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Independent public-source case study - not a client engagement

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1. Evidence over reputation

A claim is assessed by the evidence that supports it, not the status of the person or institution making it.

2. Re-test before changing a preferred hypothesis

If evidence contradicts a preferred hypothesis, Aperture re-checks the evidence. If the contradiction survives, the conclusion changes.

3. Outsider theories are evidence-tested

Independent researchers, forums or unconventional sources receive no automatic penalty or bonus. The underlying evidence is tested.

4. Quarantine unverified/leaked material

Anonymous or leaked material may be investigated but cannot carry a material finding until origin, integrity and relevance are sufficiently authenticated. It belongs in a Quarantine Evidence Register.

5. High threshold for named actor ranking

A named individual may be called the strongest candidate only where multiple materially independent evidence streams support the ranking and equally strong alternatives do not.

6. Preferred is not proven

A future preferred hypothesis remains unconfirmed until the evidence actually reaches an established-cause threshold.

7. Correct publicly and version openly

Credible post-publication criticism triggers review. Valid material corrections create a new version and change log. No silent material edits.

8. Preserve uncertainty

Indeterminate findings remain indeterminate. Writing must not manufacture certainty.

9. Negative evidence needs expectation and detectability

Absence is evidence only when the item should reasonably have existed and been detectable if the hypothesis were true.

10. Models are not observations

Derived, estimated and modelled values must be visually and verbally distinguished from direct observations.

11. Independent convergence outranks repetition

Multiple independent evidence origins are stronger than many publications recycling one source.

12. Human accountability

Technology can support research but does not replace professional judgment, explicit limitations or final human accountability.

Post-publication review rule

No Aperture publication is final merely because it has been released. Credible new evidence or substantive criticism can trigger a formal Post-Publication Review and, where justified, a corrected Version 1.1 or later edition with a transparent change log.