes domestic banking requirements that influence America's competitiveness in the global digital asset market.

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